

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

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| UNITED STATES OF AMERICA |) | |
| |) | |
| v. |) | |
| |) | Case No. 1:20-cr-06-01-PB |
| CHRISTOPHER C. CANTWELL, |) | |
| |) | |
| Defendant. |) | |

INDICTMENT

The Grand Jury charges:

**COUNT ONE
18 U.S.C. § 875(b)
Extortionate Interstate Communications**

On or about June 16, 2019, within the District of New Hampshire and elsewhere, the defendant,

CHRISTOPHER C. CANTWELL,

with intent to extort from Victim 1 a thing of value, namely, personal identifying information for a man known by the on-line pseudonym “VM,” and for the purpose of issuing a threat and with knowledge that the communications would be viewed as a threat, transmitted a communication in interstate commerce containing a threat to injure the person of another. The defendant sent an instant message through the Telegram Messenger app to Victim 1 stating, “So if you don’t want me to come and f*ck your wife in front of your kids, then you should make yourself scarce[.] Give me Vic, it’s your only out.”

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 875(b).

COUNT TWO
18 U.S.C. § 875(c)
Threatening Interstate Communications

On or about June 16, 2019, within the District of New Hampshire and elsewhere, the defendant,

CHRISTOPHER C. CANTWELL,

for the purpose of issuing a threat and with knowledge that the communications would be viewed as a threat, transmitted a communication in interstate commerce containing a threat to injure the person of another. The defendant sent an instant message through the Telegram Messenger app to Victim 1 stating, “So if you don’t want me to come and f*ck your wife in front of your kids, then you should make yourself scarce.”

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 875(c).

A TRUE BILL

Date: January 22, 2020

/s/ Foreperson
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