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[Rockville Man Arrested in Wife's Murder-for-Hire Plot](#)

A Rockville man has been arrested after police say he offered an acquaintance money and a quantity of pills as payment for a potential murder. Forty-two-year-old Richard Bernard Boyd has been charged with one count each of distribution of a controlled substance and solicitation of murder for his role in planning the crime.

Montgomery County police say Boyd approached the man, whose identity has not been disclosed to press, and offered him \$1,000 and five Oxycontin pills as payment for the murder of his estranged wife. Capt. Paul Starks of the Montgomery County police confirmed the sequence of events to press, saying:

"Mr. Boyd had told the subject that he had wanted his estranged wife killed, and he was willing to pay a sum of money."

Detectives say Boyd and his wife, whose identity was also not disclosed to press, were in the midst of a divorce when Boyd hatched the scheme to precipitate her murder. Capt. Starks said Boyd was not pleased with the "potential outcome" of the divorce proceedings, and was concerned with the final details of the case.

The would-be assassin informed a Rockville City police officer of the offer Boyd made and the investigation began September 30th. The man continued to meet with Boyd throughout the first week of October and the pair met for the last time on October 8th. Boyd gave the man a layout of the house on Rocking Spring Drive and suggested the crime be carried out using a gun. No date was set on which the murder was to occur.

Boyd is currently being held without bond. A bond review will be held on Tuesday. He is currently being held without bond pending a review in court. It was not disclosed whether he was assigned or retained a [Maryland criminal defense lawyer](#) to face the charges against him.

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