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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Plaintiff,

v.

NATASHA MARIE O'DELL,
Defendant.

NO. **CR 24 - 229 JNW**
INDICTMENT

The Grand Jury charges that:

COUNT 1

(Damage to Religious Property)

On or about August 25, 2023, in Snohomish County, within the Western District of Washington, NATASHA MARIE O'DELL intentionally damaged and destroyed, and attempted to damage and destroy, religious real property, this is, the Seattle Laestadian Lutheran Church, located in Maltby, Washington, because of the religious character of that property.

The grand jury further alleges that the offense was in and affected interstate and foreign commerce; and the offense resulted in bodily injury to a public safety officer

1 performing his duties as a direct and proximate result of this offense and that the
2 violation was by means of fire.

3 All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 247(a)(1) and (d)(2).

4 **COUNT 2**

5 **(Obstruction of Persons in the Free Exercise of Religious Beliefs)**

6 On or about August 25, 2023, in Snohomish County, within the Western District
7 of Washington, NATASHA MARIE O'DELL did intentionally obstruct and attempt to
8 obstruct, by force and threat of force, members and attendees of the Seattle Laestadian
9 Lutheran Church in the enjoyment of their free exercise of religious beliefs by damaging
10 and destroying the church.

11 The grand jury further alleges that the offense was in and affected interstate and
12 foreign commerce; and the offense resulted in bodily injury to a public safety officer
13 performing his duties as a direct and proximate result of this offense and that the
14 violation was by means of fire.

15 All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 247(a)(2) and (d)(2).

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COUNT 3

(Use of Fire to Commit Another Felony Offense)

On or about August 25, 2023, in Snohomish County, within the Western District of Washington, NATASHA MARIE O'DELL used fire to commit a felony which may be prosecuted in a court of the United States, that is, *Damage to Religious Property*, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 247(a)(1) and (b), and *Obstruction of Persons in the Free Exercise of Religious Beliefs*, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 247(a)(2) and (b), as alleged above in Counts 1 and 2.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 844(h)(1).

A TRUE BILL: *yes*

DATED: *11 Dec 24*

Signature of Foreperson redacted pursuant to the policy of the Judicial Conference of the United States.

FOREPERSON



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