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3 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON  
4 FOR THE COUNTY OF CLACKAMAS

5 STATE OF OREGON, )  
Plaintiff, ) Court No. **26CR34398**  
6 )  
vs. )  
7 ) INDICTMENT  
MELISSA FIRESIDE, )  
8 DOB: 10/08/1981 )  
DL: OR A037729 ) DA No. 005-381174  
9 Defendant. )

10 The above-named defendant is accused by the Grand Jury of the County of Clackamas,  
11 State of Oregon, by this Indictment as follows:

12 IDENTITY THEFT  
13 COUNT 1 (ORS 165.800)  
14 Class C Felony  
15 (PPP Loan Application)

16 The defendant, on or about March 5, 2021, in Clackamas County did unlawfully, with  
17 intent to deceive and defraud, convert to the defendant's own use personal identification of  
18 Gertrude Fireside.

19 The state further alleges that the offense has a material element of fraud, and the  
20 aggrieved party did not discover the offense until August 2025.

21 The state further alleges that the victim, Gertrude Fireside, was 65 years of age or older  
22 on the date of the commission of the crime.

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1 IDENTITY THEFT

2 COUNT 2 (ORS 165.800)

3 Class C Felony

4 (PPP Loan Promissory Note)

5 The defendant, on or about March 19, 2021, in Clackamas County did unlawfully, with  
6 intent to deceive and defraud, convert to the defendant's own use the personal identification of  
7 Gertrude Fireside.

8 The state further alleges that the offense has a material element of fraud, and the  
9 aggrieved party did not discover the offense until August 2025.

10 The state further alleges that the victim, Gertrude Fireside, was 65 years of age or older  
11 on the date of the commission of the crime.

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FORGERY IN THE FIRST DEGREE  
COUNT 3 (ORS 165.013(e))  
Class C Felony  
(PPP Loan Promissory Note)

The defendant, on March 19, 2021, in Clackamas County, did unlawfully, knowingly and with intent to injure and defraud, falsely make a promissory note, a written instrument, that was a promissory note, a contract.

The state further alleges that the offense has a material element of fraud, that the aggrieved party is Gertrude Fireside, and the aggrieved party did not discover the offense until August 2025.

The state further alleges that the victim, Gertrude Fireside, was 65 years of age or older on the date of the commission of the crime.

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IDENTITY THEFT

COUNT 4 (ORS 165.800)

Class C Felony

(Loan Disbursement Authorization)

The defendant, on or about March 19, 2021, in Clackamas County did unlawfully, with intent to deceive and defraud, convert to the defendant’s own use the personal identification of Gertrude Fireside.

The state further alleges that the offense has a material element of fraud, and the aggrieved party did not discover the offense until August 2025.

The state further alleges that the victim, Gertrude Fireside, was 65 years of age or older on the date of the commission of the crime.

IDENTITY THEFT

COUNT 5 (ORS 165.800)

Class C Felony

(US Small Business Administration Form 2483)

The defendant, on or about March 19, 2021, in Clackamas County did unlawfully, with intent to deceive and defraud, convert to the defendant’s own use the personal identification of Gertrude Fireside.

The state further alleges that the offense has a material element of fraud, and the aggrieved party did not discover the offense until August 2025.

The state further alleges that the victim, Gertrude Fireside, was 65 years of age or older on the date of the commission of the crime.



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THEFT BY DECEPTION

COUNT 7 (ORS 164.085)

Class C Felony

(Discover Transactions)

The defendant on or between November 11, 2022 and January 3, 2023, in Clackamas County, did unlawfully and knowingly, with intent to defraud, obtain property of another, Discover credit card, by creating a false impression that Gertrude Fireside was using a Discover card to make purchases, of the value of \$10,000 or more, the property of Discover..

The state further alleges that the offense has a material element of fraud, and that Gertrude Fireside, an aggrieved party, did not discover the offense until August 2025 and Discover, an aggrieved party, has not discovered the offence.

The state further alleges that the victim, Gertrude Fireside, was 65 years of age or older on the date of the commission of the crime

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1 FORGERY IN THE FIRST DEGREE

2 COUNT 8 (ORS 165.013(g))

3 Class C Felony

4 The defendant, on November 11, 2022, in Clackamas County, did unlawfully, knowingly  
5 and with intent to injure and defraud, falsely make a check, a written instrument that was a  
6 Discover check totaling \$1,000 or more.

7 The state further alleges that the offense has a material element of fraud, and the  
8 aggrieved party did not discover the offense until August 2025.

9 The state further alleges that the victim, Gertrude Fireside, was 65 years of age or older  
10 on the date of the commission of the crime.

11 IDENTITY THEFT

12 COUNT 9 (ORS 165.800)

13 Class C Felony

14 The defendant, on December 2, 2022, in Clackamas County did unlawfully, with intent to  
15 deceive and defraud, convert to the defendant's own use personal identification of Gertrude  
16 Fireside by use of a Discover check.

17 The state further alleges that the offense has a material element of fraud, and the  
18 aggrieved party did not discover the offense until August 2025.

19 The state further alleges that the victim, Gertrude Fireside, was 65 years of age or older  
20 on the date of the commission of the crime.

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IDENTITY THEFT

COUNT 10 (ORS 165.800)

Class C Felony

The defendant, on December 2, 2022, in Clackamas County did unlawfully, with intent to deceive and defraud, convert to the Defendant's own use personal identification of Gertrude Fireside by use of a Bank of America credit card.

The state further alleges that the offense has a material element of fraud, and the aggrieved party did not discover the offense until August 2025.

The state further alleges that the victim, Gertrude Fireside, was 65 years of age or older on the date of the commission of the crime.

FORGERY IN THE FIRST DEGREE

COUNT 11 (ORS 165.013(g))

Class C Felony

The defendant, on December 2, 2022, in Clackamas County, did unlawfully, knowingly and with intent to injure and defraud, Discover, falsely make a check, a written instrument that was a check totaling \$1,000 or more.

The state further alleges that the offense has a material element of fraud, and the aggrieved party did not discover the offense until August 2025.

The state further alleges that the victim, Gertrude Fireside, was 65 years of age or older on the date of the commission of the crime.

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THEFT BY DECEPTION

COUNT 12 (ORS 164.085)

Class C Felony

(Bank of America Credit Card Transactions)

The defendant December 2, 2022, in Clackamas County, did unlawfully and knowingly, with intent to defraud, obtain property of another, Bank of America, by creating a false impression that Gertrude Fireside was using a Bank of America credit card to make purchases, the property of Bank of America.

The state further alleges that the offense has a material element of fraud, and that Gertrude Fireside, an aggrieved party, did not discover the offense until August 2025 and Bank of America, an aggrieved party, has not discovered the offence.

The state further alleges that the victim, Gertrude Fireside, was 65 years of age or older on the date of the commission of the crime.

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THEFT BY DECEPTION

COUNT 14 (ORS 164.085)

Class C Felony

(Bank of America Credit Card Transactions)

The defendant December 8, 2022, in Clackamas County, did unlawfully and knowingly, with intent to defraud, obtain property of another, Bank of America, by creating a false impression that Gertrude Fireside was using a Bank of America credit card to make purchases, the property of Bank of America.

The state further alleges that the offense has a material element of fraud, and that Gertrude Fireside, an aggrieved party, did not discover the offense until August 2025 and Bank of America, an aggrieved party, has not discovered the offence.

The state further alleges that the victim, Gertrude Fireside, was 65 years of age or older on the date of the commission of the crime.

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THEFT BY DECEPTION  
COUNT 16 (ORS 165.800)  
Class C Felony  
(Discover)

The defendant January 3, 2023, in Clackamas County, did unlawfully and knowingly, with intent to defraud, obtain property of another, Discover credit card, by creating a false impression that Gertrude Fireside was using the Discover credit card to make purchases, , the property of Discover.

The state further alleges that the offense has a material element of fraud, and that Gertrude Fireside, an aggrieved party, did not discover the offense until August 2025 and Discover, an aggrieved party, has not discovered the offence.

The state further alleges that the victim, Gertrude Fireside, was 65 years of age or older on the date of the commission of the crime.

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IDENTITY THEFT

COUNT 17 (ORS 165.800)

Class C Felony

The defendant, on or about June 4, 2023, in Clackamas County did unlawfully, with intent to deceive and defraud, convert to the defendant’s own use personal identification of Gertrude Fireside by using a credit card, a written document or electronic data that does, or purports to, provide information concerning a person’s name, address or telephone number, at the Zen Garden Massage.

The state further alleges that the offense has a material element of fraud, and the aggrieved party did not discover the offense until August 2025.

The state further alleges that the victim, Gertrude Fireside, was 65 years of age or older on the date of the commission of the crime.

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THEFT IN THE FIRST DEGREE

COUNT 18 (ORS 164.055(a))

Class C Felony

The defednant, on or December 12, 2024 and December 17, 2024, in Clackamas County did unlawfully and knowingly commit theft of money, of the value of \$1,000 or more, the property of Net Credit.

The state further alleges that the offense has a material element of fraud, and the aggrieved party will not discover the offense until the date of the filing of this indictment.

IDENTITY THEFT

COUNT 19 (ORS 165.800)

Class C Felony

The defendant, on December 12, 2024, in Clackamas County, did unlawfully, with intent to deceive and defraud, convert to the defendant's own use personal identification of Gertrude Fireside by applying for a credit account through Net Credit that required Gertrude Fireside's name, address and date of birth.

The state further alleges that the victim, Gertrude Fireside, was 65 years of age or older on the date of the commission of the crime

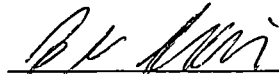
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1 Said acts(s) contrary to statutes in such cases made and provided, and against the peace  
2 and dignity of the State of Oregon.

3 Dated this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2026.

4 \_\_\_\_\_ A TRUE BILL

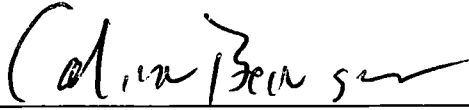
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6 Foreperson of the Grand Jury

This matter being heard before the grand jury on June 25, 2026. Witnesses examined before the Grand Jury (unless otherwise specified, witness gave testimony in person):

Special Agent Jerry Gorman  
Gertrude Fireside, by simultaneous television transmission  
Gwen Young, by simultaneous television transmission.

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10 JOHN D. WENTWORTH  
11 District Attorney

12 By 

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14 Colin.Benson@doj.oregon.gov  
15 Special Deputy District Attorney for Clackamas County  
Senior Assistant Attorney General

16 NOTICE: Where this accusatory instrument charges one or more misdemeanor crimes, the district attorney hereby declares that the state intends that said offense(s) proceed as a misdemeanor(s).

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