

# Man accused of intimidation

## Bond reduction, pre-trial hearing set for July 18; jury trial Aug. 16

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In March, Daniel Brewington was arrested after being indicted by a Grand Jury on charges of intimidation, releasing Grand Jury information, perjury and obstruction of justice.

Brewington, 37, Norwood, Ohio, was indicted on charges of intimidation of a judge, a class D felony; attempt to commit obstruction of justice, a class D felony; perjury, a class D felony; two counts of intimidation, a class A misdemeanor; and unlawful disclosure of grand jury proceedings, a class B misdemeanor.

He bonded out of jail in Ohio, and turned himself in to Dearborn County law enforcement Friday, March 11. Brewington had an arraignment hearing in Dearborn Superior Court No. 2, and bond was set at \$500,000 surety and \$100,000 cash.

As of Tuesday, July 12, Brewington was still in the Dearborn County Law Enforcement Center, Lawrenceburg. A bond reduction hearing is slated for Monday, July 18, as well as a final pre-trial hearing.

A jury trial is set for Tuesday, Aug. 16.

According to a timeline from Brewington's family,

Dearborn Superior Court No. 2 Judge Sally Blankenship recused herself March 17.

Decatur County Superior Court Judge John Westhafer was appointed to preside over the case, and was replaced by Rush County Judge Brian Hill when Westhafer recused himself on the basis of a long-standing friendship with Dearborn-Ohio County Circuit Court Judge James D. Humphrey, whom Brewington allegedly intimidated.

Court-appointed public defender John Watson recused himself, and Bryan Barrett, a public defender from Rush County, was appointed Brewington's defender Monday, June 20.

Brewington has an attorney from Ohio who is willing to work on his defense pro bono, however, the attorney must have sponsorship from an Indiana attorney in good standing to practice in the state, said Brewington's mother, Sue Brewington.

Her son has not had contact with an attorney since late May, said Sue Brewington.

According to court documents filed in March on the indictment for intimidation "... on or about or between August 1, 2007, and February 27, 2011, Daniel Brewington

did communicate a threat to another person, to-wit: Dr. Edward Connor, with the intent that Dr. Edward Connor be placed in fear of retaliation for a prior lawful act, to-wit: issuing a custodial evaluation regarding Daniel Brewington's children."

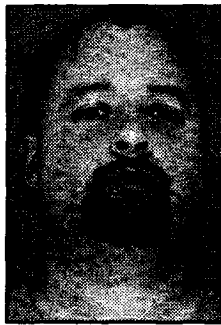
Brewington, according to the indictment, "... did communicate a threat to another person, to-wit: Dearborn-Ohio Circuit Court Judge James D. Humphrey, with the intent that James D. Humphrey be placed in fear of retaliation for a prior lawful act, to-wit: issuing an Order regarding the dissolution of marriage between Daniel Brewington and Melissa Brewington ...."

Another intimidation indictment was handed down against Brewington for allegedly threatening Humphrey's spouse, and obstructing justice. "Brewington ... did engage in conduct that constituted a substantial step toward the commission of the crime of obstruction of justice."

The perjury indictment states "Brewington did make a false, material statement under oath or affirmation knowing the statement to be false or not believing it to be true."

"... On or about February 28, 2011, ... Brewington did knowingly disclose information from Grand Jury proceedings ...," according to the indictment.

Sue Brewington said Tuesday, July 12, the indictments came after a complaint her son filed with the Indiana Supreme Court Disciplinary Commission against



**Daniel Brewington has been in jail on \$500,000 surety and \$100,000 cash bond since March for allegedly intimidating a judge.**

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Dearborn County Prosecutor Aaron Negangard was dismissed.

She also points out court documents that include a report from then Special Crimes Unit Detective Michael Kreinhop on an investigation into allegations intimidation. The report, according to the discovery answer filed in the case, was completed in October 2009.

The alleged intimidation stems from divorce proceedings, and the divorce decree also means she cannot bail out her son, said Sue Brewington.

In the decree, Dan Brewington's ex-wife was awarded part of his share of a trust Sue Brewington set up for property she owns on Ind. 350 near Milan. While the property is worth more than the lien, she cannot use it as

collateral or sell it because of the lien, said Sue Brewington.

At the time of his divorce he had been living on the property in Ripley County.

The situation is a catch-22 for the family, added Sue Brewington.

Her son, meanwhile, has had other issues while jailed, including not getting his prescribed medica-

tion for Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, she said.

The medication issue while not fully resolved has been improved, she said.

Sue Brewington and other family members will continue to visit Dan Brewington, and hope the July 18 hearing ends with him being able to bond out of jail.