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IN RE: GRAND JURY) GRAND JURY NO.
INVESTIGATION) 25 GJ 994

BEFORE THE FEDERAL GRAND JURY
(Special June 2024 Grand Jury)

October 9, 2025

2:28 o'clock p.m.

PRESENT: THE HONORABLE ANDREW S. BOUTROS
Interim United States Attorney, by
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(The Grand Jury having convened
at 2:28 o'clock p.m. on the 9th
day of October 2025, pursuant to
adjournment, met in closed session
and the following proceedings were
had herein.)

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1 EVAN HYLTON

2 having entered the Grand Jury room, was sworn by
3 the Foreperson as follows:

4 MS. MECKLENBURG: I'm happy to be
5 back. Sheri Mecklenburg. We're here -- I'll
6 introduce my co-counsel in a minute. We're here
7 on 25 GJ 994.

8 With me today is Matthew Skiba.
9 Matt is my partner on this case, and he hasn't
10 been in the office very long. He has been a great
11 partner. I'm very lucky to have him. So this is
12 an interesting case.

13 THE COURT REPORTER: Can you go to
14 the mic?

15 MS. MECKLENBURG: Yes. This is a
16 very interesting case. It's a little different.
17 I purposely asked if I could wait for the Thursday
18 grand jury. I did.

19 Matt will vouch for me. I said I
20 want to go in front of the Thursday grand jury
21 because I know you and I trust you and you know me
22 and you trust me, and I would never ask you to
23 charge somebody if I didn't think there was
24 probable cause and you know you've asked me before
25 "Well, what about this person?" And I said "I

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1 don't charge people unless I'm absolutely sure."

2 So this case I want you to do what
3 we have done and that is put aside any personal
4 feelings. It arises out of the protests at the
5 ICE facility. I want you to put aside your
6 personal feelings. Your politics have nothing to
7 do with that.

8 I ask that you follow the facts and
9 the law and if there is probable cause to charge,
10 then that's what I ask you to do. And it's not
11 about any particular policy or anything else.
12 It's just whether people can do certain things
13 that break the law or not. So let me make sure I
14 covered all of those warnings with you.

15 I don't think I need to go into all
16 of them because you guys have been doing this a
17 long time, but I want to just remind you that this
18 is not -- this is a probable cause standard. It's
19 not the guilt-finding phase that the -- you're not
20 asked to consider the wisdom of Congress for
21 making something a crime.

22 The punishment does not matter to
23 you because, that, we try to work out as we go
24 along very often as you know. You're just being
25 asked to decide the facts from the evidence

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1 presented and the only other thing I want to
2 remind you that you have -- you have sworn to
3 uphold your duties fairly and impartially. You
4 should not let sympathy, prejudice, fear or public
5 opinion influence you.

6 Finally, if you have questions
7 during your deliberations, I ask that you come out
8 and let me know so that we can address your
9 questions rather than you just decide on your own
10 that there's a problem.

11 So I'm going to give you a few
12 seconds of what this case is and then we're going
13 to call in a witness and we're going to show you
14 some videos and photos.

15 This case arises at the Broadview
16 ICE facility. Have you had anything arising out
17 of the Broadview ICE facility?

18 GRAND JURY: No.

19 MS. MECKLENBURG: We're the first.
20 It is being used as a detention facility by ICE
21 right now and what you're going to see -- and,
22 remember, my summary is not evidence. It's not
23 testimony. It's not evidence. I'm just giving
24 you a summary. The testimony and the documents
25 and the exhibits will be the evidence.

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1 An agent pulled into -- pulled his
2 car into the street that leads up to Broadview
3 where he was going. He was not from Illinois. He
4 was from another state. He was told that's where
5 he is to report.

6 He is a supervisor of the facilities
7 and he is there. He is the person who makes sure
8 that all the supplies are there and there's
9 staffing and everything.

10 As he pulls in past the gate and as
11 he gets there, there are a crowd of protesters and
12 they see him and they surround his car and you'll
13 see the video. There is video of it. They all
14 posted the video.

15 They surround his car and they are
16 banging on the hood and they are banging on the
17 windows and they are pushing up against -- they're
18 standing in front of the car. They're pushing up
19 against the front of the car so that he -- trying
20 to prevent him from moving, I guess, and they're
21 chanting, they're scratching into the car.

22 His driver -- you'll see evidence
23 that his driver's side mirror was broken off.
24 You'll see evidence that his back windshield was
25 broken off. You'll see evidence that his car was

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1 scratched and dented, and you will see evidence
2 that somebody scratched the word "Pig" into the
3 car.

4 And I will just tell you this. This
5 is definitely not testimony, but you will see it
6 for yourself. It's common sense. Just by that
7 agent keeping his cool and inching, inching
8 forward, nobody got hurt.

9 The first time I watched it I
10 thought, oh, my God. What happens here? Nobody
11 got hurt. If he had lost his cool in any way and
12 done something, it would have been a tragedy. So
13 fortunately we are not here for that.

14 But I'm going to present to you an
15 agent who is going to walk us through the videos
16 and then we're going to show you how we identified
17 -- we have an interview of Agent A we're going to
18 tell you about who is the driver and then we're
19 going to talk about how we identified people in
20 the video and it's kind of an interesting thing
21 because what you do is you find a social media
22 account -- you'll hear this evidence.

23 And then you see that they posted a
24 video of the incident and then you see that
25 somebody -- they liked someone else's post of the

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1 video so you go to their post of the video and you
2 see that they tagged someone else and you go to
3 theirs and if you pull all of their faces, you
4 recognize them in the video.

5 And, of course, some people were
6 posting "I was there, and I was one of the
7 people." So that was helpful. And then in the
8 end, I will tell you about the law, and we'll ask
9 you for an indictment. We're asking you for an
10 indictment on a conspiracy that they all together
11 did this and on a 110 -- it's -- the second count
12 is a misdemeanor assault on an officer.

13 First is the felony. The second we
14 have a misdemeanor. So I'm going to make sure my
15 computer is up, you know I don't usually bring my
16 computer, and get it going. You want to get -- do
17 you want to get him?

18 MADAM FOREPERSON: Are we having the
19 indictments today?

20 MS. MECKLENBURG: Yes, I have an
21 indictment today. I have an indictment with a
22 conspiracy count and then a one -- each person --
23 there's six defendants. Each person will have a
24 separate 110 misdemeanor count.

25 Okay. Let's see what I got. You

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1 know this makes me very concerned. This is what I
2 was worried about. Nothing is coming -- my
3 documents won't come up. I might have to do it
4 from the agent or -- I can't get anything.
5 Unbelievable. Let's see if this will work. I
6 have it on a disk, which doesn't play as well, but
7 we'll all have to get through it, and I will get
8 right to you, agent. Okay.

9 THE COURT REPORTER: I will just
10 activate your computer. Set it up real quick.
11 There is a USB behind the monitor.

12 MS. MECKLENBURG: I think this is
13 going to work. We'll find out. Okay.

14 MADAM FOREPERSON: Can you please
15 raise your right hand?

16 State and spell your name for the
17 record.

18 THE WITNESS: Evan Hylton, E-v-a-n
19 H-y-l-t-o-n.

20 MADAM FOREPERSON: Do you solemnly
21 swear or affirm that the testimony you're about to
22 give before this grand jury to tell the truth, the
23 whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help you
24 God?

25 THE WITNESS: I do.

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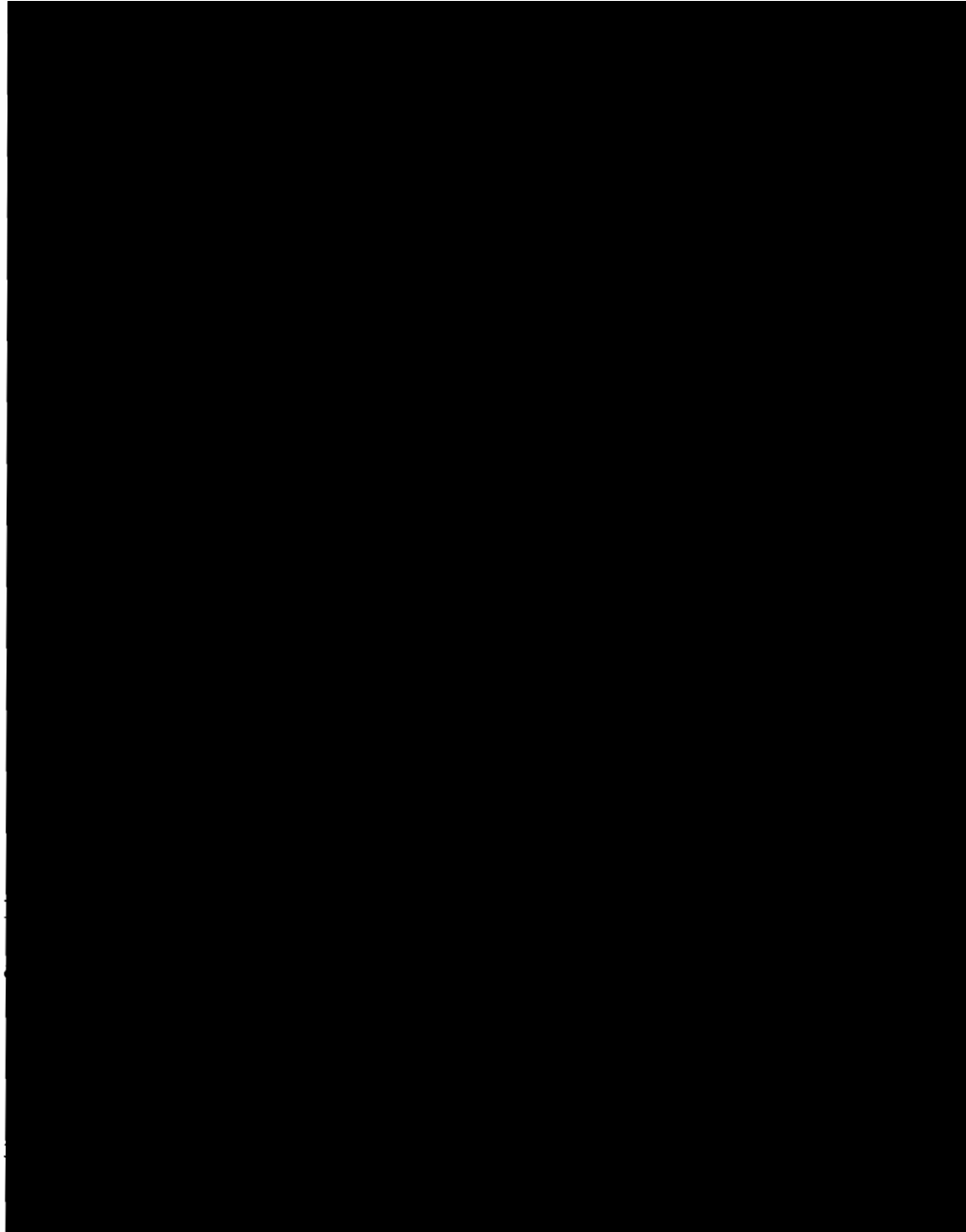
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MADAM FOREPERSON: Thanks.

(Whereupon, the witness
was sworn.)

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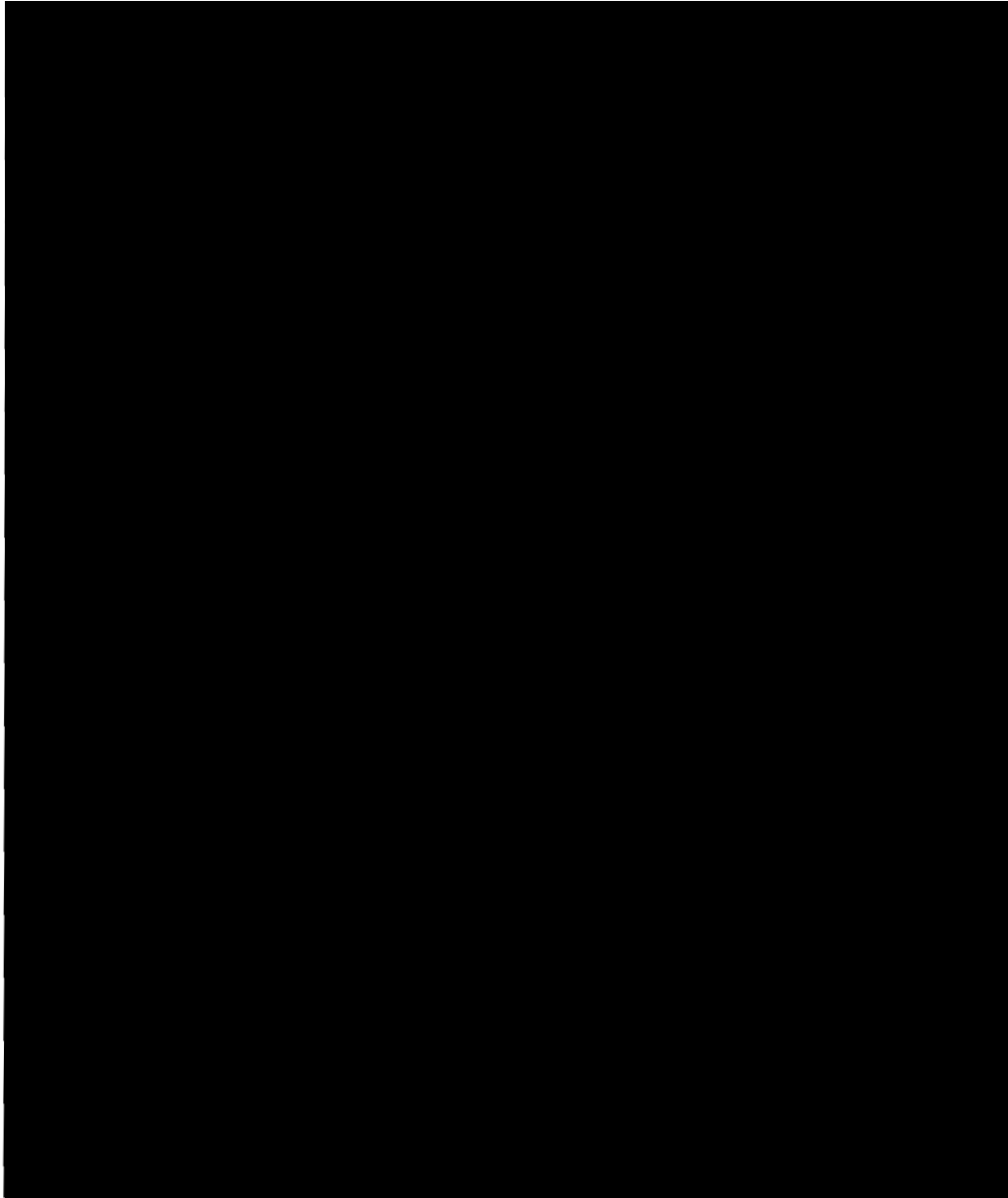
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At this time, I would like to

present the law to you. Does anybody have any questions for our agent before he -- before I allow -- ask him to step out while we talk about the law? Yes.

GRAND JURY: When that agent was in

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1 the vehicle by himself in the middle of the mob,
2 was he asked -- did he indicate why he didn't call
3 for backup or for any help?

4 THE WITNESS: Yes. In the
5 interview, he indicated that he was more concerned
6 that there were so many people in front of his
7 car, that he didn't really have the wherewithal or
8 the ability to call for help because he was afraid
9 that someone was going to get stuck under the car.
10 So he was more concerned with making sure he was
11 going slow and not running anybody over.

12 GRAND JURY: Thank you.

13 MS. MECKLENBURG: Yes?

14 MADAM FOREPERSON: Obviously there's
15 more than six people here at the scene.

16 Are those six people in this because
17 you're able to identify them and the others --

18 MS. MECKLENBURG: I will answer that
19 for you. I will tell you the investigation
20 continues.

21 MADAM FOREPERSON: Okay.

22 MS. MECKLENBURG: I might be back.

23 MADAM FOREPERSON: Okay.

24 MS. MECKLENBURG: I might not. But
25 for right now, these are six people who we are

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1 comfortable have been identified. Identifications
2 continue. I'm not bringing you anyone who we
3 think we might have identified, but not sure.

4 MADAM FOREPERSON: Okay.

5 GRAND JURY: How about the stop --

6 THE COURT REPORTER: I can't hear
7 this.

8 GRAND JURY: Following up on the
9 other question.

10 MS. MECKLENBURG: Following up on
11 the other question, he said.

12 GRAND JURY: Couldn't he have
13 stopped?

14 MS. MECKLENBURG: Couldn't he have
15 stopped?

16 GRAND JURY: If he is afraid of
17 running over people, isn't the right thing to do
18 to stop?

19 MS. MECKLENBURG: Well, didn't you
20 hear the testimony that he said he was afraid to
21 stop because he was afraid they were going to
22 break the windows and pull him out and he would be
23 injured?

24 So he said -- the testimony was that
25 he said he was concerned about stopping for his

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1 own safety and he was concerned about the safety
2 in the front. So he had to balance it. And this
3 is not testimony now, but I would argue he did a
4 pretty good job of balancing it because nobody got
5 hurt.

6 GRAND JURY: I know.

7 MS. MECKLENBURG: So you want to
8 talk about the right thing. What if he had
9 stopped?

10 GRAND JURY: But it's the flip of
11 the thing is can't you say he was trying to run
12 over the people?

13 MS. MECKLENBURG: Did you really
14 think when you saw that video --

15 GRAND JURY: No. It's a bad
16 question --

17 MS. MECKLENBURG: I understand
18 what --

19 THE COURT REPORTER: What? Wait.

20 MS. MECKLENBURG: Do you have
21 questions for the agent because I'll stay and go
22 through the law. I'm going to argue anything you
23 want.

24 GRAND JURY: Okay.

25 GRAND JURY: Could you -- one of the

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1 videos it looked like there was another vehicle
2 behind the agent's --

3 Could you show the video?

4 MS. MECKLENBURG: Another vehicle
5 behind what?

6 GRAND JURY: It looked like there
7 was another vehicle behind the truck.

8 THE WITNESS: I can answer that.

9 MS. MECKLENBURG: Okay.

10 THE WITNESS: That is a public
11 street and there's private businesses there to
12 include, I believe, a trucking company. I think
13 that was an 18-wheeler with a tractor and trailer
14 behind that vehicle.

15 GRAND JURY: Could you show one
16 second? I just want to see that for my own --

17 MS. MECKLENBURG: Is that at the end
18 of the passenger side?

19 GRAND JURY: That would be yes.

20 THE WITNESS: Yes, it's at the end.

21 MS. MECKLENBURG: There's going to
22 be another one.

23 GRAND JURY: Can we see it again?

24 MS. MECKLENBURG: Of course. Do you
25 want another one?

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1 GRAND JURY: Maybe it was the other
2 video.

3 THE WITNESS: It's this video. It's
4 just further along.

5 GRAND JURY: Okay. Did you -- did
6 anybody try to identify the truck and talk to the
7 truck driver of the vehicle who was behind him?

8 MS. MECKLENBURG: I will just tell
9 you this. That's not evidence that we're
10 presenting today.

11 GRAND JURY: Okay.

12 MS. MECKLENBURG: The evidence that
13 we're presenting today we believe establishes
14 probable cause. There may be -- as the
15 investigation continues, we may interview
16 additional witnesses, but once we have the video
17 and we have identified the people in the video,
18 that is -- that is what we believe is our probable
19 cause.

20 So we're not -- we're asking you to
21 indict on probable cause based on the evidence
22 that we have. It doesn't mean that we won't go
23 talk to people, but this is very fast happening
24 and this happened, like, less than two weeks ago.
25 I have one there.

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1 GRAND JURY: The scratches on the
2 vehicle, do you have anything showing the vehicle
3 prior to this incident to prove that those
4 scratches happened during this incident? And it
5 also sat there for five days after the incident.
6 So what -- I guess I'm asking what proof do you
7 have those scratches happened during that
8 incident?

9 THE WITNESS: So as far as the
10 facility, that's a secure, gated facility under
11 24/7 surveillance. So I can speak to it sitting
12 there until I took photos of it. The testimony of
13 the agent is what I'm going on based on he should
14 know the condition of the vehicle.

15 I'm not going to speak for him, but
16 I know for government vehicles you are supposed to
17 essentially let your automotive unit know if there
18 is any damage to your vehicle and that is
19 something that is very closely tracked. So right
20 now it's the testimony of the agent.

21 GRAND JURY: Were those records
22 checked, the condition of the auto before?

23 THE WITNESS: So she mentioned, it's
24 still ongoing. So these are all things that will,
25 again, be pulled.

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1 MS. MECKLENBURG: Let me just point
2 out to you. This is argument. This is not his
3 testimony. This is my argument.

4 I don't think in your common sense
5 and experience you would believe that the agent
6 was driving around with the word pig etched into
7 his car and his mirror broken and his rear
8 windshield broken before this incident.

9 That would be hard -- that would be
10 a stretch of your common sense to believe that and
11 you can use your common sense, which is why I came
12 to the Thursday grand jury. Go ahead.

13 MADAM FOREPERSON: Was the vehicle
14 fingerprinted?

15 THE WITNESS: Yes, it was.

16 MS. MECKLENBURG: And those
17 fingerprints are also pending. We will be able to
18 get those, but based on this, any other questions
19 for the agent before I let him go?

20 MADAM FOREPERSON: I'm sorry.

21 MS. MECKLENBURG: No.

22 MADAM FOREPERSON: I don't know if
23 this is a legal question or a question for the
24 agent. I'm pretty sure it's legal.

25 Is it against the law to touch --

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1 MS. MECKLENBURG: Stop right there.

2 MADAM FOREPERSON: Okay.

3 MS. MECKLENBURG: When you say "is
4 it against the law," that goes to me, not the
5 agent.

6 MADAM FOREPERSON: Sorry.

7 MS. MECKLENBURG: Okay. If you
8 don't have any more questions, I'm going to then
9 excuse the agent and then I'm going to go into the
10 law and the indictment.

11 Thank you, agent. If you can wait
12 outside just in case.

13 (Whereupon, the agent left the
14 room.)

15 MS. MECKLENBURG: I want to go to
16 the Elmo now. So this screen so we can do -- I'm
17 going back to the old-fashioned way.

18 So let me start with the first
19 statute that I'm asking you for charges under.
20 It's conspiracy to impede or injure an officer.

21 If two or more persons in any state,
22 territory, possession conspire to prevent by
23 force, intimidation or threat any person -- whoa,
24 what is going on with this? What do I have to hit
25 to make it not --

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1 MADAM FOREPERSON: Oh, yeah. It's
2 an auto focus thing. It goes in and out.

3 MS. MECKLENBURG: Yeah, I forgot
4 about that. Doesn't it drive you nuts?

5 Any person from accepting or holding
6 any office, trust or place of confidence under the
7 United States or from discharging any duties
8 thereof or in -- the next clause doesn't apply --
9 where his duties as an officer are required to be
10 performed or to injure him -- or to injure him in
11 his person or property on account of his lawful
12 discharge of his duties of his office or while
13 engaged in the lawful discharge thereof or to
14 injure his property so as to molest, interrupt,
15 hinder or impede him in the discharge of his
16 official duties, each such person shall be fined
17 under this title or imprisoned or both.

18 Now, you'll see in the indictment
19 the words "hinder" and "impede." Those are the
20 words that I used for the charges. And you heard
21 testimony that he was on his way. He was at the
22 facility to report for his official duties.
23 Question.

24 GRAND JURY: I understand the
25 hindering and impeding --

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1 MS. MECKLENBURG: Yes.

2 GRAND JURY: -- but the conspiring?

3 MS. MECKLENBURG: Conspiring -- you
4 can move from circumstances -- I should have
5 addressed this right out.

6 A conspiracy is just an agreement.
7 It doesn't have to be where we sit down and
8 discuss let's do this together. It's that these
9 people all did this together which shows they all
10 agreed to get in front and on the sides and hinder
11 and impede this officer.

12 Did you see the part in the video
13 where they all saw he was making some progress and
14 they all started yelling "Get up front. Get up
15 front," and then they all start running to the
16 front. That's in the video that I showed you.

17 So they all run to the front of the
18 car together to hinder and impede the car. That
19 is a conspiracy under the law, and I should tell
20 you under the law for a conspiracy, this is --
21 remember when your parents told you when you were
22 young "Be careful who you hang with"? A
23 conspiracy means that you are -- anyone in the
24 conspiracy is responsible for anything anyone else
25 does.

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1 So, for instance, if Matt and I go
2 into a bank to rob it and I think nobody is going
3 to get hurt and he shoots someone, I also am
4 accountable. We had an agreement to go do this.
5 Whatever happens is also my fault. Whatever
6 happened out there, you don't -- we don't have to
7 find the person who scratched "Pig" into the car.

8 We just have to show that they were
9 all doing this and they were all making this
10 happen and what we showed you for each of the
11 people named in the indictment every single one of
12 those people who we showed you had their hands on
13 the car, bracing against the car, doing -- pushing
14 their bodies against the car trying to impede or
15 hinder the car, trying to break the mirror, trying
16 to -- and banging on the car. We showed you that
17 they were all doing something in that group.

18 GRAND JURY: Does the term
19 "conspiracy" in any way imply that there is prior
20 thought to this action?

21 MS. MECKLENBURG: No, not
22 necessarily. You and I could decide together
23 right now to go -- do something right on the spot
24 and that's a conspiracy. It's not -- it's not an
25 element of conspiracy to prove prior planning,

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1 prior thought. And you can see it in the
2 conspiracy statute that that's not an element of
3 it.

4 Question down there.

5 GRAND JURY: Yes. Can your actions
6 be a conspiracy as well because you know what the
7 other person is doing?

8 MS. MECKLENBURG: Thank you. You
9 can agree by action. Yes?

10 GRAND JURY: Okay.

11 MS. MECKLENBURG: So you had a
12 question.

13 MADAM FOREPERSON: I'm just -- like
14 how far does this go? If I'm there and I find it
15 interesting and I take my cell phone out, and I'm
16 just recording it, am I part of it now?

17 MS. MECKLENBURG: That's a great
18 question, and I will tell you that for at least
19 now, we have identified people who were there and
20 walking alongside and recording or watching or
21 doing other things there and we did not charge
22 them. We only -- we identified them. We know who
23 they are.

24 But we only charged people who are
25 actually with their hands on the car attempting to

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1 hinder and impede the car. I could -- I don't
2 want to go back through the video again. You'd
3 kill me if I did. You'll see people walking along
4 and their -- some are filming it. Some are just
5 walking along with it. None of these people are
6 charged.

7 MADAM FOREPERSON: Is it against the
8 law to touch a law enforcement vehicle whether
9 it's --

10 MS. MECKLENBURG: If you're
11 walking -- okay. If you're walking in a parking
12 lot and there's a law enforcement vehicle and you
13 go (indicating), that's not against the law, but
14 if you're touching it in a way that is to hinder
15 and impede it, like standing in front of the car
16 and holding the car and bracing yourself and
17 pushing against the car and you are right in front
18 of it, that is hindering and impeding the car.

19 If you are banging on the car, if
20 you are grabbing the mirror so the driver can't
21 really go, if you're doing all that, that is not
22 just like touching the car. That's hindering and
23 impeding under the law.

24 GRAND JURY: Okay.

25 MS. MECKLENBURG: So for 372 -- any

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1 other questions before I get you to Section 111,
2 which is the misdemeanor? So this is that whoever
3 forcefully assaults, resists, opposes, impedes,
4 intimidates or interferes with any person
5 designated in Section 114 of this title -- and let
6 me tell you what 114 is. I added that.

7 It's an officer, employee of the
8 United States who is engaged in the performance of
9 the official duties. So that would be our Agent
10 A. And then I'm going to take you down from that,
11 from this, to show where the acts constitute only
12 simple assault and that's all I'm asking for here,
13 just simple misdemeanor.

14 It's not the felony. It goes on to
15 talk about a felony, but I don't ask for a felony
16 here. So this is just the assault -- whoever
17 assaults, resists, opposes, impedes, intimidates
18 or interferes with any officer while he is engaged
19 with his duties has violated Section 111. Yes?

20 GRAND JURY: He was on his way?

21 MS. MECKLENBURG: He was reporting
22 for his duties. He was about --

23 GRAND JURY: He didn't actually show
24 up, right?

25 MS. MECKLENBURG: He is two minutes

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1 from getting there, but they impeded him from
2 getting there.

3 GRAND JURY: He wasn't actually
4 there yet, correct?

5 MS. MECKLENBURG: I don't know why
6 that would matter. I'm asking you. You tell me.

7 GRAND JURY: Because the way I'm
8 reading this is you're interfering with him
9 getting to his duty, not actually doing his duty.
10 Not getting to his job.

11 MS. MECKLENBURG: He can't do his
12 duty if you are impeding him from getting there
13 and doing it. Did they, along the way, impede and
14 hinder him in getting there in doing his duty,
15 getting there to perform his duties?

16 MR. SKIBA: So he was on-site. He
17 was just about -- he had flashed his badge. He
18 was on the way to the facility that he manages,
19 and that's when he was stopped.

20 MS. MECKLENBURG: He's on the
21 grounds of the facility that he manages.

22 GRAND JURY: He is the manager?

23 MS. MECKLENBURG: He is one of the
24 people that manages the facility. He is the
25 [REDACTED]. So he is there to go and

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1 make sure they have staffing, bedding, to answer
2 public inquiries about things. He is one of the
3 manager people. He's not in uniform or anything
4 like that.

5 GRAND JURY: Okay.

6 MS. MECKLENBURG: He's not -- yeah,
7 he's not in uniform. He's not out there to arrest
8 people. He is there to just manage the facility
9 and that was the testimony that he was not in
10 uniform and that he was there just for the
11 facility.

12 GRAND JURY: Thank you for that
13 clarification.

14 MS. MECKLENBURG: Yeah, I'm sorry.
15 I didn't realize --

16 GRAND JURY: I have another question
17 about the video.

18 At the start of it, he said he had
19 to go through a checkpoint with local police?

20 MS. MECKLENBURG: Yes.

21 GRAND JURY: Okay. And at some
22 point, are we going to hear about their
23 perspective on this?

24 MS. MECKLENBURG: There are a lot of
25 different factors that come into this as to

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1 whether local police -- whether their
2 jurisdictions allow them to get involved in ICE
3 matters.

4 GRAND JURY: Okay.

5 MS. MECKLENBURG: And I do not want
6 to touch politics with a ten-foot pole.

7 GRAND JURY: I don't blame you.

8 MS. MECKLENBURG: I can tell you
9 that Matt and I are both making sure in
10 approaching this case that we're putting blinders
11 on to politics. So I'm not --

12 GRAND JURY: I just want to --

13 MS. MECKLENBURG: I'm not telling
14 you if we go to trial that there won't be
15 additional witnesses, but keep in mind you're not
16 here -- we're not here to put on the whole trial,
17 just the probable cause.

18 GRAND JURY: Oh, I know.

19 MS. MECKLENBURG: And at this point
20 we might see if those officers are able -- I'll
21 get to you in one second. Sorry. Able to
22 testify, but right now calling them, I don't
23 want -- we don't want to start with their
24 jurisdiction and have them say "We are not coming
25 there to help you."

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1 GRAND JURY: Yes. Two parts. Is
2 the simple assault part of the resisting,
3 opposing, impeding?

4 MS. MECKLENBURG: Yes. If you do
5 that, then it's simple assault. You have to have
6 additional factors for it to be a felony and Matt
7 and I decided that we are not going to ask you to
8 find those additional factors for a felony.

9 GRAND JURY: But the conspiracy is a
10 felony?

11 MS. MECKLENBURG: The conspiracy is
12 a felony.

13 GRAND JURY: This person wasn't
14 harmed, but by extension impeding and assaulting
15 his vehicle, that constitutes simple assault?

16 MS. MECKLENBURG: Yes. You don't
17 have to touch the person for it. The law does not
18 require that you actually touch him.

19 And, in fact, let's just say that
20 you're going to pick up your children at school
21 and I come along and I stand in front of your
22 vehicle and I am not moving, I'm not going to let
23 you go through. Maybe I put my hand on your car
24 and I push back. I'm hindering you and impeding
25 you from going to pick up your children. There's

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1 no question.

2 So that's the kind of analogy that I
3 would use to show that. You don't have to be
4 personally touched. I don't have to go in the car
5 and get you. I'm not letting you proceed to where
6 you're going.

7 GRAND JURY: That's considered
8 simple assault?

9 MS. MECKLENBURG: Yes, that would be
10 simple, which is why we're asking for simple, not
11 felony.

12 GRAND JURY: That's why I go back to
13 my question and use your analogy.

14 MS. MECKLENBURG: Okay.

15 GRAND JURY: So if the person comes
16 and stands in front of my car, do I have the right
17 to drive against him?

18 MS. MECKLENBURG: We are not
19 going -- we don't need to address that today
20 because it didn't happen.

21 GRAND JURY: It happened. He moved.

22 MS. MECKLENBURG: It did not happen
23 that he drove into any of them such that any of
24 them were actually knocked over, hit.

25 GRAND JURY: It's just luck.

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1 MS. MECKLENBURG: No, it wasn't
2 luck. Oh, no, it wasn't -- sir, it was not luck.
3 It was his calmness and his judgment to drive as
4 slowly as possible as he could and not hit
5 anybody. It wasn't just luck.

6 GRAND JURY: Let me go back to my
7 question.

8 MS. MECKLENBURG: Yes.

9 GRAND JURY: So can I drive slowly
10 without intent of harm to that person who is
11 standing in front of the vehicle?

12 MS. MECKLENBURG: It would depend on
13 the circumstances. I don't want to give you
14 people advice if you go do it and say, oh, no,
15 Sheri said. I don't want to be the one to tell
16 you. It would depend on the circumstance.

17 GRAND JURY: The argument is they
18 are pushing back so they won't get hurt. He was
19 driving toward them.

20 MS. MECKLENBURG: And my argument to
21 that would be you saw in the video space all
22 around where they could have walked away. They
23 didn't actually have to stay there.

24 Am I losing people?

25 THE COURT REPORTER: We're way over.

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1 MS. MECKLENBURG: I don't want to
2 lose you. So we could debate all of these
3 hypotheticals all afternoon, but my next person is
4 probably screaming about me. So I don't want --
5 you know, we could debate it.

6 We believe that we have shown you
7 probable cause for what we are asking for today.
8 I'm going to tell you that the indictment has
9 Count 1 under 372, conspiracy for all of these
10 people, and it says what they were each doing and
11 then Counts 2 through 7 -- through 6 -- I'm
12 sorry -- through 7 is a count for each of these
13 people for the misdemeanor 110 -- 111, and I see
14 that this printed a little bit off, but if you
15 sign it, I will get the right one to the court.

16 GRAND JURY: I'm sorry. I have one
17 last question.

18 MS. MECKLENBURG: Yeah.

19 GRAND JURY: The felony for the
20 conspiracy --

21 MS. MECKLENBURG: Yes.

22 GRAND JURY: -- I understand we have
23 to indict, but I didn't think the misdemeanors
24 were indicted -- because we had something similar
25 and he charged felony --

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1 MS. MECKLENBURG: Yes, I put it all
2 in one indictment.

3 Can I bring the misdemeanors without
4 you? I believe I could.

5 GRAND JURY: I thought you didn't
6 even need to bring a misdemeanor.

7 MS. MECKLENBURG: I think that's
8 right. I don't need to.

9 GRAND JURY: Okay. Then I guess
10 I'm -- why are we --

11 MS. MECKLENBURG: It's all in one
12 indictment. That's why. Do you want me to go
13 back and just bring you the conspiracy in an
14 indictment?

15 Is that what you guys want?

16 MADAM FOREPERSON: No.

17 GRAND JURY: I personally feel the
18 complete opposite way.

19 MS. MECKLENBURG: Pardon?

20 GRAND JURY: I said I personally
21 feel the complete opposite way.

22 MS. MECKLENBURG: Okay. You have a
23 right to feel that way. I told you what I've told
24 you and it's up to you to decide what you want to
25 do as a group. You have to deliberate and decide.

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1 If you're going to -- if you have questions, I
2 will be out there. Okay. Thank you.

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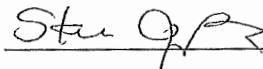
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I, STEVEN J. BRICKEY, CSR, RMR, CRR do hereby certify that I reported the proceedings had in the above matter before the Federal Grand Jury in the Grand Jury Room in the United States Court House at Chicago, Illinois, on the 9th day of October, 2025, and that the foregoing is a true and accurate transcript of said proceedings.



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