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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 DISTRICT OF NEVADA

8 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

9 Plaintiff,

10 v.

11 CLIVEN D. BUNDY,
 12 RYAN C. BUNDY,
 AMMON E. BUNDY,
 13 RYAN W. PAYNE, and
 14 PETER T. SANTILLI, Jr.,

15 Defendants.

CRIMINAL INDICTMENT

2:16-CR- 46

VIOLATIONS:

18 U.S.C. § 371 – Conspiracy to Commit
 an Offense Against the United States;

18 U.S.C. § 372 – Conspiracy to Impede
 and Injure a Federal Officer;

18 U.S.C. § 111(a)(1) and (b) – Assault on
 a Federal Officer;

18 U.S.C. § 115(a)(1)(B) – Threatening a
 Federal Law Enforcement Officer;

18 U.S.C. § 924(c) – Use and Carry of a
 Firearm in Relation to a Crime of
 Violence;

18 U.S.C. § 1503 – Obstruction of the
 Due Administration of Justice;

18 U.S.C. § 1951 – Interference with
 Interstate Commerce by Extortion;

18 U.S.C. § 1952 – Interstate Travel in
 Aid of Extortion;

18 U.S.C. § 2 – Aiding and Abetting

1 The Grand Jury charges that at all times relevant to this Indictment:

2 I.

3 SUMMARY

4 1. This Indictment resulted from a massive armed assault against federal
5 law enforcement officers that occurred in and around Bunkerville, Nevada, on April
6 12, 2014. The defendants planned, organized, and led the assault in order to extort
7 the officers into abandoning approximately 400 head of cattle that were in their
8 lawful care and custody. In addition to conspiring among themselves to plan and
9 execute these crimes, the defendants recruited, organized, and led hundreds of
10 others in using armed force against law enforcement officers in order to achieve
11 their criminal objectives.

12 2. One of the goals of the conspiracy was to thwart the seizure and
13 removal of defendant Cliven BUNDY's ("BUNDY") cattle from federal public lands.
14 BUNDY had trespassed on the public lands for over 20 years, refusing to obtain the
15 legally-required permits or pay the required fees to keep and graze his cattle on the
16 land.

17 3. Since 1998, BUNDY was under federal Court Order to remove his
18 trespass cattle, an Order BUNDY refused to recognize or follow. In 2013, a federal
19 court issued two more Orders for removal, each declaring that, in keeping with the
20 law, the United States was authorized to seize and remove the cattle from the land
21 in the event BUNDY refused to do so. BUNDY refused.

22 4. The removal operation began on April 5, 2014. While it was ongoing,
23 BUNDY and his co-conspirators used deceit and deception to recruit others to help
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1 them to force BLM to stop operations, flooding the internet with false and deceitful
2 images and statements to the effect that law enforcement officers were abusing
3 BUNDY and stealing his cattle. Deliberately lying, they pleaded for others to
4 travel to Nevada to "stop the abuse" by "making a show of force against [the
5 officers]" in order "to get them to back down" and "return the cattle." By the
6 morning of April 12, hundreds of people, many armed with assault rifles and other
7 firearms, had traveled to Bunkerville, becoming BUNDY's "Followers," conspiring
8 with, and aiding and abetting him and his co-conspirators to execute a plan to
9 recover BUNDY's cattle by force.

10 5. On the morning of April 12, BUNDY organized his Followers and gave
11 them the Order to get the cattle, directing a crowd of hundreds to travel more than
12 five miles to the site where the cattle were corralled. One group of Followers kept
13 law enforcement officers occupied at the main entrance of the site by threatening to
14 enter there, while another group – ultimately consisting of more than 200 Followers
15 led by defendant Ammon BUNDY ("A. BUNDY") – assaulted the site from below,
16 converging on its most vulnerable point: a narrow entrance located in a wash that
17 ran under highway bridges. Seeing the assault unfold, the officers responded to the
18 wash to prevent entry.

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20 6. The 200 Followers in the wash included a significant number
21 brandishing or raising their assault rifles in front of the officers. Some of these
22 gunmen took tactically superior positions on high ground, while others moved in
23 and out of the crowd, masking their movements behind other unarmed Followers.
24 The most immediate threat to the officers came from the bridges where gunmen

1 took sniper positions behind concrete barriers, their assault rifles aimed directly at
2 the officers below.

3 7. Having seized the tactical advantage, A. BUNDY and his 200
4 Followers pressed forward to and against the wash entrance, demanding that the
5 officers leave and abandon the cattle, threatening to enter by force if they did not do
6 so. Outnumbered by more than 4:1, unwilling to risk harm to children and other
7 unarmed bystanders who had accompanied the Followers, and wishing to avoid the
8 firefight that was sure to follow if they engaged the snipers on the bridge who posed
9 such an obvious threat to their lives, the officers had no choice and were forced to
10 leave and abandon the cattle to BUNDY and his co-conspirators, who promptly
11 released and returned the cattle to BUNDY.

12 8. Thereafter, the conspirators organized armed security patrols and
13 checkpoints in and around BUNDY's property to deter and prevent any future law
14 enforcement actions against BUNDY or his co-conspirators and to protect his cattle
15 from future removal actions, cattle he continued to hold, graze and keep on federal
16 public lands unlawfully and continues to do so as of the date of this Indictment.

18 II.

19 THE DEFENDANTS

20 9. Defendant Cliven D. BUNDY ("BUNDY") was a resident of
21 Bunkerville, Nevada, and the operator of a ranch referred to as "Bundy Ranch." His
22 ranching operations included grazing cattle unlawfully on federal public land.

23 10. Defendant Ryan C. BUNDY ("R. BUNDY") was a resident of Utah and
24 one of BUNDY's adult sons who affiliated himself with Bundy Ranch.

11. Defendant Ammon E. BUNDY ("A. BUNDY") was a resident of Arizona and one of BUNDY's adult sons who affiliated himself with Bundy Ranch.

12. Defendant Ryan W. PAYNE ("PAYNE") was a resident of Montana and affiliated with an organization that he called Operation Mutual Aid ("OMA"). OMA purported to be "a coalition of States Militias, Patriotic Civilians, Individual Freedom Fighters, and Media Relations personnel from Patriotic political activism groups, in conjunction with local law enforcement if and where applicable."

13. Defendant Peter T. SANTILLI ("SANTILLI") was a resident of California, who purported to be an internet blog radio host and affiliated with a show that he broadcasted over the internet.

III.

TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

14. "Federal public land" or "public land" was land owned by the United States and managed through various agencies of the United States, including, among others, the United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management ("BLM") and National Park Service ("NPS").

15. The BLM and NPS employed Rangers, Officers, and Special Agents to enforce federal laws and regulations on public land under their management.

16. BLM and NPS Rangers, Officers, and Special Agents were "federal law enforcement officers" under Title 18, United States Code, Section 115, that is, they were officers, agents, and employees of the United States authorized by law to engage in or supervise the prevention, detection, investigation, or prosecution of any violation of federal criminal law.

17. The Bunkerville Allotment ("the Allotment") was an area of federal public land near Bunkerville, Nevada, under the management of BLM. The United States has owned the land comprising the Allotment since 1848, when it was acquired from the nation of Mexico under the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, and has never relinquished ownership.

18. The Lake Mead National Recreational Area ("LMNRA") was an area of federal public land located near or adjacent to the Allotment, under the management of the NPS. The United States has owned the land comprising the LMNRA since 1848, when it was acquired from the nation of Mexico under the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, and has never relinquished ownership.

IV.

BUNDY TRESPASSED CATTLE ON PUBLIC LAND AND REFUSED TO COMPLY WITH FOUR COURT ORDERS TO REMOVE THEM

19. Federal law required a rancher to obtain a grazing permit from the BLM and to pay fees to the United States to graze cattle on the Bunkerville Allotment. Grazing cattle without a permit constituted a trespass on public land.

20. From 1993 to the date of this Indictment, **BUNDY** knowingly refused to pay fees or obtain permits as he kept and grazed his cattle on the Allotment year-round, constituting a continuing trespass on public land.

21. In 1998, and because of BUNDY's continuing trespass, the United States District Court for the District of Nevada (hereinafter "District Court" or "Federal Court") Ordered BUNDY to remove his cattle permanently from the

1 Allotment. BUNDY deliberately ignored the Order and continued to trespass by
2 keeping and grazing his cattle unlawfully on public land.

3 22. In 1999, the District Court fined BUNDY for each day he refused to
4 remove his cattle. BUNDY refused to pay the fines and continued to trespass by
5 keeping and grazing his cattle unlawfully on public land.

6 23. By 2012, BUNDY's herd had multiplied substantially and spread into
7 the LMNRA where BUNDY kept and grazed them year-round, refusing to pay fees
8 or obtain permits, constituting a continuing trespass on public land.

9 24. In 2013, the District Court issued two Orders. One ordered BUNDY to
10 remove his trespass cattle permanently from the LMNRA and the other re-affirmed
11 the 1998 and 1999 Orders that required him to remove his cattle permanently from
12 the Allotment. Both Orders declared that, in keeping with the law, the United
13 States was authorized to seize and remove BUNDY's trespass cattle if he did not
14 comply with the Court's Orders. One of the Orders expressly stated that BUNDY
15 was "not to interfere" with any removal.
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17 25. BUNDY ignored the Orders and continued to keep and graze his
18 trespass cattle unlawfully on public land.

19 V.

20 **THE BLM PLANNED TO SEIZE AND REMOVE THE CATTLE**
21 **FROM THE PUBLIC LANDS PURSUANT TO COURT ORDERS**

22 26. In keeping with the law and the 2013 federal Court Orders, the BLM
23 planned to seize and remove BUNDY's trespass cattle, following well-established
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1 rules and regulations governing this procedure, referred to hereinafter collectively
2 as "impound" or "impoundment."

3 27. A preliminary survey revealed that the BLM would have to impound
4 almost 1,000 head of trespass cattle scattered over hundreds of thousands of acres
5 of arid and difficult terrain. Given these circumstances, BLM estimated that it
6 would take a month or more to complete the impoundment.

7 28. It was part of the plan that BLM would establish a base of operations
8 (hereinafter referred to as "the Impoundment Site") located on the public lands near
9 Bunkerville, about 7 miles away from Bundy Ranch in an area commonly referred
10 to as the Toquop wash.

11 29. It was part of the plan that on February 17, 2014, the BLM entered
12 into a contract with a civilian contractor in Utah to round-up and gather the
13 trespass cattle. The contract required the contractor to bring people and equipment
14 to Nevada to conduct impoundment operations.

15 30. It was part of the plan that the civilian contractor and crew would
16 gather and move the trespass cattle from public land into corrals at the
17 Impoundment Site where they would be held until such time as they could be
18 further transported.

19 31. It was part of the plan that on March 20, 2014, BLM entered into a
20 contract for the services of an auctioneer in Utah. The contract required the
21 trespass cattle to be trucked from the Impoundment Site in Nevada to the contract
22 auctioneer in Utah, who would then sell them at public sale.
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32. It was part of the plan that BLM would use BLM and NPS Rangers, Officers, and Special Agents to provide security for impoundment operations, including securing the cattle at the Impoundment Site and protecting the civilian contractors and government employees engaged in impoundment operations.

33. It was part of the plan that BLM designated the Special Agent-in-Charge of BLM's Nevada and Utah region (hereinafter the "SAC") to lead impoundment operations.

VI.

**BUNDY THREATENED TO "DO WHATEVER IT TAKES"
TO PREVENT THE IMPOUNDMENT OF HIS CATTLE**

34. On October 23, 2012, and in connection with legal proceedings culminating in the 2013 Court Orders, **BUNDY** threatened to interfere with any impoundment by stating that he "would do whatever it takes" to stop the impoundment. When asked whether that included soliciting support from others to help him, **BUNDY** responded: "Yes."

35. On March 14, 2014, the BLM formally notified BUNDY that impoundment operations would take place.

36. On March 15, 2014, BUNDY threatened to interfere by stating publically that he "[was] ready to do battle" with the BLM and he would "do whatever it takes" to protect "his property."

37. On March 17, 2014, a BLM Special Agent notified R. BUNDY that the Special Agent was available to answer any questions about the impoundment operation. R. BUNDY became angry and threatened to interfere, stating that he

1 and his family would "do whatever it takes" and he would "have several hundred"
 2 with him to prevent the BLM from removing the trespass cattle. When asked
 3 whether his use of "whatever it takes" included physical force or violence, R.
 4 BUNDY replied: "I will do whatever it takes; you interpret that the way you want."

5 38. On March 24, 2014, BUNDY threatened to interfere, stating publically
 6 that he intended to "organize lots of groups" to "come from hundreds of miles away"
 7 and he was in a "range war" with BLM that could "last a long time."

8 39. On March 25, 2014, BUNDY threatened to interfere, stating publically
 9 that: "BUNDY's ready . . . whenever [the federal government's] got the guts to try
 10 it . . . tell them to come . . . I'll do whatever it takes."

11 40. On March 28, 2014, BUNDY threatened to interfere, stating publically
 12 that: "all of those cowboys are going to be thieves who steal my cattle . . . [i]t's like
 13 they're staging for a war . . . I told them I'd do whatever it takes . . . I'll stick with
 14 that."

15 VII.

16 BUNDY CARRIED OUT HIS THREATS 17 BY CONSPIRING TO LIE, THREATEN FORCE 18 AND VIOLENCE, AND USE FORCE AND VIOLENCE

19 A. Object and Nature of the Conspiracy.

20 41. Beginning in at least March 2014, and continuing to the date of this
 21 Indictment, the defendants conspired, confederated, and agreed to commit
 22 numerous federal offenses, as charged below, in order to achieve the objects of the
 23 conspiracy.
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1 42. The scope, nature, and objects of the conspiratorial agreement were to
2 threaten force and violence and use force and violence to: (1) impede, obstruct, and
3 interfere with BLM's impoundment; (2) obtain BUNDY's impounded cattle; (3)
4 intimidate and prevent law enforcement officers from taking action against the
5 conspirators; and (4) threaten, intimidate, and prevent by force law enforcement
6 officers from taking future law enforcement actions against BUNDY and his co-
7 conspirators and prevent by force, the BLM from exercising regulatory and law
8 enforcement authority over federal public lands.

9 **B. Manner and Means of the Conspiracy.**

10 43. To achieve their objectives, the conspirators recruited, organized, and
11 led a force of hundreds of people (hereinafter referred to as "Followers") to threaten
12 and use force and violence to prevent the law enforcement officers from discharging
13 their duties and to coerce their consent to abandon the cattle that were, pursuant to
14 Court Order, lawfully in their care and custody and which they were duty-bound to
15 protect.
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17 44. As a part of the manner and means of the conspiracy, the defendants,
18 among other things:

19 a. Used deceit and deception to knowingly recruit Followers, that
20 is, to encourage, counsel, and incite others to travel to Bundy Ranch for the
21 unlawful purposes of interfering with impoundment operations, obstructing the
22 execution of federal Court Orders and using force and violence against federal law
23 enforcement officers while they were performing their duties.
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1 b. Used the internet and other facilities in interstate commerce to
2 knowingly broadcast false, deceitful, and deceptive images and messages for the
3 purpose of recruiting Followers.

4 c. Used the internet and other facilities in interstate commerce to
5 encourage, counsel, and incite Followers to bring guns to Bundy Ranch for the
6 unlawful purposes of interfering with impoundment operations, obstructing the
7 execution of federal Court Orders, and using force and violence against federal law
8 enforcement officers to prevent them from discharging their duties.

9 d. Traveled in interstate commerce and used other facilities in
10 interstate commerce to threaten force, violence, and economic harm to private
11 contractors providing services to the BLM during impoundment operations.

12 e. Threatened and used force and violence against BLM civilian
13 employees engaged in impoundment operations for the purpose of obstructing the
14 execution of federal Court Orders and interfering with impoundment operations.

15 f. Counseled, incited, and led Followers to use, carry, brandish,
16 and aim firearms, including assault rifles, for the purpose of assaulting federal law
17 enforcement officers.

18 g. Counseled, incited, and led Followers to use, carry, brandish,
19 and aim firearms, including assault rifles, for the purpose of extorting federal law
20 enforcement officers.

21 h. Organized Followers into body guards, armed patrols, and
22 security checkpoints for the purpose of using threats, force, violence, and
23 intimidation to protect the conspirators, prevent law enforcement actions against
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1 the conspirators, prevent the execution of federal Court Orders, and prevent law
2 enforcement officers from discharging their duties.

3 **C. Roles of the Conspirators.**

4 45. BUNDY was the leader, organizer, and chief beneficiary of the
5 conspiracy, possessing ultimate authority over the scope, manner, and means of
6 conspiratorial operations and receiving the economic benefits of the extortion.

7 46. A. BUNDY and R. BUNDY, were leaders and organizers of the
8 conspiracy who, among other things: recruited Followers; interfered with
9 impoundment operations through threats and use of force and violence; interfered
10 with impoundment operations by attempting to extort BLM contractors; led an
11 armed assault against federal law enforcement officers; delivered extortionate
12 demands to law enforcement officers; and extorted federal law enforcement officers.

13 47. PAYNE was a leader and organizer of the conspiracy who, among
14 other things: recruited Followers; organized armed Followers; communicated the
15 objectives of the conspiracy to armed Followers; led an armed assault on federal
16 officers; and organized protection for the conspirators and the criminal enterprise.

17 48. SANTILLI was a leader and organizer of the conspiracy who, among
18 other things: recruited Followers using the internet and other facilities in interstate
19 commerce; led an assault on federal officers; threatened federal law enforcement
20 officers; and participated in the extortion of federal law enforcement officers.
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1 **D. Overt Acts in Furtherance of the Conspiracy.**

2 49. It was a part of the conspiracy and for the purpose of carrying out the
3 objects of the conspiracy, the defendants performed, or caused to be performed, the
4 following overt acts, among many others.

5 1. **March 28 to April 11: The Conspirators Interfered with**
6 **Impoundment Operations and Used Deceit and Deception to**
7 **Recruit Followers.**

8 50. On or about March 28, 2014, BUNDY, R. BUNDY, and others working
9 with them, blocked a convoy of vehicles carrying horses and equipment intended for
10 use in impoundment operations, confronting and threatening civilian contractors,
11 endangering the safety of the personnel in the convoy, and interfering with
12 impoundment operations.

13 51. Shortly thereafter, and in an effort to recruit Followers, BUNDY
14 caused the broadcast of a video of the confrontation with the contractors entitled
15 "Range War," depicting images captured during the confrontation, combining them
16 with false, deceitful and deceptive statements to the effect that the BLM was
17 stealing BUNDY's cattle.

18 52. On or about April 2, 2014, R. BUNDY and others working with him,
19 traveled from Nevada to Utah to threaten force, violence and economic harm to the
20 contract auctioneer providing services to the BLM, by, among other things, entering
21 upon the contractor's property for the purpose of interfering with business
22 operations, threatening and intimidating customers and employees, interfering with
23 business operations, and threatening to shut down the business if the contractor
24 fulfilled his contractual obligations with BLM.

1 53. On or about April 5, 2014, BUNDY threatened force and violence
2 against federal law enforcement officers by publically stating, among other things:
3 "I've done quite a bit so far to keep my cattle, but I guess it's not been enough . . .
4 they took 75 of my cattle today . . . I have said I'd do what it takes to keep my cattle
5 so I guess it is going to have to be more physical."

6 54. On or about April 6, 2014, R. BUNDY and his brother, Dave,
7 interfered with impoundment operations by positioning themselves to block a BLM
8 convoy and refusing to leave the area when asked to do so. Failing to leave after
9 repeated requests, Dave Bundy was arrested by law enforcement officers.

10 55. Shortly thereafter, the defendants caused images of the Dave Bundy
11 arrest to be broadcasted over the internet, combining them with false, deceitful and
12 deceptive statements to the effect that the BLM supposedly: employed snipers
13 against Bundy family members; used excessive force during the arrest; and arrested
14 Bundy for exercising his First Amendment rights.

15 56. On or about April 7, 2014, A. BUNDY traveled from Arizona to the
16 Bundy Ranch in Nevada.

17 57. On or about April 7, 2014, PAYNE in Montana, contacted BUNDY in
18 Nevada, by telephone.

19 58. On or about April 7, 2014, PAYNE used the internet and other
20 facilities in interstate commerce to recruit others to travel to the Bundy Ranch for
21 the unlawful purpose of interfering with impoundment operations, stating falsely,
22 among other things, that the Bundy Ranch was surrounded by BLM snipers, that
23 the Bundy family was isolated, and that the BLM wanted BUNDY dead.
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1 59. On or about April 7, 2014, BUNDY and others working with him
2 established a site only minutes travel distance from the Bundy Ranch along Nevada
3 State Route 170, a state road that also served as the main route between the
4 Impoundment Site and the public land where impoundment operations were taking
5 place. Strategically located between the Impoundment Site and various ingress and
6 egress points to public land, the location of site served as both a natural vantage
7 point from which to observe impoundment operations and a potential choke-point
8 for disrupting BLM convoys. Conspicuous for, among other things, a stage and two
9 tall flagpoles, one of which flew the Nevada State flag above the flag of the United
10 States, this site (hereinafter referred to as "the Staging Site") served as a base of
11 operations from which the conspirators made speeches, received and organized
12 Followers as they arrived at Bundy Ranch, and gathered and organized Followers
13 before initiating their assaults on federal law enforcement officers.

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15 60. On or about April 8, 2014, SANTILLI in California, contacted BUNDY
16 in Nevada, by telephone.

17 61. On or about April 8, 2014, SANTILLI and BUNDY broadcasted
18 messages over the internet. Using deceit, deception, and threats to encourage and
19 incite others to travel to Bundy Ranch for unlawful purposes, BUNDY told
20 listeners, among other things, that: "they have my house surrounded . . . the federal
21 government is stealing my property . . . [the BLM] are armed with assault rifles . . .
22 they have snipers . . . I haven't called no militia but, hey, that look like where we
23 are . . . there is a strong army out here . . . we are going to have to take our land
24 back . . . somebody is going to have to back off . . . we the people will put our boots

1 down and walk over these people . . . they are up against a man who will do
2 whatever it takes.”

3 62. In that same broadcast, SANTILLI used threats to encourage and
4 incite listeners to travel to Bundy Ranch for unlawful purposes, telling listeners,
5 among other things, that: “if this is not the issue right now where we stand and
6 fight to the absolute death there is no other option; the federal government must get
7 out of the State of Nevada . . . if they don’t want it to be peaceful it is by their
8 choice. . . I’m calling on all Americans anywhere in the vicinity of Clark County,
9 Nevada . . . if you’re in Nevada and can legally carry, get weapons out there, o.k. . .
10 we are going to stand and fight in Clark County, Nevada . . . they will leave or else.”

11 63. On or about April 8, 2014, PAYNE sent a message from Montana to
12 Pennsylvania to another person who referred to himself as one of the leaders in
13 OMA, stating, among other things, that it was “time to invite everyone to the first
14 annual Patriots (sic) Picnic at the Bundy Ranch” and telling the OMA leader that
15 the Bundys “still want help.”

16 64. On or about April 8, 2014, and for the purpose of recruiting Followers,
17 PAYNE sent a message over the internet, stating that he had spoken with BUNDY
18 and that “he knows we’re coming and has opened his land up to everyone willing . . .
19 OMA is moving . . . not going public with this until more are enroute.”

20 65. On or about April 8, 2014, PAYNE caused an email to be sent to OMA
21 members stating: “we have made the decision to mobilize in Nevada, units are
22 underway as I type this . . . the feds arrested some protestors today, and the words
23 ‘we need you now’ were uttered . . . we have approximately 150 responding, but that
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1 number is [gr]owing by the hour." The message provided directions and grid
2 coordinates to Bundy Ranch.

3 66. On or about and between April 8 and 9, 2014, SANTILLI traveled
4 from California to Bundy Ranch in Nevada.

5 67. On or about and between April 8 and 9, 2014, PAYNE traveled from
6 Montana to Bundy Ranch in Nevada.

7 68. On or about April 9, 2014, PAYNE and SANTILLI met with BUNDY
8 and other conspirators at Bundy Ranch.

9 69. On the morning of April 9, 2014, SANTILLI met with the SAC and
10 stated that he was acting as a liaison between Bundy Followers and the BLM.
11 Threatening the SAC, SANTILLI asked rhetorically: "What are you guys going to
12 do if 10,000 people show up? . . . Are you prepared for this?" SANTILLI added: "I
13 don't believe in firing a single bullet unless in absolute defense and it's legal and
14 constitutional."

15 70. On or about April 9, 2014, and for the purpose of encouraging and
16 inciting others to travel to Bundy Ranch for unlawful purposes, the conspirators
17 caused a message to be broadcasted over the internet, stating: "The Bundy family
18 has requested help from militia groups including Operation Mutual Aid, 3
19 Percenters club, freedom fighters, and other operations to come and stand with us
20 and regain our rights and freedom."

22 71. On April 9, 2014, and for the purpose of encouraging and inciting
23 others to travel to Bundy Ranch for unlawful purposes, SANTILLI broadcasted a
24 message over the internet, stating, among other things: "the BLM knows if they are

1 outnumbered and outgunned . . . they will stand down . . . we want BLM to get out
2 of the state of Nevada . . . I fully expect the standoff will occur when thousands go to
3 repossess the rightfully owned property of the Bundys . . . we need strength in
4 numbers.”

5 72. On or about April 9, 2014, **R. BUNDY**, and others working with him,
6 traveled for a second time from Nevada to Utah to threaten force, violence and
7 economic loss to the contract auctioneer providing services to the BLM by, among
8 other things: intimidating customers; interfering with business operations; and
9 instilling fear and apprehension in customers and employees.

10 73. On or about April 9, 2014, and for the purpose of encouraging and
11 inciting other to travel to Bundy Ranch for unlawful purposes, **SANTILLI**
12 broadcasted a message over the internet, stating, among other things: “now is the
13 time to show up for something like this . . . we need ten thousand people to come
14 here . . . I only have one fear is that people that don’t respond to this call . . . it’s
15 time to make a stand against tyranny . . . we need to let everyone know that BLM
16 has zero authority.”

17 74. On April 9, 2014, **SANTILLI** and **A. BUNDY** assaulted federal officers
18 by, among other things: intercepting and blocking a convoy of BLM vehicles
19 engaged in impoundment operations; colliding an ATV into a truck in the convoy in
20 an attempt to stall the truck; attempting to forcibly gain entrance to the stalled
21 truck; attempting to throw a rock at law enforcement officers protecting the convoy;
22 threatening physical harm to law enforcement officers while they were protecting
23 the truck and the civilian passengers inside; and causing physical contact with an
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1 officer while the officer was engaged in protecting the truck and the civilian
2 passengers inside.

3 75. On or about April 9, 2014, and for the purpose of inciting others to
4 travel to Bundy Ranch for unlawful purposes, SANTILLI broadcasted a message
5 over the internet, stating, among other things: "we were serious about stopping the
6 convoy . . . [the BLM] were caught off guard and tried to push past us . . . they
7 couldn't do it . . . we outnumbered them and they retreated . . . we know how they
8 will come back after they retreat . . . my biggest fear is if we don't respond . . . they
9 retreated and will come back with a bigger force . . . we need to disperse them with
10 tens of thousands . . . we want BLM to always retreat because we will always
11 outnumber them . . . we have all been waiting for that ultimate moment . . . there is
12 so much at stake . . . we can win with numbers . . . I've got people coming from
13 Michigan . . . militia members who are fully armed are here . . . it's good to watch
14 the BLM with its tail between its legs . . . get out here . . . this is going to get
15 exciting . . . ultimately get the feds to leave."

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17 76. On April 10, 2014, and for the purpose of encouraging and inciting
18 others to travel to Bundy Ranch for unlawful purposes, PAYNE caused an email to
19 be sent to self-described "militia" members of OMA under the subject line "Bundy
20 Objectives," as follows:

21 Nevada Alert! We are requesting help to distribute the following to
22 any and all media, blog, patriot groups etc.

23 1. Secure the Bundy family from government incursion which
24 includes protection of all personnel responding in support of the
Bundys ie. Protestors, extended family, and friends.

1 2. To return the confiscated Clark County Nevada property
2 currently blocked by federal personnel to it's (sic) rightful stewards,
3 the people of Clark County, Nevada.

4 3. To secure and return to Mr. Bundys (sic) ranch the mounting
5 number of cattle which have been confiscated by BLM agents and
6 private contractors.

7 These objectives are in cohesion with Cliven Bundy and the Bundy
8 ranch

9 77. On or about April 10, 2014, and for the purpose of encouraging and
10 inciting others to travel to Bundy Ranch for unlawful purposes, SANTILLI
11 broadcasted a message over the internet, stating, among other things: "there is not
12 enough militia here . . . we have thousands of very organized constitutional militia .
13 . . . they are trickling in . . . where we will fail is for us not to at least match the
14 overwhelming force . . . we have about 50 members here now . . . where we will fail
15 is for us not to not match the BLM force . . . we need a show of force . . . we did a
16 recon and found that BLM have hundreds of vehicles . . . BLM needs to vacate
17 immediately . . . we need the numbers for the feds to leave . . . they will come back
18 with a bigger force . . . we need tens of thousands of people so they retreat . . . come
19 out here . . . we've all been waiting for the ultimate moment . . . we can win with
20 numbers . . . get out here no matter where you are . . . militia members here are
21 fully armed."

22 78. On or about April 10, 2014, and for the purpose of encouraging and
23 inciting others to travel to Bundy Ranch for unlawful purposes, SANTILLI
24 broadcasted a message over the internet, stating, among other things: "there is a
 court order, but the court is corrupt . . . BLM believes they are acting

1 constitutionally . . . BLM is in violation of every God-given right of every human
2 being . . . [BLM's] closure orders are 'shelter in place'. . . [BLM] aimed AR-15s at me
3 [during confrontation on April 9] . . . Waco and Ruby Ridge was a show of force by
4 government and violated sovereign rights . . . if we have 10,000 people, [the BLM]
5 will have to get past us."

6 79. On the morning of April 11, 2014, SANTILLI met with the SAC and
7 stated, among other things: "we are going to have a face-to-face confrontation . . .
8 we have thousands of people . . . we are going to come here and it is non-negotiable .
9 . . if that comes about, we want to make sure that any [BLM officer] who wants to
10 stand down will not be retaliated against . . . this is non-negotiable . . . if you make
11 the decision to go face-to-face and someone gets hurt we are going to hold you
12 responsible . . . tell D.C. that the justification for this is from a corrupt court . . .
13 I'm relaying a message . . . if anyone is acting unconstitutionally they will be
14 arrested . . . I came here to allow you to prevent a scenario where someone gets
15 hurt."
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17 80. By on or about April 11, 2014, hundreds of Followers traveled to
18 Nevada, many armed with assault rifles and other firearms.

19 81. By on or about April 11, 2014, PAYNE and others working with him,
20 received and organized the armed Followers, placing them into camps from which to
21 mobilize and deploy them.

22 82. By on or about April 11, 2014, PAYNE, and others working with him,
23 organized the armed Followers into patrols and security checkpoints to provide
24 security to the conspirators and their criminal enterprise.

1 2. **April 12: The Conspirators Assaulted and Extorted Law**
2 **Enforcement Officers.**

3 83. It was further a part of the conspiracy that on April 12, 2014, the
4 defendants organized, led, and executed a mass assault on federal law enforcement
5 officers in order to obtain the seized cattle, as follows.

6 84. By the morning of April 12, the BLM had seized approximately 400
7 head of cattle and had them corralled at the Impoundment Site, awaiting further
8 shipment out of the state of Nevada.

9 85. On the morning of April 12, BUNDY led a rally of hundreds of his
10 Followers at the Staging Site where he told them that "God [is] going to be with us"
11 and that it was time "to take our land back." He then commanded his Followers to
12 get the cattle.

13 86. BUNDY directed his Followers that "horse people" (Followers riding
14 horses) would leave the Staging Site and travel a dirt road to the Toquop wash, the
15 location of the Impoundment Site, a distance of about 3.5 miles. While that was
16 happening, so commanded by BUNDY, the other Followers were to travel the
17 highway by vehicle, a distance of about 5 miles, and "shut down the freeway" at the
18 Impoundment Site. The Followers, so directed by BUNDY, were then to meet with
19 the "horse people" in the Toquop wash.

20 87. The Followers did as BUNDY ordered. The Followers, many of them
21 armed with a variety of firearms, including assault rifles, hurriedly loaded
22 themselves into cars and trucks and moved *en masse* to the Impoundment Site,
23 jamming the roads and slowing traffic on northbound Interstate-15 ("I-15") to a
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1 trickle, making it difficult for state and local law enforcement vehicles to respond.
2 When the Followers arrived at the Impoundment Site, they jumped out of their
3 vehicles and many of them moved quickly on foot to a position across from the main
4 entrance.

5 88. The few local law enforcement officers who were able to respond
6 formed a human line in the I-15 median to block the Followers, many of whom
7 carried and brandished assault rifles, from entering at the main entrance to the
8 Impoundment Site.

9 89. Around 11:30 a.m., A. BUNDY directed Followers to follow him from
10 the area across from the main entrance to the Impoundment Site to an area a few
11 hundred yards east and below the main entrance, in the Toquop wash under the
12 northbound I-15 bridge. There, A. BUNDY waited while more Followers, seeing the
13 movement of the others to the wash, moved there to join him. As the Followers
14 gathered in the wash, A. BUNDY instructed them that they were to wait there
15 until the Followers on horseback arrived, as his father had stated at the Staging
16 Site.
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18 90. About 150 yards across from A. BUNDY's position was a makeshift
19 metal rail gate that traversed the wash between the pillars that supported the
20 southbound I-15 bridge, serving to block any unauthorized entrance to the
21 Impoundment Site from the wash. The gate was manned only by two officers who
22 immediately called for backup when they first noticed A. BUNDY move to the wash
23 with his Followers. As the number of Followers in the wash grew, more officers
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1 responded to the gate, eventually forming a line that started about 15 to 20 yards
2 behind the gate and extended up the wash, perpendicular to the gate.

3 91. By 11:50 a.m., over 400 of BUNDY's Followers had converged upon the
4 Impoundment Site, many of the Followers openly brandishing assault rifles, others
5 bearing side arms, the combined group grossly outnumbering the approximately 50
6 officers that had moved to the wash to protect the gate. More and more of the
7 Followers moved to the wash while still others began flooding onto the southbound
8 I-15 bridges and bridge skirts, their movement there facilitated by the Followers
9 having slowed traffic on I-15 to a mere trickle.

10 92. Around 12:00 noon, the 40-or-so Followers on horseback arrived at the
11 wash and joined with A. BUNDY's group. Then, the combined force of about 270
12 Followers – a combination of armed and unarmed on foot and on horseback – moved
13 out from under the northbound I-15 bridge and toward the officers at the gate. The
14 officers immediately began ordering the crowd to disperse. Using loudspeakers, they
15 told the Followers that they were in a closed area, in violation of a Court Order.
16 Still they came. As the Followers moved closer to them, the officers observed
17 gunmen moving with them and began calling out their positions to each other and
18 to their dispatch center. On the loudspeaker, officers told the Followers that they
19 had spotted the gunmen and ordered them all to leave. The commands went
20 unheeded and the Followers continued toward the gate.

22 93. When the Followers got to within 60 yards of the gate, they stopped –
23 then formed a human line that stretched across the bottom of the wash. There the
24 Followers waited.

1 94. The officers continued to call out any gunmen they observed. They
2 called out gunmen with "long guns" and sidearms moving in and out among the
3 unarmed Followers on foot, some of them taking high ground. They called out
4 gunmen with "long guns" moving on the bridges and then disappearing. One of the
5 officers called out that they soon would be outgunned. As more gunmen moved to
6 the wash, the officers reported that there were "more guns than they could count."

7 95. The officers continued to use loudspeakers to command the Followers
8 to disperse. Their commands were met with angry taunts, the Followers screaming
9 at the officers, demanding that they release BUNDY's cattle.

10 96. The officers at the gate were dangerously exposed. They were in the
11 open on low ground at the bottom of the wash, below highway bridges that towered
12 more than 40 feet above them and surrounded on the sides by steep embankments
13 of high ground. The terrain acted like a funnel with them at the bottom and no
14 natural cover or concealment to protect them from the gunmen on the high ground,
15 their only protection being their body armor and the vehicles they happened to
16 drive to the gate. At this point, approximately 40 Followers were either carrying or
17 brandishing firearms in front of the officers in the wash while more than 20 of them
18 carried or brandished firearms on the bridges.

19 97. The officers at the gate could readily observe gunmen bobbing up and
20 down from behind the concrete barriers that bordered the northbound I-15 bridge,
21 indicating to the officers that the gunmen were acquiring, and determining the
22 range to, their officer-targets. They observed armed gunmen dressed in military-
23 style tactical gear and wearing body armor, moving in and among the unarmed
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1 Followers, using them as human shields to mask their movements while still others
2 took tactically superior over-watch positions on the sides of the wash.

3 98. The Followers' close proximity to the officers, their array and
4 formation in the wash, their refusal to disperse upon command, their angry taunts,
5 their numbers carrying or brandishing firearms, the movements of the gunmen in
6 and among the unarmed while brandishing assault rifles and wearing body armor,
7 and the superior position of the gunmen on the bridge above, all caused the officers
8 to fear immediate bodily harm or death.

9 99. Around 12:15 p.m. and after hearing that from his officers at the gate
10 that there now were "too many guns to count" in front of them, the SAC was forced
11 to decide to give in to BUNDY's demands and release the cattle in order to prevent
12 death or injury. The SAC moved from the main entrance area, down the wash and
13 to the gate, his purpose being to find a way to create space between his officers and
14 the Followers so the officers could safely disengage and avoid any potential
15 bloodshed while he found a way to release the cattle.

16 100. As the SAC approached the gate, he observed assault weapons pointed
17 at him and armed gunmen moving to higher ground, all causing the SAC to fear
18 immediate bodily harm or death.

19 101. When the SAC arrived at the gate, A. BUNDY came out from the line
20 and moved to the gate. The line of Followers advanced with him, yelling,
21 screaming, and taunting the officers as they moved. The gunmen on the bridges
22 took sniper positions, some behind the concrete barriers on the bridges and others
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1 under the bridges, trucked in the crevice where the bridge skirt connects to the
2 highway.

3 102. As A. BUNDY moved to the gate, his gunmen in the wash moved with
4 him, openly brandishing their rifles and taking over-watch positions on the high
5 ground within full view of the tactically disadvantaged officers, the snipers on the
6 bridges now aiming their assault rifles directly at the officers below. Seeing the
7 combined force arrayed against them – an organized crowd of more than 400
8 Followers, more than 270 of the Followers in the wash directly in front of them,
9 more than 60 Followers among the crowd carrying or brandishing rifles or pistols,
10 40 Followers on horseback, snipers concealed on and under the bridges above them
11 with their rifles zeroed-in on the officers, gunmen intermingled with the crowd
12 using the unarmed people to shield their movement, gunmen in over-watch
13 positions on the high ground, all refusing to leave, all of them there to get the cattle
14 – the officers believed they were going to be shot and killed. They were stymied –
15 prevented from shooting the gunmen who posed such an obvious threat to their
16 lives out of concern they would spark a firefight that would kill or injure unarmed
17 people. Unable to surgically remove the deadly threats before them, outnumbered,
18 outgunned, and located in a dangerously exposed and tactically inferior position, the
19 officers knew they were easy targets. They still held their ground.

21 103. Arriving at the gate, A. BUNDY met with the SAC who explained to
22 A. BUNDY that he would work with him to release the cattle but that he first had
23 to move his Followers back from the gate so the officers could safely disengage. A.
24 BUNDY refused and demanded that the officers leave first, stating, among other

1 things, "You need to leave . . . that's the terms . . . no, you need to leave . . . you are
2 on Nevada State property . . . the time is now . . . no, the time is now."

3 104. To prevent the disaster that was sure to follow if the officers remained
4 longer, the SAC was forced to give in to A. BUNDY's demands and ordered his
5 officers to leave, abandoning the post, the impoundment site, and the cattle to
6 BUNDY.

7 105. Having made the decision to meet the conspirators' demands, the SAC
8 met with R. BUNDY near the main entrance to the Impoundment Site to negotiate
9 the departure of the law enforcement officers. While the armed Followers held their
10 position below at the gate, R. BUNDY demanded that the BLM officers pack their
11 equipment hastily and leave the Impoundment Site within two hours.

12 106. Thereafter, R. BUNDY assumed a leadership role in ensuring that the
13 officers left the Impoundment Site quickly and then organized the Followers to
14 release the cattle.

15 107. The law enforcement officers were thus forced to abandon the
16 Impoundment Site and the cattle to the conspirators and their Followers, who
17 promptly released and returned them to BUNDY and took down the fences
18 comprising the corrals.

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20 3. Continuing Conspiracy – Post-Assault to Indictment: The
21 Conspirators Organized Bodyguards, Patrols, and Checkpoints
to Prevent and Deter Future Law Enforcement Actions.

22 108. It was further a part of the conspiracy that following the April 12
23 assault and extortion, the defendants took such other actions as necessary to
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1 protect themselves and their ill-gotten gains and to further interfere with and
2 prevent future federal law enforcement actions on the public lands.

3 109. From April 12 to at least the end of May 2014, the defendants
4 established, organized, and maintained camps to provide housing and logistical
5 support to armed gunmen who continued to travel to the Bundy Ranch.

6 110. From April 12 to at least the end of May 2014, the defendants
7 established armed checkpoints and security patrols to prevent and deter law
8 enforcement actions against the conspirators, including recovering the extorted
9 cattle.

10 111. From April 12, 2014 through September 2014, the defendants made
11 statements to the SAC, threatening similar assaultive conduct in the event the
12 BLM attempted further law enforcement actions against BUNDY or his
13 conspirators.

14 112. From April 12, 2014 through the date of this Indictment, the
15 defendants made public statements threatening that they would continue to
16 interfere with federal law enforcement actions against them or the cattle.

17 113. From April 12, 2014 through the date of this Indictment, the
18 defendants continued to employ armed body guards to protect BUNDY and other
19 conspirators from federal law enforcement actions.

20 114. From April 12, 2014, through the date of this Indictment, the
21 conspirators continue to take such actions as necessary to hold, protect, and prevent
22 the impoundment of the extorted cattle and such other trespass cattle that are
23 subject to the 2013 Court Orders.
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COUNT ONE

Conspiracy to Commit an Offense Against the United States
(Title 18, United States Code, Section 371)

115. Paragraphs 1 through 114 are incorporated herein in full.

116. Beginning in at least March 2014 and continuing to on or about the
date of this Indictment, in the State and Federal District of Nevada and elsewhere,

CLIVEN D. BUNDY,
RYAN C. BUNDY,
AMMON E. BUNDY,
RYAN W. PAYNE, and
PETER T. SANTILLI, Jr.,

defendants herein, did conspire, confederate and agree with each other, and with
others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, to commit an offense against the
United States, to wit:

a. Assault on a Federal Officer, in violation of Title 18, United
States Code, Section 111(a)(1) and (b);

b. Threatening a Federal Law Enforcement Officer, in violation of
Title 18, United States Code, Section 115(a)(1)(B);

c. Use and Carry of a Firearm In Relation to a Crime of Violence,
in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c);

d. Obstruction of the Due Administration of Justice, in violation of
Title 18, United States Code, Section 1503;

e. Interference with Interstate Commerce by Extortion, in violation
of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1951; and

f. Interstate Travel in Aid of Extortion, in violation of Title 18,
United States Code, Section 1952.

117. In furtherance of the conspiracy, the defendants committed, attempted to commit and caused to be committed, the overt acts described herein and all of those comprising the offenses charged in Counts Three through Sixteen.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371.

COUNT TWO

Conspiracy to Impede or Injure a Federal Officer
(Title 18, United States Code, Section 372)

118. Paragraphs 1 through 114 are incorporated herein in full.

119. Beginning in at least March 2014 and continuing to on or about the date of this Indictment, in the State and Federal District of Nevada and elsewhere,

**CLIVEN D. BUNDY,
RYAN C. BUNDY,
AMMÓN E. BUNDY,
RYAN W. PAYNE, and
PETER T. SANTILLI, Jr.,**

defendants herein, did knowingly and willfully combine, conspire, confederate, and agree with each other, and with others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, to prevent by force, intimidation, and threats of violence, federal law enforcement officers from discharging the duties of their office under the United States, and to induce by force, intimidation, and threats, federal law enforcement officers to leave the place where their duties were required to be performed, that is, enforcing and executing federal Court Orders to remove trespass cattle from federal public lands and enforcing federal laws and regulations on federal public lands in and around the Allotment.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 372.

COUNT THREE

Use and Carry of a Firearm in Relation to a Crime of Violence
(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 924(c) and 2)

120. Paragraphs 1 through 114 are incorporated herein in full.

121. On or about April 12, 2014, in the State and Federal District of
Nevada, and elsewhere,

CLIVEN D. BUNDY,
RYAN C. BUNDY,
AMMON E. BUNDY,
RYAN W. PAYNE, and
PETER T. SANTILLI, Jr.,

defendants herein, aided and abetted by each other, and by others known and
unknown to the Grand Jury, did knowingly use and carry firearms, which were
brandished, during and in relation to a crime of violence for which they may be
prosecuted in a court of the United States, that is, conspiracy to impede and injure
an officer, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 372, as charged in
Count Two of this Indictment.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 924(c)(1)(A)(ii) and 2.

COUNT FOUR

Assault on a Federal Officer
(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 111(a)(1), (b) and 2)

122. Paragraphs 1 through 114 are incorporated herein in full.

123. On or about April 9, 2014, in the State and Federal District of Nevada,
and elsewhere,

CLIVEN D. BUNDY,
RYAN C. BUNDY,
AMMON E. BUNDY,
RYAN W. PAYNE, and
PETER T. SANTILLI, Jr.,

1 defendants herein, aided and abetted by each other, and by others known and
2 unknown to the Grand Jury, did use a dangerous and deadly weapon and forcibly
3 assault, resist, oppose, impede, intimidate, and interfere with federal law
4 enforcement officers and intend to forcibly assault, resist, oppose, impede,
5 intimidate, and interfere with federal law enforcement officers, while they were
6 engaged in and on the account of the performance of their official duties, that is,
7 escorting and providing security for personnel and equipment traveling in a BLM
8 convoy during impoundment operations as described herein.

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10 All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 111(a)(1) and (b),
11 1114, and 2.

12 **COUNT FIVE**

13 Assault on a Federal Officer

14 (Title 18, United States Code, Sections 111(a)(1), (b) and 2)

15 124. Paragraphs 1 through 114 are incorporated herein in full.

16 125. On or about April 12, 2014, in the State and Federal District of
17 Nevada, and elsewhere,

18 **CLIVEN D. BUNDY,**
19 **RYAN C. BUNDY,**
20 **AMMON E. BUNDY,**
21 **RYAN W. PAYNE, and**
22 **PETER T. SANTILLI, Jr.,**

23 defendants herein, aided and abetted by each other, and by others known and
24 unknown to the Grand Jury, did use a deadly and dangerous weapon and forcibly
assault, resist, oppose, impede, intimidate, and interfere with federal law
enforcement officers while they were engaged in, and on the account of, the
performance of their official duties, that is, guarding and protecting the

1 Impoundment Site at or near Bunkerville, Nevada, in furtherance of the execution
2 of federal Court Orders to remove cattle from the Allotment, as described herein.

3 All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 111(a)(1) and (b),
4 1114, and 2.

5 **COUNT SIX**

6 Use and Carry of a Firearm in Relation to a Crime of Violence
(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 924(c) and 2)

7 126. Paragraphs 1 through 114 are incorporated herein in full.

8 127. On or about April 12, 2014, in the State and Federal District of
9 Nevada, and elsewhere,

10 CLIVEN D. BUNDY,
11 RYAN C. BUNDY,
12 AMMON E. BUNDY,
13 RYAN W. PAYNE, and
14 PETER T. SANTILLI, Jr.,

15 defendants herein, aided and abetted by each other, and by others known and
16 unknown to the Grand Jury, did knowingly use and carry a firearm, which was
17 brandished, during and in relation to a crime of violence for which they may be
18 prosecuted in a court of the United States, that is, assault on a federal officer in
19 violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 111(a)(1) and (b), as charged in
20 Count Five of this Indictment.

21 All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 924(c)(1)(A)(ii) and 2.

22 **COUNT SEVEN**

23 Threatening a Federal Law Enforcement Officer
24 (Title 18, United States Code, Sections 115(a)(1)(B) and 2)

128. Paragraphs 1 through 114 are incorporated herein in full.

1 129. On or about April 11, 2014, in the State and Federal District of
2 Nevada, an elsewhere,

3 CLIVEN D. BUNDY,
4 RYAN C. BUNDY,
5 AMMON E. BUNDY,
6 RYAN W. PAYNE, and
7 PETER T. SANTILLI, Jr.,

8 defendants herein, aided and abetted by each other, and by others known and
9 unknown to the Grand Jury, did threaten to assault the SAC, a federal law
10 enforcement officer, and such other federal law enforcement officers associated with
11 impoundment operations, with the intent to impede, intimidate, and interfere with
12 said law enforcement officers while engaged in the performance of their official
13 duties and with the intent to retaliate against said law enforcement officers on
14 account of the performance of their duties, in that SANTILLI confronted the SAC
15 at the Impoundment Site, threatening with words and actions to the effect that
16 thousands would confront the officers with the potential for violence, as described
17 herein.

18 All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 115(a)(1)(B) and 2.
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COUNT EIGHT

Threatening a Federal Law Enforcement Officer
(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 115(a)(1)(B) and 2)

130. Paragraphs 1 through 114 are incorporated herein in full.

131. On or about April 12, 2014, in the State and Federal District of Nevada, an elsewhere,

**CLIVEN D. BUNDY,
RYAN C. BUNDY,
AMMON E. BUNDY,
RYAN W. PAYNE, and
PETER T. SANTILLI, Jr.,**

defendants herein, aided and abetted by each other, and by others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, did threaten to assault the SAC, a federal law enforcement officer, and such other federal law enforcement officers associated with impoundment operations, with the intent to impede, intimidate, and interfere with said law enforcement officers while they were engaged in the performance of their official duties and with the intent to retaliate against said law enforcement officers on account of the performance of their duties, that is, guarding and protecting the Impoundment Site in furtherance of the execution of federal Court Orders to remove cattle from the Allotment as described herein.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 115(a)(1)(B) and 2.

COUNT NINE

Use and Carry of a Firearm in Relation to a Crime of Violence
(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 924(c) and 2)

Paragraphs 1 through 114 are incorporated herein in full.

1 132. On or about April 12, 2014, in the State and Federal District of
2 Nevada, and elsewhere,

3 CLIVEN D. BUNDY,
4 RYAN C. BUNDY,
5 AMMON E. BUNDY,
6 RYAN W. PAYNE, and
7 PETER T. SANTILLI, Jr.,

8 defendants herein, aided and abetted by each other, and by others known and
9 unknown to the grand jury, did knowingly use and carry firearms, which were
10 brandished, during and in relation to a crime of violence for which they may be
11 prosecuted in a court of the United States, that is, threatening a federal law
12 enforcement officer, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section
13 115(a)(1)(B), as charged in Count Eight of this Indictment.

14 All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 924(c)(1)(A)(ii) and 2.

15 COUNT TEN

16 Obstruction of the Due Administration of Justice
17 (Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1503 and 2)

18 133. Paragraphs 1 through 114 are incorporated herein in full.

19 134. On or about April 6, 2014, in the State and Federal District of Nevada
20 and elsewhere,

21 CLIVEN D. BUNDY,
22 RYAN C. BUNDY,
23 AMMON E. BUNDY,
24 RYAN W. PAYNE, and
 PETER T. SANTILLI, Jr.,

defendants herein, aided and abetted by each other, and by others known and
unknown to the Grand Jury, did corruptly, and by threats and force, and by
threatening communications, influence, obstruct, and impede, and attempt to

1 influence, obstruct, and impede, the due administration of justice, in that the
 2 defendants threatened to impede the execution of federal Court Orders when R.
 3 BUNDY, and others working with him, attempted to impede and obstruct a BLM
 4 convoy at or near Nevada State Route 170 while the convoy was engaged
 5 impoundment operations, as described herein.

6 All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1503 and 2.

7 **COUNT ELEVEN**

8 Obstruction of the Due Administration of Justice
 9 (Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1503 and 2)

10 135. Paragraphs 1 through 114 are incorporated herein in full.

11 136. On or about April 9, 2014, in the State and Federal District of Nevada
 12 and elsewhere,

13 CLIVEN D. BUNDY,
 14 RYAN C. BUNDY,
 15 AMMON E. BUNDY,
 16 RYAN W. PAYNE, and
 17 PETER T. SANTILLI, Jr.,

18 defendants herein, aided and abetted by each other, and by others known and
 19 unknown to the Grand Jury, did corruptly, and by threats and force, and by
 20 threatening communications, influence, obstruct, and impede, and attempt to
 21 influence, obstruct, and impede, the due administration of justice, in that the
 22 defendants threatened force and violence and used force and violence to impede and
 23 thwart the execution of federal Court Orders, in that A. BUNDY and SANTILLI
 24 did impede and obstruct, and attempt to impede and obstruct, a BLM convoy while
 it was engaged in impoundment operations near Nevada State Route 170, as
 described herein.

1 All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1503 and 2.

2 **COUNT TWELVE**

3 Obstruction of the Due Administration of Justice
(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1503 and 2)

4 137. Paragraphs 1 through 114 are incorporated herein in full.

5 138. On or about April 12, 2014, in the State and Federal District of
6 Nevada,

7 **CLIVEN D. BUNDY,**
8 **RYAN C. BUNDY,**
9 **AMMON E. BUNDY,**
RYAN W. PAYNE, and
PETER T. SANTILLI,

10 defendants herein, aided and abetted by each other, and by others known and
11 unknown to the Grand Jury, did corruptly, and by threats and force, and by
12 threatening communications, influence, obstruct, and impede, and attempt to
13 influence, obstruct, and impede, the due administration of justice, in that the
14 defendants threatened force and violence and used force and violence to impede,
15 obstruct and thwart the execution of federal Court Orders by assaulting and
16 extorting federal officers at the Impoundment Site, as described herein.

17 All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1503 and 2.

18 **COUNT THIRTEEN**

19 Interference with Interstate Commerce by Extortion
20 (Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1951 and 2)

21 139. Paragraphs 1 through 114 are incorporated herein in full.
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1 140. On or about April 9, 2014, in the State and Federal District of Nevada,
2 and elsewhere,

3 CLIVEN D. BUNDY,
4 RYAN C. BUNDY,
5 AMMON E. BUNDY,
6 RYAN W. PAYNE, and
7 PETER T. SANTILLI, Jr.,

8 defendants herein, aided and abetted by each other, and by others known and
9 unknown to the Grand Jury, did obstruct, delay and affect commerce, and attempt
10 to obstruct, delay and affect commerce, and the movement of articles and
11 commodities in such commerce, by extortion, as those terms are defined in Title 18,
12 United States Code, Section 1951, in that the defendants attempted to obtain
13 impounded cattle in the care, custody, and possession of a contract auctioneer in
14 Utah, with his or her consent having been induced by the wrongful use of force,
15 violence, and fear, including fear of economic loss, as described herein.

16 All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1951(a) and 2.

17 **COUNT FOURTEEN**

18 Interference with Interstate Commerce by Extortion
19 (Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1951 and 2)

20 141. Paragraphs 1 through 114 are incorporated herein in full.

21 142. On or about April 12, 2014, in the Federal District of Nevada, and
22 elsewhere,

23 CLIVEN D. BUNDY,
24 RYAN C. BUNDY,
AMMON E. BUNDY,
RYAN W. PAYNE, and
PETER T. SANTILLI, Jr.,

defendants herein, aided and abetted by each other, and by others known and

1 unknown to the Grand Jury, did obstruct, delay and affect commerce, and attempt
2 to obstruct, delay and affect commerce, and the movement of articles and
3 commodities in such commerce, by extortion, as those terms are defined in Title 18,
4 United States Code, Section 1951, in that the defendants did obtain, and attempt to
5 obtain, approximately 400 head of cattle at or near Bunkerville, Nevada, from the
6 care, custody, and possession of the SAC and such other federal law enforcement
7 officers engaged in impoundment operations, with their consent having been
8 induced by the wrongful use of force, violence, and fear as described herein.

9 All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1951(a) and 2.

10 **COUNT FIFTEEN**

11 Use and Carry of a Firearm in Relation to a Crime of Violence
12 (Title 18, United States Code, Sections 924(c) and 2)

13 143. Paragraphs 1 through 114 are incorporated herein in full.

14 144. On or about April 12, 2014, in the State and Federal District of Nevada
15 and elsewhere,

16 CLIVEN D. BUNDY,
17 RYAN C. BUNDY,
18 AMMON E. BUNDY,
19 RYAN W. PAYNE, and
20 PETER T. SANTILLI, Jr.,

21 defendants herein, aided and abetted by each other, and by others known and
22 unknown to the grand jury, did knowingly use and carry firearms, which were
23 brandished, during and in relation to a crime of violence for which they may be
24 prosecuted in a court of the United States, that is, interference with interstate
commerce by extortion, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1951, as
charged in Count Fourteen of this Indictment.

1 All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 924(c)(1)(A)(ii) and 2.

2 **COUNT SIXTEEN**

3 Interstate Travel in Aid of Extortion
(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1952 and 2)

4 145. Paragraphs 1 through 114 are incorporated herein in full.

5 146. On or about and between April 5 and April 12, 2014, in the Federal
6 District of Nevada and elsewhere,

7 CLIVEN D. BUNDY,
8 RYAN C. BUNDY,
9 AMMON E. BUNDY,
RYAN W. PAYNE, and
PETER T. SANTILLI, Jr.,

10 defendants herein, aided and abetted by each other, and by others known and
11 unknown to the Grand Jury, traveled in interstate commerce and willfully used a
12 facility in interstate commerce, namely the internet or worldwide web, with the
13 intent to commit a crime of violence to further an unlawful activity, that is,
14 extortion in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1951(a) and Nevada
15 Revised Statute 205.320, and thereafter committed, and attempted to commit, the
16 crime of violence to further such unlawful activity.
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18 All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1952(a)(2) and 2.
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FORFEITURE ALLEGATION ONE

(Conspiracy to Commit an Offense Against the United States;
Conspiracy to Impede and Injure a Federal Officer; Use and Carry of a
Firearm in Relation to a Crime of Violence; Assault on a Federal
Officer; Threatening a Federal Law Enforcement Officer; Obstruction
of the Due Administration of Justice; Interference with Interstate
Commerce by Extortion; and Interstate Travel in Aid of Extortion)

1. The allegations contained in Counts One through Sixteen of this Criminal
Indictment are hereby re-alleged and incorporated herein by reference for the
purpose of alleging forfeiture pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section
924(d)(1) with Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c).

2. Upon conviction of any of the felony offenses charged in Counts One
through Sixteen of this Criminal Indictment,

**CLIVEN D. BUNDY,
RYAN C. BUNDY,
AMMON E. BUNDY,
RYAN W. PAYNE, and
PETER T. SANTILLI, Jr.,**

defendants herein, shall forfeit to the United States of America, any firearm or
ammunition involved in or used in any knowing violation of Title 18, United States
Code, Section 924(c), or any violation of any other criminal law of the United States,
Title 18, United States Code, Sections 371, 372, 111(a)(1), 115(a)(1), 1503, 1951, and
1952: any firearm or ammunition possessed by the above-named defendants on
April 12, 2014, at Impoundment Site near Bunkerville, Nevada, including but not
limited to the handgun possessed by RYAN C. BUNDY.

All pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(d)(1) with Title 28,
United States Code, Section 2461(c) and Title 18, United States Code, Sections
924(c), 371, 372, 111(a)(1), 115(a)(1), 1503, 1951, and 1952.

FORFEITURE ALLEGATION TWO

(Conspiracy to Commit an Offense Against the United States;
Conspiracy to Impede and Injure a Federal Officer; Use and Carry of a
Firearm in Relation to a Crime of Violence; Assault on a Federal
Officer; Threatening a Federal Law Enforcement Officer; Obstruction
of the Due Administration of Justice; Interference with Interstate
Commerce by Extortion; and Interstate Travel in Aid of Extortion)

1. The allegations contained in Counts One through Sixteen of this
Criminal Indictment are hereby realleged and incorporated herein by reference for
the purpose of alleging forfeiture pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section
924(d)(1), (2)(C), and (3)(A) with Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c).

2. Upon conviction of any of the felony offenses charged in Counts One
through Sixteen of this Criminal Indictment,

**CLIVEN D. BUNDY,
RYAN C. BUNDY,
AMMON E. BUNDY,
RYAN W. PAYNE, and
PETER T. SANTILLI, Jr.,**

defendants herein, shall forfeit to the United States of America, any firearm or
ammunition intended to be used in any crime of violence, Title 18, United States
Code, Sections 371, 372, 111(a)(1), 115(a)(1), 924(c), 1503, 1951, and 1952: any
firearm or ammunition possessed by the above-named defendants on April 12, 2014,
at Impoundment Site near Bunkerville, Nevada, including but not limited to the
handgun possessed by RYAN C. BUNDY.

All pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(d)(1), (2)(C), and
(3)(A) with Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c) and Title 18, United States
Code, Sections 371, 372, 111(a)(1), 115(a)(1), 924(c), 1503, 1951, and 1952.

FORFEITURE ALLEGATION THREE

(Conspiracy to Commit an Offense Against the United States and
Threatening a Federal Law Enforcement Officer)

1. The allegations contained in Counts One, Seven, and Eight of this Criminal Indictment are hereby realleged and incorporated herein by reference for the purpose of alleging forfeiture pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C) with Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c).

2. Upon conviction of any of the felony offenses charged in Counts One, Seven, and Eight of this Criminal Indictment,

**CLIVEN D. BUNDY,
RYAN C. BUNDY,
AMMON E. BUNDY,
RYAN W. PAYNE, and
PETER T. SANTILLI, Jr.,**

defendants herein, shall forfeit to the United States of America, any property, real or personal, which constitutes or is derived from proceeds traceable to violations of Title 18, United States Code, Section 115(a)(1), a specified unlawful activity as defined in Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1956(c)(7)(D), or Title 18, United States Code, Section 371, conspiracy to commit such offense, an in personam criminal forfeiture money judgment, including, but not limited to, at least \$3,000,000 in United States Currency, including any and all cattle on the Bunkerville Allotment and Lake Mead National Recreational Area (property).

3. If any property subject to forfeiture pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C) with Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), as a result of any act or omission of the defendants-

- a. cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
- b. has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third party;
- c. has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the court;
- d. has been substantially diminished in value; or
- e. has been commingled with other property which cannot be divided without difficulty;

it is the intent of the United States of America, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), to seek forfeiture of any properties of the defendants for the property listed above and the in personam criminal forfeiture money judgment including, but not limited to, at least \$3,000,000 in United States Currency.

All pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C) with Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c); Title 18, United States Code, Sections 371 and 115(a)(1); and Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p).

FORFEITURE ALLEGATION FOUR

(Conspiracy to Commit an Offense Against the United States and Obstruction of the Due Administration of Justice)

1. The allegations contained in Counts One and Ten through Twelve of this Criminal Indictment are hereby realleged and incorporated herein by reference for the purpose of alleging forfeiture pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C) with Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c).

2. Upon conviction of any of the felony offenses charged in Counts One and Ten through Twelve of this Criminal Indictment,

**CLIVEN D. BUNDY,
RYAN C. BUNDY,
AMMON E. BUNDY,**

**RYAN W. PAYNE, and
PETER T. SANTILLI, Jr.,**

defendants herein, shall forfeit to the United States of America, any property, real or personal, which constitutes or is derived from proceeds traceable to violations of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1503, a specified unlawful activity as defined in Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1956(c)(7)(A) and 1961(1)(B), or Title 18, United States Code, Section 371, conspiracy to commit such offense, an in personam criminal forfeiture money judgment, including, but not limited to, at least \$3,000,000 in United States Currency, including any and all cattle on the Bunkerville Allotment and Lake Mead National Recreational Area (property).

3. If any property subject to forfeiture pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C) with Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), as a result of any act or omission of the defendants-

- a. cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
- b. has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third party;
- c. has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the court;
- d. has been substantially diminished in value; or
- e. has been commingled with other property which cannot be divided without difficulty;

it is the intent of the United States of America, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), to seek forfeiture of any properties of the defendants for the property listed above and the in personam criminal forfeiture money judgment including, but not limited to, at least \$3,000,000 in United States Currency.

1 All pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C) with Title
2 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c); Title 18, United States Code, Sections 371
3 and 1503; and Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p).

4 **FORFEITURE ALLEGATION FIVE**

5 (Conspiracy to Commit an Offense Against the United States; Interference with
6 Interstate Commerce by Extortion; and Interstate Travel in Aid of Extortion)

7 1. The allegations contained in Counts One, Thirteen, Fourteen, and Sixteen
8 of this Criminal Indictment are hereby realleged and incorporated herein by
9 reference for the purpose of alleging forfeiture pursuant to Title 18, United States
10 Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C) with Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c).

11 2. Upon conviction of any of the felony offenses charged in Counts One,
12 Thirteen, Fourteen, and Sixteen of this Criminal Indictment,

13 **CLIVEN D. BUNDY,**
14 **RYAN C. BUNDY,**
15 **AMMON E. BUNDY,**
16 **RYAN W. PAYNE, and**
17 **PETER T. SANTILLI, Jr.,**

18 defendants herein, shall forfeit to the United States of America, any property, real
19 or personal, which constitutes or is derived from proceeds traceable to violations of
20 Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1951 and 1952 and Nevada Revised Statute
21 205.320, specified unlawful activities as defined in Title 18, United States Code,
22 Sections 1956(c)(7)(A) and 1961(1)(A) and (1)(B), or Title 18, United States Code,
23 Section 371, conspiracy to commit such offenses, an in personam criminal forfeiture
24 money judgment, including, but not limited to, at least \$3,000,000 in United States

1 Currency, including any and all cattle on the Bunkerville Allotment and Lake Mead
2 National Recreational Area (property).

3 3. If any property subject to forfeiture pursuant to Title 18, United States
4 Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C) with Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), as a
5 result of any act or omission of the defendants-

- 6 a. cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
- 7 b. has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third party;
- 8 c. has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the court;
- 9 d. has been substantially diminished in value; or
- 10 e. has been commingled with other property which cannot be divided
11 without difficulty;

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13 it is the intent of the United States of America, pursuant to Title 21, United States
14 Code, Section 853(p), to seek forfeiture of any properties of the defendants for the
15 property listed above and the in personam criminal forfeiture money judgment
16 including, but not limited to, at least \$3,000,000 in United States Currency.

17 All pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C) with Title
18 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c); Title 18, United States Code, Sections 371,
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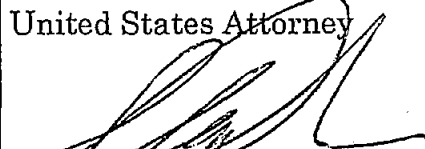
1 1951, and 1952; Nevada Revised Statute 205.320; and Title 21, United States Code,
2 Section 853(p).

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4 DATED: this 17th day of February, 2016.

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