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## Four Individuals Indicted on Engaging in a Pattern of Corrupt Activity for Check Fraud Ring Including Stolen \$208,986.95 City of Parma Check

CLEVELAND - Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Michael C. O'Malley announced that a Cuyahoga County grand jury has returned an indictment charging Rahshod Robinson, 25, Jai Rell Jackson, 24, Jamar Dingle, 31, and Darmani Hawkins, 21, with Engaging in a Pattern of Corrupt Activity among other charges for a check fraud ring that included a \$208,986.95 stolen check from the City of Parma.

"These four individuals thought they could get away with stealing thousands of dollars from public agencies, meaning from hardworking taxpayers, and private businesses," said Prosecutor Michael C. O'Malley. "This indictment demonstrates if you participate in this illegal, corrupt activity, we will identify you, and we will prosecute you to the fullest extent of the law."

From July 18, 2023, to December 19, 2023, Rahshod Robinson, Jai Rell Jackson, Jamar Dingle, and Darmani Hawkins, were participants in a check fraud ring that would wash stolen checks and create realistic-looking forged checks modeled off legitimate checks. They would then deposit the checks into various bank accounts and draw down the balances of the accounts.

Further investigation by the U.S. Secret Service's Money Laundering Task Force, the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office, and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service revealed eight stolen checks had been deposited including two government checks — a mailed check to a vendor from the City of Parma for \$208,986.95 and a mailed IRS refund check for \$117,332.55. The six other checks were from private parties or businesses. In total, over \$445,000 was acquired and deposited. Law enforcement has recovered \$63,188 throughout the course of their investigation. The investigation remains ongoing.

Darmani Hawkins was arrested on an unrelated matter and is currently in federal custody. Rahsod Robinson was arrested on October 3, 2024, by the U.S. Secret Service's Money Laundering Task Force and the Parma Police Department and is currently in custody at the Cuyahoga County Jail. Arrest warrants have been issued for Jai Rell Jackson and Jamar Dingle.

On September 27, 2024, Rahshod Robinson was indicted on the following charges:

- **One count of Engaging in a Pattern of Corrupt Activity**
- **Two counts of Conspiracy**
- **One count of Telecommunications Fraud**
- **Two counts of Tampering with Records**
- **One count of Aggravated Theft**
- **Three counts of Receiving Stolen Property**
- **Five counts of Forgery**



- **Three counts of Money Laundering**
- **Two counts of Theft**
- **Two counts of Grand Theft**

On September 27, 2024, Jai Rell Jackson and Darmani Hawkins were indicted on the following charges:

- **One count of Engaging in a Pattern of Corrupt Activity**
- **Two counts of Conspiracy**
- **One count of Telecommunications Fraud**
- **One count of Tampering with Records**
- **One count of Aggravated Theft**
- **Two counts of Forgery**
- **Two counts of Receiving Stolen Property**
- **Four counts of Money Laundering**
- **One count of Theft**

On September 27, 2024, Jamar Dingle was indicted on the following charges:

- **One count of Engaging in a Pattern of Corrupt Activity**
- **Two counts of Conspiracy**
- **One count of Telecommunications Fraud**
- **One count of Tampering with Records**
- **One count of Aggravated Theft**
- **Three counts of Forgery**
- **One count of Receiving Stolen Property**
- **Two counts of Money Laundering**
- **Two counts of Grand Theft**

You can view the indictment [here](#).

They will be arraigned at the Cuyahoga County Justice Center on October 11, at 8:30 a.m.