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## HOLLYWOOD STYLE ‘MURDER FOR HIRE’ PLOT MEETS CINEMATIC END DURING OPERATION TIGER KING

LaPorte County, IN, 1BSeptember 18, 2023– The LaPorte County Drug Task Force (LCDTF), an Indiana HIDTA Initiative, alongside Agents with the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) Chicago Field Division, announce the arrest of 45-year-old La Porte Resident, Daniel Shaffer, as the result of a “Murder for Hire” investigation.

In recent weeks, the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms and the LaPorte County Drug Task Force opened an investigation into a LaPorte County inmate who was soliciting the murder of two La Porte Residents. During this investigation, LaPorte County Jail inmate, Daniel Shaffer, met numerous times with a LCDTF Detective and ATF Agent who were acting in an undercover capacity.

Over the course of numerous covert meetings/encounters with Mr. Shaffer, investigators not only verified Mr. Shaffer’s intent to solicit the two murders but collected evidence that ultimately led to Mr. Shaffer’s arrest.

On Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, investigators presented Probable Cause to Honorable Judge Thomas Alevizos in LaPorte County Circuit Court. With the assistance of LaPorte County Deputy Prosecutor Atley Price, Judge Alevizos signed Probable Cause for the arrest of Daniel Shaffer for the following Charges: 2

counts of Attempted Murder as Level 1 Felonies and 2 counts of Conspiracy to Commit Murder as Level 2 Felonies.

Mr. Shaffer's bond was set at \$100,000 and he is currently in custody at LaPorte County Jail pending his initial hearing in LaPorte County Circuit Court on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023.

*LaPorte County Drug Task Force Commander Sgt. Kyle Shiparski and ATF Resident Agent in Charge Jason Gore, praise each agency's efforts in swiftly and covertly thwarting the murder of two individuals. "This investigation highlights the cohesive relationship between the LCDTF and ATF. It is within these joint operations that each agency's resources can be utilized and ultimately help to conclusively resolve complex investigations," commented Sgt. Shiparski.*

The LaPorte County Drug Task Force asks anyone with information about criminal activity to contact them at 219-873-1488 or via social media. Furthermore, the LaPorte County Prosecutor's Office would like to remind the public that you can contact them via Facebook Messenger. You can also call the WeTip Hotline for General Crime (800) 78-CRIME, and possibly receive a reward after an arrest and conviction. All WeTip call information is sent directly to the LaPorte County Prosecutor's Office. You can always request to remain anonymous!

**\*\*Arrests and criminal charges are mere accusations. Every person is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law\*\***

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