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<b>TYPE OF INCIDENT:</b>	<u>Solicitation to commit 1<sup>st</sup>-degree murder</u>	<b>CASE NUMBER:</b>	9038937
<b>ADDRESS:</b>	<u>1329 Via de Pepi, Boynton Beach</u>	<b>PAGES TO FOLLOW</b>	<u>0</u>
<b>VICTIM(S):</b>	<u>Michael Dippolito, 12/18/70</u>		

When Dalia Dippolito got a phone call at the gym this morning from Boynton Beach police, she rushed home to find her townhouse encased in crime scene tape, a crime scene tech dusting the front door for fingerprints.

A detective escorted her to a waiting sergeant, who gently broke the news that her husband was dead. Dippolito collapsed into the sergeant's arms and sobbed.

She was brought to the police department, where she came face to face with the man who shot her husband twice in the head.

The twist came when she was told he was an undercover Boynton Beach police officer and her husband, Michael, was alive and well in the room next door.

Dippolito was immediately charged with solicitation to commit first-degree murder.

It all began on Friday night, when Boynton Beach police received information from a confidential informant who said that Dippolito wanted to hire someone to kill her husband of six months. On Saturday afternoon, she and the CI met in a car at Mobil gas station on Gateway Boulevard to make the arrangements.

During the conversation, she gave the CI a down payment of \$1,200 for the hit man to buy a handgun to be used as the murder weapon. She also provided photos of her husband and their home. She asked when the murder was going to happen and offered to get her hair done in Boca Raton to create an alibi. She also spoke about how she would deny her involvement and provide police false information and names to keep the investigation away from her.

Before leaving the car, she asked if this was a "solid deal" and said she didn't want to hear any excuses later about why it did not happen.

On Monday afternoon, Dippolito met with an undercover BBPD officer posing as the hired hit man in the parking lot of a CVS. During this encounter, the undercover agent asked if she was sure she wanted him killed. Dippolito laughed and said, "I will be very happy." She agreed to pay him \$3,000 when the job was done.

The undercover officer asked her one more time if she was sure about having her husband killed. She responded, "I'm not going to change my mind. I am 5,000% sure I want it done. When I set my mind to something, I get it done."

Dippolito will be taken to the Palm Beach County Jail.

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