

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	:	Hon. Esther Salas
	:	
v.	:	Crim. No. 23-
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MALIK BAKER,	:	18 U.S.C. § 371
a/k/a “Smack,”	:	18 U.S.C. § 2313
a/k/a “Mu”	:	18 U.S.C. § 2

INFORMATION

The defendant having waived in open court prosecution by Indictment, the United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey charges:

COUNT ONE
(Conspiracy to Transport Stolen Vehicles)

1. From at least as early as in or around July 2019 through in or around October 2019, in the District of New Jersey, and elsewhere, the defendant,

MALIK BAKER,
a/k/a “Smack,”
a/k/a “Mu,”

knowingly and intentionally conspired and agreed with others, known and unknown, to transport in interstate commerce motor vehicles, knowing they were stolen, contrary to Title 18, United States Code, Section 2312.

THE OBJECT OF THE CONSPIRACY

2. The object of the conspiracy was for MALIK BAKER and others (collectively, the “Co-conspirators”) to profit by stealing high-end luxury motor vehicles from towns in New York, Connecticut, and New Jersey, some of which were used to commit additional crimes.

THE MANNER AND MEANS OF THE CONSPIRACY

3. MALIK BAKER achieved, and attempted to achieve, the object of the conspiracy using the following manner and means, among others:

a. Beginning as early as July 2019, MALIK BAKER and the Co-conspirators stole numerous high-end luxury motor vehicles from towns in New York, Connecticut, and New Jersey, and transported the motor vehicles to Irvington, New Jersey.

b. MALIK BAKER and the Co-conspirators used a stash location on Ellis Avenue in Irvington, New Jersey (“Ellis Ave.”), to hide the stolen motor vehicles after the motor vehicles were stolen.

c. MALIK BAKER and the Co-conspirators would use the stolen vehicles to commit additional crimes, including stealing more motor vehicles and arranging for at least one of the stolen motor vehicles to be shipped to Africa.

OVERT ACTS

4. In furtherance of the conspiracy and to accomplish its object, MALIK BAKER, together with others known and unknown, committed and knowingly and intentionally caused others to commit the following overt acts, among others, within the District of New Jersey and elsewhere:

a. On or about July 19, 2019, the Co-conspirators stole a 2019 BMW X4 M40i, with the last four digits of the true Vehicle Identification Number (“VIN”) assigned to that vehicle being 3298 (the “3298 BMW”), from an address in Greenwich, Connecticut. The Co-conspirators drove the 3298 BMW to New Jersey and hid it at Ellis Ave. between on or about July 19, 2019, and July 22, 2019.

b. On or about July 22, 2019, the Co-conspirators stole a 2017 BMW Alpina, with the last four digits of the true VIN assigned to that vehicle being 3774 (the “3744 BMW”), from an address in Hewlett Bay Park, New York. The Co-conspirators drove the 3744 BMW to New Jersey and hid it at Ellis Ave. between on or about July 25, 2019, and July 31, 2019. MALIK BAKER connected his cell phone to the 3744 BMW numerous times after it was stolen and used his cell phone to take a picture of the 3744 BMW on or about July 31, 2019.

c. On or about August 5, 2019, MALIK BAKER stole a 2017 Maserati GranTurismo, with the last four digits of the true VIN assigned to that vehicle being 6606 (the “6606 Maserati”), from an address in Manalapan, New Jersey. MALIK BAKER and other Co-conspirators drove the 6606 Maserati across state lines to New City, New York, where they used it to steal additional motor vehicles.

d. On or about August 6, 2019, MALIK BAKER and the Co-conspirators drove the 6606 Maserati to New York and stole a 2018 Range Rover, with the last four digits of the true VIN assigned to that vehicle being 5241 (the “5241 Range Rover”), and a 2019 Porsche Cayenne, with the last four digits of the true VIN assigned to that vehicle being 4675 (the “4675 Porsche”), from two addresses in New City, New York.

e. The Co-conspirators drove the 5241 Range Rover to Irvington, New Jersey, where it was recovered by law enforcement later on or about August 6, 2019.

f. Also on or about August 6, 2019, while law enforcement in Clarkstown, New York attempted to stop the Co-conspirators, the Co-conspirators

rammed the 6606 Maserati into the police vehicle and then fled from police in the 4675 Porsche, driving it across state lines into New Jersey, and eventually hiding it at Ellis Ave. on or about August 7, 2019.

g. On or about August 13, 2019, the Co-conspirators stole a 2017 Mercedes Benz S550, with the last four digits of the true VIN assigned to that vehicle being 9580 (the “9680 Mercedes”), and a 2019 Rolls Royce, with the last four digits of the true VIN assigned to that vehicle being 3928 (the “3928 Rolls Royce”), from the garage of a home in Hewlett Bay Park, New York. The Co-conspirators hid the 9680 Mercedes at Ellis Ave. on or about August 13, 2019, before loading it in a shipping container destined for Ghana, Africa at the Port of Newark.

h. On or about August 22, 2019, the Co-conspirators stole a 2019 Land Rover, with the last four digits of the true VIN assigned to that vehicle being 5595 (the “5595 Land Rover”), from an address in Kensington, New York. The Co-conspirators hid the 5595 Land Rover at Ellis Ave. on or about August 22, 2019.

i. On or about August 29, 2019, the Co-conspirators stole a 2019 Mercedes Benz Maybach, with the last four digits of the true VIN assigned to that vehicle being 8290 (the “8290 Mercedes”), from an address in Quogue, New York. The Co-conspirators hid the 8290 Mercedes at Ellis Ave. on or about August 29, 2019.

j. On or about August 29, 2019, the Co-conspirators stole a 2014 Lexus GS, with the last four digits of the true VIN assigned to that vehicle being 1273 (the “1273 Lexus”), from an address in West Long Branch, New Jersey. The Co-conspirators hid the 1273 Lexus at Ellis Ave. on or about August 29, 2019.

k. On or about September 7, 2019, the Co-conspirators stole a 2017 BMW M4, with the last four digits of the true VIN assigned to that vehicle being 4314 (the “4314 BMW”), from an address in Marlton, New Jersey. The Co-conspirators hid the 4314 BMW at Ellis Ave. on or about September 7, 2019.

l. On or about September 10, 2019, the Co-conspirators stole a 2017 Mercedes Benz AMG S63, with the last four digits of the true VIN assigned to that vehicle being 2016 (the “2016 Mercedes”), from an address in Orangeburg, New York. The Co-conspirators hid the 2016 Mercedes at Ellis Ave. on or about September 10, 2019.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371.

COUNT TWO
(Receipt of a Stolen Vehicle)

5. The allegations contained in paragraphs 2 through 4 of Count One of this Information are hereby realleged and incorporated as if set forth in full herein.

6. From at least as early as on or about July 22, 2019 through on or about August 1, 2019, in the District of New Jersey, and elsewhere, the defendant,

MALIK BAKER,
a/k/a “Smack,”
a/k/a “Mu,”

knowingly and intentionally received, possessed, concealed, stored, and disposed of a motor vehicle, namely a 2017 BMW Alpina, with the last four digits of the true Vehicle Identification Number assigned to that vehicle being 3744, which had crossed a state boundary after being stolen, knowing it was stolen.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2313 and Section 2.

FORFEITURE ALLEGATION

As a result of committing the offenses charged in this Information, the defendant,

**MALIK BAKER,
a/k/a “Smack,”
a/k/a “Mu,”**

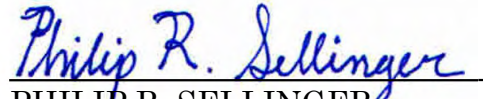
shall forfeit to the United States, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 982(a)(5), any property, real or personal, which represents or is traceable to the gross proceeds obtained, directly or indirectly, as a result of the offenses charged in this Information.

SUBSTITUTE ASSETS PROVISION

If any of the property described above, as a result of any act or omission of the defendant:

- a. cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
- b. has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third party;
- c. has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the court;
- d. has been substantially diminished in value; or
- e. has been commingled with other property which cannot be subdivided without difficulty,

it is the intent of the United States, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), as incorporated by Title 28 United States Code, Section 2461(c), to seek forfeiture of any other property of the defendant up to the value of the above-described forfeitable property.


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