IN THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
STATE OF UTAH

THE STATE OF UTAH, Plaintiff, vs. JARED W. RIGBY, D.O.B. March 5, 1977 Defendant.	**SEALED** **INDICTMENT** Case No. 261500245 Managing Judge Paul B. Parker

The Grand Jury charges:

1. OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE IN A CRIMINAL PROCEEDING, in violation of Utah Code § 76-8-306(2), a second-degree felony, to wit:

   On or about January 10, 2026, the Defendant, either directly or as a party, with intent to hinder the prosecution of any person regarding conduct that constitutes a criminal offense (d) made, presented, or used an item or thing known by the Defendant to be false. The Defendant, either directly or as a party, made, presented, or used the item or thing in Summit County, State of Utah. The conduct that constituted the criminal offense was a first-degree felony.

2. MAKING A WRITTEN FALSE STATEMENT, in violation of Utah Code § 76-8-504(2), a class B misdemeanor, to wit:

   On or about January 10, 2026, the Defendant, either directly or as a party, (b) with intent to deceive a public servant in the performance of the public servant's official function (iii) submits or invites reliance on a writing that the Defendant knows to be lacking in authenticity. The Defendant, either directly or as a party, submitted the writing in Summit County, State of Utah.

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1. The filing window to declare one's candidacy for Wasatch County Sheriff in the 2026 election was January 2-8, 2026.

2. At all times relevant, incumbent Wasatch County Sheriff Jared W. Rigby was intending to run for or running for Wasatch County Sheriff in the 2026 election. On January 2, 2026, Sheriff Rigby filed to declare his candidacy for Wasatch County Sheriff.

3. Sheriff Rigby is an attorney licensed in the State of Utah. He also served as a Heber City Police reserve officer from 2013 to 2016 and as a reserve Summit County Sheriff's Deputy prior to being elected as Wasatch County Sheriff.

4. At all times relevant, Summit County Sheriff's Detective Eric Mainord was considering running for or running for Wasatch County Sheriff in the 2026 election. On January 7, 2026, Detective Mainord filed to declare his candidacy for Wasatch County Sheriff.

5. Detective Mainord served as a Heber City Police Officer from approximately September 2011 to September 2019. Thereafter, he has continuously served in good standing as a Summit County Sheriff's Deputy.

6. At all times relevant, Wasatch County Emergency Manager and Sheriff's Lieutenant Jeremy Hales was considering running for or running for Wasatch County Sheriff in the 2026 election. On January 8, 2026, Lt. Hales filed to declare his candidacy for Wasatch County Sheriff.

7. Eric Eugene Richins died on March 4, 2022, in Summit County of fentanyl poisoning. Eric Richins' wife, Kouri Darden Richins, was a suspect in Eric Richins' death. Detective Mainord was one of the investigators who investigated Eric Richins' death. As part of the investigation, he and other investigators executed a search warrant in Wasatch County on April 26, 2023.

8. The Summit County Attorney's Office commenced the *State of Utah v. Kouri Darden Richins* first-degree Aggravated Murder prosecution in Summit County, Utah on May 8, 2023. The *Richins* trial was initially set to begin in May 2025 but, four weeks before trial, was continued to February 17, 2026. The *Richins* prosecution, including the trial's initial and ultimate start dates, was widely publicized from its initial charging through its live coverage on CourtTV. It was covered by local outlets, including the Park Record and KPCW, through to national news magazines, including NBC's Dateline and CBS's 48 Hours.

9. On December 19, 2025, Sheriff Rigby text messaged Retired Summit County Sheriff Dave Edmunds a blank Heber City Government Records Access and Management Act ("GRAMA") request form. Sheriff Rigby asked Mr. Edmunds, "[i]f you want me to fill I out the form and send it to you to sign and submit, just let me know!" Mr. Edmunds responded, "[t]hat might help me, thank you!"

10. On December 21, 2025, Sheriff Rigby text messaged Mr. Edmunds, "I'm filling out this GRAMA request. What address and email address would you like on the form?"

11. On December 22, 2025, Park City Police Chief Wade Carpenter called Summit County Chief Deputy Sheriff Jon Evans. Chief Carpenter told Chief Evans that there was going to be a GRAMA request filed for Detective Mainord's Heber City Police Department personnel file and that Sheriff Rigby wanted Detective Mainord to call him. Chief Evans passed along the message.

12. Chief Carpenter later told investigators that he contacted Chief Evans because Retired Utah Attorney General's Office Chief of Criminal Investigations Leo Lucey, who then worked for Sheriff Rigby, told Chief Carpenter that REDACTED

REDACTED "had serious concerns about [] [Detective] Mainord and some of the issues that [Detective

Mainord] had when he was [with Heber City]. And they were things like alleged affairs, issues with bankruptcies, issues of use of force...." Chief Carpenter responded to Mr. Lucey, "'That's concerning. If that's the case, does' – and I knew this Kouri Richins case was going to be coming up, and I was talking to [Mr. Lucey], and he was – we were having this conversation about this case." Chief Carpenter said that Mr. Lucey said, "'You know, I'm really worried that if [Sheriff Bates] is not aware of this, this could really have an impact on the case.'" Chief Carpenter was "concerned that if I contacted [Summit County Attorney Margaret] Olson, it would put her in a box. ... There would – it would force her in a position that that would not be good for her as County Attorney...."

13. Well-established law provides that prosecutors have a duty to fully disclose all exculpatory or impeachment material to the criminally accused prior to trial. Law enforcement professionals and criminal attorneys are all very aware of this requirement.

14. On December 29, 2025, Sheriff Rigby text messaged Mr. Edmunds, "just emailed you the GRAMA request. Are you still ok submitting that?" Mr. Edmunds responded, "[y]es!!!"

15. On December 31, 2025, Mr. Edmunds emailed a GRAMA request to Heber City (the "GRAMA Request"). The GRAMA Request was comprised of a handwritten GRAMA request form and thirteen typed and numbered paragraphs seeking information from Detective Mainord's Heber City Police Department personnel file, which spanned 2011-2019.

16. Mr. Edmunds later told investigators that he knew who prepared the typed pages of the GRAMA Request but that he was "not at liberty to say" who prepared them. Mr. Edmunds then falsely confirmed to investigators that he, Mr. Edmunds, "filled out the cover sheet." An expert forensic document examiner identified the handwriting on the cover sheet as Sheriff Rigby's handwriting and ruled-out Mr. Edmunds' handwriting.

17. On January 5, 2026, Sheriff Rigby text messaged Chief Carpenter, Mr. Lucey, Mr. Edmunds, and REDACTED "[w]hat are your thoughts, what else can be done to continue applying the pressure? What if the Park Record or KPCW get wind of the things in Mainord's HCPD file and started calling him about it? What if the local media contacted SCSO asking if they knew of these incidents in [Detective] Mainord's past?"

18. On January 7, 2026, the same day Detective Mainord filed to declare his candidacy for Wasatch County Sheriff, Sheriff Rigby called Heber City Police Chief Parker Sever to inquire about the status of the GRAMA Request. Sheriff Rigby volunteered, "this has nothing to do with my campaign." Mr. Edmunds then emailed the GRAMA Request directly to Chief Sever.

19. On January 7, 2026, at approximately 7:30 p.m., Sheriff Rigby telephoned Sheriff Bates and said that he needed to speak with her in person, and that "I want to talk campaign." Sheriff Rigby was insistent about meeting right away. Sheriff Bates agreed to meet Sheriff Rigby the following day at 3:00 p.m. at the cafeteria at the Park City Medical Center ("PKMC").

20. On January 7, 2026, at 7:48 p.m., Sheriff Rigby sent the following text message to Chief Carpenter, Mr. Lucey, Mr. Edmunds, and REDACTED:

> Also, I called [Sheriff] Kacey [Bates] and set to get a drink with her tomorrow at 3 pm. That'll allow me to speak to Eric [Mainord]'s dirty tactics as the background, his problem-ridden work history, that some are asking what SCSO knew when they hired Eric [Mainord], and ***how these things will impact the Richins case. I'll mention it seemed best to speak with her, as opposed to the County Attorney Richin's defense attorney, or the media b/c that would for sure tank their Richin's prosecution***. (emphasis added).

21. On January 8, 2026, Sheriff Bates arrived at PKMC at approximately 3:00 p.m. Sheriff Rigby began the conversation by telling Sheriff Bates that he wanted to talk about Detective Mainord and concerns he had regarding Detective Mainord's [former] employment at

Heber City Police Department. Sheriff Rigby then showed Sheriff Bates a GRAMA request. Sheriff Rigby explained to Sheriff Bates that "this is what's going to be revealed" about Eric Mainord and talked about the impact such would have on the *Richins* prosecution. Sheriff Rigby emphasized several times that Sheriff Bates should tell the Summit County Attorney "because it was going to impact" the trial. This was the first time that Sheriff Bates heard of Sheriff Rigby's purported concerns regarding Detective Mainord.

22. Sheriff Bates replied to Sheriff Rigby that "this feels slimy. This feels dirty. I don't like this. I think a campaign should be run on integrity and the ability to do the job and not on mudslinging." Sheriff Rigby said he was not going to be responsible for what people who supported him were doing and pointed to the GRAMA Request that bore Mr. Edmunds' name.

23. After leaving the hospital, Sheriff Bates spoke on the phone with Chief Carpenter. Chief Deputy Evans overheard the call on speakerphone. Chief Carpenter told Sheriff Bates that she needed tell Ms. Olson about the GRAMA Request.

24. On January 8, 2026, Sheriff Rigby text messaged Chief Carpenter, Mr. Lucey, Mr. Edmunds, and REDACTED:

> I met with [Sheriff] Kacey [Bates] this afternoon.
> Here is the breakdown of positive and negative in the conversation:
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> POSITIVE
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> -She listened and was cordial and good to talk to.
> -She said she didn't know how to handle this info, to which I encouraged her to meet with her county attorney.
> -She said she was good friends with [Summit County Attorney] Margaret [Olson] and it'd be easy to talk to her.
> -I suggested she look at Mainord's background file and compare it to the list of incidents in his employee file to see how much [the Summit County Sheriff's Office] knew at the time Mainord was hired.

NEGATIVE

-She didn't want to take the printed list of excessive uses of force, bankruptcies, lawsuits, and sex on duty.
-She didn't say anything negative about Mainord.
-She asked why I would allow this kind of dirty politics to be played, which I explained Eric [Mainord] and his team set the ground rules over the last year.

25. On the evening of January 8, 2026, Sheriff Bates spoke with former Summit County Sheriff Justin Martinez, the sheriff in 2019 when Detective Mainord was hired. Now-United States Marshal Martinez told Sheriff Bates that at the time Detective Mainord was hired, he called REDACTED and asked him if Mainord was under Internal Affairs for anything, if he was at risk of being fired, or if there were any POST issues about which they needed to know. REDACTED 's response was, "[Mainord's] a good guy, he's just not a fit for our department."

26. Sheriff Bates did not inform Ms. Olson about her meeting with Sheriff Rigby or the GRAMA Request. Neither Sheriff Bates nor Chief Evans informed Ms. Olson about Chief Carpenter's phone call.

27. On January 9, 2026, Sheriff Rigby text messaged Chief Carpenter, Mr. Lucey, Mr. Edmunds, and REDACTED "[b]rothers, I appreciate everything you have done and are doing to help me and to help with this campaign! Love you as brothers and am so grateful to have you!" REDACTED responded to the group, "[t]ime to prepare for our next phase in this battle but battle we will do[.]" And Chief Carpenter responded to the group, "[w]ell said!! The storm is coming!"

28. On January 10, 2026, an unsigned letter addressed to the Summit County Attorney and with no return address was postmarked "Salt Lake City" (the "Anonymous Letter"). Letters mailed throughout northern Utah are post marked in Salt Lake City. The

Summit County Attorney's Office received the Anonymous Letter in Summit County, Utah on January 22, 2026. The Anonymous Letter contained thirteen paragraphs that are essentially identical to the GRAMA Request's thirteen paragraphs.

29. The Anonymous Letter expressed the writer's "concern" about Detective Mainord "being a deputy for Summit County" because "[h]e is a person that should not be trusted as a law enforcement officer in any community." The writer expressed "concern" that "there may be negligent hiring on Summit County's part." Additionally, the writer expressed "serious concern" regarding Detective Mainord's "credibility and reliability as a witness" in connection with his investigation of "several serious crimes in Summit County." The writer expressed "concern" that if Summit County continued to employ Detective Mainord, "the lives and rights of citizens will continue to be at risk." Finally, the writer urged the Summit County Attorney to "investigate these matters and ... ***let the courts know of these credibility concerns...***" (emphasis added).

30. Upon receiving the Anonymous Letter, the Summit County Attorney's Office immediately provided a copy to the Court and defense counsel in the *Richins* prosecution. It also initiated an investigation into the letter's content, which necessarily included trying to identify the letter's author.

31. On January 22, 2026, Sheriff Bates was shown the Anonymous Letter and recognized the Anonymous Letter's thirteen paragraphs as being the same thirteen paragraphs contained in the GRAMA request that Sheriff Rigby showed her on January 8, 2026 at PKMC.

32. On January 12, 2026, Heber City informed Mr. Edmunds that the GRAMA Request for Eric Mainord's files would not be fulfilled because "[p]ersonnel records are classified as private records under Utah Code 63G-2-303."

33. The Park Record received an anonymous letter addressing Don Rogers, who is the Park Record's editor (the "Mainord Park Record Letter"). The Mainord Park Record Letter is identical to the Anonymous Letter, except that it addresses Don Rogers, not Margaret Olson, and its final line reads, "Margarete Olson, the Summit County Attorney, has been informed of this information, as it relates to Summit County investigations conducted by Eric Mainord."

34. Forensic investigators found the Mainord Park Record Letter in the memory space of Sheriff Rigby's work computer where deleted data is housed until it is overwritten. The file was created in Microsoft Word on December 29, 2025, the same day that Sheriff Rigby emailed the GRAMA Request to Mr. Edmunds for submission to Heber City. The file was last printed on January 10, 2026, the same day that the Anonymous Letter was postmarked.

35. On February 5, 2026, Lt. Hales received an anonymous email written as if authored by a co-worker complaining that Lt. Hales was "intimidating and belittling" to her and stating, "… you should do the right thing and stop running for sheriff. If you don't I will be forced to make this public. I don't want to do that, but I will if I have to. If you contact me I will report you." The email was sent from Proton Mail account [REDACTED]3691@proton.me.

36. Proton Mail is an encrypted email service incorporated and headquartered in Switzerland because of its strict privacy laws. It uses end-to-end encryption and zero-access encryption to ensure that only the user can read their emails.

37. An Apple Note recovered from Sheriff Rigby's iCloud contained a list of several dozen online accounts and their login credentials. Among the accounts on the list is [REDACTED]3691@proton.me. Sheriff Rigby's iPhone shows evidence of a deleted Proton Mail application.

38. On March 10, 2026, an anonymous letter addressed to reporter Clara Hatcher of the Park Record and with no return address was postmarked in Salt Lake City (the "Hales Park Record Letter"). It presents an anonymous complaint against Lt. Hales. The Hales Park Record Letter's font and formatting are identical to that of the Anonymous Letter and Mainord Park Record Letter and GRAMA Request. The Hales Park Record Letter's envelope stamping and formatting is essentially identical to that of the Anonymous Letter's envelope. An expert forensic document examiner identified the handwriting on the envelope as Sheriff Rigby's handwriting.

39. On March 12, 2026, Sheriff Rigby emailed a copy of an anonymous letter addressed to "Dear Sheriff" to Chief Investigator Nate Mutter of the Utah Attorney General's Office (the "Dear Sheriff Letter"). The Dear Sheriff Letter presents an anonymous complaint against Lt. Hales. The Dear Sheriff Letter's font and formatting are identical to that of the Anonymous Letter, the Mainord Park Record Letter, the GRAMA Request, and the Hales Park Record Letter. The Dear Sheriff Letter's envelope stamping and formatting is essentially identical to that of the Anonymous Letter's envelope. Sheriff Rigby asked the Utah Attorney General's Office to investigate Lt. Jeremy Hales. It declined.

REDACTED

42. Chief Carpenter denied having seen or heard of the Anonymous Letter before investigators showed it to him in March 2026. Mr. Edmunds and REDACTED denied having seen the Anonymous Letter before investigators showed it to them in March 2026.

43. The clear and convincing evidence shows that Sheriff Rigby wrote the Anonymous Letter and mailed it to the Summit County Attorney.

44. The clear and convincing evidence shows that Sheriff Rigby knew that the Anonymous Letter was false in that it is not authentic – it is not what it purports to be. The Anonymous Letter purports to convey sincere concern regarding Detective Mainord being a Summit County deputy, negligent hiring on Summit County's part, Detective Mainord's credibility and reliability as a witness, and the lives and rights of citizens. These concerns are in part insincere and crafted to discredit Detective Mainord as a candidate, not assist Summit County officials or the Summit County Attorney's Office.

45. The clear and convincing evidence shows that Sheriff Rigby intended to hinder – meaning interfere with – the *Richins* prosecution to leverage its publicity to either pressure Detective Mainord to drop out of the Wasatch County Sheriff's race prior to the trial or very publicly discredit Detective Mainord during the trial.

46. The clear and convincing evidence shows that Sheriff Rigby intended to deceive the Summit County Attorney in the performance of her official function by having her believe concerns regarding Detective Mainord being a Summit County deputy, negligent hiring on Summit County's part, Detective Mainord's credibility and reliability as a witness, and the lives and rights of citizens were sincere and authentic.

A TRUE BILL:

REDACTED

Foreperson

Authorized for presentment and filing on __.

MARGARET H. OLSON
SUMMIT COUNTY ATTORNEY

Brad Bloodworth
Chief Prosecutor

Richard D. McKelvie
Special Prosecutor

REDACTED