IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI
AT KANSAS CITY

POLICE NO. :	
PROSECUTOR NO. :	095477044
OCN :	

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STATE OF MISSOURI,)
PLAINTIFF,)
vs.) 23K-CR05272
)
JAMES HOPPE)
3523 N Cobber Road) **CASE NO.**
Independence, MO - 64058) **DIVISION**
DOB: [redacted])
Race/Sex: W/M)
S.S.N.: [redacted])
DEFENDANT.)

INDICTMENT

In the Circuit Court of Jackson County, Missouri, at Kansas City, March Term, 2023. In Division Number 3 thereof, designated by the rules of said Court as Criminal Division A.

Count I. Class I Election Offense - Willfully Provide False Documentation Required For Voter Registration Under Ch 115 (115.631-001Y20205999.0)

The Grand Jurors of the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, charge that the defendant, in violation of Section 115.631(1), RSMo, committed the **Unclassified Felony of Class One Election Offense**, punishable upon conviction under Section 115.631, RSMo, in that on or about November 7, 2023, in the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, the defendant willfully signed a false declaration of candidacy by stating in a declaration of candidacy for the office of Trustee, Village Board of Trustees for the [redacted] that he met the statutory qualifications of a candidate for that office, which statement was false and known by Defendant to be false in that he did not meet the residency requirement for that position as he had not resided in the [redacted] until after November 7, 2022, and such information hindered or misled election officials of the [redacted] and the [redacted] in that such officials relied on the accuracy of that information in determining which candidates had properly filed. The range of punishment for a class one election offense is imprisonment for a term of years not more than five (5) years or by a fine not less than two thousand five hundred dollars ($2,500) but not more than ten thousand dollars ($10,000) or by both imprisonment and fine.

Count II. Filing False Documents - First Offense (570.095-002Y20202699.0)

The Grand Jurors of the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, charge that the defendant, in violation of Section 570.095, RSMo, committed the **Class D Felony of Filing False Documents**,

punishable upon conviction under Sections 558.002 and 558.011, RSMo, in that on or about November 7, 2023, in the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, the Defendant, in such a manner reasonably calculated to deceive, knowingly caused to be filed, to [redacted], a Declaration of Candidacy for the office of Trustee, Village Board of Trustees for the [redacted], Missouri, a county or municipal document, and such document contained material information by stating that Defendant met the statutory qualifications for a candidate for that office, and such information was known by defendant to be false as he did not meet the residency requirement for that office in that he had not resided in the [redacted] until after November 7, 2022.

The range punishment for a class D felony is imprisonment in the custody of the Missouri Department of Corrections for a term of years not less than one (1) year and not to exceed seven (7) years; or by imprisonment for a special term not to exceed one (1) year in the county jail or other authorized penal institution; or by a fine not to exceed ten thousand dollars ($10,000); or by both imprisonment and a fine. If money or property has been gained through the commission of the crime, any fine imposed may be not more than double the amount of the offender's gain from the commission of the crime.

Wherefore this Indictment supersedes any Complaint, Information, or Indictment previously filed in the Associate Circuit Court.

A TRUE BILL

Robin D Pennick

FOREPERSON

JEAN PETERS BAKER
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY
FOR THE COUNTY OF JACKSON,
STATE OF MISSOURI, by

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☐ **SUMMONS TO ISSUE.** BOND TO REMAIN AS PREVIOUSLY SET. SPECIAL CONDITIONS SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT.

☐ **WARRANT ISSUED IN BASE CASE TO REMAIN ACTIVE.** BOND AND SPECIAL CONDITIONS TO REMAIN AS PREVIOUSLY SET.

☒ **WARRANT TO ISSUE.** BOND SET AS FOLLOWS: $ 15,000/10%.

CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

WITNESSES:

The State's witnesses are included on the "State's Witness List" filed contemporaneously with this Indictment.

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