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KINGSTON MAN INDICTED ON CHARGES HE EXTORTED CO-WORKER

BROCKTON – A Kingston man has been indicted on charges that he schemed to extort money from his co-worker, Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz has announced.

Yesterday, a Plymouth County grand jury indicted Corey R. Jacques, 37, on one count each of Larceny Over \$1,200, Extortion, Harassment, and Witness Intimidation.

In February, 2023, a male victim reported to the Plymouth Police Department that he was being harassed and threatened with physical violence at his place of work, The victim told police that he had paid a trusted co-worker more than \$23,000 in "protection payments," so that the victim would remain safe at work.

As a result of the extensive investigation, detectives determined that Jacques allegedly created a fictitious online identity with the deliberate intention of inducing fear and distress toward the victim in this case. As the scheme went on, and Jacques had instilled fear in the victim, Jacques proceeded to negotiate a financial arrangement with the fictional harassers, purportedly in exchange for the victim's safety. Over several weeks, Jacques deceitfully fabricated cash transactions with the fictional harassers, falsely asserting to the victim that he had covered the "protection payments" with his own finances. Investigators found that subsequently, Jacques demanded that the victim reimburse him for these fraudulent "protection payments." Ultimately, over several weeks, Jacques collected approximately \$23,921 from the victim.

Jacques was additionally indicted on a charge that he deceived police during their investigation.

Jacques will be arraigned on the charges at a later date.

Assistant District Attorney Alexander Zane is prosecuting the case, which was investigated by the Plymouth Police.