

## **Elizabethtown Man Sentenced For Murder For Hire And Firearm Offenses**

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Francisco Damian Torres-Victoria, 25, of Elizabethtown, was sentenced by United States Senior District Judge Malcolm J. Howard for murder-for-hire and possession of a firearm by an alien. Judge Howard sentenced Torres-Victoria to 120 months of imprisonment followed by 3 years of supervised release. He was charged in a three-count indictment on October 5, 2016, and pled guilty to two counts on May 7, 2018. Between September 7 and September 15, 2016, Torres-Victoria recruited a confidential informant (CI) to murder a fifteen-year-old boy and his family because the boy was dating Torres-Victoria's ex-girlfriend. He instructed the CI to "kill them all" and burn down the residence. He provided the CI with a firearm, a can of gasoline, and a photograph of the intended victim.

The investigation of this case was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Bladen County Sheriff's Office. The case was handled by Assistant United States Attorney Erin Blondel for the Government