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FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

| UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff, |) | CRIMINAL NO: 16-2074 SCY |
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| v. |))) | VIOLATION: 18 U.S.C. § 247(a)(2) |
| GILL PARKER PAYNE, |) | (obstructing exercise of religious beliefs) |
| Defendant. |) | |

INFORMATION

The United States charges:

On or about December 11, 2015, in the District of New Mexico, the defendant, GILL PARKER PAYNE, did intentionally obstruct and attempt to obstruct, by force or threat of force, K.A., a Muslim woman, in the enjoyment of K.A's free exercise of religious beliefs, when defendant GILL PARKER PAYNE forcibly removed K.A.'s hijab. This offense was in and affected interstate commerce because it occurred while in-flight on an airplane.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 247(a)(2).

Dated this 13 day of May, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

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