

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
FORT MYERS DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

Case Number: 2:22-cr-46-SPC-KCD

JAMES EDWARD BESS, III

USM Number: 01418-510

**Doyle Gary Lashley, Jr., Retained
200 E. Robinson Street
Ste 1140
Orlando, FL 32757**

JUDGMENT IN A CRIMINAL CASE

Defendant pleaded guilty to Counts One, Two, and Three of the Indictment. Defendant is adjudicated guilty of these offenses:

<u>Title & Section</u>	<u>Nature of Offense</u>	<u>Date Offense Concluded</u>	<u>Count Number(s)</u>
18 U.S.C. § 2119(2)	Carjacking Causing Seriously Bodily Injury	November 24, 2021	One
18 U.S.C. § 924(c)(1)(A)(iii)	Discharging a Firearm in Furtherance of a Crime of Violence	November 24, 2021	Two
18 U.S.C. § 2119(1)	Carjacking	November 25, 2021	Three

Defendant is sentenced as provided in pages 2 through 6 of this judgment. The sentence is imposed pursuant to the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984.

Counts 4 and 5 are dismissed on the motion of the United States.

IT IS ORDERED that Defendant must notify the United States Attorney for this district within 30 days of any change of name, residence, or mailing address until all fines, restitution, costs and special assessments imposed by this judgment are fully paid. If ordered to pay restitution, the defendant shall notify the court and United States Attorney of any material change in the defendant's economic circumstances.

Date of Imposition of Judgment:

December 12, 2023


SHERI POLSTER CHAPPELL
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

December 15, 2023

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IMPRISONMENT

Defendant is hereby committed to the custody of the United States Bureau of Prisons to be imprisoned for a total term of **400-MONTHS, such term consists of 160 months in each of Counts One and Three, to be served concurrent with each other, followed by a term of 240 months in Count Two, to be served consecutive to the term in Counts One and Three.**

The Court makes the following recommendations to the Bureau of Prisons:

- Incarceration in a facility close to home (Fort Myers, Florida).

Defendant is remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal.

RETURN

I have executed this judgment as follows:

Defendant delivered on _____ to _____

at _____, with a certified copy of this judgment.

UNITED STATES MARSHAL

By: _____
Deputy U.S. Marshal

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SUPERVISED RELEASE

Upon release from imprisonment, you will be on supervised release for a term of **5-YEARS, such term consists of a 5-year term in each of Counts One and Two, and a 3-year term in Count Three, all such terms to run concurrently.**

MANDATORY CONDITIONS

1. You must not commit another federal, state or local crime.
2. You must not unlawfully possess a controlled substance.
3. You must refrain from any unlawful use of a controlled substance. You must submit to one drug test within 15 days of release from imprisonment and at least two periodic drug tests thereafter, as determined by the court.
4. Defendant must make restitution in accordance with 18 U.S.C. §§ 3663 and 3663A or any other statute authorizing a sentence of restitution.
5. Defendant shall cooperate in the collection of DNA, as directed by the probation officer.

The defendant shall comply with the standard conditions that have been adopted by this court as well as any other conditions on the attached page.

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STANDARD CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION

As part of Defendant's supervised release, Defendant must comply with the following standard conditions of supervision. These conditions are imposed because they establish the basic expectations for Defendant's behavior while on supervision and identify the minimum tools needed by probation officers to keep informed, report to the court about, and bring about improvements in Defendant's conduct and condition.

1. Defendant must report to the probation office in the federal judicial district where Defendant is authorized to reside within 72 hours of Defendant's release from imprisonment, unless the probation officer instructs Defendant to report to a different probation office or within a different time frame.
2. After initially reporting to the probation office, Defendant will receive instructions from the court or the probation officer about how and when Defendant must report to the probation officer, and Defendant must report to the probation officer as instructed.
3. Defendant must not knowingly leave the federal judicial district where Defendant is authorized to reside without first getting permission from the court or the probation officer.
4. Defendant must answer truthfully the questions asked by Defendant's probation officer
5. Defendant must live at a place approved by the probation officer. If Defendant plans to change where Defendant lives or anything about Defendant's living arrangements (such as the people Defendant lives with), Defendant must notify the probation officer at least 10 days before the change. If notifying the probation officer in advance is not possible due to unanticipated circumstances, Defendant must notify the probation officer within 72 hours of becoming aware of a change or expected change.
6. Defendant must allow the probation officer to visit Defendant at any time at Defendant's home or elsewhere, and Defendant must permit the probation officer to take any items prohibited by the conditions of Defendant's supervision that the probation officer observes in plain view.
7. Defendant must work full time (at least 30 hours per week) at a lawful type of employment, unless the probation officer excuses Defendant from doing so. If Defendant does not have full-time employment Defendant must try to find full-time employment, unless the probation officer excuses Defendant from doing so. If Defendant plans to change where Defendant works or anything about Defendant's work (such as Defendant's position or Defendant's job responsibilities), Defendant must notify the probation officer at least 10 days before the change. If notifying the probation officer at least 10 days in advance is not possible due to unanticipated circumstances, Defendant must notify the probation officer within 72 hours of becoming aware of a change or expected change.
8. Defendant must not communicate or interact with anyone Defendant knows is engaged in criminal activity. If Defendant knows someone has been convicted of a felony, Defendant must not knowingly communicate or interact with that person without first getting the permission of the probation officer.
9. If Defendant is arrested or questioned by a law enforcement officer, Defendant must notify the probation officer within 72 hours.
10. Defendant must not own, possess, or have access to a firearm, ammunition, destructive device, or dangerous weapon (i.e., anything that was designed, or was modified for, the specific purpose of causing bodily injury or death to another person, such as nunchakus or tasers).
11. Defendant must not act or make any agreement with a law enforcement agency to act as a confidential human source or informant without first getting the permission of the court.
12. If the probation officer determines that Defendant poses a risk to another person (including an organization), the probation officer may require Defendant to notify the person about the risk and Defendant must comply with that instruction. The probation officer may contact the person and confirm that Defendant has notified the person about the risk.
13. Defendant must follow the instructions of the probation officer related to the conditions of supervision.

U.S. Probation Office Use Only

A U.S. probation officer has instructed me on the conditions specified by the court and has provided me with a written copy of this judgment containing these conditions. For further information regarding these conditions, see *Overview of Probation and Supervised Release Conditions*, available at: www.uscourts.gov.

Defendant's Signature: _____

Date: _____

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ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISED RELEASE

1. Defendant shall participate in a substance abuse program (outpatient and/or inpatient) and follow the probation officer's instructions regarding the implementation of this court directive. Further, Defendant shall contribute to the costs of these services not to exceed an amount determined reasonable by the Probation Office's Sliding Scale for Substance Abuse Treatment Services. During and upon completion of this program, Defendant is directed to submit to random drug testing.
2. Defendant shall participate in a mental health treatment program (outpatient and/or inpatient) and follow the probation officer's instructions regarding the implementation of this court directive. Further, Defendant shall contribute to the costs of these services not to exceed an amount determined reasonable by the Probation Office's Sliding Scale for Mental Health Treatment Services.
3. Defendant shall submit to a search of Defendant's person, residence, place of business, any storage units under Defendant's control, computer, or vehicle, conducted by the United States Probation Officer at a reasonable time and in a reasonable manner, based upon reasonable suspicion of contraband or evidence of a violation of a condition of release. Failure to submit to a search may be grounds for revocation. Defendant shall inform any other residents that the premises may be subject to a search pursuant to this condition.
4. Defendant shall have no contact, direct or indirect, with the victims or the victims' families.
5. Defendant shall submit to random drug screens not to exceed 104 tests per year.

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CRIMINAL MONETARY PENALTIES

Defendant shall pay the following total criminal monetary penalties under the schedule of payments set forth in the Schedule of Payments.

	<u>Assessment</u>	<u>AVAA Assessment¹</u>	<u>JVTA Assessment²</u>	<u>Fine</u>	<u>Restitution</u>
TOTALS	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	WAIVED	\$88,589.16

Defendant shall make restitution (including community restitution) to the following payees in the amount listed below.

If Defendant makes a partial payment, each payee shall receive an approximately proportioned payment, unless specified otherwise in the priority order or percentage payment column below. However, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3664(i), all nonfederal victims must be paid in full prior to the United States receiving payment.

<u>Name of Payee</u>	<u>Restitution Ordered</u>
R.P.P.	\$87,589.16
R.K.	\$1,000.00

SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Special assessment shall be paid in full and is due immediately.

Having assessed Defendant's ability to pay, payment of the total criminal monetary penalties is due as follows:

Payment during the term of supervised release will commence upon release from imprisonment.

Special Instructions regarding the payment of criminal monetary penalties:

While in the custody of the Bureau of Prisons, Defendant shall either (1) pay at least \$25 quarterly if Defendant has non-Unicor or (2) pay at least 50 percent of your monthly earnings if working Defendant has a Unicor position. Upon release from custody, Defendant is ordered to begin making payments of at least 10 percent of his net monthly income each month and this payment schedule shall continue until such time as the Court is notified by Defendant, the victim or the government that there has been a material change in Defendant's ability to pay.

Unless the court has expressly ordered otherwise in the special instructions above, if this judgment imposes a period of imprisonment, payment of criminal monetary penalties shall be due during the period of imprisonment. **All criminal monetary penalties, except those payments made through the Federal Bureau of Prisons' Inmate Financial Responsibility Program, are made to the Clerk of the Court, unless otherwise directed by the court, the probation officer, or the United States attorney.**

Defendant shall receive credit for all payments previously made toward any criminal monetary penalties imposed.

Payments shall be applied in the following order: (1) assessment, (2) restitution principal, (3) **restitution interest - WAIVED**, (4) AVAA assessment, (5) fine principal, (6) fine interest, (7) community restitution, (8) JVTA assessment, (9) penalties, and (10) costs, including cost of prosecution and court costs.

FORFEITURE

Defendant shall forfeit to the United States those assets previously identified in the Indictment, Plea Agreement and Order of Forfeiture, that are subject to forfeiture.

¹ Amy, Vicky, and Andy Child Pornography Victim Assistance Act of 2018, Pub. L. No. 115-299.

² Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015, Pub. L. No. 114-22.