

Conspiracy Charges for Plotting to Kill Justin Bieber

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[Two men are facing conspiracy to commit murder and conspiracy to commit aggravated battery after getting involved in a bizarre and twisted plot to kill and castrate the pop-star-sensation, Justin Bieber.](#)

The story begins with Dana Martin, a 45-year-old prisoner at the Southern New Mexico Corrections Facility. Martin, who was convicted of [raping](#) and killing a 15-year-old girl in 2000, employed two men to commit a string of murders, including that of Bieber. However, the plan went awry when the assassins, Martin's former inmate, Mark Staake and his nephew, Tanner Ruane, missed a highway exit on their way to Vermont and ended up at the Canadian border.

Martin, who has a tattoo of Justin Beiber on his leg, wanted Staake and Ruane to castrate the singer and the other victims with a pair of Fiskars Durasharp gardening clippers before strangling them with a paisley neck tie. Staake and Ruane were going to make their way to Vermont first, where they would find the other victims. After committing those [murders](#), they were to travel to New York and were planning on killing Beiber in between his Nov. 28 and 29 concerts at Madison Square Garden.

Alas, Staake and Ruane made a wrong turn while driving to Vermont, landing them at the border between Canada and the U.S., where Staake was arrested on outstanding warrants. Ruane, who was initially released, was later arrested after authorities heard him speaking about the murder plot while he was talking with Martin on the phone.

In Arizona, conspiracy is defined in [A.R.S. 13-1003](#) as one or more individuals agreeing to engage in an act that would constitute a criminal offense. The sentencing for conspiracy will depend upon the offense that the person or group was planning to commit. In this case, the group was plotting to commit first degree murder, and even though no one was actually hurt, the offenders could still face life in prison.

Conspiracy charges are taken very seriously in Arizona because, as the courts see it, the intent was there, making you a considerable danger to society.

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