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Husband fell hard for wife who police say tried to kill him

Michael Dippolito gave wife Dalia Dippolito cash; only realized he was tricked after details of her plot came out

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When paid assassins ran off with her money and iced tea laced with antifreeze failed to kill her husband of a few months, Dalia Dippolito turned to a paramour to get the job done, according to [Boynton Beach](#) police reports.

In 500 pages of newly released documents, videos and audio recordings in the murder-for-hire case against Dippolito, 27, a six-month marriage fraught with duplicity is revealed.

[Boynton Beach](#) police arrested Dippolito on Aug. 5, the day a hired hit man — actually an undercover officer — was to shoot Michael Dippolito, 38, twice in the head. As a crew from the TV show *Cops* rolled tape, Dalia Dippolito acted the part of a distraught widow upon arriving home from the gym and being told by police that her husband was dead.

What she didn't know was that police knew she had asked a boyfriend to enlist someone to kill her husband, according to authorities. The man notified police and the undercover operation was arranged.

Dalia Dippolito's attorney, Michael Salnick, could not be reached for comment despite attempts by telephone.

In the evidence is a recording in which Dalia Dippolito phones her husband from jail, asking for his help and insisting that she is innocent.

"Mike, I love you, don't do this to me," she cries.

According to the reports, the honeymoon fizzled quickly after the couple's February wedding following a brief courtship.

The following month, police received an anonymous call that Michael Dippolito was selling steroids and Ecstasy out of his home. In April, police responded to a call from a neighbor about a domestic disturbance at the couple's townhome in the Renaissance Commons community. The Dippolitos told authorities they were fighting over money.

And in May, the couple phoned police about "suspicious occurrences" in which they said someone was planting drugs on Michael Dippolito's truck to frame him.

A week before the hired hit, according to reports, Michael Dippolito got sick to his stomach after taking a sip of tea that police say his wife spiked with antifreeze.

Michael Dippolito — an ex-con who runs an e-mail marketing business — served jail time and is doing 28 years of probation for participating in a boiler room scheme, according to Department of Corrections records.

His lawyers, Jason Brodie and Joshua Friedman, say their client fell hard for Dalia Dippolito, ultimately agreeing to title the townhouse solely in her name and, over a period of months, giving her some \$240,000 in cash. She had promised to use the money to pay \$191,000 that Michael Dippolito owed in restitution to his victims. Once the debt was satisfied, the lawyers said, Michael Dippolito could ask a judge to terminate his probation.

"He had 30 years to pay it off and he saved up the money to pay it all off at one time," Brodie said. "He had the money, he trusted his wife and we want to know where the money went."

In hindsight, Michel Dippolito realizes he got suckered, according to his lawyers.

"After all this, it all came together," Friedman said.

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