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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
7 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

8 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

9 Plaintiff,

10 v.

11 CLAY V. HILTON,

12 Defendant.

INDICTMENT 2:25-cr-00167-RLP

Vios: 18 U.S.C. § 242

Deprivation of Rights Under
Color of Law
(Count 1)

18 U.S.C. § 1519
Falsification of Records in a
Federal Investigation
(Count 2)

15 The Grand Jury charges:

16 COUNT 1

17 On or about August 14, 2023, in the Eastern District of Washington, the
Defendant, CLAY V. HILTON, then a sergeant with the Spokane County Sheriff's
18 Office, while acting under color of law, punched and kneed K.H. in the head and
19 torso, thereby willfully depriving K.H. of a right secured and protected by the
Constitution and laws of the United States, namely, the right to be free from an
20 unreasonable seizure, which includes the right to be free from the use of
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1 unreasonable force by a law enforcement officer, and the offense resulted in bodily
2 injury to K.H., all in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 242.

COUNT 2


3 On or about August 15, 2023, in the Eastern District of Washington, the
4 Defendant, CLAY V. HILTON, in relation to and in contemplation of a matter
5 within the jurisdiction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, an agency of the
6 United States, knowingly made a false entry in a record and document with the
7 intent to impede, obstruct, and influence the investigation and proper
8 administration of the matter within federal jurisdiction. That is, defendant
9 HILTON falsified a Spokane County Sheriff's Office Field Case Report relating to
10 the use of force against K.H. by falsely stating, "I could see a folding knife in his
11 driver's door pocket and fixed blade knife between his seat and the driver's side."
12 All in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1519.

DATED this 22nd day of October 2025.

A TRUE BILL

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