

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA** : **CRIMINAL NO. 14-48**

**v.** : **DATE FILED: January 30, 2014**

**RYAN JOSEPH HRIBICK** : **VIOLATIONS:**

: **26 U.S.C. §§ 5845(a)(8), 5861(d),**

: **5871 (possession of unregistered**

: **firearms - 1 count)**

: **18 U.S.C. § 842(a)(1)**

: **(manufacturing and dealing**

: **explosive materials - 1 count)**

: **18 U.S.C. § 1512(k) (conspiracy to**

: **obstruct justice - 1 count)**

: **18 U.S.C. § 1512(b)(1)**

: **(witness tampering – 1 count)**

**INDICTMENT**

**COUNT ONE**

**THE GRAND JURY CHARGES THAT:**

From in or about March 2009 to in or about February 2013, in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, defendant

**RYAN JOSEPH HRIBICK**

knowingly possessed firearms, that is, improvised explosive devices consisting of cardboard tubes center primed with flash powder, not registered to the defendant in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record, as required by Title 26, United States Code, Section 5841.

In violation of Title 26, United States Code, Sections 5845(a)(8), 5861(d), and 5871.

**COUNT TWO**

**THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES THAT:**

From in or about March 2009 to in or about February 2013, in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, defendant

**RYAN JOSEPH HRIBICK**

knowingly engaged in the business of manufacturing and dealing in explosive materials, that is, improvised explosive devices consisting of cardboard tubes center primed with flash powder, without a license to do so pursuant to Chapter 40 of Title 18, United States Code.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 842(a)(1).

### **COUNT THREE**

#### **THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES THAT:**

1. Since on or about March 7, 2013, agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (“FBI”) have investigated whether anyone, including defendant RYAN JOSEPH HRIBICK, committed any federal crimes in connection with the presence of hundreds of improvised explosive devices (“IEDs”) in a storage facility located in Frazer, Pennsylvania.

2. On or about March 13, 2013, FBI agents obtained consent to search the home of defendant RYAN JOSEPH HRIBICK for the presence of any IEDs. After conducting their search of defendant HRIBICK’s home with negative results, FBI agents interviewed defendant HRIBICK.

3. During his March 13, 2013 interview with FBI agents, defendant RYAN JOSEPH HRIBICK made oral statements denying that he had ever seen, made, or sold IEDs. These statements were false, as defendant HRIBICK then knew. In fact, from in or about July 2011 to in or about February 2013, defendant HRIBICK possessed, made, and sold IEDs, as stated in Counts One and Two of this Indictment. Moreover, at the time of his interview with FBI agents, defendant HRIBICK was storing cardboard tubes and flash powder – which he had been using to manufacture IEDs – at the home of Person #1, known to the grand jury.

4. From on or about March 14, 2013 to on or about April 28, 2013, in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, defendant

#### **RYAN JOSEPH HRIBICK,**

conspired and agreed, together and with Person #1 and Person #2, both known to the grand jury, to commit an offense against the United States, that is, to corruptly destroy and conceal objects, that is, cardboard tubes and flash powder, with the intent to impair their integrity and availability

for use in official proceedings, that is, a criminal investigation by the FBI and a federal grand jury investigation, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1512(c)(1).

### **MANNER AND MEANS**

It was part of the conspiracy that:

5. After FBI agents searched his home for IEDs with negative results, defendant RYAN JOSEPH HRIBICK instructed Person #2 to direct Person #1 to destroy and conceal cardboard tubes and flash powder that defendant HRIBICK was storing at Person #1's property. HRIBICK provided these instructions so as to keep these objects from the FBI and the federal grand jury.

6. Pursuant to defendant RYAN JOSEPH HRIBICK's instructions, Person #2 directed Person #1 to destroy and conceal cardboard tubes and flash powder that defendant HRIBICK was storing at Person #1's property.

7. Both Person #1 and Person #2 destroyed and concealed cardboard tubes and flash powder pursuant to instructions from defendant RYAN JOSEPH HRIBICK so as to keep these objects from the FBI and the federal grand jury.

### **OVERT ACTS**

In furtherance of the conspiracy, defendant RYAN JOSEPH HRIBICK, together and with Person #1 and Person #2, both known to the grand jury, committed the following overt acts in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania:

1. On or about March 14, 2013, defendant RYAN JOSEPH HRIBICK instructed Person #2 to direct Person #1 to destroy and conceal cardboard tubes and flash powder that defendant HRIBICK was storing at Person #1's property.

2. On or about March 14, 2013, Person #2 drove to Person #1's home and relayed the instructions from defendant RYAN JOSEPH HRIBICK to destroy and conceal cardboard tubes and flash powder that defendant HRIBICK was storing at Person #1's property.

3. On or about March 14, 2013, Person #1 and Person #2 destroyed and concealed cardboard tubes and flash powder pursuant to the instructions from defendant RYAN JOSEPH HRIBICK.

4. On or about March 14, 2013, Person #2 confirmed to defendant RYAN JOSEPH HRIBICK that the cardboard tubes and flash powder that defendant HRIBICK was storing at Person #1's property had been disposed of according to HRIBICK's instructions.

5. On or about April 26, 2013, Person #1 falsely stated to FBI agents that, several months ago, defendant RYAN JOSEPH HRIBICK removed all of the items that defendant HRIBICK was storing at Person #1's property, when in fact Person #1 knew that Person #1 and Person #2 recently destroyed and concealed these items pursuant to instructions from defendant HRIBICK. In addition, Person #1 falsely denied having any knowledge that defendant HRIBICK had stored explosive materials at Person #1's property.

6. On or about April 26, 2013, after providing false statements to FBI agents and being served with a federal grand jury subpoena, Person #1 destroyed and concealed the plastic containers that held the cardboard tubes and flash powder that defendant RYAN JOSEPH HRIBICK was storing at Person #1's property so as to keep these objects from the FBI and the federal grand jury.

7. On or about April 28, 2013, defendant RYAN JOSEPH HRIBICK, Person #1, and Person #2 met at the home of Person #1 to discuss Person #1's false statements to FBI agents and the investigations by the FBI and the federal grand jury.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1512(k).

**COUNT FOUR**

**THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES THAT:**

1. On or about May 30, 2013, in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania,  
defendant

**RYAN JOSEPH HRIBICK,**

did knowingly attempt to corruptly persuade and did engage in misleading conduct toward Person #1, known to the grand jury, with the intent to influence the testimony of Person #1 in an official proceeding, that is, the federal grand jury, by advising Person #1 to lie and conceal from the federal grand jury the fact that Person #1 had destroyed and concealed evidence according to the instructions of defendant HRIBICK.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1512(b)(1).

A TRUE BILL:

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FOREPERSON

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United States Attorney