## IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LEMHI

STAT OF IDAHO Plaintiff,	)	Seventh Judicial District, Lemhi Count Teresa L. Morton, Clerk of the Court
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v.	)	PROBABLE CAUSE AFFIDAVIT
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LAMPERS, Ryan	)	
DOB: **/**/1973	)	CR30-25-0478
Defendant.	)	
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County of Lemhi )		

Sr. Conservation Officer Jordan Costner, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

- 1. I am a certified peace officer employed by the Idaho Department of Fish & Game.
- 2. That on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2025, I initiated a complaint against the above named defendant, for the crimes of Idaho Code 18-2403(2)b; theft by obtaining property, money, or labor under false pretenses and Idaho Code 18-2407(1)b(1); Grand theft, value of property more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), a felony (four counts). The report thereof attached hereto sets forth the basis of probable cause for the complaint of the above-named defendant.
  - RYAN LAMPERS shot and possessed a mule deer buck on December 1, 2024 in the Cove Creek Drainage, Big Game Management Unit (BGMU) of the Salmon River, in Lemhi County, State of Idaho.
  - 2. The deer season was closed in BGMU 21 at that time.
  - RYAN LAMPERS did not possess a deer tag to harvest deer in BGMU 21 in 2024. Nonresidents are required to purchase deer tags for specific BGMU. RYAN LAMPERS purchased a tag for BGMU 28 for the 2024 regular deer season.
  - 4. The mule deer buck shot by RYAN LAMPERS was scored by Frederick King, an official Boone and Crockett scorer, on March 12, 2025. The net score of the mule deer buck is 175 <sup>4</sup>/<sub>8</sub> inches, which is over the minimum of 150 inches to meet the trophy standard for mule deer.
  - 5. On December 6, 2024, RYAN LAMPERS shot and possessed a mountain lion in BGMU 21, near the ridge dividing Owl Creek and Cove Creek in Lemhi County, State of Idaho.

- 6. RYAN LAMPERS had a reduced mountain lion tag for 2024. Reduced mountain lion tags are only valid in certain areas of the state. The area that RYAN LAMPERS shot the mountain lion is not an area where the reduced mountain lion tag is valid for use.
- 7. The mountain lion shot by RYAN LAMPERS was the second big game animal taken unlawfully in a twelve-month period.
- 8. Hunters who harvest mountain lions are required to present the hide and skull for inspection to Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG) within ten days of harvest. IDFG fills out a Big Game Mortality Report (BGMR) with all the information about the harvest from the hunter.
- 9. On December 9, 2024 RYAN LAMPERS completed this check at the IDFG regional office in Salmon, ID. During the check RYAN LAMPERS provided false information for the BGMR that he had shot the mountain lion in BGMU 28, on Gant Mountain. This area of BGMU 28 is an area where a reduced mountain lion tag could be used.
- 10. On December 8, 2024, RYAN LAMPERS shot a wolf in BGMU 21, in the Owl Creek drainage in Lemhi County, State of Idaho.
- 11. Hunters who harvest wolves are required to present the hide and skull for inspection to IDFG within ten days of harvest. IDFG fills out a BGMR with all the information about the harvest from the hunter.
- 12. On December 9, 2024 RYAN LAMPERS completed this check at the IDFG regional office in Salmon, ID. During the check RYAN LAMPERS provided false information for the BGMR that he had shot the wolf in BGMU 28, on Gant Mountain.
- 13. The Foundation for Wildlife Management (F4WM) reimburses hunters and trappers for harvesting wolves. The reimbursement rate is up to \$750 per wolf in the standard reimbursement units and up to \$2000 per wolf in the increased reimbursement units.
- 14. BGMU 21 is a standard reimbursement unit and BGMU 28 is an increased reimbursement unit.
- 15. RYAN LAMPERS submitted the required paperwork for reimbursement to the F4WM for the wolf and was issued a \$2000 check on December 12, 2024. This check was mailed to 219 Rolling Glen Ranch Loop, Three Forks, MT. RYAN LAMPERS was reimbursed \$1250 more than he was eligible for because of a false claim as to where he had killed the wolf.

Dated: July 9th, 2025

I CERTIFY OR DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY PURSUANTT TO THE STATE OF IDAHO IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

Jordan Costner
Idaho Dept. of Fish & Game

