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## Suge Knight's Girlfriend, Business Partner Indicted For Allegedly Violating Court Order

Two people have been charged with violating a court order by selling video evidence that is under seal in connection with the murder trial of former rap mogul Marion "Suge" Knight, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

A grand jury returned the indictment against Toilin Kelly (dob 10/15/80) and Mark Blankenship (dob 7/6/60) on July 28 for one felony count each of conspiracy to violate a court order, conspiracy to obstruct justice and conspiracy to commit grand theft.

The indictment was unsealed today after Kelly pleaded not guilty to the charges. She is scheduled to return to court on Sept. 19 for a bail review hearing. An arraignment date will be set later for Blankenship.

Deputy District Attorney Stefan Mrakich is prosecuting the case.

Kelly and Blankenship are accused of arranging the sale of a video of a fatal hit-and-run involving Knight about two weeks after the Jan. 29, 2015, incident. Knight, 52, is awaiting trial for allegedly killing 55-year-old Terry Carter and injuring another man he hit with his truck.

Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Ricardo Ocampo granted the prosecution's motion for a protective order that prohibited the release of any evidence in the murder case, including the video, from being released to the public.

Kelly, Knight's girlfriend, and Blankenship, a business partner, spent nearly a month brokering a deal with TMZ, a celebrity news website, according to the indictment. The two defendants allegedly were aware the video was under a protective order, the prosecutor said.

Kelly allegedly reached a deal worth \$55,000 and TMZ posted the video on its site days later.

If convicted as charged, Kelly and Blankenship each face up to three years in state prison that could be served in local custody.

Case BA452968 remains under investigation by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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