



IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
Norfolk Division

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)	
)	
v.	)	CRIMINAL NO. 2:25-cr- <u>3</u>
)	
BRAD KENNETH SPAFFORD,	)	Possession of Unregistered
	)	Short Barrel Rifle
	)	26 U.S.C. § 5861(d)
Defendant.	)	(Count 1)
)	
	)	Possession of Unregistered
	)	Destructive Device
	)	26 U.S.C. § 5861(d)
	)	(Count 2)
)	
	)	Criminal Forfeiture
	)	18 U.S.C. § 924(d); 26 U.S.C. § 5872

INDICTMENT

January 2025 Term — At Norfolk, Virginia

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES THAT:

COUNT ONE

(Possession of Unregistered Short Barrel Rifle)

On or about December 17, 2024, in the Eastern District of Virginia, the defendant, BRAD KENNETH SPAFFORD, did knowingly possess a firearm that was required to have been registered in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record, to wit: a Palmetto State Armory PA-15 S/N SCD403476 short barrel rifle; and was not registered to the defendant in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record.

(In violation of Title 26, United States Code, Sections 5841, 5861(d), & 5871.)

COUNT TWO

(Possession of Unregistered Destructive Device)

On or about December 17, 2024, in the Eastern District of Virginia, the defendant, BRAD KENNETH SPAFFORD, did knowingly possess a firearm that was required to have been registered in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record, to wit: an improvised explosive device identified in FBI records as Device #4; and was not registered to the defendant in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record.

(In violation of Title 26, United States Code, Sections 5841, 5861(d) & 5871.)

FORFEITURE

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER FINDS PROBABLE CAUSE THAT:

1. BRAD KENNETH SPAFFORD, if convicted of either of the violations alleged in this Indictment, shall forfeit to the United States, as part of the sentencing pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 32.2, any firearm or ammunition used in or involved in the violation.

2. If any property that is subject to forfeiture above is not available, it is the intention of the United States to seek an order forfeiting substitute assets pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p) and Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 32.2(e).

(In accordance with Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(d); Title 26, United States Code, Section 5872; and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c)).

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United States v. Brad Kenneth Spafford
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A TRUE BILL:

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Criminal Case Cover Sheet

U.S. District Court

Place of Offense:		Under Seal: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Judge Assigned:
City: <u>EDVA</u>	Superseding Indictment:		Criminal Number: 2:25-cr-
County/Parish:	Same Defendant:		New Defendant: YES
	Magistrate Judge Case Number <u>2:24-mj-211</u>		Arraignment Date: TBD
	Search Warrant Case Number:		
	R 20/R 40 from District of _____		

Defendant Information:

Juvenile: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FBI#:	US Marshal # 52200-511	
Defendant Name: Brad Kenneth Spafford		Alias Name(s)	
Address: [REDACTED]			
Birth Date: [REDACTED]	SS#: [REDACTED]	Sex: M	Race: W
Nationality:	Place of Birth:		
Height: 5' 10"	Weight: 180	Hair: BR	Eyes: BR
Scars/Tattoos: Missing Fingers on hand			
Interpreter: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	List Language and/or dialect:		

Location Status:

Arrest Date:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Already in Federal Custody as of <u>12/17/2024</u> in <u>WTRJ</u>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Already in State Custody :	<input type="checkbox"/> On Pretrial Release	<input type="checkbox"/> Not in Custody
<input type="checkbox"/> Arrest Warrant Requested	<input type="checkbox"/> Fugitive	<input type="checkbox"/> Summons Requested
<input type="checkbox"/> Arrest Warrant Pending	<input type="checkbox"/> Detention Sought	<input type="checkbox"/> Bond

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Complainant Agency, Address & Phone Number or Person & Title:

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U.S.C. Citations:

	Code/Section	Description of Offense Charged	Count(s)	Capital/Felony/Misd/Petty
Set 1	26 U.S.C. § 5861 (d)	Possession of Unregistered Short Barrel Rifle	1	Felony
Set 2	26 U.S.C. § 5861 (d)	Possession of Unregistered Destructive Device	2	Felony
	18 U.S.C. § 924(d); 26 U.S.C. § 5872	Criminal Forfeiture		