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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SPOKANE

STATE OF WASHINGTON

Plaintiff,

v.

THERESA R. DEDEAUX
WF 07/24/68

Defendant(s).

INFORMATION

(INFO)

No.

09101092-8

WILLIAM J. JENNISON

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

PA# 09-9-35345-0

RPT# CT I - VIII: 003-08-0902688

RCW CT I - II: 9A.60.020(1)(A)-F (#38501)

CT III - VIII: 29A.84.230-F (#)

Comes now the Prosecuting Attorney in and for Spokane County, Washington, and charges the defendant(s) with the following crime(s):

COUNT I: FORGERY, committed as follows: That the defendant, THERESA R. DEDEAUX, in the State of Washington, on or about between February 01, 2008 and June 30, 2008, with intent to injure and defraud, did falsely make, complete and alter a written instrument, described as follows: an Initiative Measure #985 Petition and knowing the same to be forged, did possess, utter, offer, dispose of and put off as true such written instrument.

COUNT II: FORGERY, committed as follows: That the defendant, THERESA R. DEDEAUX, in the State of Washington, on or about between February 01, 2008 and June 30, 2008, with intent to injure and defraud, did falsely make, complete and alter a written instrument, described as follows: an Initiative Measure #985 Petition and knowing the same to be forged, did possess, utter, offer, dispose of and put off as true such written instrument.

COUNT III: VIOLATIONS BY SIGNERS, committed as follows: That the defendant, THERESA R. DEDEAUX, in the State of Washington, on or about between, February 1, 2008 and June 30, 2008 did sign an initiative or referendum petition with a name other than his or her true name,

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COUNT IV: VIOLATIONS BY SIGNERS, committed as follows: That the defendant, THERESA R. DEDEAUX, in the State of Washington, on or about between, February 1, 2008 and June 30, 2008 did sign an initiative or referendum petition with a name other than his or her true name,

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COUNT VI: VIOLATIONS BY SIGNERS, committed as follows: That the defendant, THERESA R. DEDEAUX, in the State of Washington, on or about between, February 1, 2008 and June 30, 2008 did sign an initiative or referendum petition with a name other than his or her true name,

COUNT VII: VIOLATIONS BY SIGNERS, committed as follows: That the defendant, THERESA R. DEDEAUX, in the State of Washington, on or about between, February 1, 2008 and June 30, 2008 did sign an initiative or referendum petition with a name other than his or her true name,

COUNT VIII: VIOLATIONS BY SIGNERS, committed as follows: That the defendant, THERESA R. DEDEAUX, in the State of Washington, on or about between, February 1, 2008 and June 30, 2008 did sign an initiative or referendum petition with a name other than his or her true name,


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DEFENDANT INFORMATION:

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WASHINGTON STATE PATROL
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION
Summary of Fact

DEFENDANT: Dedeaux, Theresa R.**DOB: 7/24/68****WSP CASE NO: 04-08-009955**

State of Washington)

) ss.

County of Spokane)

The undersigned, being competent to testify and sworn on oath, deposes and testifies as follows: That he believes a crime was committed by the above-named defendant/defendants in the County of Spokane, State of Washington, because: On or about the months of February through early June of 2008, multiple incidents of forgery and signature fraud occurred on ballot initiative petitions in Spokane County, Washington. Theresa R. Dedeaux, while contracting out to Citizen Solutions Incorporated to solicit signatures on ballot initiative 985, forged multiple signatures of Spokane County residents.

On June 20, 2008, Spokane County Elections Supervisor Mike McLaughlin contacted the Washington Secretary of State's Office and spoke with Voter Services Manager, David J. Motz. McLaughlin informed Motz he had received two initiative petition sheets from Mr. Roy Ruffino of Citizen Solutions Incorporated. McLaughlin advised Ruffino works with a group of paid signature gatherers, including Spokane resident, Dennis O'Shea, who hires the signature gatherers. Ruffino had received the petitions from O'Shea who initially questioned the validity of some of the signatures. Motz directed McLaughlin to forward the questionable petitions to the Secretary of State's Office.

On July 9, 2008, Motz personally checked the 40 signatures from both petitions with the voter

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registration signatures which were on file with the Secretary of State's Office. Motz stated 37 of the 40 petition signatures did not match the on-file valid signatures. Motz then made a request to the Washington State Patrol (WSP) to investigate the fraud.

On July 23, 2008, WSP Detective Ryan Spangler was assigned to investigate the allegations. Spangler placed the petitions into the WSP evidence system to be forwarded to the Washington State Patrol Crime Laboratory Questionable Documents Section for analysis. On January 9, 2009, Brett M.D. Bishop, Forensic Scientist in the Questionable Documents Section completed the analysis of the submitted documents. Bishop stated there are indications Dedeaux had written the signatures for: Karen Getman, Bert Caruthers, Emily Caruthers, Alex Caruso, Shannon Caruso, Francis Kliner, James Kliner, Maria Ware, Sherry Harper, Linda Davis, David Garner, Jackie Stark, Grant Ely, Matt Iris, Wendy Iris and Christa Harr.

Spangler mailed copies of each signature to the alleged owners along with an affidavit for the victims to verify the validity of the signature. Of the 40 affidavits mailed out, Spangler received 29 back. All 29 affidavits stated the signature on the initiative was not the victim's signature.

Two of the names on the initiative, Tim Sighkar and Vasilij Sighkar were not on file as registered voters, however Spangler received no reply on the affidavits and no phone listing was located.

On January 12, 2009, Spangler received the Crime Laboratory results. Spangler contacted Dedeaux by telephone and advised her of the investigation as well as the investigative process. Spangler asked Dedeaux if she wanted to give a statement. Dedeaux agreed to give Spangler a recorded statement on January 13, at 3:00 p.m.

On January 13, 2009, Spangler received a telephone call from Dedeaux advising, based on advice from friends and family, she was not going to give a statement. Dedeaux agreed to send Spangler a letter she had received from Dennis O'Shea and added "Everything we did was at the direction of Dennis O'Shea." When Spangler asked Dedeaux who she meant by "we", she stated "My daughter did it too."

Based on the evidence obtained from the Washington Secretary of State's Office as well as from the WSP Crime Laboratory and affidavits of victims, charges of forgery (RCW 9A.60.020) 16 counts and initiative petition fraud (RCW 29A.84.230) 16 counts are requested.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date 1/15/09

Signature



Place

BOKANE COURT

Approved by



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THOMAS R. FALLOUISSET
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SPOKANE

STATE OF WASHINGTON)

Plaintiff,)

v.)

MERCEDES KAREN DEDEAUX)
F 07/27/89)

Defendant(s).)

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WILLIAM J. JENNISON)
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RCW CT I - II: 9A.60.020(1)(A)-F (#38501))
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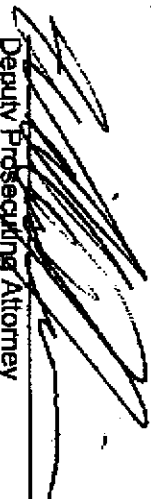
COUNT IV: VIOLATIONS BY SIGNERS: committed as follows: That the defendant, MERCEDES KAREN DEDEAUX, in the State of Washington, on or about between, February 1, 2008 and June 30, 2008, did sign an initiative or referendum petition with a name other than his or her true name,

COUNT V: VIOLATIONS BY SIGNERS: committed as follows: That the defendant, MERCEDES KAREN DEDEAUX, in the State of Washington, on or about between, February 1, 2008 and June 30, 2008, did sign an initiative or referendum petition with a name other than his or her true name,

COUNT VI: VIOLATIONS BY SIGNERS: committed as follows: That the defendant, MERCEDES KAREN DEDEAUX, in the State of Washington, on or about between, February 1, 2008 and June 30, 2008, did sign an initiative or referendum petition with a name other than his or her true name,

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THOMAS R. FALLOURST
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CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION*Summary of Fact*

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DEFENDANT: Dedeaux, Mercedes K.

DOB: 7/27/89

WSP CASE NO: 04-09-002748

State of Washington)
) ss.
 County of Spokane)

The undersigned, being competent to testify and sworn on oath, deposes and testifies as follows: That he believes a crime was committed by the above-named defendant/defendants in the County of Spokane, State of Washington, because: On or about the months of February through early June of 2008, multiple incidents of forgery and signature fraud occurred on ballot initiative petitions in Spokane County, Washington. Mercedes K. Dedeaux, while contracting out to Citizen Solutions Incorporated to solicit signatures on ballot initiative 985, forged multiple signatures of Spokane County residents.

On July 23, 2008, WSP Detective Ryan Spangler was assigned to investigate allegations of forgery and initiative petition fraud on Theresa R. Dedeaux stemming from an internal investigation from the Spokane County Elections Office and the Washington Secretary of States Office, WSP Case # 04-08-009955. Spangler contacted Theresa R. Dedeaux by telephone and advised her of the investigation as well as the investigative process. Spangler asked Dedeaux if she wanted to give a statement. Dedeaux agreed to give Spangler a recorded statement on January 13, at 3:00 p.m.

On January 13, 2009, Spangler received a telephone call from Dedeaux advising, based on advice from friends and family, she was not going to give a statement. Dedeaux agreed to send Spangler

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a letter she had received from Dennis O'Shea and added "Everything we did was at the direction of Dennis O'Shea." When Spangler asked Dedeaux who she meant by "we", she stated "My daughter (Mercedes Dedeaux) did it too." Spangler completed the case file on Theresa Dedeaux and submitted it to the Spokane County Prosecutor's Office on February 18, 2009.

While investigating the case on Theresa Dedeaux, Spangler obtained copies of initiative petitions from the Spokane County Sheriff's Office, which had been placed into evidence from the death investigation of O'Shea. Within the paperwork obtained, Spangler located an independent contractor agreement between O'Shea and Mercedes Dedeaux, a check from O'Shea to Dedeaux for \$65.25 and seven (7) initiative 985 petitions with Mercedes Dedeaux's signature.

Spangler mailed letters to 34 of the 111 persons listed on the petitions advising of the investigation and the potential fraudulent signatures. Spangler included a copy of the individual signatures for each person to view with a form to indicate whether the signature was authentic or fraudulent.

Spangler received 29 of the 34 forms back from the potential victims. All 29 forms attested that the signature was not authentic.

Based on the evidence obtained from the investigation stemming from the investigation of Theresa Dedeaux as well as the forms from 29 victims, charges of forgery (RCW 9A.60.020) 29 counts and initiative petition fraud (RCW 29A.84.230) 29 counts are requested.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date 5/28/09 Signature [Handwritten Signature]

Place Spokane County Approved by [Handwritten Signature] DIC

