1	IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA		
2	RONALD E. LAKEMAN,	) Case No.:	
3	Petitioner,	Electronically Filed	
4	vs.	Mar 27 2013 03:06 p.m	
5	THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT	Onsolidated District Comerk of Supreme Court  8 12C283381	
7	COURT OF THE STATEOF NEVADA, COUNTY OF CLARK, DEPARTMENT 21,		
8	Respondent,		
9	THE STATE OF NEVADA,	)	
10 11	Real Party In Interest.	) )	
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13	RONALD LAKEMAN'S PETITOR OR, IN THE ALTERNATION	TION FOR WRIT OF MANDAMUS VE, WRIT OF PROHIBITION	
14	Petitioner RONALD E. LAKEMAN by	and through his attorney of record, FREDERICK A.	
15	SANTCROCE, ESQ., hereby petitions this Honorable Supreme Court to issue a writ of mandamus to		
16	compel the district court to dismiss a constitutionally defective second-degree murder charge, or		
17 18	alternatively, a writ of prohibition to prevent	further proceedings on the defective murder count.	
19	More particularly, Petitioner seeks relief from the	he district court's order, entered on January 8, 2013,	
20	denying his petition for writ of habeas corpus an	d alternative motion to dismiss the murder count.	
21	Counsel requests a one-hour oral argument to address the constitutional issues of first		
22	impression which are raised in this petition.		
23	Trial in this matter is set for April 22,	2013. Petitioner has satisfied the requirements of	
25		nent A and B) This petition is based upon the Due	
26	Process clauses of the Fifth, Sixth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United		
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States Constitution; Article 6, Section 5 of the Nevada Constitution; NRS 6.110 to 6.140, 172.045 to 172.065, 172.255, 172.275, and 173.075, and the following Points and Authorities.

Dated this 27th day of March 27, 2013.

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### POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

### I. ISSUES PRESENTED

- A. WAS THE EVIDENCE PRODUCED AT THE GRAND JURY WAS INSUFFICIENT TO FIND PROBABLE CAUSE THAT THE DEFENDANT LAKEMAN COMMITTED THE CRIME CHARGED IN THE INDICTMENT (second degree murder)?
- B. DID THE STATE VIOLATE THE GRAND JURY RIGHT TO DUE PROCESS BY IMPROPERLY INSTRUCTING THE GRAND JURORS ON THE ELEMENTS OF SECOND DEGREE FELONY MURDER?

#### II. JURISDICTION

This Petition for extraordinary relief is properly before this Court pursuant to NRS 34.320 and 34.160. A petition for a writ of mandamus or prohibition is the appropriate method of challenging a defective indictment. See, Gordon v. Eighth Judicial District Court, 112 Nev. 216, 227, 913 P.2d 240, 247 (1996) (review of writ challenging sufficiency of indictment); Lane v. Torvinen. 97 Nev. 121, 122, n.1, 624 P.2d 1385 (1981) ("prohibition is an appropriate remedy to resolve a claim that the indictment does not charge a public offence"); Garnick v. District Court, 81 Nev. 531, 407 P.2d 163 (1965) (review writ challenging ambiguous information). If the Petitioner did not present this writ, he would arguably waive his right to hereafter challenge the validity of the indictment. See, Simpson v. District Court, 88 Nev. 654, 661, 503 P.2d 1225 (1973).

### III. STATEMENT OF PROCEDURAL FACTS

On June 4, 2010, a grand jury sitting in Clark County returned an indictment in case no 10C265107 against the Petitioner stemming from medical procedures and billing practices at the Endoscopy Center of Southern Nevada.

On June 11, 2010, the indictment was amended. The amended indictment charged the defendants with the following: a single count of racketeering; seven counts of performance of an act in reckless disregard of person; seven counts of criminal neglect of patients; ten accounts of insurance fraud; one count of theft; and two counts of obtaining money under false pretenses.

On August 10, 2012, the majority of the grand jurors who returned the first indictment reconvened to return a separate indictment against the Petitioner and his codefendants for the alleged murder of Rudolfo Meana (Exhibit 1). A true bill for second degree murder was returned in Case No. 12C283381 (Exhibit 2, Grand Jury Transcript).

The indictment contained a single count of second degree murder based on alternative theories of criminal liability and alternative means. Petitioner filed for writ of habeas corpus which was denied by the district court on or about February 14, 2013 (Exhibit 3).

This writ specifically challenges the second degree murder indictment against Petitioner Ronald Lakeman.

### IV. FACTS

Petitioner Ronald Ernest Lakeman (Lakeman) was a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetcist employed by the Endoscopy Center of Southern Nevada at all relevant times herein.

Lakeman is charged with Murder (Second Degree) (Category A Felony- NRS 200.010, 200.020, 200.030, 200.070, 0.060, 202.595, 200.495), specifically that Defendant Lakeman, willfully, feloniously, without authority of law, and with malice aforethought, the killing of Rodolfo

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Meana, by introducing Hepatitis C virus into the body of Rodolfo Meana, based upon the following principles of criminal liability, to wit: (1) by the killing occurring under circumstances showing an abandoned and malignant heart; and/or during the commission of an unlawful act, to wit: criminal neglect of patients, and/or performance of an unlawful act in reckless disregard of persons or property, which in its consequences, naturally tends to destroy the life of a human being; and/or (3) the killing being committed in the prosecution of a felonious intent, to wit: criminal neglect of patients, and/or performance of an act in reckless disregard of persons or property, which in its consequences, naturally tends to destroy the life of a human being, by directly or indirectly using and/or introducing contaminated medical instruments, supplies, and/or drugs upon or into the body of Rodolfo Meana which were contaminated with Hepatitis C virus; Defendants being responsible under on or more of the following principles of criminal liability to wit: (1) by directly committing said acts; and/or (2) by aiding or abetting each other and/or others including uncharged confederates in the commission of the crime(s) of criminal neglect of patients, and or performance of an act in reckless disregard of persons or property by directly counseling, encouraging, hiring, commanding, inducing, or procuring each other, and/or other to utilize a patient care delivery system which directly or indirectly limited the use of medical instruments, and/or supplies and/or drugs; scheduled and/or treated an unreasonable number of patients per day, and/or rushed patients or patient procedures all at the expense of patient safety and/or well being, and which resulted in substandard care and/or jeopardized the safety of Rodolfo Meana, Defendants acting with the intent to commit the crime(s) of criminal neglect of patients, and/or performance of an act in reckless disregard of persons or property; and/or (3) pursuant to a conspiracy to commit the crime(s) of criminal neglect of patients, and/or performance of an act in reckless disregard of person or property. Defendants acting in concert throughout.

#### V. DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

# A. THE EVIDENCE PRODUCED AT THE GRAND JURY WAS INSUFFICIENT TO FIND PROBABLE CAUSE THAT THE DEFENDANT LAKEMAN COMMITTED THE CRIME CHARGED IN THE INDICTMENT

It is indisputed that Lakeman never treated Rodolfo Meana, never had any contact with Rodolfo Meana, and never directly introduced Hepatitis C virus directly into Rodolfo Meana. The only theory applicable to Defendant Lakeman was stated by Deputy District Attorney Staudaher to the Grand Jury.

A JURROR: That would mean those three people, even if one of those persons wasn't involved—how can I say it? Because this is the question Anne had. One of those people weren't involved (Lakeman) in the procedure on that day on Mr. Rodolfo—sorry excuse me. Go ahead, do you think—

MR. STAUDAHER: In order for you to—remember there's three theories of criminal liability that are involved here: Directly committing the act, aiding or abetting others in the commission of those acts, conspiring with others to commit the acts. If you find—you don't have to find all three. You don't have to find a particular one. But if you find that all three individuals are involved or liable under one of those theories of criminal liability, some may be more than one, but you have to find that at least they are involved under one of those three theories of criminal liability in order for you to come back with a finding with regard to murder as to each individual.

A JURROR: Okay.

(G.J., Transcript pages 61-62)

The State improperly instructed the Grand Jury as to Lakeman when it instructed "you don't have to find a particular one."

Without specific allegations, as to which theory of criminal liability the Grand Jury found as it relates to Lakeman, it is impossible to defend. The defense is entitled to know which theory of criminal liability it must defend against (NRS 193.0155).

This Court has specifically limited the application for second degree felony murder and felonious intent murder to protect against the potential for "untoward prosecution" of people for the

commission of an unlawful act that results in unintended death. Ramirez v. State. 126 Nev. Adv. Op. 22, 235 P.3d 619, 621-23 (2010); Labastida v. State. 115 Nev. 298, 306-07, 986 P.2d 443, 448-49 (1999); Sherrif v. Morris, 99 Nev. 109, 118, 659 P.2d 852, 859 (1983). In limiting the scope of second degree felony murder offense, the Court created essential elements that bear upon the predicate felonies and proximate cause of death.

In Morris, this Court first recognized the offense of second degree felony murder. See, Ramirez, 235 P.3d at 621-22 (explaining the judicial evolution of the elements of the second degree felony murder rule). Like the instant case, Morris, involved a pretrial petition for writ of habeas corpus challenging the validity of a second degree murder indictment. 99 Nev. At 109, 956 P.2d at 854. The Morris Court expressly limited the application of second degree felony murder and felonious intent murder by creating the following three elements: (1) the predicate felony must be inherently dangerous in the abstract; (2) the death must be a directly foreseeable consequence of the felony; and (3) the defendant's conduct must be the immediate and direct cause of the death without the intervention of some other source or agency. Id. at 118-19, 659 P.2d at 859. Morris ruled that the restrictions on second degree murder rule applied to both the felony murder and felonious intent prongs of the involuntary murder statute. Id. at 119, 659 P.2d at 859.

This Court subsequently clarified first element in <u>Labastida</u>, stating that nature of the predicate felony must be analyzed by looking at the manner in which the defendant committed the felony as opposed to analyzing the felony in the abstract. 115 Nev. at 307, 986 P.2d at 859. This element limits the kinds of felonies upon which the second degree murder is predicated, restricting it to those felonies that are inherently dangerous, i.e., "the death or injury is a directly foreseeable consequence of the illegal act." <u>Ramirez</u>, 235 P.3d at 622 n.2.

The second element, which is at issue in the instant case, serves as a restriction upon the proximate or legal cause. The second degree felony murder rule only applies when the defendant's act is the immediate and direct cause of death. Labastida, 115 Nev. At 306-07, 986 P.2d at 448-49; Morris, 99 Nev. At 118-119, 659 P.2d at 859. Morris defined "immediate" as meaning "without intervention if some other source or agency." 99 Nev. at 119-119, 659 p.2d at 859. Hence, even though an act or felony may be inherently dangerous, a defendant cannot be held liable for second degree murder if the acts of the victim or a third party were the direct cause of death. Labastida, 115 Nev. at 307, 986 P.2d at 448-49 (defendant's felony child neglect was not the immediate and direct result of her son's death when her boyfriend's abuse killed the child) see, Morris, 99 Nev. at 118-119, 659 P.2d at 859 ("[T]he casual relationship must extend beyond the unlawful sale of the drugs to the involvement by commission or omission in the ingestion of a lethal dosage by the decedent.")

Petitioner calls this Court's attention to count 29 (murder second degree) of the Third Amended Indictment. (Exhibit 1, page 28) An indictment, on its face, must contain each and every element of the offense and must allege facts showing how the defendant allegedly committed each of the elements. Hancock, 114 Nev. at 164, 955 P.2d at 185; NRS 173.075. As discussed above, the judicially-created elements in Morris and its progeny must also be alleged with specificity in an indictment alleging second degree felony murder and felonious intent murder. If the indictment omits an essential element of the offense, no crime in fact charged and the defective charge must be dismissed. Rovnianek, 41 Nev. 141, 168 P. 327,382.

Additionally, where a defendant is charged with aiding and abetting, the incident must specify the manner and means by which the defendant aided and abetted the commission of an offense. <u>Ikie v. State</u>, 107 Nev. 916, 919, 823 P.2d 258, 261 (1991); <u>Barren v. State</u>, 99 Nev. 661, 667, 669 P.2d 725, 728 (1983). The lumping together if multiple defendants in a single count without delineating

what acts or omission each committed raises due process concerns. *See*, <u>Hancock</u>, 114 Nev. at 165-66, 955 P.2d at 185-86.

No where in Count 29 of the Third Amended Complaint does it specifically state what Defendant Lakeman was alleged to have done. Instead, the State pleads alternative theories which may or may not apply to Defendant Lakeman. The Defense is left to guess which theory it must defend against. The alternatively pled theories of criminal liability make it impossible to distinguish which of the three Defendants, if any, performed an act that was the immediate and direct cause of Meana's death. This is especially problematic for Defendant Lakeman since he had no contact with; did not treat; nor ever came in contact with Meana. Lakeman was merely an employee of the |Endoscopy Center at the time Meana was allegedly infected.

Count 29 of the Third Amended Complaint fails to give adequate and fair notice to Defendant Lakeman and must therefore be dismissed.

# B. DID THE STATE VIOLATE THE GRAND JURY RIGHT TO DUE PROCESS BY IMPROPERLY INSTRUCTING THE GRAND JURORS ON THE ELEMENTS OF SECOND DEGREE FELONY MURDER?

The only witnesses the State proffered to the Grand Jury was Maynard Bagang a police officer with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (G.J., Transcript page 12, line 19) and Alane Olson a medical examiner with the Clark County Coroner's Office. (G.J. Transcript, page 22, line 10)

Officer Bagang's function was to "facilitate the autopsy, identify the body and witness the autopsy." (G.J. Transcript page 15, lines 2-3)

Dr. Olson's function was "strictly that of an observer since I am not licensed to practice medicine in the Philippines and performing an autopsy is in fact the practice of medicine. So my presence was strictly that of an observer at the examination." (G.J. Transcript, page 26, lines 9-14)

These are the only two witnesses presented to the Grand Jury hearing the evidence to indict Lakeman for murder. Neither of these witnesses testified as to any facts supporting an indictment for directly committing the act, aiding or abetting others in the commission of those acts, conspiring with others to commit the acts.

In fact, no evidence was presented to this Grand Jury at this date, time and place as to aiding or abetting or conspiracy. The State attempted to get around this hurdle by instructing the Grand Jury as follows:

"Again, Exhibit 3 is the disc you received or the information thereon related to all the transcripts of the prior presentations as well as exhibits. I know you've individually been canvassed on this but I just want to make sure there's no questions related to that evidence that you're using in this particular case or any question regarding the law so far that it has been provided to you with regard to this charge, the murder charge. Any questions? (G.J. Transcript, page 58, lines 15-23)

A JURROR: My question is I just wanted clarification, if we're not supposed to tie in what we know from previous testimony and exhibits and—

MR. STAUDAHER: Go ahead, finish your question.

A JURROR: To use that information that we previously heard into tying it into-

A JURROR: Charges.

A JURROR: -- charge of second degree murder. Do we use that information or we do not?

MR. STAUDAHER: Let me make sure we're clear on this. The reason that those exhibits and that prior testimony were provided to you and that you had to go through then was so you—for example, the deceased in this case you heard testimony from. He's not coming in to give you testimony, nor could he because he's no longer with us. So, yes you do take into account the evidence that was presented, the exhibits, the testimony from that prior case. Because the reason that you are all constituted here as the original Grand Jury and had previously received all that information is to avoid having to re-present the entirety of all of that matter to a new Grand jury. So yes, you are to take into consideration everything that was on that disk which includes all of the prior transcripts, all of the prior

exhibits, everything that went into your decisions in the prior case. But this is a separate charge.

(G.J. Transcript, pages 59-60)

NRS 172.135 provides, in part,

- 1. In the investigation of a charge, for the purpose of either presentment or indictment, the grand jury can receive no other evidence than such as is given by witnesses produced and sworn before them or furnished by legal documentary evidence or by deposition of witnesses taken as provided in this title.......
- 2. The grand jury can receive none but legal evidence, and the best evidence in degree, to the exclusion of hearsay or secondary evidence.

The instruction by Mr. Staudaher that the grand jury consider the testimony of Mr. Meana even though it was hearsay was improper and violative of NRS 172.135(2).

The State did not instruct the Grand Jury on the essential element of the second-degree felony murder and felonious intent offense as it related to Defendant Lakeman. They did not instruct the Grand Jury on the "direct-and-immediate causal relationship" element as it related to Defendant Lakeman. (NRS 172.095(2))

As this court ruled in Ramirez, second degree felony murder instructions must address both the inherently dangerous felony element and the immediate and-direct-causal-relationship element. 235 P.3d at 622.

The State gave the following instruction to the Grand Jury:

You're here to determine whether or not second degree murder, because that's what were proceeding on, not first degree murder, but second degree murder, and the different theories under that that we brought forth to you, whether or not they apply in this particular case. Now you have previously found related to this victim, because you returned a true bill as to both the criminal neglect of patient charge as well as performance of an act in reckless disregard, you have to make a determination under one scenario whether or not those are dangerous felonies. Did they result in harm or death to someone? The other aspect of it is based on all the information you have, were the actions of the individuals either directly,

or by aiding and abetting each other, or by conspiring, reckless indifference to human life, that kind of thing, and that's what you're here to decide.

G.J., Transcript, pages 60-61.

The above instruction is an incorrect and incomplete statement of the second degree felony murder elements. After giving the above instruction, one of the jurors questioned the State.

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# G.J., Transcript, pages. 61-62

The State failed to instruct the jurors as to the direct and immediate-casual-relationship element. The State's instruction misstated the essential elements of the second degree felony murder and felonious intent murder.

On or about June 2010, this Grand Jury returned a 28 count indictment against Lakeman and two other defendants. That Grand Jury was subsequently discharged.

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### VI. CONCLUSION

Based upon the foregoing, Petitioner's fundamental right to substantive and procedural due process as well as his right to fair notice was violated. Petitioner therefore respectfully requests this Court to dismiss the second degree murder charge.

Dated this 27th Day of March, 2013.

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### VERIFICATION OF COUNSEL

(Attachment A)

- 1. I, Frederick A. Santacroce, declare under penalty of perjury the following:
- I am an attorney licensed to practice in the State of Nevada. I am retained to represent Petitioner Ronald Lakeman in <u>State v. Ronald Lakeman</u>, consolidated Case Nos. 10C265107 and 12C283381 in the Eighth Judicial District, Clark County, Nevada.
- 3. I am familiar with the procedural and substantive history of the case. I attest and verify that the forgoing PETITION FOR WRIT MANDAMUS OR, IN THE ALTERNATIVE, WRIT OF PROHIBITION contains true and accurate facts to the best of my knowledge.
- 4. I further attest and verify that I am authorized to file this Petition to protect the interest of my client.
- 5. I further certify that this petition comports with the requirements of NRAP 21 and (a) and 32(c)(2).

Dated this 27th Day of March, 2013.

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# **DECLARATION OF MAILING**

2	(Attachment B)	
3	I hereby declare that when the herein described mailing took place, I was a citizen of the	
4	United States, over 21 years if age, and not a party to, nor interest in, the within action; that or	
5	March 27, 2013, I deposited in the Unites States Mail at Las Vegas, Nevada a true and correct copy	
6	of RONALD LAKEMAN'S PETITION FOR WRIT MANDAMUS OR, IN THE ALTERNATIVE	
7	WRIT OF PROHIBITION enclosed in a sealed envelop upon which first class postage was fully	
8 9	prepaid, hand delivered or e-filed addressed to:	
10	The Honorable Valerie Adair	
11	District Court Dept. 21 200 Lewis Avenue	
12	Las Vegas, NV 89101	
13	Michael V. Staudaher	

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B Felony - NRS 205.265, 205.380) and MURDER (SECOND DEGREE) (Category A

Felony - NRS 200.010, 200.020, 200.030, 200.070, 202.595, 200.495), committed at and

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within the County of Clark, State of Nevada, on or between June 3, 2005, and April 27, 2012, as follows:

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## **COUNT 1 - INSURANCE FRAUD**

Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS did on or about July 25, 2007, knowingly and willfully present, or cause to be presented a statement as a part of, or in support of, a claim for payment or other benefits under a policy of insurance issued pursuant to Title 57 of the Nevada Revised Statutes, knowing that the statement concealed or omitted facts, or contained false or misleading information concerning a fact material to said claim; and/or did assist, abet, solicit or conspire to present or cause to be presented a statement to an insurer, a reinsurer, a producer, a broker or any agent thereof, knowing that said statement concealed or omitted facts, or did contain false or misleading information concerning a fact material to a claim for payment or other benefits under such policy issued pursuant to Title 57 of the Nevada Revised Statutes, by falsely representing to ANTHEM BLUE CROSS -BLUE SHIELD that the billed anesthesia time and/or charges for the endoscopic procedure performed on SHARRIEFF ZIYAD were more than the actual anesthetic time and/or charges, said false representation resulting in the payment of money to the Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS and/or their medical practice and/or the racketeering enterprise which exceeded that which would have normally been allowed for said procedure; Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS being responsible under one or more of the following principles of criminal liability, to wit: (1) by directly committing said acts; and/or (2) aiding or abetting each other in the commission of the crime by directly or indirectly counseling, encouraging, hiring, commanding, inducing, or procuring each other, and/or others to commit said acts, Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS acting with the intent to commit said crime, and/or (3) pursuant to a conspiracy to commit this crime.

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# COUNT 3 - PERFORMANCE OF ACT IN RECKLESS DISREGARD OF PERSONS OR PROPERTY RESULTING IN SUBSTANTIAL BODILY HARM

Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS did on or about July 25, 2007, then and there willfully and unlawfully perform acts in willful or wanton disregard of the safety of persons or property resulting in substantial bodily harm to MICHAEL WASHINGTON, to wit: transmitting the Hepatitis C virus to MICHAEL WASHINGTON, in the following manner, to wit: by directly or indirectly using and/or introducing contaminated medical instruments, supplies, and/or drugs upon or into the body of MICHAEL WASHINGTON which were contaminated with the Hepatitis C virus; Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS being responsible under one or more of the following principles of criminal liability, to wit: (1) by directly committing said acts; and/or (2) aiding or abetting each other in the commission of the crime by directly or indirectly counseling, encouraging, hiring, commanding, inducing, or procuring each other, and/or others to utilize a patient care delivery system which directly or indirectly limited the use of medical instruments, and/or supplies, and/or drugs; scheduled and/or treated an unreasonable number of patients per day, and/or rushed patients or patient procedures, Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS acting with the intent to commit said crime in order to fraudulently increase the insurance billing and/or money reimbursement for the medical procedure performed on the said MICHAEL WASHINGTON; specifically, as to DEFENDANT DESAI, that he directly or indirectly both instructed DEFENDANT LAKEMAN, and KEITH MATHAHS and said others to perform said acts and created a work environment where DEFENDANT LAKEMAN, and KEITH MATHAHS and others were pressured to commit the said acts described above; specifically, as to DEFENDANT LAKEMAN, engaging in conduct against universally accepted standards of medical care. that he limited the use of medical supplies, and/or drugs and rushed patients, and/or patient procedures which in turn allowed DEFENDANT DESAI to directly or indirectly treat and/or perform an unreasonable number of patient procedures in a single day all at the expense of patient safety and well being, and which resulted in substandard care and jeopardized the safety of MICHAEL WASHINGTON and/or (3) pursuant to a conspiracy to commit this

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# COUNT 4 - CRIMINAL NEGLECT OF PATIENTS RESULTING IN SUBSTANTIAL BODILY HARM

Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS on or about July 25, 2007, being professional caretakers of MICHAEL WASHINGTON, did act or omit to act in an aggravated, reckless or gross manner, failing to provide such service, care or supervision as is reasonable and necessary to maintain the health or safety of said MICHAEL WASHINGTON, resulting in substantial bodily harm to MICHAEL WASHINGTON, to wit: transmitting the Hepatitis C virus to MICHAEL WASHINGTON, said acts or omissions being such a departure from what would be the conduct of an ordinarily prudent, careful person under the same circumstances that it is contrary to a proper regard for danger to human life or constitutes indifference to the resulting consequences, said consequences of the negligent act or omission being reasonably foreseeable; said danger to human life not being the result of inattention, mistaken judgment or misadventure, but the natural and probable result of said aggravated reckless or grossly negligent act or omission, to wit: by directly or indirectly using and/or introducing contaminated medical instruments, supplies, and/or drugs upon or into the body of MICHAEL WASHINGTON which were contaminated with the Hepatitis C virus; Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS being responsible under one or more of the following principles of criminal liability, to wit: (1) by directly committing said acts; and/or (2) aiding or abetting each other in the commission of the crime by directly or indirectly counseling, encouraging, hiring, commanding, inducing, or procuring each other, and/or others to utilize a patient care delivery system which directly or indirectly limited the use of medical instruments, and/or supplies, and/or drugs; scheduled and/or treated an unreasonable number of patients per day, and/or rushed patients or patient procedures, Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS acting with the intent to commit said crime in order to fraudulently increase the insurance billing and/or money reimbursement for the medical procedure performed on the said MICHAEL WASHINGTON; specifically, as to DEFENDANT DESAI, that he directly or indirectly both instructed DEFENDANT LAKEMAN, and

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KEITH MATHAHS and said others to perform said acts and created a work environment where DEFENDANT LAKEMAN, and KEITH MATHAHS and others were pressured to commit the said acts described above; specifically, as to DEFENDANT LAKEMAN, engaging in conduct against universally accepted standards of medical care, that he limited the use of medical supplies, and/or drugs and rushed patients, and/or patient procedures which in turn allowed DEFENDANT DESAI to directly or indirectly treat and/or perform an unreasonable number of patient procedures in a single day all at the expense of patient safety and well being, and which resulted in substandard care and jeopardized the safety of MICHAEL WASHINGTON and/or (3) pursuant to a conspiracy to commit this crime, Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS acting in concert throughout.

## **COUNT 5 - INSURANCE FRAUD**

Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS did on or about July 25, 2007, knowingly and willfully present, or cause to be presented a statement as a part of, or in support of, a claim for payment or other benefits under a policy of insurance issued pursuant to Title 57 of the Nevada Revised Statutes, knowing that the statement concealed or omitted facts, or contained false or misleading information concerning a fact material to said claim; and/or did assist, abet, solicit or conspire to present or cause to be presented a statement to an insurer, a reinsurer, a producer, a broker or any agent thereof, knowing that said statement concealed or omitted facts, or did contain false or misleading information concerning a fact material to a claim for payment or other benefits under such policy issued pursuant to Title 57 of the Nevada Revised Statutes, by falsely representing to VETERANS ADMINISTRATION that the billed anesthesia time and/or charges for the endoscopic procedure performed on MICHAEL WASHINGTON were more than the actual anesthetic time and/or charges, said false representation resulting in the payment of money to Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS and/or their medical practice and/or the racketeering enterprise which exceeded that which would have normally been allowed for said procedure: Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS being responsible under one or more of the following principles of criminal liability, to wit: (1) by directly committing said acts; and/or (2) aiding

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or abetting each other in the commission of the crime by directly or indirectly counseling, encouraging, hiring, commanding, inducing, or procuring each other, and/or others to commit said acts, Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS acting with the intent to commit said crime, and/or (3) pursuant to a conspiracy to commit this crime.

### **COUNT 6 - INSURANCE FRAUD**

Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS did on or about September 21, 2007, knowingly and willfully present, or cause to be presented a statement as a part of, or in support of, a claim for payment or other benefits under a policy of insurance issued pursuant to Title 57 of the Nevada Revised Statutes, knowing that the statement concealed or omitted facts, or contained false or misleading information concerning a fact material to said claim; and/or did assist, abet, solicit or conspire to present or cause to be presented a statement to an insurer, a reinsurer, a producer, a broker or any agent thereof, knowing that said statement concealed or omitted facts, or did contain false or misleading information concerning a fact material to a claim for payment or other benefits under such policy issued pursuant to Title 57 of the Nevada Revised Statutes, by falsely representing to ANTHEM BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD that the billed anesthesia time and/or charges for the endoscopic procedure performed on KENNETH RUBINO were more than the actual anesthetic time and/or charges, said false representation resulting in the payment of money to Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS and/or their medical practice and/or the racketeering enterprise which exceeded that which would have normally been allowed for said procedure; Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS being responsible under one or more of the following principles of criminal liability, to wit: (1) by directly committing said acts; and/or (2) aiding or abetting each other in the commission of the crime by directly or indirectly counseling, encouraging, hiring, commanding, inducing, or procuring each other, and/or others to commit said acts, Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS acting with the intent to commit said crime, and/or (3) pursuant to a conspiracy to commit this crime.

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# COUNT 7 - PERFORMANCE OF ACT IN RECKLESS DISREGARD OF PERSONS OR PROPERTY RESULTING IN SUBSTANTIAL BODILY HARM

Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS did on or about September 21, 2007, then and there willfully and unlawfully perform acts in willful or wanton disregard of the safety of persons or property resulting in substantial bodily harm to STACY HUTCHINSON, to wit: transmitting the Hepatitis C virus to STACY HUTCHINSON, in the following manner, to wit: by directly or indirectly using and/or introducing contaminated medical instruments, supplies, and/or drugs upon or into the body of STACY HUTCHINSON which were contaminated with the Hepatitis C virus; Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS being responsible under one or more of the following principles of criminal liability, to wit: (1) by directly committing said acts; and/or (2) aiding or abetting each other in the commission of the crime by directly or indirectly counseling, encouraging, hiring, commanding, inducing, or procuring each other, and/or others to utilize a patient care delivery system which directly or indirectly limited the use of medical instruments, and/or supplies, and/or drugs; scheduled and/or treated an unreasonable number of patients per day, and/or rushed patients or patient procedures, Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS acting with the intent to commit said crime in order to fraudulently increase the insurance billing and/or money reimbursement for the medical procedure performed on the said STACY HUTCHINSON; specifically, as to DEFENDANT DESAI, that he directly or indirectly both instructed DEFENDANT LAKEMAN, and KEITH MATHAHS and said others to perform said acts and created a work environment where DEFENDANT LAKEMAN, and KEITH MATHAHS and others were pressured to commit the said acts described above; specifically, as to DEFENDANT LAKEMAN, engaging in conduct against universally accepted standards of medical care, that he limited the use of medical supplies, and/or drugs and rushed patients, and/or patient procedures which in turn allowed DEFENDANT DESAI to directly or indirectly treat and/or perform an unreasonable number of patient procedures in a single day all at the expense of patient safety and well being, and which resulted in substandard care and jeopardized the safety of STACY HUTCHINSON and/or (3) pursuant to a conspiracy to commit this crime,

Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS acting in concert throughout.

## COUNT 8 - CRIMINAL NEGLECT OF PATIENTS RESULTING IN SUBSTANTIAL BODILY HARM

Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS on or about September 21, 2007, being professional caretakers of STACY HUTCHINSON, did act or omit to act in an aggravated, reckless or gross manner, failing to provide such service, care or supervision as is reasonable and necessary to maintain the health or safety of said STACY HUTCHINSON, resulting in substantial bodily harm to STACY HUTCHINSON, to wit: transmitting the Hepatitis C virus to STACY HUTCHINSON, said acts or omissions being such a departure from what would be the conduct of an ordinarily prudent, careful person under the same circumstances that it is contrary to a proper regard for danger to human life or constitutes indifference to the resulting consequences, said consequences of the negligent act or omission being reasonably foreseeable; said danger to human life not being the result of inattention, mistaken judgment or misadventure, but the natural and probable result of said aggravated reckless or grossly negligent act or omission, to wit: by directly or indirectly using and/or introducing contaminated medical instruments, supplies, and/or drugs upon or into the body of STACY HUTCHINSON which were contaminated with the Hepatitis C virus; Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS being responsible under one or more of the following principles of criminal liability, to wit: (1) by directly committing said acts; and/or (2) aiding or abetting each other in the commission of the crime by directly or indirectly counseling, encouraging, hiring, commanding, inducing, or procuring each other, and/or others to utilize a patient care delivery system which directly or indirectly limited the use of medical instruments, and/or supplies, and/or drugs; scheduled and/or treated an unreasonable number of patients per day, and/or rushed patients or patient procedures, Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS acting with the intent to commit said crime in order to fraudulently increase the insurance billing and/or money reimbursement for the medical procedure performed on the said STACY HUTCHINSON; specifically, as to DEFENDANT DESAI, that he directly or indirectly both instructed DEFENDANT LAKEMAN, and KEITH MATHAHS and said others to perform

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as to DEFENDANT LAKEMAN, engaging in conduct against universally accepted

standards of medical care, that he limited the use of medical supplies, and/or drugs and

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### COUNT 9 - INSURANCE FRAUD

Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS did on or about September 21, 2007, knowingly and willfully present, or cause to be presented a statement as a part of, or in support of, a claim for payment or other benefits under a policy of insurance issued pursuant to Title 57 of the Nevada Revised Statutes, knowing that the statement concealed or omitted facts, or contained false or misleading information concerning a fact material to said claim; and/or did assist, abet, solicit or conspire to present or cause to be presented a statement to an insurer, a reinsurer, a producer, a broker or any agent thereof, knowing that said statement concealed or omitted facts, or did contain false or misleading information concerning a fact material to a claim for payment or other benefits under such policy issued pursuant to Title 57 of the Nevada Revised Statutes, by falsely representing to HEALTH PLAN OF NEVADA that the billed anesthesia time and/or charges for the endoscopic procedure performed on STACY HUTCHINSON were more than the actual anesthetic time and/or charges, said false representation resulting in the payment of money to Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS and/or their medical practice and/or the racketeering enterprise which exceeded that which would have normally been allowed for said procedure; Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS being responsible under one or more of the following principles of criminal liability, to wit: (1) by directly committing said acts; and/or (2) aiding or abetting

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# COUNT 10 - PERFORMANCE OF ACT IN RECKLESS DISREGARD OF PERSONS OR PROPERTY RESULTING IN SUBSTANTIAL BODILY HARM

Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS did on or about September 21, 2007, then and there willfully and unlawfully perform acts in willful or wanton disregard of the safety of persons or property resulting in substantial bodily harm to RUDOLFO MEANA, to wit: transmitting the Hepatitis C virus to RUDOLFO MEANA, in the following manner, to wit: by directly or indirectly using and/or introducing contaminated medical instruments, supplies, and/or drugs upon or into the body of RUDOLFO MEANA which were contaminated with the Hepatitis C virus; Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS being responsible under one or more of the following principles of criminal liability, to wit: (1) by directly committing said acts; and/or (2) aiding or abetting each other in the commission of the crime by directly or indirectly counseling, encouraging, hiring, commanding, inducing, or procuring each other, and/or others to utilize a patient care delivery system which directly or indirectly limited the use of medical instruments, and/or supplies, and/or drugs; scheduled and/or treated an unreasonable number of patients per day, and/or rushed patients or patient procedures, Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS acting with the intent to commit said crime in order to fraudulently increase the insurance billing and/or money reimbursement for the medical procedure performed on the said RUDOLFO MEANA; specifically, as to DEFENDANT DESAI, that he directly or indirectly both instructed DEFENDANT LAKEMAN, and KEITH MATHAHS and said others to perform said acts and created a work environment where DEFENDANT LAKEMAN, and KEITH MATHAHS and others were pressured to commit the said acts described above; specifically, as to DEFENDANT LAKEMAN, engaging in conduct against universally accepted standards of medical care, that he obtained the medical supplies, and/or drugs utilized in the treatment of KENNETH

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RUBINO and RODOLFO MEANA which were subsequently contaminated with the Hepatitis C virus and thereafter directly or indirectly shared, exchanged or transferred said contaminated medical supplies, and/or drugs between himself and KEITH MATHAHS and/or between treatment rooms before, during or after the endoscopic procedure performed on KENNETH RUBINO which resulted in the transmission of the Hepatitis C virus into the body of RODOLFO MEANA and others and/or (3) pursuant to a conspiracy to commit this crime, Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS acting in concert throughout.

# COUNT 11 - CRIMINAL NEGLECT OF PATIENTS RESULTING IN SUBSTANTIAL BODILY HARM

Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS on or about September 21, 2007, being professional caretakers of RUDOLFO MEANA, did act or omit to act in an aggravated, reckless or gross manner, failing to provide such service, care or supervision as is reasonable and necessary to maintain the health or safety of said RUDOLFO MEANA, resulting in substantial bodily harm to RUDOLFO MEANA, to wit: transmitting the Hepatitis C virus to RUDOLFO MEANA, said acts or omissions being such a departure from what would be the conduct of an ordinarily prudent, careful person under the same circumstances that it is contrary to a proper regard for danger to human life or constitutes indifference to the resulting consequences, said consequences of the negligent act or omission being reasonably foreseeable; said danger to human life not being the result of inattention, mistaken judgment or misadventure, but the natural and probable result of said aggravated reckless or grossly negligent act or omission, to wit: by directly or indirectly using and/or introducing contaminated medical instruments, supplies, and/or drugs upon or into the body of RUDOLFO MEANA which were contaminated with the Hepatitis C virus; Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS being responsible under one or more of the following principles of criminal liability, to wit: (1) by directly committing said acts; and/or (2) aiding or abetting each other in the commission of the crime by directly or indirectly counseling, encouraging, hiring, commanding, inducing, or procuring each other, and/or others to utilize a patient care delivery system which directly or indirectly limited the use of medical instruments, and/or

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### **COUNT 12 - INSURANCE FRAUD**

Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS did on or about September 21, 2007, knowingly and willfully present, or cause to be presented a statement as a part of, or in support of, a claim for payment or other benefits under a policy of insurance issued pursuant to Title 57 of the Nevada Revised Statutes, knowing that the statement concealed or omitted facts, or contained false or misleading information concerning a fact material to said claim; and/or did assist, abet, solicit or conspire to present or cause to be presented a statement to an insurer, a reinsurer, a producer, a broker or any agent thereof, knowing that said statement concealed or omitted facts, or did contain false or misleading information concerning a fact material to a claim for payment or other benefits under such policy issued pursuant to Title

57 of the Nevada Revised Statutes, by falsely representing to SECURE HORIZONS and/or PACIFICARE that the billed anesthesia time and/or charges for the endoscopic procedure performed on RUDOLFO MEANA were more than the actual anesthetic time and/or charges, said false representation resulting in the payment of money to Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS and/or their medical practice and/or the racketeering enterprise which exceeded that which would have normally been allowed for said procedure; Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS being responsible under one or more of the following principles of criminal liability, to wit: (1) by directly committing said acts; and/or (2) aiding or abetting each other in the commission of the crime by directly or indirectly counseling, encouraging, hiring, commanding, inducing, or procuring each other, and/or others to commit said acts, Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS acting with the intent to commit said crime, and/or (3) pursuant to a conspiracy to commit this crime.

# COUNT 13 - PERFORMANCE OF ACT IN RECKLESS DISREGARD OF PERSONS OR PROPERTY RESULTING IN SUBSTANTIAL BODILY HARM

Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS did on or about September 21, 2007, then and there willfully and unlawfully perform acts in willful or wanton disregard of the safety of persons or property resulting in substantial bodily harm to PATTY ASPINWALL, to wit: transmitting the Hepatitis C virus to PATTY ASPINWALL, in the following manner, to wit: (1) by directly committing said acts; and/or (2) aiding or abetting each other in the commission of the crime by directly or indirectly counseling, encouraging, hiring, commanding, inducing, or procuring each other, and/or others to utilize a patient care delivery system which directly or indirectly limited the use of medical instruments, and/or supplies, and/or drugs; scheduled and/or treated an unreasonable number of patients per day, and/or rushed patients or patient procedures, Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS acting with the intent to commit said crime in order to fraudulently increase the insurance billing and/or money reimbursement for the medical procedure performed on the said PATTY ASPINWALL; specifically, as to DEFENDANT DESAI, that he directly or indirectly both instructed DEFENDANT LAKEMAN, and KEITH MATHAHS and said others to perform

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said acts and created a work environment where DEFENDANT LAKEMAN, KEITH MATHAHS and others were pressured to commit the said acts described above; specifically, as to DEFENDANT LAKEMAN, engaging in conduct against universally accepted standards of medical care, that he limited the use of medical supplies, and/or drugs and rushed patients, and/or patient procedures which in turn allowed DEFENDANT DESAI to directly or indirectly treat and/or perform an unreasonable number of patient procedures in a single day all at the expense of patient safety and well being, and which resulted in substandard care and jeopardized the safety of PATTY ASPINWALL and/or (3) pursuant to a conspiracy to commit this crime, Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS acting in concert throughout.

# COUNT 14 - CRIMINAL NEGLECT OF PATIENTS RESULTING IN SUBSTANTIAL BODILY HARM

Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS on or about September 21, 2007, being professional caretakers of PATTY ASPINWALL, did act or omit to act in an aggravated, reckless or gross manner, failing to provide such service, care or supervision as is reasonable and necessary to maintain the health or safety of said PATTY ASPINWALL, resulting in substantial bodily harm to PATTY ASPINWALL, to wit: transmitting the Hepatitis C virus to PATTY ASPINWALL, said acts or omissions being such a departure from what would be the conduct of an ordinarily prudent, careful person under the same circumstances that it is contrary to a proper regard for danger to human life or constitutes indifference to the resulting consequences, said consequences of the negligent act or omission being reasonably foreseeable; said danger to human life not being the result of inattention, mistaken judgment or misadventure, but the natural and probable result of said aggravated reckless or grossly negligent act or omission, to wit: (1) by directly committing said acts; and/or (2) aiding or abetting each other in the commission of the crime by directly or indirectly counseling, encouraging, hiring, commanding, inducing, or procuring each other, and/or others to utilize a patient care delivery system which directly or indirectly limited the use of medical instruments, and/or supplies, and/or drugs; scheduled and/or treated an unreasonable number

MATHAHS acting with the intent to commit said crime in order to fraudulently increase the insurance billing and/or money reimbursement for the medical procedure performed on the said PATTY ASPINWALL; specifically, as to DEFENDANT DESAI, that he directly or indirectly both instructed DEFENDANT LAKEMAN, and KEITH MATHAHS and said others to perform said acts and created a work environment where DEFENDANT LAKEMAN, and KEITH MATHAHS and others were pressured to commit the said acts described above; specifically, as to DEFENDANT LAKEMAN, engaging in conduct against universally accepted standards of medical care, that he limited the use of medical supplies, and/or drugs and rushed patients, and/or patient procedures which in turn allowed DEFENDANT DESAI to directly or indirectly treat and/or perform an unreasonable number of patient procedures in a single day all at the expense of patient safety and well being, and which resulted in substandard care and jeopardized the safety of PATTY ASPINWALL and/or (3) pursuant to a conspiracy to commit this crime, Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS acting in concert throughout.

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### **COUNT 15 - INSURANCE FRAUD**

Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS did on or about September 21, 2007, knowingly and willfully present, or cause to be presented a statement as a part of, or in support of, a claim for payment or other benefits under a policy of insurance issued pursuant to Title 57 of the Nevada Revised Statutes, knowing that the statement concealed or omitted facts, or contained false or misleading information concerning a fact material to said claim; and/or did assist, abet, solicit or conspire to present or cause to be presented a statement to an insurer, a reinsurer, a producer, a broker or any agent thereof, knowing that said statement concealed or omitted facts, or did contain false or misleading information concerning a fact material to a claim for payment or other benefits under such policy issued pursuant to Title 57 of the Nevada Revised Statutes, by falsely representing to ANTHEM BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD that the billed anesthesia time and/or charges for the endoscopic procedure performed on PATTY ASPINWALL were more than the actual anesthetic time

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and/or charges, said false representation resulting in the payment of money to Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS and/or their medical practice and/or the racketeering enterprise which exceeded that which would have normally been allowed for said procedure; Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS being responsible under one or more of the following principles of criminal liability, to wit: (1) by directly committing said acts; and/or (2) aiding or abetting each other in the commission of the crime by directly or indirectly counseling, encouraging, hiring, commanding, inducing, or procuring each other, and/or others to commit said acts, Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS acting with the intent to commit said crime, and/or (3) pursuant to a conspiracy to commit this crime.

### **COUNT 16 - INSURANCE FRAUD**

Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS did on or about September 21, 2007, knowingly and willfully present, or cause to be presented a statement as a part of, or in support of, a claim for payment or other benefits under a policy of insurance issued pursuant to Title 57 of the Nevada Revised Statutes, knowing that the statement concealed or omitted facts, or contained false or misleading information concerning a fact material to said claim; and/or did assist, abet, solicit or conspire to present or cause to be presented a statement to an insurer, a reinsurer, a producer, a broker or any agent thereof, knowing that said statement concealed or omitted facts, or did contain false or misleading information concerning a fact material to a claim for payment or other benefits under such policy issued pursuant to Title 57 of the Nevada Revised Statutes, by falsely representing to UNITED HEALTH SERVICES that the billed anesthesia time and/or charges for the endoscopic procedure performed on PATTY ASPINWALL were more than the actual anesthetic time and/or charges, said false representation resulting in the payment of money to Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS and/or their medical practice and/or the racketeering enterprise which exceeded that which would have normally been allowed for said procedure; Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS being responsible under one or more of the following principles of criminal liability, to wit: (1) by directly committing said acts; and/or (2) aiding or abetting each other in the commission of the crime by directly or indirectly counseling, encouraging,

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hiring, commanding, inducing, or procuring each other, and/or others to commit said acts, Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS acting with the intent to commit said crime, and/or (3) pursuant to a conspiracy to commit this crime.

# COUNT 17 - PERFORMANCE OF ACT IN RECKLESS DISREGARD OF PERSONS OR PROPERTY RESULTING IN SUBSTANTIAL BODILY HARM

Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS did on or about September 21, 2007, then and there willfully and unlawfully perform acts in willful or wanton disregard of the safety of persons or property resulting in substantial bodily harm to SONIA ORELLANA-RIVERA. to wit: transmitting the Hepatitis C virus to SONIA ORELLANA-RIVERA, in the following manner, to wit: by directly or indirectly using and/or introducing contaminated medical instruments, supplies, and/or drugs upon or into the body of SONIA ORELLANA-RIVERA which were contaminated with the Hepatitis C virus; Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS being responsible under one or more of the following principles of criminal liability, to wit: (1) by directly committing said acts; and/or (2) aiding or abetting each other in the commission of the crime by directly or indirectly counseling, encouraging, hiring, commanding, inducing, or procuring each other, and/or others to utilize a patient care delivery system which directly or indirectly limited the use of medical instruments, and/or supplies, and/or drugs; scheduled and/or treated an unreasonable number of patients per day. and/or rushed patients or patient procedures, Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS acting with the intent to commit said crime in order to fraudulently increase the insurance billing and/or money reimbursement for the medical procedure performed on the said SONIA ORELLANA-RIVERA; specifically, as to DEFENDANT DESAI, that he directly or indirectly both instructed DEFENDANT LAKEMAN, and KEITH MATHAHS and said others to perform said acts and created a work environment where DEFENDANT LAKEMAN, and KEITH MATHAHS and others were pressured to commit the said acts described above; specifically, as to DEFENDANT LAKEMAN, engaging in conduct against universally accepted standards of medical care, that he obtained the medical supplies, and/or drugs utilized in the treatment of KENNETH RUBINO and SONIA ORELLANA-RIVERA

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# COUNT 18 - CRIMINAL NEGLECT OF PATIENTS RESULTING IN SUBSTANTIAL BODILY HARM

Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS on or about September 21, 2007, being professional caretakers of SONIA ORELLANA-RIVERA, did act or omit to act in an aggravated, reckless or gross manner, failing to provide such service, care or supervision as is reasonable and necessary to maintain the health or safety of said SONIA ORELLANA-RIVERA, resulting in substantial bodily harm to SONIA ORELLANA-RIVERA, to wit: transmitting the Hepatitis C virus to SONIA ORELLANA-RIVERA, said acts or omissions being such a departure from what would be the conduct of an ordinarily prudent, careful person under the same circumstances that it is contrary to a proper regard for danger to human life or constitutes indifference to the resulting consequences, said consequences of the negligent act or omission being reasonably foreseeable; said danger to human life not being the result of inattention, mistaken judgment or misadventure, but the natural and probable result of said aggravated reckless or grossly negligent act or omission, to wit: by directly or indirectly using and/or introducing contaminated medical instruments, supplies, and/or drugs upon or into the body of SONIA ORELLANA-RIVERA which were contaminated with the Hepatitis C virus; Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS being responsible under one or more of the following principles of criminal liability, to wit: (1) by directly committing said acts; and/or (2) aiding or abetting each other in the commission of the crime by directly or indirectly counseling, encouraging, hiring, commanding, inducing, or procuring each other, and/or others to utilize a patient care delivery system which directly

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### **COUNT 19 - INSURANCE FRAUD**

Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS did on or about September 21, 2007, knowingly and willfully present, or cause to be presented a statement as a part of, or in support of, a claim for payment or other benefits under a policy of insurance issued pursuant to Title 57 of the Nevada Revised Statutes, knowing that the statement concealed or omitted facts, or contained false or misleading information concerning a fact material to said claim; and/or did assist, abet, solicit or conspire to present or cause to be presented a statement to an insurer, a reinsurer, a producer, a broker or any agent thereof, knowing that said statement concealed or omitted facts, or did contain false or misleading information concerning a fact material to a claim for payment or other benefits under such policy issued pursuant to Title

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57 of the Nevada Revised Statutes, by falsely representing to CULINARY WORKERS HEALTH FUND that the billed anesthesia time and/or charges for the endoscopic procedure performed on SONIA ORELLANA-RIVERA were more than the actual anesthetic time and/or charges, said false representation resulting in the payment of money to Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS and/or their medical practice and/or the racketeering enterprise which exceeded that which would have normally been allowed for said procedure; Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS being responsible under one or more of the following principles of criminal liability, to wit: (1) by directly committing said acts; and/or (2) aiding or abetting each other in the commission of the crime by directly or indirectly counseling, encouraging, hiring, commanding, inducing, or procuring each other, and/or others to commit said acts, Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS acting with the intent to commit said crime, and/or (3) pursuant to a conspiracy to commit this crime.

# COUNT 20 - PERFORMANCE OF ACT IN RECKLESS DISREGARD OF PERSONS OR PROPERTY RESULTING IN SUBSTANTIAL BODILY HARM

Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS did on or about September 21, 2007, then and there willfully and unlawfully perform acts in willful or wanton disregard of the safety of persons or property resulting in substantial bodily harm to CAROLE GRUESKIN, to wit: transmitting the Hepatitis C virus to CAROLE GRUESKIN, in the following manner, to wit: (1) by directly committing said acts; and/or (2) aiding or abetting each other in the commission of the crime by directly or indirectly counseling, encouraging, hiring, commanding, inducing, or procuring each other, and/or others to utilize a patient care delivery system which directly or indirectly limited the use of medical instruments, and/or supplies, and/or drugs; scheduled and/or treated an unreasonable number of patients per day, and/or rushed patients or patient procedures, Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS acting with the intent to commit said crime in order to fraudulently increase the insurance billing and/or money reimbursement for the medical procedure performed on the said CAROLE GRUESKIN; specifically, as to DEFENDANT DESAI, that he directly or indirectly both instructed DEFENDANT LAKEMAN, and KEITH MATHAHS and said others to perform

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said acts and created a work environment where DEFENDANT LAKEMAN, and KEITH MATHAHS and others were pressured to commit the said acts described above; specifically, as to DEFENDANT LAKEMAN, engaging in conduct against universally accepted standards of medical care, that he limited the use of medical supplies, and/or drugs and rushed patients, and/or patient procedures which in turn allowed DEFENDANT DESAI to directly or indirectly treat and/or perform an unreasonable number of patient procedures in a single day all at the expense of patient safety and well being, and which resulted in substandard care and jeopardized the safety of CAROLE GRUESKIN and/or (3) pursuant to a conspiracy to commit this crime, Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS acting in concert throughout.

# COUNT 21- CRIMINAL NEGLECT OF PATIENTS RESULTING IN SUBSTANTIAL BODILY HARM

Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS on or about September 21, 2007, being professional caretakers of CAROLE GRUESKIN, did act or omit to act in an aggravated, reckless or gross manner, failing to provide such service, care or supervision as is reasonable and necessary to maintain the health or safety of said CAROLE GRUESKIN, resulting in substantial bodily harm to CAROLE GRUESKIN, to wit: transmitting the Hepatitis C virus to CAROLE GRUESKIN, said acts or omissions being such a departure from what would be the conduct of an ordinarily prudent, careful person under the same circumstances that it is contrary to a proper regard for danger to human life or constitutes indifference to the resulting consequences, said consequences of the negligent act or omission being reasonably foreseeable; said danger to human life not being the result of inattention, mistaken judgment or misadventure, but the natural and probable result of said aggravated reckless or grossly negligent act or omission, to wit: (1) by directly committing said acts; and/or (2) aiding or abetting each other in the commission of the crime by directly or indirectly counseling. encouraging, hiring, commanding, inducing, or procuring each other, and/or others to utilize a patient care delivery system which directly or indirectly limited the use of medical instruments, and/or supplies, and/or drugs; scheduled and/or treated an unreasonable number

of patients per day, and/or rushed patients or patient procedures, Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS acting with the intent to commit said crime in order to fraudulently increase the insurance billing and/or money reimbursement for the medical procedure performed on the said CAROLE GRUESKIN; specifically, as to DEFENDANT DESAI, that he directly or indirectly both instructed DEFENDANT LAKEMAN, and KEITH MATHAHS and said others to perform said acts and created a work environment where DEFENDANT LAKEMAN, and KEITH MATHAHS and others were pressured to commit the said acts described above; specifically, as to DEFENDANT LAKEMAN, engaging in conduct against universally accepted standards of medical care, that he limited the use of medical supplies, and/or drugs and rushed patients, and/or patient procedures which in turn allowed DEFENDANT DESAI to directly or indirectly treat and/or perform an unreasonable number of patient procedures in a single day all at the expense of patient safety and well being, and which resulted in substandard care and jeopardized the safety of CAROLE GRUESKIN and/or (3) pursuant to a conspiracy to commit this crime, Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS acting in concert throughout.

## **COUNT 22 - INSURANCE FRAUD**

Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS did on or about September 21, 2007, knowingly and willfully present, or cause to be presented a statement as a part of, or in support of, a claim for payment or other benefits under a policy of insurance issued pursuant to Title 57 of the Nevada Revised Statutes, knowing that the statement concealed or omitted facts, or contained false or misleading information concerning a fact material to said claim; and/or did assist, abet, solicit or conspire to present or cause to be presented a statement to an insurer, a reinsurer, a producer, a broker or any agent thereof, knowing that said statement concealed or omitted facts, or did contain false or misleading information concerning a fact material to a claim for payment or other benefits under such policy issued pursuant to Title 57 of the Nevada Revised Statutes, by falsely representing to HEALTH PLAN OF NEVADA that the billed anesthesia time and/or charges for the endoscopic procedure performed on CAROLE GRUESKIN were more than the actual anesthetic time and/or

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charges, said false representation resulting in the payment of money to Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS and/or their medical practice and/or the racketeering enterprise which exceeded that which would have normally been allowed for said procedure; Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS being responsible under one or more of the following principles of criminal liability, to wit: (1) by directly committing said acts; and/or (2) aiding or abetting each other in the commission of the crime by directly or indirectly counseling, encouraging, hiring, commanding, inducing, or procuring each other, and/or others to commit said acts, Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS acting with the intent to commit said crime, and/or (3) pursuant to a conspiracy to commit this crime.

# COUNT 23 - PERFORMANCE OF ACT IN RECKLESS DISREGARD OF PERSONS OR PROPERTY RESULTING IN SUBSTANTIAL BODILY HARM

Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS did on or about September 21, 2007, then and there willfully and unlawfully perform acts in willful or wanton disregard of the safety of persons or property resulting in substantial bodily harm to GWENDOLYN MARTIN, to wit: transmitting the Hepatitis C virus to GWENDOLYN MARTIN, in the following manner, to wit: (1) by directly committing said acts; and/or (2) aiding or abetting each other in the commission of the crime by directly or indirectly counseling, encouraging, hiring, commanding, inducing, or procuring each other, and/or others to utilize a patient care delivery system which directly or indirectly limited the use of medical instruments, and/or supplies, and/or drugs; scheduled and/or treated an unreasonable number of patients per day, and/or rushed patients or patient procedures, Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS acting with the intent to commit said crime in order to fraudulently increase the insurance billing and/or money reimbursement for the medical procedure performed on the said GWENDOLYN MARTIN; specifically, as to DEFENDANT DESAI, that he directly or indirectly both instructed DEFENDANT LAKEMAN, and KEITH MATHAHS and said others to perform said acts and created a work environment where DEFENDANT LAKEMAN, and KEITH MATHAHS and others were pressured to commit the said acts described above; specifically, as to DEFENDANT LAKEMAN, engaging in conduct against

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# COUNT 24 - CRIMINAL NEGLECT OF PATIENTS RESULTING IN SUBSTANTIAL BODILY HARM

Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS on or about September 21, 2007, being professional caretakers of GWENDOLYN MARTIN, did act or omit to act in an aggravated, reckless or gross manner, failing to provide such service, care or supervision as is reasonable and necessary to maintain the health or safety of said GWENDOLYN MARTIN, resulting in substantial bodily harm to GWENDOLYN MARTIN, to wit: transmitting the Hepatitis C virus to GWENDOLYN MARTIN, said acts or omissions being such a departure from what would be the conduct of an ordinarily prudent, careful person under the same circumstances that it is contrary to a proper regard for danger to human life or constitutes indifference to the resulting consequences, said consequences of the negligent act or omission being reasonably foreseeable; said danger to human life not being the result of inattention, mistaken judgment or misadventure, but the natural and probable result of said aggravated reckless or grossly negligent act or omission, to wit: (1) by directly committing said acts; and/or (2) aiding or abetting each other in the commission of the crime by directly or indirectly counseling, encouraging, hiring, commanding, inducing, or procuring each other, and/or others to utilize a patient care delivery system which directly or indirectly limited the use of medical instruments, and/or supplies, and/or drugs; scheduled and/or treated an unreasonable number of patients per day, and/or rushed patients or patient procedures,

Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS acting with the intent to commit said crime in order to fraudulently increase the insurance billing and/or money reimbursement for the medical procedure performed on the said GWENDOLYN MARTIN; specifically, as to DEFENDANT DESAI, that he directly or indirectly both instructed DEFENDANT LAKEMAN, and KEITH MATHAHS and said others to perform said acts and created a work environment where DEFENDANT LAKEMAN, and KEITH MATHAHS and others were pressured to commit the said acts described above; specifically, as to DEFENDANT LAKEMAN, engaging in conduct against universally accepted standards of medical care, that he obtained the medical supplies, and/or drugs utilized in the treatment of KENNETH RUBINO and GWENDOLYN MARTIN which were subsequently contaminated with the Hepatitis C virus and thereafter directly or indirectly shared, exchanged or transferred said contaminated medical supplies, and/or drugs between himself and KEITH MATHAHS and/or between treatment rooms before, during or after the endoscopic procedure performed on KENNETH RUBINO which resulted in the transmission of the Hepatitis C virus into the body of GWENDOLYN MARTIN and others and/or (3) pursuant to a conspiracy to commit

this crime, Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS acting in concert throughout.

## **COUNT 25 - INSURANCE FRAUD**

Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS did on or between September 20, 2007 and September 21, 2007, knowingly and willfully present, or cause to be presented a statement as a part of, or in support of, a claim for payment or other benefits under a policy of insurance issued pursuant to Title 57 of the Nevada Revised Statutes, knowing that the statement concealed or omitted facts, or contained false or misleading information concerning a fact material to said claim; and/or did assist, abet, solicit or conspire to present or cause to be presented a statement to an insurer, a reinsurer, a producer, a broker or any agent thereof, knowing that said statement concealed or omitted facts, or did contain false or misleading information concerning a fact material to a claim for payment or other benefits under such policy issued pursuant to Title 57 of the Nevada Revised Statutes, by falsely representing to PACIFIC CARE that the billed anesthesia time and/or charges for the

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# COUNT 26 - THEFT

Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS did between July 25, 2007 and December 31, 2007, then and there knowingly, feloniously, and without lawful authority, commit theft by obtaining personal property in the amount of \$250.00, or more, lawful money of the United States, from STACY HUTCHINSON, KENNETH RUBINO, PATTY ASPINWALL, SHARRIEFF ZIYAD, MICHAEL WASHINGTON, CAROLE GRUESKIN and RODOLFO MEANA, and/or ANTHEM BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD, HEALTHCARE **PARTNERS** OF NEVADA. UNITED HEALTH SERVICES. VETERANS ADMINISTRATION and SECURED HORIZONS, by a material misrepresentation with intent to deprive those persons of the property, in the following manner, to-wit: by falsely representing that the billed anesthesia time and/or charges for the endoscopic procedure performed on STACY HUTCHINSON, KENNETH RUBINO, PATTY ASPINWALL. SHARRIEFF ZIYAD, MICHAEL WASHINGTON, CAROLE GRUESKIN and RODOLFO MEANA, were more than the actual anesthetic time and/or charges, said false representation resulting in the payment of money to Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS and/or their medical practice and/or the racketeering enterprise, which exceeded that which would have normally been allowed for said procedure, thereby obtaining said personal property by a material misrepresentation with intent to deprive them of the property, Defendants and

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## **COUNT 27 - OBTAINING MONEY UNDER FALSE PRETENSES**

Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS did on or between September 20, 2007, and December 31, 2007, with intent to cheat and defraud, wilfully, unlawfully, feloniously, knowingly, designedly, and by use of false pretenses, obtain \$250.00, or more, lawful money of the United States from GWENDOLYN MARTIN and/or PACIFICARE, within Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada, in the following manner, to-wit: by falsely representing that the billed anesthesia times and/or charges for the endoscopic procedures performed on GWENDOLYN MARTIN were more than the actual anesthetic times and/or charges, said false representation resulting in the payment of money to Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS and/or the medical practice and/or the racketeering enterprise, which exceeded that which would have normally been allowed for said procedures Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS being responsible under one or more of the following principles of criminal liability, to wit: (1) by directly committing said acts; and/or (2) aiding or abetting each other in the commission of the crime by directly or indirectly counseling, encouraging, hiring, commanding, inducing, or procuring each other, and/or others to commit said acts, Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS acting with the intent to commit said crime, and/or (3) pursuant to a conspiracy to commit this crime.

# **COUNT 28 - OBTAINING MONEY UNDER FALSE PRETENSES**

Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS did on or between September 21, 2007, and December 31, 2007, with intent to cheat and defraud, wilfully, unlawfully, feloniously, knowingly, designedly, and by use of false pretenses, obtain \$250.00, or more, lawful money of the United States from SONIA ORELLANA-RIVERA and/or CULINARY WORKERS

HEALTH FUND, within Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada, in the following manner, to-wit: by falsely representing that the billed anesthesia times and/or charges for the endoscopic procedures performed on SONIA ORELLANA-RIVERA were more than the actual anesthetic times and/or charges, said false representation resulting in the payment of money to Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS and/or the medical practice and/or the racketeering enterprise, which exceeded that which would have normally been allowed for said procedures Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS being responsible under one or more of the following principles of criminal liability, to wit: (1) by directly committing said acts; and/or (2) aiding or abetting each other in the commission of the crime by directly or indirectly counseling, encouraging, hiring, commanding, inducing, or procuring each other, and/or others to commit said acts, Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS acting with the intent to commit said crime, and/or (3) pursuant to a conspiracy to commit this crime.

# COUNT 29 - MURDER (SECOND DEGREE)

Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS did on or between September 21, 2007 and April 27, 2012, then and there willfully, feloniously, without authority of law, and with malice aforethought, kill RODOLFO MEANA, a human being, by introducing Hepatitis C virus into the body of RODOLFO MEANA, based upon the following principles of criminal liability, to-wit: (1) by the killing occurring under circumstances showing an abandoned and malignant heart; and/or (2) during the commission of an unlawful act, to-wit: criminal neglect of patients, and/or performance of an unlawful act in reckless disregard of persons or property, which in its consequences, naturally tends to destroy the life of a human being; and/or (3) the killing being committed in the prosecution of a felonious intent, to-wit: criminal neglect of patients, and/or performance of an act in reckless disregard of persons or property, which in its consequences, naturally tends to destroy the life of a human being, by directly or indirectly using and/or introducing contaminated medical instruments, supplies, and/or drugs upon or into the body of RODOLFO MEANA which were contaminated with the Hepatitis C virus; Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS being responsible under one or more of the following principles of criminal liability, to wit: (1) by directly committing said

acts; and/or (2) by aiding or abetting each other and/or others including uncharged confederates in the commission of the crime(s) of criminal neglect of patients, and/or performance of an act in reckless disregard of persons or property by directly or indirectly counseling, encouraging, hiring, commanding, inducing, or procuring each other, and/or others to utilize a patient care delivery system which directly or indirectly limited the use of medical instruments, and/or supplies, and/or drugs; scheduled and/or treated an unreasonable number of patients per day, and/or rushed patients or patient procedures all at the expense of patient safety and/or well being, and which resulted in substandard care and/or jeopardized the safety of RODOLFO MEANA, Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS acting with the intent to commit the crime(s) of criminal neglect of patients, and/or performance of an act in reckless disregard of persons or property; and/or (3) pursuant to a conspiracy to commit the crime(s) of criminal neglect of patients, and/or performance of an act in reckless disregard of persons or property, Defendants and KEITH MATHAHS acting in concert throughout.

DATED this 674 day of February, 2013.

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- 4 BAGANG, MAYNARD, LVMPD
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- 6 CAROL, CLIFFORD
- 7 | CARRERA, HILARIO
- 8 CERDA, RYAN, HEALTH CARE BUSINESS SOLUTIONS
- 9 DESAI, SAEHAL
- 10 | DROBENINE, JAN, CDC LAB SUPERVISOR
- 11 DUENAS, YERENY, INSURANCE CLAIMS
- 12 GONZALES, PATRICIA, BLUE CROSS DIRECTOR DEPT.
- 13 GRUESKIN, CAROLE
- 14 HAWKINS, MELVIN Clear of Second
- 15 HUTCHINSON, STACY
- 16 KALKA, KATIE, UNITED HEALTH GROUP INV.
- 17 KHUDYAKOV, YURY, CDC
- 18 KRUEGER, JEFFREY ALEN, RN -> 5 600 100 Co. 6.5
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- 22 MARTIN, GWENDOLYN
- 23 MEANA, RODOLFO
- 24 | MYERS, ELAINE, CLAIMS DIRECTOR
- 25 NEMEC, FRANK, GASTROENTEROLOGIST
- 26 OLSON, ALANE, MEDICAL EXAMINER
- 27 | RIVERA, SONIA ORELLONO
- 28 | RUBINO, KENNETH

- 1 RUSHING, TONYA, OFFICE MGR.
- 2 SAGENDORF, VINCENT, CRNA
- 3 SAMPSON, NANCY, LVMPD
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- 6 SHARMA, SATISH, ANESTHESIOLOGIST
- 7 SIMS, DOROTHY, BUREAU OF LICENSING AND CERTIFICATION
- 8 SPAETH, CORRINE, CLAIMS DIRECTOR
- 9 VANDRUFF, MARION, MEDICAL ASSISTANT
- 10 WASHINGTON, MICHAEL
- 11 YEE, THOMAS, ANESTHESIOLOGIST
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#### DANETTE L. ANTONACCI,

having been first duly sworn to faithfully and accurately transcribe the following proceedings to the best of her ability.

MR. STAUDANER: Ladies and gentlesen of the Grand Jury, my name is Michael Staudaher. I'm here today with Pamela Weckerly. We are the deputy district attorneys assigned to prosecute the case of State of Heveda versus Dipak Kantilal Desai, Ronald Ernest 14 Lakeman and Keith H. Mathaha in Grand Jury Case Number 15 G9863118A-C.

Ladies and gentlemen of the Grand Jury, before we get started there's a couple things we need to do. First of all you have before you an Indictment which is going to be marked and it has been marked 20 | wather as Exhibit Number 1.

Exhibit Number 2 will be the law pertaining to the charge in this particular case which is second degree murder. We are going to be following a couple of 24 different theories of murder. I'm going to go through 25 | the law with you pertaining to that particular charge in just a moment. At the end of that, if you have ony questions about that I ask that you let me know so we can clarify it or make sure that you're all on board with every issue in the case. Okay?

Also 1 know that the Grand Jury judge has previously just sworn you a moment ago, that you have all acknowledged on the record that you have reviewed the materials from the prior presentation in a separate case. This is a separate case at this point. The prior 10 presentation materials included all the transcripts of the prior presentation involving these three defendants, as well as all of the Grand Jury exhibits that were presented during that presentation. Again just before we get started, general acknowledgment or lack thereof that you have reviewed those materials. 15

A JUROR: We have reviewed.

MR. STAUDANER: And a general acknowledgment among the Grand Jury members.

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As we start out I'm going to go over the 20 | law which is Exhibit 2. You have the entirety of the statutes contained in Exhibit 2 pertaining to each of the statutes in this case which is what you will 23 deliberate on in this case after you hear the evidence 24 and take into consideration the prior evidence that you reviewed as well.

The first is under NRS 200,010, 72's murder. Murder is defined as the unlawful killing of a busen being with malice aforethought.

Under NRS 200.020. Malice is further defined as either express or implied malice.

Now it's important to know that under the theory of murder that the State is proceeding under, it is not a first degree murder. It is not a preseditation, deliberation, express malice murder that we're going forward on. It is second degree murder. So 11 | second degree murder has implied malice. There does not 12 I have to be an intent to kill. We're going to get into 13 | some of that in just a moment.

But under NRS 200.020, malice. Under subsection 2 related to implied malice. It mays malice shall be implied when all of the circumstances of the 17 killing show an abandoned or malignant heart.

MRS 200.030 delineates the various forms of 19 muzder. Again we're not proceeding under a first degree murdor theory. Anything that does not carry with it the intent to kill a human being that is defined as surder 22 is all other forms of murder which is second degree.

Under NRS 200.070, that is actually the 24 involuntary murder, or, excuse me, involuntary manulaughter statute. The important portion there that

relates to the charge of second degree murder in this case is that: Even though an involuntary killing occurs in the commission of an unlawful act -- and here the unlawful acts specifically are the criminal neglect of patients charge and the performance of an act in reckiess disregard of persons or property. That in the commission of that, or one or more of those accs, a killing occurs, and that in its consequences those acts naturally tend to destroy the life of a human being or is committed in the prosecution of a felonious intent, 10 11 the offense is murder. 12

Under NRS 0.060, it defines substantial bodily harm which you had previously heard testimony about in the other case. But substantial bodily harm also includes the possibility of death. Under subsection 1, it's bodily lajury which creates a substantial risk of death.

Under the two particular felonies that we are providing you today information on, what we believe 20 will show that there was, essentially provides the 21 molice for the murder. The two felonies that we're 22 | centering on today are the performance of an act in 23 | recklass disregard of persons or property. That is MRS 202.595. A person who performs any act or heglects any duty imposed by law in willful or wanton disregard of

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the safety of persons or property, and it the neglect results in substantial bodily harm or death, that is a

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Under MRS 200.495, that is the criminal neglect of patient statute. Now I know you've had these before but I need to go over these, and specifically this one with you in detail, because as I go through this the things that I'm going to be telling you are conjunctive, which means they are all required for the finding. And I know that you have previously made a finding as related to the patient involved in the charge here and these defendants, but I still need to make sure that you understand that this is the theory that we're proceeding on for this charge and the previous one, the 15 | performance of an act that I told you a moment ago.

Under NRS 200.495, a professional caretaker 17 | who fails to provide such service, care or supervision as is reasonable and necessary to maintain the health or 19 safety of a patient -- these are the four parts that you 20 | need to consider -- the act or umission must be Z1 aggravated, reckless or gross; (b) The act or omission is such a departure from what would be the conduct of an ordinarily prudent, careful person under the same 24 | direumstances that it is contrary to a proper regard for 25 | danger to human life or constitutes indifference to the

destroy the life of a human being, or they were 2 | committed in the performance of felonious intent --I | weaming crisinal neglect of patients or performance of an act in rackless disregard -- and those acts naturally tend to destroy the life of a human being, that is also nurdet.

So we're talking about dangerous felonies in one standpoint and reckless conduct in the other. Is there any question about that?

With that we will go ahead and start our presentation of the evidence. Again if you develop any questions as we go through this about the law or about the evidence before that you need to have addressed. I know you've all reviewed it, let us know.

THE FOREPERSON: Sir, could you please remain standing. Raise your right hand.

You do solemnly swear the testimony you are about to give upon the investigation now pending before this Grand Jury shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

THE WITNESS: I do.

THE FOREPERSON: You may be seared. You are advised that you are here today to give testimony in the investigation pertaining to the Offense of murder in the second degree, category A

resulting commequences; (c) The consequences of the negligent act or omission could have reasonably been foreseen; and (d) The danger to human life was not the result of inattention, mistake, judgment or misadventure, but the natural and probable result of an aggravated, reckless or grossly negligent act or omission.

Now again, ladies and gentlemen, you have the entirety of these statutes. In there any questions thus far about the law as its been provided to you?

11 Now one section I want to cover again so 12 we're clear on this. The Indictment that you have 13 before you lists certain theories of principles of theories of criminal liability that we are proceeding 15 under. The first is essentially a reckless theory. The 16 acts involved were so reckless that they constituted, 17 essentially as it says there, an abandoned or malignant ĮΒ heart. That is second degree morder. If a killing or 19 death results from that type of conduct, it's murder. 20 However there's a second portion of that. If in fact, 21 under the second section, the commission of the unlawful 22 act -- and the unlawful act again here is either the 23 criminal neglect of patients or the performance of an 24 act in reckless disregard -- if those acts, those 25 consequences of those two acts, naturally tend to

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Do you understand this advisement? THE WITNESS: Yes, ma'am, I do. THE FOREPERSON: Thank you. Could you state both your first and last names please and then spell them both for the record.

THE WITNESS: My name is Haynard Bagang. First name M-A-Y-N-A-R-D, last name B-A-G-A-M-G.

THE FOREPERSON: Thonk you.

## KAYNARD BAGANG,

having been first duly sworn by the Foreperson of the Grand Jury to testify to the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, testified as follows:

### MOLTANIMAKE

17 BY MR. STAUDAMER:

- Detective, what do you do for a living?
- I'm a police officer and been working for the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department for approximately eight years now.
  - Are you as officer or detective?
- I've been recently assigned to the airport so I'm an officer.
  - With regard to your testimony today, I'm

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A. Yes, sir.

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- Can you tell us -- first of all, before that date, were you even aware that this was a situation you might become involved in?
- Can you explain to us how that happened and then what occurred on that day and thereafter?
- Α. In the beginning week of April 2012 I was informed by Detective Bob Whiteley --
- Q. And again, ladies and gentlemen, if he discusses any -- I'm going to ask you to not, as much as possible, tell us what other people said. But I'm going to caution the Grand Jury that this is simply to give context and foundation for what he did or why he was 19 | involved in this particular case. It's not offered for 20 the truth of the matter asserted, nor is it intended to 21 | be used by you for that purpose.
- A. In the beginning week of April I was 23 informed by Detective Bob Whiteley that his case, one of the patients of his case is unfortunately probably going 25 to pass away and he asked me if I speak the native

language of the Philippines which is Tagalog and asked me if that happens if I can go to the Philippines and facilitate an autopsy for the victim which is Redolfo Meana. And I told him yes.

So move forward then. So you were aware of it at least at the early part of April and agreed that you would do that for Detective Whiteley if the time cane?

> Yes, sir. A.

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- Oid that time come?
- Yes, sir. Last April 27th at about II o'clock in the morning, I was in California, I was performing my military duties because I'm in the Havy Reserve, and I was called by Sergeant Misty Pence and informed we that the victim Modelfo Means passed away and she asked me if I can fly out that night from Las Vogas to the Philippines. And I was able to check out from the Mayal installation in Coronado, California and drove back to Las Yeges, and I flew out that night 11:00 p.m. from Las Vegas to Manila.
- So did you accompany anybody or were you ٥. alone?
- 23 A. I accompanied the Nevada examiner, Dr. 24 Alane Olson.
  - Q. What was the purpose of you coing to the

## Philippines?

- My main purpose is to facilitate the autopsy, identify the body and witness the autopsy.
  - Did you do those things?
  - A. Yes, sir.
- ٥. I'm showing you what has been previously marked as Grand Jury Exhibit Number 4 and ask you if you recognize that.
  - Α. Yes, sir, I do.
  - Q. What is that, sir?
- ) } This is the copy of the driver's license of 12 Rodolfo Meana.
  - A Nevada issued driver's license: is that 0. CORRECT?
  - Correct, sir.
  - Now you said that part of what you were to do was to identify the body as well as make sure that you basically were there for the autopay: is that correct?
    - A. Yes, sir.
  - I assume that means that you didn't want to do an autopsy on somebody who was not Rodolfo Meana?
    - Correct.
  - So did you look at the person and identify them as being the person that you believed was Rodolfo

## Means?

- λ. Yes, sir.
- Is that the same person as depicted in this driver's license?
  - Yes, sir. A.
- ġ. At that point what eige did you do? I know you've identified the body as Mr. Meana. What else did you do as far as your involvement in the autopay?
- After the body's been identified -- first off, before the autopsy was conducted, at about 11:00 a.m. April 30th, Dr. Olson and myself went to Funeraria Paz. it's F-U-M-E-R-A-R-1-A, and then P-A-E, in Manila where the body was stored.
  - 0. And what is that facility?
- 15 That facility is a funeral home and a 16 morque.
  - So you go to that location. What happens?
- 1.9 I went to that location and I met with the 19 funeraria Par staff and also one of the daughters of Mr. Meana which is Marissa Moana and she advised me 21 than --

22 MR. STAUDAHER: Again, ladies and gentlemen, not offered for the truth of the matter 24 asserted at this point.

THE WITNESS: She advised me that they had

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BY HR. STAUDARER: 2

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So further at least information that you had that this in fact was Hr. Heana; correct?

- Ō, So what happens thereafter?
- After that we started the autopsy λ. approximately 12:30 p.m.
- When you say we started the autopsy, were you actually performing it?
- No, sir, I was a witness. It was the Philippine coroner that was provided by the Philippine law enforcement agency which is the National Bureau of investigation, and the interpol chief based in Manila, and inside the room was Dr. Dison, myself, the Philippine coroner and her assistant.
- So you were present during the entirety of the autopsy?
  - λ.
- 0. Now Dr. Olson, did she participate in the autopsy itself?
  - Α.
  - 0. What was the purpose of her being there?
- Dr. Olson's purpose is to witness the Α. autopsy and collect the tissue and blood samples.

- ٨. Say that again, sir.
- ø. Do you come back to the United States at some point?
  - Ä.,
- So when you get back to the United States O. did you continue on in this investigation at all or were you done?
  - My mission was done, sir. Α.
- Ġ. Now beside the things that you described when you were there physically, the things that you were involved with, did you facilitate those, that process because you know the language of Tagalog?
- Yes, sir. When I got to the Philippines I met with one of the agents of National Bureau of 15 Investigation because there was no coroner in place. So 16 | what I did was I briefed the Interpol chief in Manila 17 and also the head doctor of the National Bureau of Investigation about the mission. Why we're there in 13 Manila, and we informed them that we need to do this as 20 soon as possible because the body was frozen inside the 21 | morque which is Foneraria Pax. And they were able to obtain the permission from the family to perform the autopsy and provided the pathologist which is Dr. Oropilla, O-R-O-P-X-L-L-A, and Br. Oropilla performed the autopsy.

O. Were you present when those samples were collected and given to Dr. Olson?

Yos. sir.

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- So you saw that actually taking place?
- Yes, Bir. Α.
- Q. What else, if anything, did you do in this particular investigation?

After the samples were collected, they were sealed on an approved specified medical containers and they were secured by Dr. Olson and we maintained the chain of custody of the evidence until we got back here 12 in the United States.

- 0. So then you left I assume efter the autopsy and came back to the United States?
- 15 No, sir, we stayed there a few days and we 16 have the evidence locked in our safe, in Or. Olson's 17 safe inside her hotel room.
  - Okay. So it wasn't just sitting on a table where anybody could come in and access it; is that correct?
- Yes, sir. The hotel room was provided with 22 a combination lock safe and Dr. Olson was the only one 23 l who had access to that safe.
  - So after the time passes for you to then return back to the United States do you do so?

MR. STAUDAHER: Okay. Thank you.

I have nothing further for this witness, ladies and gentlemen.

THE FOREPERSON: Are there any questions from the jury? There are none? BY A JUROR:

I have one.

You mean frozen, you don't mean like hard frozen, you mean like cold, right?

- A. Yes, callan.

THE FOREPERSON: Okay, By law, these 13 proceedings are secret and you are prohibited from disclosing to anyone anything that has transpired before 15 us, including evidence and statements presented to the 16 Grand Jury, any event occurring or statement made in the presence of the Grand Jury, and information obtained by the Grand Jury. 18

Failure to comply with this admonition is a gross misdemeanor punishable by a year in the Clark 20 County Detention Center and a \$2,000 fine. In addition, you may be held in contempt of court punishable by an additional \$500 fine and 25 days in the Clark County Decention Conter.

Do you understand this admonition?

THE WITNESS: Yes, I do.

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THE FOREPERSON: Thank you. You can be excused now.

THE WITNESS: Thank you.

THE FOREPERSON: You do solemnly swear the testimony you are about to give upon the investigation now pending before this Grand Jury shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you

THE WITNESS: I do.

THE POREPERSON: You may be seated.

You are advised that you are here today to give testimony in the investigation pertaining to the offense of surder in the second degree, involving the defendants Dipak Kantilal Desai, Ronald Ernest Lakenan and Keith S. Mathahs.

Do you understand this advisement? THE WITNESS: Yes, ma'am. THE FOREPERSON: Thank you. Could you please state both your first and last dames and spell them both please. THE WITHESS: My hame is Alane Olson. My

first name is spelled A-L-A-B-Z, my last name is spelled 0-L-3-0-N.

THE FOREFERSON: Thank you.

Can you give us a brief background as to your training and experience which led you to those positions?

Yes. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Microbiology from the University of Idaho. I went to medical school at the University of Nevada School of Medicine which is based in Reno. Once I got my MO Degree I moved to Portland, Oregon and spent five years at Oregon Health Sciences University in training for a residency in anatomic and clinical pathology which is where I learned how to do autopsies. During that time I also learned how to look at specimens, tissues and organs that were removed at surgery for diagnosis of cancer and other diseases. I also learned how clinical laboratories are run. Those are the labs that analyze blood, urine and other specimens to allow dectors to diagnosis and treat disease. Once I completed by residency I moved to Milwaukee, Misconsin and worked at the medical examiner's office in Wisconsin, in Milwaukee, for one year, in a forensic pathology fellowship program. So that was further training in performing autopsies. That completed by formal training and I've been working in the State of Nevada since.

> thank you. So some of the things that you did mention

ALANE OLSON,

having been first duly sworn by the Foreperson of the Grand Jury to testify to the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, testified as follows:

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BY MR. STAUDAMER:

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- Dr. Olson, what do you do for a living?
- I'm employed at the Clark County Coroner's Office and i'm a medical examiner.
- And what do you do primarily at the Ö. coroner's office then?
- I perform autopaies and other types of examinations with the goal of determining cause and manner of death.
- Q. So you're familiar with how autopaies are done obviously?
  - A.
- ٥. How long have you been doing that work at the coroner's office?
- I've been working at the coroner's office in Las Vegas since September of 2005 and prior to that I worked at the coroner's office in Reno from 2000 to 2005.

that I wanted to ask you a couple quick questions about is that you had both pathologic, meaning in the sense of live patient interaction where maybe an organ at the time of surgery was sent to you for analysis where you remove sections of that tissue and then analyze them, stain them, things like that?

- ۸. Yes.
- So you've dealt with sort of the living patient portion of pathology and now you're dealing as a medical examiner with deceased patients; is that right?
  - That's correct.
- Same kinds of things, do you look at the same kinds of tissues and stain them and things along those lines?
  - A.
- ø. In doing that are you able to determine on deceased patients as well whether or not there was disease process involved in the cause of their death?
  - Oftentimes, yes.
- I'm going to direct your accention back to why you're here coday now. Were you involved in either the autopsy or observance or some way the autopsy of an individual by the name of Rodolfo Meana?
- A. Yes, I was.

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Can you explain to us how that took place,

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My involvement with Mr. Keans came about through a request from the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department. Basically Metro got in touch with the coroner who is my boss and informed him that there were patients who had been infected by hepatitis C from --

HR. STAUDAHER: And again, ladies and gentlemen, I'm cautioning the Grand Jury, it's not offered for the truth of the matter asserted, just how she gets involved in this case. I would ask you not to use it for that purpose.

11 12 THE WITNESS: Who had been infected with hepatitis C during procedures at the Endoscopy Clinic of 13 Southern Nevada. They were concerned that one of those 15 patients was in rapidly declining health and might in 16 fact die relatively soon as a consequence of his 17 infection. They wanted to essentially give the coroner's office a heads up this case may be coming our way and so we were provided with information about 20 Mr. Meana's medical history and they basically kept us informed of what was happening. I was aware that 22 Mr. Means had requested or had intended to go back to 23 the Philippines and his intent was to go home to die, 24 So I was aware that he had in fact gone back to the 25 Philippines. And on I believe it was April 27, 2012,

our office got a call from Metro saying that Mr. Meana had died in the Philippines and they requested that someone from our office go to the Philippines to observe the autopsy and if possible bring specimens back so they could be examined. I'm the one who ended up going to the Philippines at the request of Metro. And with the assistance of Detective Bagang we managed to observe the autopsy and get specimens and bring them back so that I could look at them under the microscope. My presence at his autopsy was strictly that of an observer since I am not licensed to practice medicine in the Philippines and performing an autopsy is in fact the practice of medicine. So my presence was strictly that of an observer at the examination. BY MR. STAUDAHER:

So let me go back just a little bit. You said before you actually make the trip

to the Philippines though that you were provided with information regarding Hr. Meana's medica) history, his 20 records and so forth; is that correct?

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Had you had a chance to review those before going to the Philippines?

> Α. Yes.

> > And did that include all of the available

information at least that you were given related to previous treatments he had received, hospitalizations, his medical condition and so forth?

- Yes, as far as I'm aware of.
- Did that information produce the particular date where the infection allegedly took place?
  - Yes. Α.

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- So we've got information before the infection takes place up to the present time, meaning present time being the 27th essentially that you went to 11 | the Philippines?
  - Yes, with the exception that I didn't have records from his hospitalization while he was in the Philippines.
- 15 And he was there for a very short time, just a couple weeks; is that correct? 16
  - That's correct, yes.
  - So you got that information, you've actually reviewed it?
- 21 o. Did that go into or make its way into your 22 findings or your report that you did in this particular 23 case?
  - It essentially served as a background though it's not directly referenced in the report.

So it's something you considered, is that fair to say, and analyzed and used, but didn't, it just doesn't, the actual text of his medical history doesn't appear in your report: is that right?

That's correct, it does not.

Now let's go to the 27th. You get notified of this information or of the death. You said that you had gone to the Philippines with another individual. Who was that?

λ. Detective Bagang from the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department.

Did you pass by him, sort of ships passing 0. in the night, as you came in here to testify today?

Yes, I did.

Was that the same person that you went to the Philippines with?

> Yes, it was. A,

Tell us what happens when you get to the Q. Philippines.

Ä. When we arrived in the Philippines we got in contact with a agent, FBI agent who was resident in the embassy, U.S. Embassy in Manila, and he had been able to get information for us, essentially to help us figure out how to get an autopsy done since Detective Bagang didn't have any experience with that aspect of

- 0. So when is all this toking place?
- The majority of the communications and paper signing took place on Sunday the 29th and the autopsy itself occurred on the 30th.
- Okay. And when did you actually arrive, the calendar day, in the Philippines?
  - It would have been the 29th of April.
- So did you leave the 29th or did you leave earlier than that?
- We left about 11:00 p.m. on Friday the 27th.
- So it took physically, with the time changes and International Date Line and all of that, it took you a time to get there obviously, but when you leave here you leave on the Z7th?
  - Correct, ves. Α.
- ٥. And that was the day that you were informed at least that the tipe the death occurred?
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And on fast as travel could get you there 25 you're in the Philippines, but the calendar day then is

means when you propare tissues to look at them under the 2 | microscope. They themselves did not have a stain available for hepotitis C and they checked with other labs and were not able to find apparently any labs that would do testing on rissue to verify the presence of hepatitis C.

- ٥. So you weren't able to do that particular portion of the testing yourself, but the samples that you obtained were for them to try and determine the cause of death essentially?
  - Essentially, yes. Α.
- So let's go back just a little bit. You're at the location where the autopsy takes place. So you watch the entirety of the autopsy?
  - A. Yes.
- ٥. So you're there for the whole time. And during the autopsy, is that when you get the samples or do you get them at the end? I mean how did that work?
- I got the samples essentially at the end of the autopsy once all the organs had been removed and the Filipino doctor had the opportunity to look at them, then she motioned me over and asked what I wanted.
- Q. Were you involved in, for example, doing 24 anything that would go to the cause of death or that would make it into a death certificate in the

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- A.
- ٥. Autopsy takes place the following day. What role did you play in this?
- As I said, my role was strictly that of an observer since I'm not medically licensed in the Philippines and so I essentially stood in the room while the doctor performed the autopsy. I observed what she was doing and she was very helpful in obtaining tissue samples and some blood for me at my request. I had prior to that gotten a consent signed by Mr. Meana's next of kin to legally allow me to take those samples.
- 13 So what is the purpose of you obtaining ø. 14 samples?
- 15 A. The purpose of obtaining the samples is essentially to confirm that he did in fact have 16 17 cirrhosis which is scarring in the liver and that he did 18 in fact ultimately die as a result of that circhosis or scarring in his liver.
- 20 Was there any indication that there was an 21 infectious component in this, in your analysis?
- I was not able to do special stains to actually identify hepatitis C virus in his liver. We attempted to have that testing done through the 25 | laboratory that does our histology which is what it

Philippines, onything like that?

No. I was not involved in the preparation Α. of the death certificate.

Old you in any way involve yourself in the actual report that was -- first of all, was there a report done, an autopsy report done by the Filipino physician?

> A. Yes.

Were you involved in the preparation, the 10 authoring, anything related to that report?

> No, I was not. Α.

> > ٥. Have you seen that report?

Yas. I have.

Have you looked at that in conjunction with all of the others things that you mentioned that you reviewed?

1.8 Have you looked at the death certificate in 19 this particular case?

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21 I'm showing you what has been marked as State's Exhibit 5 and ask you if you recognize that? 22

> λ. Yes. 1 do.

Can you tell us what that is?

State's Exhibit Number 5 is a certificate

of death for Rodolfo Torrillo Meana.

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I believe it's a copy of a certified death Q. certificate; is that correct?

Yes. Was issued by the Republic of the Philippines and it is as noted a certified copy.

And on that document what are listed as the causes or contributing factors related to the death?

The cause of death statement is hepatic and uremic encephalopathy, grade four. An antecedent cause is listed sepsis and an underlying cause is hepatitis C and chronic kidney disease,

> Does that indicate some form of infection? O.

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Eased on your analysis, and we're going to ger into your analysis in just a minute, but based on your analysis of what you did with the tissue samples yourself, the observance of the autopsy, your review of 18 the medical records predacing your even going to the 19 Philippines related to Mr. Meana, do you have any issue with what is listed there on the cause of death?

> A. No. I do not.

Q. Do you agree with it?

Yes. A.

Okay. Now before we get to your actual report, again I want to talk about the fact that there

blood samples at the end of the exemination. It's basically a stylistic difference.

- So there's no significance to that other than the way that you do it versus the way that somebody else would do it?
  - Α. Correct.
- Are there people even in your own profession here in this country that might do it that perticular way?

Α. If a person is, if a doctor is performing an autopsy in a coroner's office or a medical examiner's office, oftentimes the emphasis in those cases is on toxicology testing, meaning we look at the blood to see if there are drugs or alcoho) or any toxic substance that may have led this person to die. So we are very if concerned with getting good quantities of good quality 17 blood for our testing. On the other hand, someone who dies in the hospital or who has an autopay essentially for medical purposes, the emphasis may not in fact be on the toxicology testing and results and so the blood collected is not as much of a priority for those types of cases as it typically is for the types of cases that I do and that other medical examiners do.

> Ö. So just to make sure I get that question

was a separate autopsy report done by this Filipino medical examiner. Correct? 2

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Have you reviewed that report?

Yes, I have.

in detail?

G. And again in conjunction with your observance of what took place at the autopay, is there any issue that you have with what took place at the autopsy, meaning how the autopsy was performed by that doctor?

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Did it appear to follow the normal standard practice in not only medicine but in your specific profession as to how to conduct such an autopay?

Yes, it appeared to follow those forms.

So is there anything there that was, you know, completely out of the ordinary or even out of the ordinary that you would not do here that you saw being done there with regard to her performance of the autopay itself?

The only difference that I noted, when we do autopales here we generally collect blood samples at the beginning of the examination, and she collected

otherwise make that process that you saw, observed and 2 saw the report of, invalid or called into question in 3 some way?

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And you reviewed the findings of that Autopsy report as well?

And I'm not going to get into the actual fundings of that, but were they consistent with what you determined later on?

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And consistent with the death certificate itself?

Anything about the information contained in that autopsy report from the doctor in the Philippines that gave you pause or question or made you change or alter in any way your opinions in this case?

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Ū. So let's move forward. You've observed the 21 | autopsy, you've gotten your samples. What happens next?

22 Once I had the scoples they were placed 73 into a fixative called formalin and I brought them back 24 to the United States with me and took them to the office immediately after I got out of the airport and put them

answered. Is it anything that would impair, impede or

- Bid you somehow take care of those apecimens along the way or did you just leave them sitting somewhere where anybody could get ahold of them?
- In Manila, after I got the specimens, we went back to our hotel which is when I out them in the fixative. I brought fixative with me. Once they were in fixative I placed them in the safe in my hotel room where they stayed until I took them out as I was packing to leave. I put them in my carry-on luggage and they never left my control during the time of our transit from the Philippines back to Las Vegas.
- Q. Did you then take them to your office at some point?
- Yes, as soon as I got out of the sirport ofter acriving in Las Vegas I took them to the office and placed them in storage there.
- So is that where they currently are is in the coroner's office?
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- Now we know the chain there, You mentioned fixative, that you brought some with you. Is there a teason why you did that?
  - A. Yes, there is a reason. Prior to going to

the Philippines I had no knowledge of exactly what would, what materials would be available to me there. And better to be safe than sorry I brought materials with me in case none were available. So I had the fixative, I had mealable containers, I had a heat sealer so that nothing could leak out. I took what materials I thought I would need in order to transport the type of specimens that I anticipated collecting.

- So all of the things that you collected the samples with, the samples being put in the formalin or the fixative, all of that was brought by you to the Philippines?
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- So you did not rely on them for any materials like that during this process?
  - That's correct. I did not.
- O. What was the purpose or what was the need to put a specimen in this fixative that you mentioned?
- Tissue is put in fixative so that it essentially doesn't not, so that it is well preserved so that I can look at it under the microscope and see good 22 detail.
- 23 Now again, I know I'm jumping forward and 24 back, but I want to go back to the autopsy for a minute. You said that you were present there, observed the

entirety of the autopsy.

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- Did that include the standard things that are done, like an external, internal examination, things like that?
- ٥. And specific examinations of the internal organs themselves?
  - λ.
- And just for an aside and for the Grand Il Jury, what is the purpose, why do you have to look at the individual organs when you're doing an autopsy?
- The goal of looking, the goal of doing an 14 autopsy in general is to document the presence of injury 15 as well as natural disease and so you do that by looking at the body as a whole and then you look at each of the organs with those coals in mind.
- 0. While you're there at the autopay was there 19 any evidence of any injury to Mr. Meana?
- Not really traumatic injury per se, but he did have some areas of bleeding on the skin of his orms which typically go along with people who are in liver failure because the liver is important for making 24 | clotting fectors and if the liver is failing it's not 25 | doing its job in a variety of respects. So it's pretty

common for people who have liver failure not to be able to clot their blood adequately and so they may have bleeding, what looks like bruises on their skin.

- So there was some at least even external signs that maybe there was a problem with the liver at the time?
- Ÿ. Beyond that, did you, and we're going to stey away from the liver for just a moment. Okay?

But as far as the heart, the lungs, things like that that were taken out, were they dissected outside the body or looked upon and samples taken of those outside the body or how does that work in the Philippines?

- They essentially do the same order that we do in that you look at the external body, you open the body cavities up, you take each organ out and examine it individually.
- So as far as this individual, you knew that this person had been hospitalized; correct?
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- 22 You also knew of the prior hospitalizations and medical treatment that this person had -- and I'm talking about Rodolfo Meana -- had undergone; is that correct?

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- Was there anything about the organ examination, excluding the liver for the moment, that was of significance to you during the process of the
- It appeared that he had posumonia based upon the gross appearance, the maked eye appearance of his lungs and the fact that they appeared to be heavier than normal.
- Now can you tell us about that, pneumonia, the pneumonia itself, was that a contributing factor to the cause of his death?
- Basically someone who is in poor, extremely poor health as Hr. Meana was because of his liver failure, they're susceptible to a number of different medical problems and pneumonia certainly would be one of those. So it's one of the things that was present at the time of his death and is essentially ottributable to his liver failure.
- 20 Q. So a secondary cause from the primary liver 21 failuzo itself?
  - A. Correct.
  - O. What about the heart, was there evidence of obstruction in any of the coronary arteries or anything Along those lines?

chronic hepatitis C infection producing the scarring.

- And in Eact were some of the findings about 3 the thing that you mentioned regarding the hepatitis C infection, did the autopsy that was done in the Philippines, did they take blood and test it for hepatitis C at the time?
  - Α. Yes, they did.
  - Ö. And the results of that, were they consistent with your findings that he had an active infection of hepatitis C at the time of his death?
    - A.
    - Now the liver sits where in the body?
  - Α. It sits basically at the bottom of your rib cage on the right side, that tends to lie over the majority of the liver. So it's in your upper abdomen below the ribs.
  - Q. And is it sitting in a particular cavity of the body?
  - Yes, it is, it sits in the abdominal cavity.
- Q. Now normally on a patient who has liver 22 | failure, what is -- before I get to that. What is the 23 | purpose of the liver; what does it do?
  - A. The liver does actually a lot of things, It produces proteins including clotting factors. It

- did not see that personally but in her autopsy report Dr. Ocopilla describes one area of severe narrowing in one of his coronary arteries.
- Any indication that he had suffered a coronary artery infarction or anything like that?
  - A. No.

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- Ö. Any issues with the heart itself other than some narrowing of some of the vessels?
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- Ċ. Any other organ that was a problem, excluding the liver and -- well, any other organ beside the lives at this point?
  - Α. No.
- Q. Now let's move to the liver. What was the -- and I'm not talking about your samples that you cook, I'm talking about you still being at the autopsy. your visualization as this is taking place -- what did
  - Α. I saw a small, accorred liver.
  - What is that indicative of?
- Well, the scarring can occur for a variety 22 of reasons. People who chronically abuse alcohol can develop a similar appearance of scarring. In Mr. Heana's case, because I knew that he had hepatitis C infection that was ongoing, it's consistent with a

breaks down toxins and it helps your body to maintain a steady blood glucose level because it stores glucose.

- Does it also act as somewhat of a filtering mechanism for the body as well?
  - Absolutely, yes, A,
- The blood that returns to the heart, does it primarily go through the liver?
  - Yes, it does.
- Ö. In order to get back to the heart it has to filter through the liver itself?
  - A. Yes.
- If the liver is scarred and scherotic and diseased from hepatitis C or anything else that would cause circhosis, does that impair the flow of the blood through the liver?
  - Α. Absolutely, yes.
- Is there a secondary sort of thing that happens as a result of that impaired blood flow?
- There are actually a number of things that occur as a result of the impaired blood flow. One of them is semething called portal hypertension and that is since the blood can't get through the liver as it normally would it has to find other ways to get back to the heart and those other ways, when they experience that increase in blood flow, the veios get bigger and

you can see things like, they're called esophageal varices, meaning that they're large veins around the esophages, and those can repture causing bleeding. You can also see enlarged veins around the stomach which 5 again can rupture causing bleeding. The spleen may become enlarged because the blood is backing up into the spleen. So there are a variety of problems that can occur when someone has cirrhosis and the blood cannot flow normally through the liver.

- Now does that essentially pressurize the venous system abnormally then?
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- Ō. And in doing so is there typically something like a leaking of fluid out of the vencus system into the perineal cavity?
- Yes, people who have portal hypertension often have the accumulation of fluid in their bellies.
  - What is that fluid called?
  - It's called ascites.
- Was there any evidence of ascites or sacites fluid during the autopsy?
  - Yes.
  - A significant amount?
  - Yes, there was quite a lot.
  - Is that typical of people with liver

## microscope.

- o. Do you eventually get those back?
- A.
- Ο. Yeli us what you found when you looked at theo.
- When I looked at the tissues under the microscope, the most obvious tissue of interest was the liver, and he did in fact have cirrhosis which is extensive scarcing, he had inflammation in the tissue in his liver indicating that he had ongoing damage from the hepatitis C. As far as the other tissues go, he had evidence of pneumonia in his lungs. Basically all of the tissue samples from his lungs that I looked at had evidence of pneumonia. Some of it was recent, some of It was a little bit older. He did have scarring in his kidneys, most likely the result of high blood pressure, and his spleen had some extra scar tissue in it and again that would have been the result of the portal hypertension which was due to his liver failure and
- 21 O. Okay. Now just as we -- again I'm going to 22 take you back just a little bit.

You reviewed the medical records of Mr. Meane before you went even to the Philippines?

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- Very (requestly.
- So this is a finding also that you saw during the autopsy itself?
- Ō. Now any other findings beside the liver issue? I know that you mentioned the lungs and the phousonis or whatever was going on there. But was there any other abnormal thing that you saw within his body other than that associated with his liver?
  - Α. His kidneys were a little bit scarred.
  - Anything there that was significant?
  - Not over and above his liver disease, no.
- So now you've moved from, let's move you rather from the Philippines to the United States. You've got your samples. What do you do with them after they're physically back at the coroner's office and you're going to do your studies?
- Once I got back to the United States I had the opportunity to transfer the pieces of tissue into fresh formalin just to make sure it was well fixed and I cut the pieces of tissue into smaller pieces and put them in specialized little containers called cassettes and those cassettes were sent to the laboratory that prepares our tissues to be looked at under the
- Mere you aware of whether or not he had an active hepatitis C infection before he went to the Endoscopy Center of Southern Nevada on the 21st of 1 believe it was September of 2007?
- I found no indication in his medical records that he had hepatitis C prior to his visit to the Endoscopy Clinic.
- Was there evidence that he had hepatitis C after be went to the clinic on that day?
  - λ. Yes.
- Was there any evidence of him having any liver disease, circhosts, failure, anything along those lines, prior to that visit to the clinic?
  - A.
- Was there any evidence in the medical records that he was suffering from, either some other disease process or external source like drinking too much, anything like that that could have contributed to or caused his cirrhosis other than the hepatitis C?
  - A.,
- Do you have an opinion as to what was the cause of death in this particular case?
  - Yes. Α.
- What was that opinion?
  - My opinion is that he ultimately died as a

result of chronic active beparttis associated with hepatitis C infection.

- Now you were not necessarily given information about a criminal investigation or anything in this particular case: is that correct?
  - A. That's correct.
- So you're basically using, your opinion here is related to the findings of his medical records, the autopsy that was done, as well as your actual analysis yourself of the tissue samples that you obtained?
  - A. Yes.

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- Q. Related to that, are you aware that in this country or even any place in the world that sometimes people engage in unsafe medical practices?
  - Yes, I'm aware. Α.
- And sometimes those unsafe medical practices can be the reuse of single use only materials, things like that?
- 21 0. First of all, are you aware of what 22 Universal safety Precautions are?
  - A.
  - Q. Do you know what they are first of all and can you explain that to the jury?

normality in the process of getting and receiving medical care?

- Absolutely.
- O. If a situation is occurring, and this is a hypothetical for you now, a situation where those medical practices were actively not being tollowed, meaning the Universal safety Pretautions, and a transmission of an infectious agent occurred to another person, as in this particular case where we have Mr. Meana going to the clinic at the Endoscopy Center, beforehand he's not hepatitis C positive; correct?
  - Correct.
  - And afterward he is? Ď.
  - Α. Yes.
- ٥. And if in fact at the clinic at that time 16 | it was found that there were unsafe injection practices for example, or something along those lines that were taking place, could that have been a mechanism by which infection was transferred to Mr. Meana?
  - Α.
- If in fact the mechanism, that had occurred 22 and that is how he got the infection, and I'm not asking you to make the determination that he did is that manner, would that be consistent with what you saw which led up to his death?

1 Universal Precautions, essentially what it bolls down to is good hygiene practices. So the goal is to minimize the spread of potentially infectious materials and you do that by means of using gloves and gowns and masks and eye protection and any other barrier that is appropriate depending on what you may be dealing with as an infectious disease. So you're trying to contain potentially infectious material.

And you worked in the clinical setting as well as the current setting you're in; correct?

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Q. So in dealing in a clinical serving, as far as the use of Universal safety Precautions along those lines, does one typically employ those to protect themselves from potential infection?

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17 O. Does one also employ those to protect the 18 person that they're administering to for potential 19 infection that they may have?

> Α. Yes.

21 Q. Are those procautions also used to prevent 22 the cross contamination from one person or patient to 23 another patient?

- ٨. Yes.
- Are there breaches that naturally occur

And again if I understand you correctly, the cause of his death from your standpoint or from what you have determined was the hepatitis C virus infection and the secondary effects of that infection throughout the course of his life thereafter?

> Yes. ۸.

MR. STAUDANER: Ladies and gentlemen, I have no further questions for this witness. Do you have any for this particular individual?

THE POREPERSON: Yes, go ahead.

12 BY A JUROR:

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Further back you were talking about testing Q. to see if a person has hepatitis C and you said no facilities would do that, you couldn't find any. Why is that?

17 The reason that I couldn't find a lab that would do that type of testing on his liver tissue I 19 believe is because we are so geared medically now to do 20 testing on blood or serum that it's simply not a test that's in demand because we have other better ways of 21 22 looking for that infection.

23 MR. STAUDAHER: And let me follow-up if I 24 may on that.

Q. The testing that you're talking about that

you were not able to conduct was on tissue samples themselves looking for the virus within those samples: correct?

- Yes, that's correct.
- That is not the same thing as the blood pample that was taken at the time and tested and was made part of the autopsy findings from the Philippines?
- That is correct, those are completely different samples and modes of testing.
- So his medical records and even the results of the medical findings from the autopsy itself show that there was an active hepatitis infection at the time?
- You just weren't able to actually do the Stains to see the virus within the tissues themselves?
  - That's correct.

THE FOREPERSON: Over here and then I'll come back to you.

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- On the tissue, what was it that you added 0. to preserve it, what's the name of it?
  - It's called formalin, F-O-R-M-A-L-I-W.
- What was the other word? I thought there was another word.

And does it have to be climatized or anything like that? There was testimony it was put in a safe. So it doesn't have to be put in any special

No, it doesn't have to be refrigerated or treated in any way but kept at room temperature.

Thank you.

MR. STAUDAMER: And just to follow-up on

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- If I understand you correctly, you received those samples directly from the autopsy itself?
  - Yes, I did.
- And thereafter immediately put them into the formalin that you brought with you to (ix the samples so that they remained preserved for as long as you needed them?
  - Α. Yes.

18 BY A JURGE:

- You testified that you carried on these when you came back to the States.
  - Α. Yes.
- You carried the samples. To your knowledge is there anything in the security process or anything that you're aware of that might change it or --
  - No, there was nothing that those tissues

. STAUDAHER: Fizative.

A JUROR: Pixative.

THE WITNESS: Okay, Fixative is a description of what formalin does. So it preserves

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So when you do that, does it have to be, for example when you do a heart. I understand that you have to refrigerate it and there's a cortain time period that you can still keep it. Is there anything with that additive that you put in there when you put it to the tissue, by the time you take it from the Philippines to the United States, is it still going to be preserved for 24 hours, 48 hours, six months, a year? Now long is that tissue still going to be a valid tissue when you examine it is where I'm quing.

A. You can keep tissue in formalin for years and if there is enough formalin around that tissue to adequately preserve it then you can take that classe out of the formalin years later and prepare it and look at it under the microscope and it will be well preserved, if it was well preserved when it went into the formalin. So that's a long way of saying the formalin that I put the tissue in was adequate to preserve it for as long as I wanted to keep it in there.

went through on their way back to the United States with me that would have changed their appearance in any way.

Q. And it's not out of your sight that long or anything like that?

No, it was in my hand carry luggage so it was basically sitting on the plane with me.

Thank you.

MR. STAUDAHER: Let me follow-up with that for just a moment.

Were you aware that at least the Transportation Safety Administration, the TSA, was aware of the fact that you were bringing samples in that capacity through security and onto the airline and so forth?

Yes. In fact when we went to the airport in Manila to leave we were met by I believe the chief of the airport police who excerted us through the whole process of checking in and getting through security. And once we touched down in the United States, which happened to be in Detroit, we were get by a member of the airport police who escorted us through the whole process so we could board our domestic flight.

And those were preparations obviously made before you even went; correct?

A. I believe some of it was going on during

the time we were in the Philippines.

Regardless of the timing them, is it safe to say that the process of going through, of communicating with the Transportation Safety Administration and dealing with that was to get those samples through so they just didn't end up in the belly of the plane somewhere or could be damaged?

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THE FOREPERSON: Are there any further questions? There are none?

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> Do you understand this admonition? THE WITNESS: Yes, ma'am, I do. THE FOREPERSON: Thank you. You can be

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THE WITNESS: Thank you.

THE FOREPERSON: You're welcome.

We'd like to call for a break now.

MR. STAUDAHER: That's fine. That's okay if you want a break. Sure.

THE FOREPERSON: Ten minutes.

MR. STAUDAHER: We're not going to have

anymore witnesses just so you know.

THE FOREPERSON: Okay. Ten minute break.

(Recess.)

MR. STAUDAHER: Ladies and gentlemen of the Grand Jury, that concludes the presentation of the Witness testimony.

Again, Exhibit I is the disk that you received or the information thereon related to all the transcripts of the prior presentations as well as all the exhibits. I know you've individually been canvassed on this but I just want to make sure there's no questions related to that evidence that you're using in this particular case or any question regarding the law so far that has been provided to you with regard to this charge, the murder charge. Any questions?

THE FOREPERSON: No.

MR. STAUDAHER: General lack of questions

1 by the Grand Jury. We'll submit it to you for deliberation.

(At this time, all persons, other than members of the Grand Jury, exit the room at 10:31 a.m. and return at 10:36 a.m.;

> A JUROR: Can I start? MR. STAUCAHER: Certainly.

A JUROR: My question is, I just wanted clarification, if we're not supposed to tie in what we know from previous testimony and exhibits and --

MR. STAUDAHER: Go ahead, finish your question.

A JUROR: To use that information that we previously heard into tying it into --

A JUROR: Charges.

A JURGR: -- charge of second degree surder. So we use that information or we do not?

HR. STAUDANER: Let me mate sure we're clear on this. The reason that those exhibits and that prior testimony were provided to you and that you had to go through them was so you -- for example, the deceased in this case you heard testimony from. He's not coming in to give you testimony, nor could be because he's no longer with us. So yes, you do take into account the 25 | evidence that was presented, the exhibits, the testimony

from that prior case. Because the reason that you are all constituted here as the original Grand Jury and bad previously received all that information is to avoid having to re-present the entirety of all of that matter to a new Grand Jury. So yes, you are to take into consideration everything that was on that disk which includes all of the prior transcripts, all of the prior exhibits, everything that went into your decisions in the prior case. But this is a separate charge. 10

A JUROR: Yeah, I understood it's separate.

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THE FOREPERSON: Anne, do you want to restate your question that brought up the discussion?

14 A JUROR: I guess if we want to get to the bottom line of it is to review some of the elements of 15 16 second degree murder now. We can't do that now?

MR. STAUDAMER: Well no. You're here to 18 determine whether or not second degree murder, because 19 that's what we're proceeding on, not a first degree 20 morder, but a second degree morder, and the different 71 theories under that that we brought forth to you, 22 whether or not thay apply in this particular case. Now you have previously found related to this victim, because you returned a true bill as to both the criminal

25 | neglect of patient charge as well as performance of an

act in reckless disregard, you have to make a determination under one scenario whether or not those are dangerous felonies. Did they result in harm or death to someone? The other aspect of it is based on all of the information you have, were the actions of these individuals either directly, or by aiding and abetting each other, or by conspiring, reckless to the point that they caused someone to have a deprayed heart or reckless indifference to human life, that kind of thing, and that's what you're here to determine.

A JURCA: So I have a question just to follow-up on that.

HR. STAUDAHER: Sure.

A JUROR: That would mean those three people, even if one of those persons wasn't involved --how can I say it? Because this is the question Anne had. One of those people weren't involved in the procedure on that day on Mr. Rodolfo -- sorry, excuse me. Go ahead, do you think --

MR. STAUDAHER: In order for you to -remember there's three theories of criminal limbility 22 that are involved here: Directly committing the act, 23 alding or abetting others in the commission of those 24 | accs, conspiring with others to commit the acts. If you find -- you don't have to find all three. You don't

have to find a particular one. But if you find that all 1 three individuals are involved or liable under one of those three theories of criminal liability, some may be more than one, but you have to find that at least they are involved under one of those three theories of 6 criminal liability in order for you to come back with a finding with regard to murder as to each individual.

A JUNOR: Otay.

MR, STAUDAHER: Does that make sense?

A JUROR: Yes.

A JUROR: Absolutely.

A JUROR: Okay.

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A JUROR: Thank you.

THE FOREFERSON: Thank you.

A JUROR: Thank you.

(At this time, all persons, other than members of the Grand Jury, exit the room at 10:40 g.m. and return at 10:44 a.m.)

THE FOREPERSON: Mr. District Actorney, by a vote of 12 or more grand jurors a true bill has been returned against the defendants Dipak Kantilal Desai, Ronald Ernest Lakeman and Keith H. Mathaha charging the crime of murder in the second degree, in Grand Jury Case Number 09BGJ119A-C. We instruct you to prepare an Indictment in conformance with the proposed Indictment

previously submitted to us.

MR. STAUDAMER: Thank you ladies and

gentlemen.

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THE FOREPERSON: You're welcome.

MS, WECKERLY: Thank you.

MR. STRUCAHER: Were there any changes to

the Indicament?

THE FOREFERSON: No.

(Proceedings concluded.)

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1	IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Defendant's Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus,			
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