



IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI  
JACKSON DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

CRIMINAL NO. 3106 cr/158 WHB-LRA

STEVEN EDWARDS and  
KIMBERLY EDWARDS

18 U.S.C. § 175(a)

**The Grand Jury charges:**

At all times relevant to both Counts of this indictment:

1. The defendants, **STEVEN EDWARDS** and **KIMBERLY EDWARDS**, were a married couple who shared an apartment at 1125 Raymond Road in Jackson, Mississippi.

2. Defendant **KIMBERLY EDWARDS** had a Ph.D. in Chemistry from the University of Georgia.

3. Defendant **KIMBERLY EDWARDS** was the sole beneficiary of the last will and testament of her parents who live in Hoover, Alabama. In the event of the death of her parents, Defendant **KIMBERLY EDWARDS** would inherit an estate with a value in excess of one million dollars (\$1,000,000).

COUNT 1

4. That from on or about January, 2006 and continuing until on or about July 12, 2006, in Hinds County in the Jackson Division of the Southern District of Mississippi, the defendants, **STEVEN EDWARDS** and **KIMBERLY EDWARDS**, did knowing and willfully conspire with each other and with others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, to commit an offense against the United States, that is, to develop and produce a biological agent or toxin, to wit: ricin, for use

as a weapon in violation of Section 175(a), Title 18, United States Code.

**Manner and Means**

5. It was part of the conspiracy that defendant **STEVEN EDWARDS** would obtain a recipe from the internet for the production of ricin.

6. It was further part of the conspiracy that defendant **STEVEN EDWARDS** would cause another person to purchase castor seeds, which are an ingredient of ricin, on the internet and ship such castor seeds to **STEVEN EDWARDS** at the apartment shared by the defendants in Jackson, Mississippi.

7. It was further part of the conspiracy that defendant **KIMBERLY EDWARDS** would obtain a mouse from a local pet store for the purpose of using as a test animal for ricin.

8. It was further part of the conspiracy that defendants, **KIMBERLY EDWARDS** and **STEVEN EDWARDS**, would attempt to produce ricin at their apartment in Jackson, Mississippi by using castor seeds obtained by the defendant **STEVEN EDWARDS**.

9. It was further part of the conspiracy that defendants, **STEVEN EDWARDS** and **KIMBERLY EDWARDS**, intended to use ricin as a weapon to kill the parents of **KIMBERLY EDWARDS**, who live in Hoover, Alabama.

10. It was further part of the conspiracy that the conspirators would conceal, misrepresent and hide, and cause to be concealed, misrepresented and hidden, the existence, purpose and acts done in furtherance of the conspiracy, continuing up to and through the date of this indictment.

**Overt Acts**

11. In furtherance of the unlawful conspiracy and for the purpose of effecting the objects thereof, the defendants, in the Jackson Division of the Southern District of Mississippi and elsewhere, committed, among others, the following overt acts:

A. At some time during the course of the conspiracy, the exact date being unknown, defendant **STEVEN EDWARDS** obtained a recipe from the internet for the production of ricin.

B. On or about May 5, 2006, defendant **STEVEN EDWARDS** obtained castor seeds which had been purchased, at his request, by another person on the internet.

C. On or about June 2, 2006, defendant **KIMBERLY EDWARDS** obtained a mouse from a local pet store for the purpose of using as a test animal for ricin.

D. At some time during the course of the conspiracy, the exact date being unknown, defendants, **KIMBERLY EDWARDS** and **STEVEN EDWARDS**, attempted to develop and produce ricin at their apartment in Jackson, Mississippi by using castor seeds obtained by the defendant **STEVEN EDWARDS**.

All in violation of Section 175(a), Title 18, United States Code.

