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**Dimitri Cash Sentenced to 8 1/3 – 25 Years for the Plot to Murder Judge
Stacey Romeo**

Rochester, NY- On Thursday, February 9, 2023, New York State Supreme Court Justice Argento sentenced Dimitri Cash to 8 1/3 – 25 years in the New York State Department of Corrections. Dimitri Cash was convicted of Conspiracy in the 2nd Degree for plotting the murder of Family Court Judge Stacey Romeo. This sentence is to run consecutively to his 115 years to life sentence for his separate case involving kidnapping and robbery charges.

Between September 1, 2020, and January 23, 2021, Dimitri Cash and others plotted to murder Judge Romeo because of his dissatisfaction with her family court rulings. This constitutes a Conspiracy to commit Murder in the 1st Degree. These plans included conducting background searches and investigations into the Judge, surveilling her private residence, surveilling the Hall of Justice, gathering information on her neighborhood and residence, speaking to a FedEx Employee regarding best routes in the area, planning to pose as delivery employees, and purchasing kerosene.

This case was investigated by the Greece Police Department and the Irondequoit Police Department, with assistance from the Federal Bureau of Investigations.

Dimitri Cash, and his cousin Joenathan Cash, were previously convicted of Kidnapping, Burglary, Robbery, and Conspiracy stemming from a home invasion and kidnapping that occurred on January 18, 2021. Dimitri Cash was sentenced to 115 years to Life in the New York State Department of Corrections and Joenathan Cash was sentenced to 75 years in the New York State Department of Corrections.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Sara VanStrydonck, Chief of the Special Victims Bureau, and Assistant District Attorney Patrick Gallagher, Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

“Judge Romeo was doing her job, her job being protecting children in Monroe County, and for that reason, Dimitri Cash plotted to murder her,” said Assistant District Attorney Sara VanStrydonck. “Dimitri Cash crossed a line that no defendant I encountered has considered. He did not agree with Judge Romeo’s decisions in Family Court and decided to take matters into his own hands. He has no regard for the laws that govern us and he does not believe they apply to him, whether that involves kidnapping his children or conspiring to kill a sitting judge. The only

place appropriate for Dimitri Cash to live out his life is the New York State Department of Corrections.”

“The entire Monroe County District Attorney’s Office is grateful for this appropriate sentence from Justice Argento, but even more grateful that Judge Romeo is safe and unharmed,” said Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “Dimitri Cash was willing to kidnap children and planned to murder a Judge when he did not agree with her decisions. His actions prove that Judge Romeo took her job seriously and did everything she could to keep his children safe. Nobody should fear for their life when they go to work, least of all a Family Court Judge. Dimitri Cash deserves to spend the rest of his life in the New York State Department of Corrections for his despicable acts.”

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