

COMMONWEALTH OF  
PENNSYLVANIA  
COUNTY OF BUCKS

Magisterial District Number: **07-2-01**

MDJ: Hon. **BRIAN M. MARRIOTT**  
**60 TOWNSHIP ROAD**  
**Address: RICHBORO, PA 18954**

Telephone: **215-322-0144**



**POLICE CRIMINAL COMPLAINT**  
**COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA**  
**VS.**

DEFENDANT: **(NAME and ADDRESS):**

**DEREK J GALE**  
*First Name Middle Name Last Name* *Gen*

**200 SHARE DR**  
**MORRISVILLE PA UNITED STATES 19067**

**NCIC Extradition Code Type**

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|---|---|--|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1-Felony Full                          | <input type="checkbox"/> 5-Felony Pend.                     | <input type="checkbox"/> C-Misdemeanor Surrounding States          | <input type="checkbox"/> Distance: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Felony Ltd.                          | <input type="checkbox"/> 6-Felony Pend. Extradition Determ. | <input type="checkbox"/> D-Misdemeanor No Extradition              |                                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3-Felony Surrounding States | <input type="checkbox"/> A-Misdemeanor Full                 | <input type="checkbox"/> E-Misdemeanor Pending                     |                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4-Felony No Ext                        | <input type="checkbox"/> B-Misdemeanor Limited              | <input type="checkbox"/> F-Misdemeanor Pending Extradition Determ. |                                    |

**DEFENDANT IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION**

Docket Number <b>CR 242-25</b>	Date Filed <b>9/23/25</b>	OTN/LiveScan Number <b>D1015074-4</b>	Complaint <b>421</b>	Incident Number <b>99-25-0124</b>	Request Lab Services/ <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
GENDER <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	DOB <b>7/14/1978</b>	POB <b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>	Add'l DOB	Co-Defendant(s) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Gen.
AKA First Name Middle Name Last Name					
RACE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Black <input type="checkbox"/> Native American <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown					
ETHNICITY <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown					
HAIR COLOR <input type="checkbox"/> GRY (Gray) <input type="checkbox"/> RED (Red/Aubn.) <input type="checkbox"/> SDY (Sandy) <input type="checkbox"/> BLU (Blue) <input type="checkbox"/> PLE (Purple) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BRO (Brown) <input type="checkbox"/> BLK (Black) <input type="checkbox"/> ONG (Orange) <input type="checkbox"/> WHI (White) <input type="checkbox"/> XXX (Unk/Bald) <input type="checkbox"/> GRN (Green) <input type="checkbox"/> PNK (Pink) <input type="checkbox"/> BLN (Blonde / Strawberry)					
EYE COLOR <input type="checkbox"/> BLK (Black) <input type="checkbox"/> BLU (Blue) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BRO (Brown) <input type="checkbox"/> GRN (Green) <input type="checkbox"/> GRY (Gray) <input type="checkbox"/> HAZ (Hazel) <input type="checkbox"/> MAR (Maroon) <input type="checkbox"/> PNK (Pink) <input type="checkbox"/> MUL (Multicolored) <input type="checkbox"/> XXX (Unknown)					
DNA	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	DNA Location			WEIGHT (lbs.)
FBI Number	MNU Number		210		
Defendant Fingerprinted:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO				FL HEIGHT in.
Fingerprint Classification:					5 10

**DEFENDANT VEHICLE INFORMATION**

Plate #	State	Hazmat <input type="checkbox"/>	Registration Sticker (MM/YY)	Comm'l Veh. Ind. <input type="checkbox"/>	School Veh. <input type="checkbox"/>	Oth. NCIC Veh. Code	Reg. same as Def. <input type="checkbox"/>
VIN	Year	Make	Model	Style	Color		

Office of the attorney for the Commonwealth ☒ Approved ☐ Disapproved Because: \_\_\_\_\_

(The attorney for the Commonwealth may require that the complaint, arrest warrant affidavit, or both be approved by the attorney for the Commonwealth Prior to filing. See Pa.R.Crim.P. 507).

**DEPUTY DA CHAD KOVACK**

(Name of the attorney for the Commonwealth)

(Signature of the attorney for the Commonwealth)

(Date)

**I, DANTE MONTELLA**

(Name of the Affiant)

**22092**

**9935**

PSP/MPOETC - Assigned Affiant ID Number and Badge #

of **Bucks County Detectives**

(Identify Department or Agency Represented and Political Subdivision)

**PA0094800**

(Police Agency ORI Number)

do hereby state: (check appropriate box)

1. ☒ I accuse the above named defendant who lives at the address set forth above  
☐ I accuse the defendant whose name is unknown to me but who is described as \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ I accuse the defendant whose name and popular designation or nickname are unknown to me and whom I have therefore designated as John Doe or Jane Doe  
with violating the penal laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at **[225] Upper Southampton Township**  
(Subdivision Code) (Place-Political Subdivision)

**939 STREET RD SOUTHAMPTON, PA 18966**

in **BUCKS** County **[ 09 ]** on or about **Between 04/01/2024 and 05/07/2025**  
(County Code) (Offense Date)



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Defendant Name	First: <b>DEREK</b>	Middle: <b>J</b>	Last: <b>GALE</b>	

- I ask that a warrant of arrest or a summons be issued and that the defendant be required to answer the charges I have made.
- I verify that the facts set forth in this complaint are true and correct to the best of my knowledge or information and belief. This verification is made subject to the penalties of Section 4904 of the Crimes Code (18 Pa.C.S. § 4904) relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.
- This complaint consists of the preceding page(s) numbered \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_.
- I certify that this filing complies with the provisions of the *Case Records Public Access Policy of the Unified Judicial System of Pennsylvania* that require filing confidential information and documents differently than non-confidential information and documents.

The acts committed by the accused, as listed and hereafter, were against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and were contrary to the Act(s) of the Assembly, or in violation of the statutes cited.

**(Before a warrant of arrest can be issued, an affidavit of probable cause must be completed, sworn to before the issuing authority, and attached.)**

DANTE MONTELLA

**9/23/25**  
(Date)

(Signature of Affiant)

AND NOW, on this date **9/23/25** I certify that the complaint has been properly completed and verified.

An affidavit of probable cause must be completed before a warrant can be issued.

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(Issuing Authority)



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Statute Description (Include the name of the statute or ordinance):

**Bid-rigging unlawful / contract**

Acts of the accused associated with this Offense:

**4503. Prohibited activities (a) Bid-rigging unlawful.--It is unlawful for any person to conspire, collude or combine with another in order to commit or attempt to commit bid-rigging involving: (1) A contract for the purchase of equipment, goods, services or materials, specifically a 2014 Green Ford Explorer XLT, VIN: 1FM5K8D84EGC14059 or for construction or repair let or to be let by a government agency.**

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Statute Description (Include the name of the statute or ordinance):

**Theft By Decep-False Impression**

Acts of the accused associated with this Offense:

**The actor intentionally obtained or withheld property an automobile, namely, 2014 Green Ford Explorer XLT, VIN: 1FM5K8D84EGC14059 belonging to Upper Southampton Township by deception, in violation of Section 3922 of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code, Act of December 6, 1972, 18 Pa. C.S. -3922, as amended.**

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Statute Description (Include the name of the statute or ordinance):

Conspiracy to Commit Theft By Decep-False Impression

Acts of the accused associated with this Offense:

The defendant conspired with Brandon Valentino to commit the crime of Theft by Deception when the actor intentionally obtained or withheld property, an automobile, namely, 2014 Green Ford Explorer XLT, VIN: 1FM5K8D84EGC14059 belonging to Upper Southampton Township by deception, in violation of Section 3922 of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code, Act of December 6, 1972, 18 Pa. C.S. -3922, as amended.

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Statute Description (Include the name of the statute or ordinance):

Receiving Stolen Property

Acts of the accused associated with this Offense:

The actor intentionally received, retained or disposed of movable property, namely, a 2014 Green Ford Explorer XLT, VIN: 1FM5K8D84EGC14059 belonging to Upper Southampton Township with no intent to restore it to the owner, knowing that such property was stolen or believing that it had probably been stolen, in violation of Section 3925 of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code, Act of December 6, 1972, 18 Pa. C.S. -3925, as amended.

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Statute Description (Include the name of the statute or ordinance):

Conspiracy to Commit Theft By Decep-False Impression

Acts of the accused associated with this Offense:

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Statute Description (Include the name of the statute or ordinance):

Conspiracy to Commit Receiving Stolen Property

Acts of the accused associated with this Offense:

The actor, Derek Gale conspired with Brandon Valention to commit the crime of receiving stolen property when he intentionally received, retained or disposed of movable property, namely, a 2013 Gray Ford Explorer XLT, VIN: 1FM5K8D88DGC40291 belonging to Upper Southampton Township with no intent to restore it to the owner, knowing that such property was stolen or believing that it had probably been stolen, in violation of Section 3925 of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code, Act of December 6, 1972, 18 Pa. C.S. -3925, as amended.

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Statute Description (Include the name of the statute or ordinance):

**Theft By Unlaw Taking-Movable Prop**

Acts of the accused associated with this Offense:

The actor unlawfully took, or exercised unlawful control over movable property, namely four (4) Silver Aluminum Rims from a 2014 Green Ford Explorer XLT, VIN 1FM5K8D84EGC14059 with a total value greater than or equal to \$200 and less than or equal to \$2,000 from Upper Southampton Township with the intent to deprive the owner thereof, in violation of Section 3921(a) of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code, Act of December 6, 1972, 18 Pa. C.S. -3921(a), as amended.

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Statute Description (Include the name of the statute or ordinance):

**Conspiracy to Commit Theft By Unlaw Taking-Movable Prop**

Acts of the accused associated with this Offense:

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Defendant Name	First: <b>DEREK</b>	Middle: <b>J</b>	Last: <b>GALE</b>	

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PennDOT Data (If Applicable)	Accident Number	<input type="checkbox"/> Interstate	<input type="checkbox"/> Safety Zone	<input type="checkbox"/> Work Zone
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Statute Description (Include the name of the statute or ordinance):

Receiving Stolen Property

Acts of the accused associated with this Offense:

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Please provide the following information for each co-defendant



## Co-Defendant Data Sheet

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Defendant Name	First: <b>DEREK</b>	Middle: <b>J</b>	Last: <b>GALE</b>	

Complaint/Incident Number <b>421</b>	Co-Defendant # <u>1</u>
<b>BRANDON F VALENTINO</b>	
(Name)	
<b>58 EAGLE RD</b>	
(Home Street Address)	
<b>CHALFONT, PA UNITED STATES 18914</b>	
(City, State & ZIP Code)	<b>(267) 221-7663</b>
	(Telephone #)

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Affidavit of Probable Cause-Gale, Derek

**Probable Cause belief is based upon the following facts and circumstances:**

**AFFIANT INTRODUCTION**

Your Affiant, Detective Dante N. Montella, Badge #9935, of the Bucks County District Attorney's Office, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, has been duly sworn/appointed/employed as a police officer in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania since 1996. Your Affiant is certified as a police officer in Pennsylvania and is authorized to conduct criminal investigations and make arrests in all criminal cases within Bucks County, Pennsylvania. Your Affiant has investigated numerous cases of theft, receiving stolen property, and related offenses.

The facts set forth in this affidavit are based upon your Affiant's personal knowledge; knowledge obtained from other individuals/entities during my participation in this investigation, including other law enforcement personnel; review of documents and records related to this investigation; communications with others who have personal knowledge of events and circumstances described herein; as well as information gained through my training and experience.

Because this affidavit is being submitted for the limited purpose of establishing probable cause, your Affiant has not included every aspect, fact, or detail of this investigation.

**INVESTIGATION SUMMARY**

On Thursday, September 4, 2025, the Bucks County Investigating Grand Jury issued a Presentment in this investigation. That document, attached to this affidavit as "Exhibit A" and hereby incorporated by reference, recommended criminal charges for two (2) individuals. Those individuals were identified as DEREK GALE and BRANDON VALENTINO. The recommended charges are contained within the Presentment and outlined below.



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SUMMATION/CERTIFICATION

Based on the above facts, law enforcement investigation, and subsequent Presentment by the Bucks County Investigating Grand Jury, your Affiant respectfully requests a warrant of arrest be issued for DEREK GALE for the following violations of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code and the Commonwealth Procurement Code:

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|--|---------------------|
| 1. Bid Rigging (2 Counts)                                    | Pa.C.S. 62 § 4503A1 |
| 2. Theft by Deception (2 Counts)                             | Pa.C.S.18 § 3922A   |
| 3. Criminal Conspiracy (Theft by Deception) (2 Counts)       | Pa.C.S. 18 § 903A   |
| 4. Receiving Stolen Property (4 Counts)                      | Pa.C.S. 18§ 3925A   |
| 5. Criminal Conspiracy (Receiving Stolen Property)(4 Counts) | Pa.C.S. 18 § 903A   |
| 6. Theft by Unlawful Taking or Disposition (2 Counts)        | Pa.C.S.18 § 3921A   |
| 7. Criminal Conspiracy (Theft) (2 Counts)                    | Pa.C.S. 18 § 903A   |

Your Affiant, Bucks County Detective Dante N. Montella, being duly sworn according to law, do depose and say that the facts set forth in the foregoing affidavit are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief.

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Your Affiant certifies that this filing complies with the provisions of the Case Records Public Access Policy of the Unified Judicial System of Pennsylvania, which requires filing confidential information and documents differently than non-confidential information and documents

Affiant Signature

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Affiant Signature

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EXHIBIT A  
PRESENTMENT

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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF BUCKS COUNTY  
CRIMINAL DIVISION

IN RE: : MD-2573-2023  
: :  
COUNTY INVESTIGATING GRAND :  
JURY OF: January 22, 2024 : GJ-21, C-16

TO THE HONORABLE RAYMOND F. MCHUGH, SUPERVISING JUDGE:

PRESENTMENT

We, the Investigating Grand Jury of January 22, 2024, having fully utilized the resources made available to us through the Investigating Grand Jury Act, 42 Pa.C.S.A. § 4541, et. seq., hereby complete our inquiry into the circumstances surrounding a criminal conspiracy involving bid riggings and thefts within Upper Southampton Township, Bucks County, between April 2024 – May 2025, and having obtained knowledge of such matters from witnesses sworn by the Court and testifying before us, and finding therein reasonable grounds to believe, and so believing, that violations of the criminal law have occurred, upon respective oaths, not fewer than twelve concurring, do hereby make this Presentment to the Court.

  
Foreperson – The Twenty-First Bucks County  
Investigating Grand Jury

DATED: The 4 day of SEPT, 2025

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COUNTY INVESTIGATING GRAND	:	
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**FINDINGS AND ORDER**

AND NOW, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2025, after having examined the Presentment of the County Investigating Grand Jury of January 22, 2024, Investigation C-16, which recommends the arrest of **Derek Gale (DOB:07/14/1978)** on the following enumerated charges:

**BID RIGGING**

62 Pa.C.S. § 4503A1, F-3

To wit: 2014 Green Ford Explorer XLT, VIN -1FM5K8D84EGC14059

**THEFT BY DECEPTION**

18 Pa.C.S. § 3922A, F-3

To wit: 2014 Green Ford Explorer XLT, VIN -1FM5K8D84EGC14059

**CRIMINAL CONSPIRACY TO THEFT BY DECEPTION**

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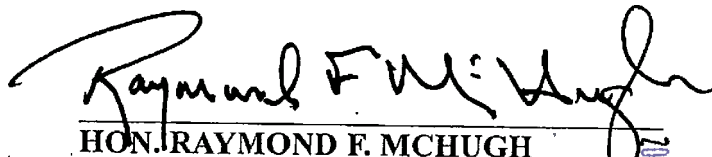
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The Court finds that said Presentment is within the authority of the Investigating Grand Jury and is otherwise in accordance with the provisions of the Grand Jury Act.

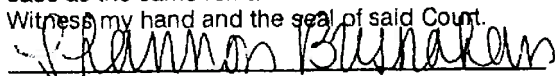
In view of these findings, the Court hereby accepts the Presentment and refers this matter to the District Attorney of Bucks County for further action consistent with the Presentment.

BY THE COURT:

  
HON. RAYMOND F. MCHUGH  
SUPERVISING JUDGE

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As Deputy Clerk of Courts Criminal Division  
in and for the County aforesaid, I do hereby  
certify that the within and foregoing is a true  
and attested copy from the within entitled  
case as the same remains on file in said Court.  
Witness my hand and the seal of said Court.

  
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**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF BUCKS COUNTY  
CRIMINAL DIVISION**

<b>IN RE:</b>	:	<b>MD-2573-2023</b>
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<b>COUNTY INVESTIGATING GRAND</b>	:	
<b>JURY OF: January 22, 2024</b>	:	<b>GJ-21, C-16</b>

**PRESENTMENT**

We, the Bucks County Investigating Grand Jury of January 22, 2024, hereby completed our inquiry into the circumstances surrounding a criminal conspiracy involving bid riggings and thefts within Upper Southampton Township, Bucks County, between April 2024 – May 2025. Having fully utilized the resources made available to us through the Investigating Grand Jury Act and having obtained knowledge of such circumstances sufficient to constitute reasonable grounds to believe that violations of the criminal law have occurred, we hereby recommend the arrest of **Derek Gale (DOB: 07/14/1978)** on the following enumerated charges:

**BID RIGGING**

62 Pa.C.S. § 4503A1, F-3

To wit: 2014 Green Ford Explorer XLT, VIN -1FM5K8D84EGC14059

**THEFT BY DECEPTION**

18 Pa.C.S. § 3922A, F-3

To wit: 2014 Green Ford Explorer XLT, VIN -1FM5K8D84EGC14059

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**I. SYNOPSIS OF THE INVESTIGATION AND SUMMARY OF THE TESTIMONY**

We, the Twenty-First Bucks County Investigating Grand Jury of January 22, 2024, were summoned pursuant to Act 42 Pa.C.S. § 4541, *et seq.* of the Pennsylvania Judiciary Code. We were duly charged by the Court to investigate allegations of crimes occurring within Bucks County, Pennsylvania. We, this Investigating Grand Jury, received and reviewed evidence pursuant to Notice of Submission of Investigation C-16.

The submission concerned the circumstances surrounding a criminal conspiracy involving bid riggings and thefts within Upper Southampton Township, Bucks County, between April 2024 – May 2025.

This Investigating Grand Jury reviewed the presented evidence including testimony from numerous witnesses who provided detailed knowledge into the facts and circumstances surrounding a criminal conspiracy involving bid riggings and thefts within Upper Southampton Township, Bucks County, between April 2024 – May 2025. During our investigation, numerous witnesses were subpoenaed to appear before the Grand Jury and testify as to their knowledge in the instant case. Below is a summary of testimony presented before this Investigating Grand Jury. It should be noted that this summary does not reflect every word uttered by every witness. The notes of testimony contain a full and complete account.

**Bucks County Detective Dante Montella**

Detective Dante Montella testified on April 24, 2025 and June 5, 2025, to the following:

Detective Montella is a Detective for the Bucks County District Attorney's Office. Detective Montella has been duly sworn as a police officer in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania since 1996.

In February 2025, Detective Montella received a complaint regarding potential fraud within the Upper Southampton Township Public Works Department, in Upper Southampton Township, Bucks County. Specifically, the Assistant Public Works Director, Brandon Valentino, was alleged to have intentionally undervalued an Upper Southampton Township Police vehicle on Municibid to purchase it for himself through Municibid. The complainant advised that

Valentino purchased the vehicle for \$1,005.00 and sold it for \$8,500.00. Valentino was previously the lead mechanic for Public Works but is now the Assistant Director of Public Works for Upper Southampton Township. His duties in his current position included selling decommissioned township vehicles and township property that were no longer in use through Municibid.

Detective Montella was able to view the specified public listing on Municibid and obtained Municibid records with a search warrant. The listed, involved vehicle was identified as a 2014 green Ford Explorer that had been previously used by the Chief of Police. The 2014 green Ford Explorer had silver-in-color aluminum rims when the Chief turned the vehicle over to Public Works to be decommissioned and sold. The vehicle description on Municibid included: does not run, will need to be towed, check engine light on, needs engine, water pump is leaking, and the head is cracked, does not pass inspection or omissions, and power steering rack needs to be replaced. The ad included a picture of the 2014 green Ford Explorer with standard black rims. Bidding on the 2014 green Ford Explorer opened on April 17, 2024, and ended on May 1, 2024. The starting bid was \$500.00, and Valentino, ultimately, won the auction with a \$1,005.00 bid. On June 1, 2024, Valentino registered the 2014 green Ford Explorer in his name with a listed value of \$1,000.00. On December 21, 2024, Valentino sold the 2014 green Ford Explorer to Christopher Rudisill. The sale price listed on the title was \$2,500.00.

On May 13, 2025, Detective Montella spoke with Craig Rudisill, the father of Christopher Rudisill. Craig Rudisill is a retired lieutenant for Upper Southampton Township Police. Craig Rudisill advised he was looking for a car for his son Christopher when Officer Derek Gale advised him that Valentino recently purchased the former chief's vehicle and was willing to sell it. Rudisill advised he purchased the 2014 green Ford Explorer for \$7,500.00 per Rudisill. Craig and Christopher Rudisill provided consent for Bucks County Detectives to search and inspect the vehicle purchased from Valentino. On May 16, 2025, Rudisill provided that 2014 green Ford Explorer to County Detectives.

On April 24, 2025, a 2013 gray Ford Explorer went up on Municibid. Detective Montella was able to view the public listing on Municibid and obtained the Municibid records with a search warrant. That vehicle was previously a lieutenant's vehicle. The 2013 gray Ford Explorer had upgraded, silver-in-color aluminum rims on it when it was used by the Police Department. The Municibid listing pictured the vehicle with standard black rims on it. The 2013 gray Ford

Explorer description included: car starts on a jump, it will need a battery, needs rack and pinion, does not steer and will need to be towed off the lot, needs a water pump, air bag light is on, traction control light on, and it is not currently inspected. Bidding opened April 24, 2025, and ended May 7, 2025. Gale purchased the vehicle for \$2,105. The day Gale purchased the 2013 gray Ford Explorer, he drove it off the lot. The vehicle was last seen on the Public Works lot around 4:55 pm. Later that same day, the 2013 gray Ford Explorer, with the aforementioned black rims, was seen parked at Tri-County Collision. On May 8, 2025, the vehicle was picked up on a License Plate Reader at 7:00 PM, as it was being driven on the roadway in the area of Oxford Valley Road and Big Oak Road in Lower Makefield Township. On May 9, 2025, the vehicle was picked up on a License Plate Reader at 5:33 AM in the area of Street Road and Bustleton Pike. On May 9, 2025, Detective Montella obtained a search warrant and seized the 2013 gray Ford Explorer from the Upper Southampton Township Police Department parking lot. At that time, the 2013 gray Ford Explorer was again outfitted with the upgraded, silver-in-color aluminum rims.

**Bucks County Detective Tim Fuhrmann**

Detective Tim Fuhrmann testified on June 5, 2025, to the following:

Detective Fuhrmann is a Detective for Bucks County's District Attorney's Office. Detective Fuhrman has been in law enforcement for thirty-five years. During his career, he received training and has been recognized as an expert in accident reconstruction. Detective Fuhrmann has been a Certified Inspection Mechanic for twenty-six years.

On May 19, 2025, Detective Fuhrmann inspected the 2014 green Ford Explorer that was provided by Rudisill. Based on the Vehicle Identification Number on the engine, it was determined the engine was the original installed by the Ford manufacturer. Therefore, it was the same engine that was in the vehicle when it was listed on Municibid with a description "needs new engine". There were no signs of any major engine repairs. No major components had been removed from the original engine. The vehicle was equipped with an electric power rack and pinon steering system. There was no indication that the power steering system wasn't operating as designed. All engine fluid levels were within the recommended ranges as indicated on the reservoirs. There was no indication the water pump was leaking or not working properly as had been advertised in the Municibid listing. No check engine lights were illuminated. Per

CARFAX, the Ford was serviced on August 18, 2023, at United Tire at 123,424 miles. On June 25, 2024, after Valentino purchased the vehicle, the Ford passed emission testing at 132,870 miles. The vehicle had 131,244 miles the day of Detective Fuhrmann's inspection. The vehicle was determined to be in relatively good shape. Based on his training and experience, except for the inoperable car horn, the vehicle would have passed a Pennsylvania State Inspection.

Detective Fuhrmann determined the vehicle was drivable.

On May 15, 2025, Detective Fuhrmann inspected the 2013 gray Ford Explorer that was seized from Gale. The vehicle was determined to be in good condition. The vehicle started without any problem despite the Municibid listing description about needing a jump to start it. The installed battery was manufactured in June 2024. Batteries typically last five to seven years which would indicate the vehicle had the same battery that was in the vehicle when listed on Municibid with the description "it will need a new battery". All engine fluid levels were within the recommended ranges as indicated on the reservoirs. The 2013 gray Ford Explorer was equipped with an electric rack and pinion steering system. There was no indication that the power steering system wasn't operating as designed. The rack and pinion did not appear to have been recently repaired. The rack and pinion also did not appear new. The vehicle drove and steered fine and passed a test drive. There was no indication the water pump was not working properly despite the Municibid listing description about needing a new water pump. Per CARFAX, the water pump had been replaced by United Tire on February 3, 2022, and the vehicle was last serviced and underwent safety and emission testing on April 12, 2024, at 116,604 miles. The vehicle had 119,064 miles the day of Detective Fuhrmann's inspection. There were also no check engine lights to indicate any problems with the engine. The only warning indicator illuminated read "change engine oil soon." Based on his training and experience, Detective Fuhrmann determined the 2013 gray Ford Explorer vehicle would have passed a Pennsylvania State Inspection.

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**Upper Southampton Township Police Chief Dominic Varcallo**

Chief Dominic Varcallo testified on June 26, 2025, to the following:

Chief Varcallo has been in law enforcement for thirty-one years. He was with SEPTA Police department for three years, followed by twenty-four years at Warminster Township Police. He became the Chief of Upper Southampton Township Police Department four years ago.

Upper Southampton Police Department has a program where they rotate vehicles out of use, those vehicles are decommissioned, and new vehicles are then purchased to replace the decommissioned vehicles. Every two years, the Police Department gets two new vehicles and decommissions two vehicles. When the vehicles are decommissioned, all of the police equipment is taken out of the vehicles. Gale oversees and physically participates in the decommission process. Gale has intimate knowledge of all the vehicles, their components and repair history in the department's fleet. Gale would recommend which vehicles to decommission when the time came to purchase new vehicles. Gale also arranged for vehicles to receive routine maintenance, as he was the department's liaison for outside mechanic companies and Public Works.

Once a vehicle is decommissioned, it can either be turned over to another department within the Township or sold on Municibid. Decommissioned vehicles that are to be sold go to Public Works before being sold on Municibid. The Police Department is not involved in the sale on Municibid once the vehicle is turned over to Public Works. Gale, therefore, should not have anything to do with the sale or Municibid process. The Upper Southampton Township Police Department and Public Works share a single property, such that the parking lot for the Police Department is on one side and the parking lot for Public Works is on the other side of the property.

Chief Varcallo previously drove the 2014 green Ford Explorer as his work vehicle. Prior to his use, that vehicle had been used by the former Chief McPherson. Once the vehicle was decommissioned, Chief Varcallo personally drove the 2014 green Ford Explorer to the front of the Police Station, so Public Works could take possession of it. At that time, the 2014 green Ford Explorer was perfectly drivable. It didn't need a jump start and steered normally. The vehicle was outfitted with silver-in-color aluminum rims when he turned it over to Public Works. With his position, Gale had knowledge of the condition of this 2014 green Ford Explorer when it was decommissioned. Chief Varcallo personally observed Gale and Valentino doing the physical decommission of the vehicle.

The 2013 gray Ford Explorer was also drivable when it was decommissioned and turned over to Public Works. The vehicle was functioning, and no one provided Chief Varcallo with information that the 2013 gray Ford Explorer needed any type of repair. The vehicle was outfitted with silver-in-color rims at the time it was decommissioned. Gale also had knowledge



of the condition of this vehicle when it was decommissioned. No silver-in-color rims consistent with the rims that had been on the 2013 gray Ford Explorer prior to its listing on Municibid were re-used or installed on the new unmarked vehicle that replaced that 2013 gray Ford Explorer in the fleet. The new, unmarked car, instead, had plastic hub caps.

### Scott Lavin

Scott Lavin testified on June 26, 2025, to the following:

Lavin is the President/Owner of Tri-County Collision located at 995 Jaymor Road, in Southampton, Pennsylvania. Tri-County Collision does work on Upper Southampton Township Police vehicles. Gale is responsible for the Upper Southampton Township vehicles, and Gale would be his point of contact with the Police Department. Lavin has also been friends with Gale for 20 years and talks to him daily. Gale also brings his personal vehicles to Lavin's business. Gale has a key to access the exterior lot for Tri-County Collision, but he does not have a key to the interior of the business' building. With that access, Gale, at times, would leave vehicle parts in Tri-County Collision's lot. Gale would also store his trailer and RV in the business' yard in the winter. Lavin did not personally see the 2013 gray Ford Explorer in his lot, on May 7, 2025, or May 8, 2025. Lavin also did not personally see any rims left in his lot by Gale on May 7, 2025, or May 8, 2025. Without a key, Gale would only have access to the interior of the business building during normal business hours when it was open to the public.

After Lavin testified, he provided Tri-County Collision surveillance video to Detective Montella. On May 7, 2025, at 5:01 PM, the video shows Gale entering Tri-County Collision's lot in the 2013 gray Ford Explorer, which is equipped with black steel rims. Based on the timing, his arrival would have been shortly after Gale picked up the 2013 gray Ford Explorer from the Public Works lot. At 5:03 PM, Gale is seen walking after parking the vehicle. On May 8, 2025, at 3:20 PM, the video shows Gale arriving in his personal truck with the silver aluminum rims with tires in the bed of the truck. At 3:34 PM, Gale drives the 2013 gray Ford Explorer into the garage. At 3:45 PM, Gale and Tri-County employees remove the aluminum rims from the back of Gale's truck and bring them inside the garage. At 4:00 PM, Gale and Tri County employees begin to remove the black steel rims from the 2013 gray Ford Explorer and replace them with the silver aluminum rims that Gale brought with him. Gale rolls the old steel rims out of the garage

into the Tri-County back lot. At 5:50 PM, Gale leaves Tri-County in the 2013 gray Ford Explorer with aluminum rims on the vehicle.

**Bucks County Detective Dante Montella**

Detective Dante Montella testified on June 26, 2025 and July 10, 2025, to the following:

On June 23, 2025, Detective Montella interviewed Brandon Valentino. Valentino confirmed he was employed by Upper Southampton Township for three years, first as a mechanic and then he was promoted to Assistant Public Works Director. Gale was responsible for the fleet maintenance on behalf of the Police Department. In their capacities, the two of them worked very closely together and had daily contact. Valentino said Gale became a father figure and mentor to him. Valentino reached out to Gale when he was looking to buy a vehicle for his fiancé. Gale suggested he should look into purchasing the 2014 green Ford Explorer that was about to be decommissioned. Gale suggested since Valentino was responsible for putting in the description of the vehicle, they should include things in the listing that would devalue the vehicle. As a result, Valentino would be able to get a good deal if he won the bid.

Although Valentino was responsible for inputting the description on Municibid, Gale directed Valentino what to specifically list in the description of the 2014 green Ford Explorer. Some of the issues Gale directed Valentino to include were the engine needs to be replaced, and the head was cracked. In determining what to list, Valentino testified to Detective Montella that Gale went onto Municibid and researched Ford Explorers that sold for cheap. Gale found an old listing that said the engine was cracked, so Gale assumed that type of information would help keep the value and bid down. Gale suggested they also remove the aluminum rims from the 2014 green Ford Explorer and install an old set of steel rims, so they could further devalue the vehicle. Gale and Valentino personally removed the aluminum rims for a photo prior to placing the vehicle up for sale. Valentino subsequently put the aluminum rims back on the 2014 green Ford Explorer after he purchased it. Valentino stated the rims alone would be worth at least \$500.00.

Valentino drove the 2014 green Ford Explorer off the Public Works lot back to his house without any problems despite the Municibid listing stating the contrary. There were no steering issues despite the Municibid listing. While the engine was not in the best condition, it did not need to be replaced; Valentino never replaced the engine. The head was also not cracked despite

the Municibid listing otherwise. Valentino specified while he did put some work into the vehicle in his spare time, the 2014 green Ford Explorer did not need any major repairs. Nothing that was listed in the description of the vehicle on Municibid was replaced or repaired by Valentino. Valentino claimed he put \$1,500.00 to \$2,000.00 into the 2014 green Ford Explorer, but he purchased all the needed parts from a junk yard and wasn't able to provide any receipts documenting that estimate. Valentino told Gale he was thinking of trading in the vehicle to get a new car for his now wife. Ultimately, Gale brokered a deal with Craig Rudisill and Rudisill purchased the 2014 green Ford Explorer from Valentino for \$8,500 per Valentino.

Gale told Valentino the 2013 gray Ford Explorer was going to be decommissioned, and Gale was interested in purchasing it for himself if the price was right. Valentino personally drove the 2013 gray Ford Explorer to United Tire and Service for an inspection; Valentino did not personally inspect the vehicle. When Valentino drove it to United Tire, the 2013 gray Ford Explorer had silver aluminum rims. Gale communicated with United Tire and Auto and subsequently told Valentino what to put in the Municibid listing description. Gale directed he include "starts with a jump, needs a new battery, needs a rack and pinion, does not steer, needs a water pump, airbag light, traction control light and needs to be towed." Valentino knew that information was incorrect, as he did not need to jump the 2013 gray Ford Explorer to start it when he drove it to United Tire, and it steered without any issues on the drive. Thus, Valentino realized Gale was undervaluing the 2013 gray Ford Explorer in a similar way as what they had done to devalue the 2014 green Ford Explorer. Despite making that realization, Valentino entered the falsified information that Gale had said to include in the description. The photo on Municibid depicted the 2013 gray Ford Explorer with old black steel rims. Valentino did not know whether the aluminum rims ended up back on the vehicle after Gale bought it or not. Prior to the sale, Gale had advised Valentino, he was going to install the 2013 gray Ford Explorer's aluminum rims on a different unmarked police vehicle in the fleet. Toward the end of his interview, Valentino understood what they did was wrong, but claimed he didn't believe it to be illegal, as Gale, an Upper Southampton Township Police Officer at the time, was telling him he could do it.

Detective Montella responded to United Tire and Auto after interviewing Valentino. The owner of United Tire and Auto is a friend of Gale. The owner did perform a cursory inspection of the vehicle off the record. Although there was not any documentation or notes from the

inspection, the owner did not remember anything being drastically wrong with the 2013 gray Ford Explorer and could not confirm whether any of the issues listed on the Municibid ad were accurate or falsified. The owner did recall the 2013 gray Ford Explorer aluminum rims were taken off and replaced with a different set. While Gale kept the rims at United Tire for some time, at some point, Gale took them to another location.

### Derek Gale

Derek Gale Testified on July 10, 2025, to the following:

Gale responded to every question with "I respectfully refuse to answer the question as I believe the answer may tend to incriminate me." Gale was asked about his employment as a police officer and his duties as a police officer and a power shift officer. Gale was asked about his responsibility for overseeing the maintenance of police vehicles and arranging for maintenance and repairs. Gale was asked about his role in overseeing the decommissioning of vehicles, how he recommends what vehicles to be decommissioned in a given year and how he physically participates in the decommissioning of the vehicles.

Gale was asked about the work he did on the 2014 green Ford explorer and how he recommended it for decommission and physically decommissioned the vehicle. In doing so he would have been familiar with the condition of the vehicle and the silver rims that were on the vehicle before it went up on Municibid. He was asked about the bid description and the input he had on what went into the description including needs a new engine, it does not run, will need to be towed and the bid listing photo depicting the vehicle with standard black rims. Gale was asked whether he knows Brandon Valentino and whether he knows Valentino won the bid on the 2014 green Ford explorer.

Gale was asked about his knowledge of the condition of the 2013 gray Ford explorer and the role he played in recommending decommission and physically decommissioning it. Gale was asked about the vehicle being driven to United Tire with aluminum rims and to talking to United Tire about the condition of the vehicle just before it was turned over to Public Works. Gale was asked about seeing the vehicle go up on Municibid pictured with black metal rims and description that will need to be towed off the lot, needs a rack and pinion, needs a battery but will start with jump. Gale was asked about winning the bid on May 7, 2025, and driving it off the lot to Tri-County that same day with metal black rims on it. Gale was asked about returning to Tri-

County on May 8<sup>th</sup> in a truck with the aluminum rims in his truck and then changing out the metal black rims for the aluminum ones before driving the 2013 gray Ford Explorer off Tri-County's lot in the aluminum rims. He was asked about the seizure of that vehicle the next day on May 9, 2025.

### Summary

Derek Gale and Brandon Valentino conspired to lower the value of township vehicles to win the bid at a lower price. In April 2024, Gale and Valentino intentionally misrepresented the condition of 2014 green Ford Explorer. Gale and Valentino removed the upgraded rims prior to listing the vehicle on Municibid. After Valentino won the bid, Valentino took possession of the 2014 green Ford Explorer and later re-installed the upgraded aluminum rims, which had originally been on the vehicle. In April 2025, Gale and Valentino intentionally misrepresented the condition of 2013 gray Ford Explorer. Gale removed the upgraded rims prior to listing the vehicle on Municibid. After Gale won the bid, Gale took possession of the 2013 gray Ford Explorer and later re-installed the upgraded aluminum rims.

## **II. RECOMMENDATION OF CHARGES**

### **Derek Gale**

The Investigating Grand Jury finds probable cause to believe Derek Gale committed the offenses of **BID RIGGING, THEFT BY DECEPTION, CRIMINAL CONSPIRACY--THEFT BY DECEPTION, THEFT BY UNLAWFUL TAKING, CRIMINAL CONSPIRACY--THEFT BY UNLAWFUL TAKING, THEFT BY RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY, CRIMINAL CONSPIRACY---THEFT BY RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY.**

related to the criminal conspiracy involving bid riggings and thefts within Upper Southampton Township, Bucks County, between April 2024 – May 2025.

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**Brandon Valentino**

The Investigating Grand Jury finds probable cause to believe Brandon Valentino committed the offenses of **BID RIGGING, THEFT BY DECEPTION, CRIMINAL CONSPIRACY--THEFT BY DECEPTION, THEFT BY UNLAWFUL TAKING, CRIMINAL CONSPIRACY--THEFT BY UNLAWFUL TAKING, THEFT BY RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY, CRIMINAL CONSPIRACY---THEFT BY RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY.**

related to the criminal conspiracy involving bid riggings and thefts within Upper Southampton Township, Bucks County, between April 2024 – May 2025.

### **III. CONCLUSION**

Based upon the evidence we have obtained and considered, which establishes reasonable grounds and a *prima facie* case on the recommended charges above, we the members of the Twenty-First Bucks County Investigating Grand Jury of January 22, 2024, recommend that the District Attorney for Bucks County institute appropriate criminal charges as recommended in this Presentment on the following charges:

**Derek Gale (DOB: 7/14/1978): BID RIGGING, THEFT BY DECEPTION, CRIMINAL CONSPIRACY--THEFT BY DECEPTION, THEFT BY UNLAWFUL TAKING, CRIMINAL CONSPIRACY--THEFT BY UNLAWFUL TAKING, THEFT BY RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY, CRIMINAL CONSPIRACY---THEFT BY RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY.**

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Brandon Valentino (DOB: 11/18/1997): BID RIGGING, THEFT BY DECEPTION,  
CRIMINAL CONSPIRACY--THEFT BY DECEPTION, THEFT BY UNLAWFUL  
TAKING, CRIMINAL CONSPIRACY THEFT BY UNLAWFUL TAKING, THEFT BY  
RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY, CRIMINAL CONSPIRACY---THEFT BY  
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