

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
) Criminal No.
 v.)
) (18 U.S.C. §§ 844(e),
ADAM STUART BUSBY) 115(a)(1)(B) and 115(b)(4))

INDICTMENT

INTRODUCTION

The Grand Jury charges:

At all times material to the Indictment:

1. Defendant ADAM STUART BUSBY was a resident of Dublin, Ireland.

2. The Federal court system in the Western District of Pennsylvania consists of three courthouses that exist in Pittsburgh, Erie, and Johnstown, Pennsylvania. These courthouses function as a workplace for judges, clerks, attorneys and other Federal agencies.

3. The United States Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania is David J. Hickton. United States Attorney Hickton is the Chief Federal Prosecutor for cases arising in the Western District of Pennsylvania.

4. Between March 30, 2012 and April 21, 2012, the University of Pittsburgh, located within the Western District of Pennsylvania, received over 40 bomb threats sent over email targeting its buildings. Over 100 buildings of the University of Pittsburgh were evacuated as a result of these bomb threats, causing a loss of class time and dormitory residence use for which students had paid tuition and board. These bomb threats were perpetrated by defendant ADAM STUART BUSBY.

5. The bomb threats and evacuations of March and April 2012 at the University of Pittsburgh generated significant media attention.

6. The bomb threats to the University of Pittsburgh ceased on April 21, 2012, when the administration of the University of Pittsburgh withdrew the \$50,000 reward that had been offered for the capture of the bomb threatener. The University withdrew the reward at the extortionate demand of defendant ADAM STUART BUSBY which had been directed explicitly to the Chancellor of the University of Pittsburgh.

7. On or about April 26, 2012, five days after the cessation of bomb threats to the University of Pittsburgh, the University received a threat over the internet, via a video posted onto YouTube by a user calling himself "AnonOperative13," which claimed that the computer hacking group known as Anonymous had hacked into the computer servers of the University of Pittsburgh and had stolen confidential information. The YouTube video threat further directed an extortionate threat at the Chancellor of the University of Pittsburgh demanding that unless the Chancellor posted an apology on the webpage of the University of Pittsburgh's website, the stolen confidential information would be publicized.

8. On June 20, 2012, the United States Attorney publicly announced the arrest of Alexander Waterland for perpetrating the extortionate threat as AnonOperative 13 against the University of Pittsburgh on April 26, 2012.

9. The arrest of Alexander Waterland generated media attention. On June 20, 2012, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette Newswriter Rich Lord published an article online regarding the arrest of Waterland entitled "Ohio man charged in video claiming stolen University of Pittsburgh records." The article posted online contained Lord's email address.

COUNTS ONE THROUGH THREE: FALSE INFORMATION AND HOAXES

The grand jury charges:

10. Paragraphs 1 through 9 are realleged here as if set forth in full.

11. On or about the dates listed in Schedule "A" below, in the Western District of Pennsylvania and elsewhere, the defendant, ADAM STUART BUSBY, through the use of an instrument of interstate and foreign commerce, namely the internet, maliciously conveyed false information knowing the same to be false, concerning an attempt or alleged attempt being made, or to be made, to kill or injure individuals within the United States Courthouses of the Western District of Pennsylvania, and to unlawfully damage or destroy a building or other real or personal property located at the United States Courthouses of the Western District of Pennsylvania, by means of fire or an explosive.

SCHEDULE A

COUNT	DATE (ON OR ABOUT)	INTERSTATE OR FOREIGN TRANSMISSION	ADDRESSEE	EMAIL CONTENT
1	June 20, 2012	Germany to the Western District of PA	rlord@post-gazette.com	"URGENT!!! Notify the police - Three bombs are now in place - In the US Courthouse buildings at Grant Street, Pittsburgh, and at South Park Row, Erie. The 3 rd bomb is inside the Penn Traffic Building at Washington Street, Johnstown, and near the DOJ Office. This message is aimed at Hickton personally!"

2	June 21, 2012	Netherlands to the Western District of PA	campuspd@ andrew.cmu. edu	"WARNING! Notify city police that a bomb is in the US Courthouse at 700 Grant St., and that it will explode shortly!"
3	June 21, 2012	Sweden to the Western District of PA	campuspd@ andrew.cmu. edu	"WARNING! Notify city police that a bomb is in the US Courthouse at 700 Grant St., and that it will explode shortly!"

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section
844(e).

COUNT FOUR: THREATENING A FEDERAL OFFICER

The grand jury further charges:

12. Paragraphs 1 through 9 are realleged here as if set forth in full.

13. On June 20, 2012, defendant ADAM STUART BUSBY sent an email to the email account "rlord@post-gazette.com," received in the Western District of Pennsylvania, which stated "URGENT!!! Notify the police - Three bombs are now in place - In the US Courthouse buildings at Grant Street, Pittsburgh, and at South Park Row, Erie. The 3rd bomb is inside the Penn Traffic Building at Washington Street, Johnstown, and near the DOJ Office. This message is aimed at Hickton personally!"

14. On or about June 20, 2012, in the Western District of Pennsylvania and elsewhere, the defendant, ADAM STUART BUSBY, did threaten to assault and murder David J. Hickton, a Federal law enforcement officer of the United States Department of Justice, with intent to impede, intimidate, interfere with, and retaliate against David J. Hickton while he was engaged in or on account of the performance of his official duties.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 115(a)(1)(B) and 115(b)(4).

A True Bill,

FOREPERSON

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