

ORIGINAL

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
DALLAS DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

MICHAEL RAYMOND ROELL, a.k.a.
JOHNATHAN MICHAEL (1)

WENDY BAILEY (2)

NO.

3-26CR-618-XKAA
FILED-USDC-NDTX-DA
'26 SEP 16 PM3:49**INDICTMENT**

The Grand Jury charges:

At times relevant to this Indictment:

General Allegations

1. The Forney Independent School District ("Forney ISD") was a public school district incorporated under Texas state law and located in the city of Forney, Kaufman County, Texas. Crosby Elementary School ("Crosby ES") was an elementary school campus within Forney ISD.

2. **Michael Raymond Roell ("Roell")** was a certified teacher who had previously held teaching positions at Garland Independent School District ("Garland ISD") and Dallas Independent School District ("Dallas ISD").

3. From in or about August 2012, **Roell** was a teacher at Garland ISD. At Garland ISD, **Roell** worked with students with severe learning disabilities.

4. In or about December 2015, a complaint was lodged against **Roell** for breaking a student's arm. On or about June 6, 2016, **Roell** was arrested and charged in

Dallas County, Texas, on one count of Indecency with a Child – Sexual Conduct, a Texas state law felony. **Roell** was accused of touching at least one student in the groin area and observing the student as they used the restroom. **Roell** was then terminated from his position with Garland ISD.

5. **Wendy Bailey (“Bailey”)** was the principal of “Crosby ES” in the Forney ISD. **Bailey** had previously been an employee of Garland ISD contemporaneously with **Roell**.

6. Beginning in or about August of 2025, **Roell** began applying to be hired as a special education teacher at Forney ISD. Initially, **Roell** applied to Forney ISD on or about August 7, 2025. On or about August 11, 2025, Forney HR sent an email to Forney ISD principals, including **Bailey**, with **Roell’s** resume. **Bailey** responded utilizing her Forney ISD email address with a photograph of **Roell** and stated, “No thank you. LOLLOLOL! Lelt’s [sic] try again. :)”. The photograph of **Roell** that **Bailey** included came from an online news article detailing **Roell’s** prior criminal charges related to Garland ISD.

7. Beginning in or about August of 2025, **Roell** and **Bailey** corresponded via email, text message, and phone call, about **Roell’s** job applications, hiring process, and onboarding with Forney ISD for a position at Crosby ES. For example, on or about August 18, 2025, **Bailey** sent an email to **ROELL’s** HOTMAIL ACCOUNT with the subject, “Invitation: SLC Interview @Crosby Elem. @ Wed Aug 20, 2025 1:30pm – 2:30pm.” The body of the email stated “Looking forward to meeting you! Here is my cell if you need to contact me sooner. Wendy Bailey [phone number redacted] [hereinafter

BAILEY's PHONE]." The invitation included, "Location: Crosby Elementary School, 495 Diamond Creed Dr, Forney TX."

8. On or about August 19, 2025, **Roell** and **Bailey** had the following text message conversation: from Roell to Bailey:

- a. **Roell to Bailey:** "I got the paperwork for the name change ready. I was going to file it as soon as you were willing to hire me."
- b. **Bailey to Roell:** "It's only my opinion, but if you want to work in education, its [sic] going to have to be done before you apply anywhere else."

9. In or about September of 2025, **Roell** changed his legal name to "Johnathan Michael". On or about September 26, 2025, **Roell**, under his alias "Johnathan Michael", filed a second application for employment with Forney ISD using his new legal name. **Roell** submitted the second application via an internet-based electronic application, Frontline Education, using [redacted]@gmail.com.

10. The second application contained the following questions, accompanied by **Roell's** answers:

- a. "Have you ever failed to be rehired, been asked to resign from a position, resigned to avoid termination or investigation, or been terminated from employment?" and the question "Have you ever been placed on disciplinary probation, been suspended from any position, or been placed on administrative leave?"

Roell selected "Yes" and stated, "At Hudson I was asked to falsify documentation at the end of the year. I refused and the principal put me on admin leave. I was investigated and found to be doing the right thing, but not until after I was non renewed."

- b. "Have you ever been the subject of a sexual harassment complaint?"

Roell answered "No."

- c. "Other names you have worked under or been known by"
- d.

Roell stated, "n/a."

- e. Regarding criminal activity, **Roell** selected, "I have never been charged for, adjudicated for, or convicted of having an inappropriate relationship with a minor."

11. Thereafter, **Roell** and **Bailey** continued to correspond, including exchanging the following text messages on or about October 6, 2025:

- a. **Bailey to Roell**: "Jonathan...this is so unconventional, I usually don't offer a teaching position via text. But I didn't want the day to get away from me and leave you hanging. Keep in mind that I do not hire, I only recommend, but if your [sic] willing, I'd love to recommend you for the SLC position. So what do ya say?? Wanna be a Crosby Cougar?"
- b. **Roell to Bailey**: "I would love to sorry for the late response. My phone goes on do not disturb when driving. Yes I would love to be part of the Crosby Family."
- c. **Bailey to Roell**: "That's terrific! I will put the paperwork in tomorrow and you should get a 'Congratulations you have been recommended for a position with ForneyISD' email. The email will ask you to send them various hiring documents, and then send a follow up email with an offer for the position. Keep an eye out on your email that is on file, make sure its correct... I got a return to sender message when I sent you the calendar invite for your interview."

12. On or about October 8, 2025, **Roell**, under his alias "Johnathan Michael", was offered a position as a special education teacher by Forney ISD at Crosby ES. On or about October 17, 2025, **Roell**, under his alias "Johnathan Michael", was hired as a special education teacher by Forney ISD at Crosby ES with a salary of approximately \$67,700.

13. **Roell**, under his alias “Johnathan Michael”, remained employed with Forney ISD until approximately May of 2026, when he was arrested by the Texas Rangers for Texas state felony child abuse and child grooming violations.

The Scheme to Defraud

14. **Roell** applied for and obtained a special education position at Forney ISD using materially false and fraudulent information. First, at the urging of **Bailey**, **Roell** changed his legal name from “Michael Raymond Roell” to “Johnathan Michael”. Second, **Roell**, in his second job application to Forney ISD, indicated that he had no prior criminal charges, when in fact he had been charged with criminal offenses previously. Third, **Roell** indicated that he had never been the subject of a sexual harassment complaint, when in fact he had been. Fourth, **Roell** falsely indicated that he had been non-renewed at a prior school for “doing the right thing”, when in fact he had been non-renewed due to misconduct complaints filed against him. In furtherance of this scheme, **Roell**, with **Bailey’s** knowledge and in conjunction with her, submitted this false information to Forney ISD to disguise his identity and obfuscate allegation of his prior misconduct. **Roell**, with **Bailey’s** knowledge and in conjunction with her, engaged in this scheme to obtain a position with Forney ISD that he would not have otherwise received, thereby unlawfully enriching himself.

Count One
Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud
[Violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1349]

15. Paragraphs 1 through 14 of this Indictment are re-alleged and incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.

16. From in or around August 2025, and continuing through in or around May 2026, in the Dallas Division of the Northern District of Texas and elsewhere within the jurisdiction of the court, defendants **Michael Raymond Roell, a.k.a Johnathan Michael** and **Wendy Bailey**, did knowingly and intentionally combine, conspire, confederate, and agree to devise and intend to devise a scheme and artifice to defraud described above, and to obtain money and property by means of material false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises, and for the purpose of executing such scheme, transmitted and caused to be transmitted by means of wire communications in interstate commerce, any writing, sign, signal, picture, and sound, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1343.

All in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1349.

Counts Two through Seven
Wire Fraud
[Violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1343]

17. Paragraphs 1 through 14 of this Indictment are re-alleged and incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.

18. On or about the dates set forth below, in the Dallas Division of the Northern District of Texas and elsewhere within the jurisdiction of the court, defendants **Michael Raymond Roell, a.k.a Johnathan Michael** and **Wendy Bailey**, did knowingly and with intent to defraud devise and intend to devise a scheme and artifice to defraud, and to obtain money and property by means of material false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises, and for the purpose of executing such scheme, did knowingly and with intent to defraud, transmitted and caused to be transmitted by means of wire communications in interstate commerce, any writing, sign, signal, picture, and sound as set forth below, each comprising its own separate count:

Count	Date (on or about)	Description of Wire
2	August 19, 2025	Text Message from Roell to Bailey : "I got the paperwork for the name change ready. I was going to file it as soon as you were willing to hire me."
3	August 19, 2025	Text Message from Bailey to Roell : "It's only my opinion, but if you want to work in education, its [sic] going to have to be done before you apply anywhere else."
4	September 26, 2025	Electronic Job Application submitted by Roell and reviewed by Bailey , which was sent or caused to be sent by Roell under his alias "Johnathan Michael" for employment with Forney ISD via an internet-based electronic application Frontline Education using [redacted]@gmail.com
5	October 6, 2025	Text Message from Bailey to Roell : "Jonathan...this is so unconventional, I usually don't offer a teaching position via text. But I didn't want the day to get away

		from me and leave you hanging. Keep in mind that I do not hire, I only recommend, but if your [sic] willing, I'd love to recommend you for the SLC position. So what do ya say?? Wanna be a Crosby Cougar?"
6	October 6, 2025	Text Message from Roell to Bailey : "I would love to sorry for the late response. My phone goes on do not disturb when driving. Yes I would love to be part of the Crosby Family."
7	October 6, 2025	Text Message from Bailey to Roell : "That's terrific! I will put the paperwork in tomorrow and you should get a 'Congratulations you have been recommended for a position with ForneyISD' email. The email will ask you to send them various hiring documents, and then send a follow up email with an offer for the position. Keep an eye out on your email that is on file, make sure its correct... I got a return to sender message when I sent you the calendar invite for your interview."

Each in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1343.

Forfeiture Notice
[18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(C) & 28 U.S.C. 2461(c)]

19. Paragraphs 1 through 15 of this Indictment are re-alleged and incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.

20. Upon conviction for the offenses alleged in Counts One through Six of this Indictment, and pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(C) and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c) the defendants shall forfeit to the United States any property constituting, or derived from, proceeds obtained directly or indirectly as a result of the offense.

A TRUE BILL:


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(Count 1)

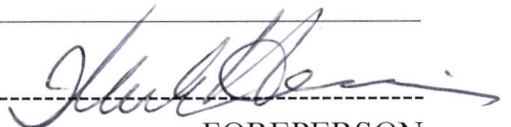
18 U.S.C. § 1343
Wire Fraud
(Count 2-7)

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7 Counts

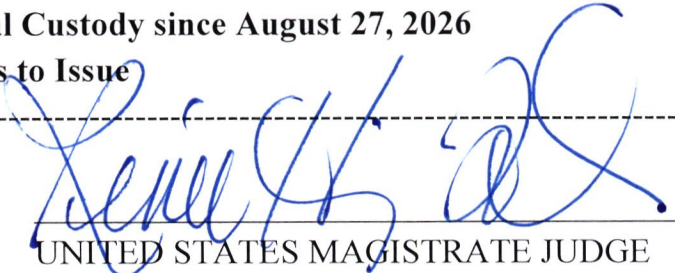
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DALLAS


FOREPERSON

Filed in open court this 16th day of September, 2026.

Defendant (1) in Federal Custody since August 27, 2026
Defendant (2) Summons to Issue


UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Magistrate Court Number: 3:26-MJ-1056-BW