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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF CIBOLA
THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO,
Plaintiff,

NO: D-1333-CR-2026-00057
DA#: CL 26 0196(B)2
Judge George Eichwald

vs.

Tania Byington,
Defendant.

GRAND JURY INDICTMENT

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:

Count 1:

Tampering with Evidence, (4230), on or about April 18, 2026, in the County of Cibola, State of New Mexico, the above-named defendant destroyed, changed, hid, fabricated, or placed *a firearm* with the intent to prevent the apprehension, prosecution or conviction of *David Byington* and the highest crime was a capital crime, a first or second degree felony, a third degree felony, contrary to NMSA 1978, Section 30-22-5 (2003).

The names of the witnesses upon whose testimony this Indictment is based are :
Brandon Mariano.

I hereby certify that the foregoing INDICTMENT is a TRUE BILL.

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Foreman

4-24-26

Date

APPROVED BY:

BARBARA A. ROMO
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

John Lovelace

John Lovelace

Assistant District Attorney

CASE INFORMATION:

Assigned Judge:

Magistrate Court Number: M-61-FR-202600067

Defendant's Name: Tania Byington

Defendant's Full Address: 85 Davids Rock Road Pine Hill, NM 87357

Defendant's DOB: [REDACTED] 1980

Defendant's SSN: [REDACTED] 4136

Defendant's STN#: Not Available

Defense Attorney: John Huntley

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REQUEST FOR HEARING

1. Jury _____ Non-Jury _____
2. Judge to whom assigned: **George P. Eichwald**
3. Disqualified Judge(s): None
4. Specific matter(s) to be heard: **ARRAIGNMENT**
5. Estimated total time required for hearing all parties and witnesses: **15 MINUTES**
6. Time Limit Expires: **May 4, 2026; Defendant is NOT in-custody.**
7. Names, addresses and telephone numbers of all counsel or parties pro se entitled to notice:

John Huntley
Huntley Legal Of New Mexico
7820 Enchanted Hills Blvd. STE A PMB# 135
Rio Rancho, NM 87144

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
Address: P.O. BOX 637, GRANTS, NM 87020
Telephone: (505) 285-4627

Dated: April 24, 2026

1st John Lovelace
Assistant District Attorney

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ENTRY OF APPEARANCE, MOTION FOR DISCOVERY, JURY DEMAND, WITNESS LIST, DEFENDANT'S REQUEST FOR WITNESS INTERVIEWS #1, and DEMAND FOR SPEEDY TRIAL

II. ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

COMES NOW John Huntley of Huntley Legal of New Mexico, a contract public defender for the LOPD, and hereby enters his appearance as counsel for the Defendant, Tania Byington, in the above captioned matter.

III. MOTION FOR DISCOVERY

Further, comes now, the Defendant, by and through his undersigned counsel, and pursuant to the Rules of Criminal Procedure; moves this Court to Order the Plaintiff to produce and permit to allow the Defendant, by counsel, to inspect, copy or photograph the following:

1. Any statement made by the Defendant, or copies thereof, within possession, custody or control of the State, the existence of which is known, or by the exercise of due diligence may become known, to the District Attorney.
2. Defendant's prior criminal record, local, state or federal.
3. Any books, paper, documents, photographs, electronic surveillance, electronic interceptions, tape recordings (including but not limited to all video tapes and audio recordings from all officers involved in this case as well as any and all video from trial portion), moving films, slides, photographs, tangible objects,

buildings or places, weapons or clothing, or copies or portions thereof, which are within the possession custody or control of the State, and which are material to the preparation of the defense or are intended for use by the State as evidence at the trial, or were obtained from or belong to the Defendant.

4. Any results or reports of physical or mental examinations and scientific tests or experiments, including all polygraph examinations of Defendant or witnesses made in connection with this particular case, or copies thereof, within the possession, custody or control of the State, the existence of which is known to the District Attorney.

5. A written list of the names and addresses of all witnesses which the prosecutor intends to call at the trial, together with any statement made by the witnesses and any record of prior convictions of any such witness which is within the knowledge of the prosecutor.

6. All police radio logs in existence concerning the arrest of the Defendant. The above requests for discovery are deemed to be continuing through this action. Should any item mentioned in paragraphs 1 to 6 become known to the District Attorney, counsel for the Defendant will be available to inspect and copy the items at the convenience of the District Attorney.

IV. JURY DEMAND

Further, comes now the Defendant, by and through the undersigned attorney, and respectfully requests that a jury hear the above captioned cause.

V. WITNESS LIST

Further, comes now the Defendant, by and through the undersigned attorney, and offers the following list of witnesses which may be called at trial in the above referenced matter:

1. Defendant specifically reserves the right to amend this witness list as discovery is ongoing in this case.

VI. DEFENDANT'S REQUEST FOR WITNESS INTERVIEW #1

Further, PURSUANT to Rule-6-504 (C) of the Rules of Criminal Procedure for the Magistrate Courts, Defendant hereby requests, by and through undersigned counsel that the following witness be made available for interview prior to trial:

1. Any and all witnesses on the State's Witness List filed with this Court.

VII. DEMAND FOR SPEEDY TRIAL

Finally, Defendant in this matter, by and through undersigned counsel, asserts the right to a speedy trial and demands a speedy trial. U.S. Const. Amends, VI, XIV, N.M. Const. Art. II, §14.

Respectfully submitted

/s/ John Huntley by cha

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NOTICE OF Arraignment (Virtual)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a hearing in this case has been set before the Honorable George P. Eichwald, as follows:

Date of Hearing: **Monday, 18th day of May, 2026 at 2:00 PM**
Virtual Hearing: meet.google.com/hap-gshk-xzw
(US) +1 608-909-0364 PIN: 139 812 239#
Matter to be Heard: Arraignment
Comments: Not in Custody (Virtual)
Length of Hearing: 5 Minutes

If this hearing requires more or less time than the court has designated, or if this hearing conflicts with any prior setting, please contact us immediately as continuances may not be granted on late notice. New Mexico Courts comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Title VI. If you need accommodations or the services of an interpreter in court, email or call the court as soon as possible to inform us. Counsel or PRO SE persons may notify the Clerk of the Court of the nature of the disability at least five (5) days before ANY hearing so appropriate accommodations may be made.

TOINETTE GARCIA
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned Employee of the District Court of Cibola County, New Mexico, do hereby certify that I served a copy of this document to all parties listed below on 4/28/2026.

TANIA BYINGTON
JOHN LOVELACE
JOHN HUNTLEY

By: /s/Michelle Garcia

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TO: **TANIA BYINGTON**
Address: HC 61 Box 4050
Ramah, NM 87321

CRIMINAL SUMMONS

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Grand Jury Indictment, a copy of which is attached hereto, has been filed in this Court charging that you committed the offense(s) of: Tampering with evidence (highest crime a capital, first or second degree felony) (4230).

YOU ARE ORDERED TO APPEAR BY VIDEO before the Honorable George P. Eichwald, District Judge, on the **18th day of May, 2026, at the hour of 2:00 p.m.**, to plead to said charges. For further instructions to appear by google meet video, please contact your defense attorney or the Law Office of the Public Defender.

If you fail to appear at the time and place specified, a warrant will be issued for your arrest.

Service of this summons shall be by mail, unless otherwise ordered by the Court.



TOINETTE GARCIA
District Court Clerk

By: /s/ Dominique Gaddy 4/28/2026
CLERK

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I, herby, certify that a copy of the Summons and a copy of the Grand Jury Indictment/Notice of Hearing in the above-styled cause was mailed to: Tania Byington: HC 61 Box 4050, Ramah NM 87321, and her attorney, John Huntley: Huntley Legal Of New Mexico 7820 Enchanted Hills Blvd. STE A PMB# 135 Rio Rancho, NM 87144 on the 28th day of April, 2026.

/s/ John Lovelace
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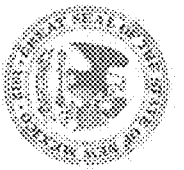
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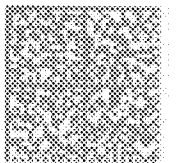
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