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MEDIA RELEASE

Arkansas Man Apprehended After Calling Sheriff's Office, Threatening Lives of Two Lake County Judges

An Arkansas man was arrested on October 14, 2021, after threatening the lives of two Lake County Judges.

Grayson K. Jackson (also known as Kash Jackson, also known as Benjamin Winderweedle), 43, of the 200 block of Red Barn Antique Ln, Paris, Arkansas, contacted the Lake County Sheriff's Court Security Office via telephone on October 7, 2021. Jackson threatened to kill two Judges during the telephone call. Both Judges presided over an ongoing civil case, which Jackson was party to.

Immediately following the threats, Sheriff's Court Security Deputies reviewed the incident with the Lake County State's Attorney's Office. The Lake County State's Attorney's Office drafted a warrant for Jackson, for one count of threatening a public official. A Judge authorized the warrant, setting bond at \$500,000.00 on October 7th.

The warrant was entered into the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) database and on October 14, 2021, Jackson was arrested by the Logan County Sheriff's Office, Arkansas, without incident.

Jackson remains held in the Logan County Jail pending extradition hearings.

Sheriff John D. Idleburg said, "Threatening the life of someone you are upset with, let alone a sitting Judge, is inexcusable. We take our responsibility of maintaining the safety and security of our judiciary seriously, and will investigate death threats to a Judge, or anyone else, to the fullest extent."

State's Attorney Eric Rinehart said, "The safety of our judiciary and our court personnel is paramount. Our office approved charges after listening to the evidence. It is never ever justified to threaten a public official under any circumstances. Our office thanks the Sheriff and his team for their work in protecting our courthouse, and this defendant will have to face consequences for his threats that undermine the rule of law."

Additional charges are likely.

All defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law.

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