

Iran ordered an operative to assassinate Trump before the election, federal prosecutors say

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NEW YORK — The Iranian government ordered an operative to assassinate Donald Trump before the 2024 election, Manhattan federal prosecutors said Friday, the latest in a string of assassination plots directed at the former and future president in recent months.

Prosecutors charged Farhad Shakeri with murder-for-hire and providing material support to a foreign terrorist organization. He is believed to be in Iran and remains at large, prosecutors said.

In addition to the plot to kill Trump, Shakeri and two other men — Carlisle Rivera and Jonathan Loadholt — were charged with a separate attempted murder-for-hire scheme targeting a U.S. citizen of Iranian origin who has publicly opposed the Iranian government.

According to a criminal complaint unsealed in Manhattan federal court, Shakeri said during an FBI interview that in September he was directed by the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps of Iran to surveil and kill Trump, whom the charging papers identify as “Victim-4.”

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