

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
MADISON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

vs.

CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT #44
THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
MADISON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
No. 2026 CF 1445

MAURLEENA M. HUGHES

Defendant

INFORMATION

Now come the People of the State of Illinois by Kwame Raoul, Attorney General of the State of Illinois, and inform the court and charge:

MAURLEENA M. HUGHES

on or about the 2nd of May, 2024, to the 28th of July, 2025, at and in the County of Madison in the State of Illinois, committed the offense(s) of:

COUNT I: MANAGED HEALTH CARE FRAUD (CLASS 1 FELONY): in that said defendant, Maurleena M. Hughes, committed the offense of MANAGED HEALTH CARE FRAUD, in that she, through a series of acts performed in furtherance of a single intention and design to obtain property of a single owner, knowingly executed or conspired to execute a scheme or artifice to defraud Meridian Health Plan of Illinois, a state or federally funded or mandated health plan, in connection with the delivery of or payment for health care services, causing said health plan to authorize payments under the Illinois Public Aid Code to defendant to which defendant was not entitled or in a greater amount than that to which defendant was entitled, said amount being or having a value of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) or more, but less than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00), in violation of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, Chapter 305, Section 5/8A-13(b)(1), and contrary to the statute and against the peace and dignity of the same people of the State of Illinois.

COUNT II: THEFT (CLASS 1 FELONY): in that said defendant, Maurleena M. Hughes, committed the offense of THEFT, in that she, through a series of acts performed in furtherance of a single intention and design to obtain property of a single owner, knowingly exerted unauthorized control over governmental property of the State of Illinois, said property being United States currency having a total value exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) and not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00), with the intent to permanently deprive the State of Illinois of the use or benefit of said property, in violation of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, Chapter 720, Section 5/16-1(a)(1)(A), and contrary to the statute and against the peace and dignity of the same people of the State of Illinois.

COUNT III: THEFT (CLASS 1 FELONY): in that said defendant, Maurleena M. Hughes, committed the offense of THEFT, in that she, through a series of acts performed in furtherance of a single intention and design to obtain property of a single owner, knowingly obtained by deception, control over governmental property of the State of Illinois, said property being United States currency having a total value exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) and not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00), in that the defendant caused to be submitted false claims to an Illinois Medicaid Managed Care Program, causing the Illinois Medicaid Managed Care Program to authorize payments to the defendant, with the intent to permanently deprive the State of Illinois of the use or benefit of said property, in violation of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, Chapter 720, Section 5/16-1(a)(2)(A), and contrary to the statute and against the peace and dignity of the same people of the State of Illinois.

COUNT IV: CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT THEFT (CLASS 2 FELONY): in that said defendant, Maurleena M. Hughes, with the intent to commit the offense of theft, agreed with Sean T. Hodges to the commission of that offense, and the defendant or her co-conspirator, Sean T. Hodges, knowingly committed an act in furtherance of that agreement, through a series of acts performed in furtherance of a single intention and design to obtain property of a single owner, such as agreeing to become Sean T. Hodges' personal assistant, consenting to Sean T. Hodges' false submission of her personal assistant time records, and then paying Sean T. Hodges from her earnings based on the false time record submissions, and

thus knowingly obtained by deception, control over governmental property of the State of Illinois, said property being United States currency having a total value exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) and not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00), in that the defendant caused to be submitted false claims to an Illinois Medicaid Managed Care Program, Meridian Health Plan of Illinois, causing the Illinois Medicaid Managed Care Program to authorize payments to the defendant, with the intent to permanently deprive the State of Illinois of the use or benefit of said property, in violation of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, Chapter 720, Section 5/16-1(a)(2)(A) and Chapter 720, Section 5/8-2(a), and contrary to the statute and against the peace and dignity of the same people of the State of Illinois.

COUNT V: FORGERY (CLASS 3 FELONY): in that said defendant, Maurleena M. Hughes, committed the offense of FORGERY, in that she, through a series of acts performed in furtherance of a single intention and design, with the intent to defraud, knowingly delivered false documents apparently capable of defrauding another, Illinois Medicaid Managed Care Program, Meridian Health Plan of Illinois, by way of defendant's employer: Illinois Department of Human Services, to wit: false entries in the Electronic Visit Verification record made by defendant's electronic signature for times and dates of services that were not rendered knowing the record had been thus made in violation of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, Chapter 720, Section 5/17-3(a)(2), and contrary to the statute and against the peace and dignity of the same people of the State of Illinois.

By 

Assistant Attorney General

State Requests warrant to issue, upon execution:

The undersigned on oath, says that the facts set forth in the foregoing Information are true in substance and matter of fact.

☒ Release upon signature of Conditions of Release

☐ Remand to Jail for Initial Appearance


JUDGE

Case Agent 

TM/AG MA

SWORN to before me this 16 th day of June, 2026


Notary Public 