

INDICTMENT

No. DC-F202600230

Bond Recommendation \$ _____

The State of Texas V. MELANIE LYNN ESTES

Charge: Count 1: ENGAGING IN ORGANIZED CRIMINAL ACTIVITY - SMUGGLING OF PERSONS
Count 2: HINDERING PROSECUTION OF TERRORISM

IN THE NAME AND BY AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

THE GRAND JURY, for the county of Johnson, State of Texas, duly selected, impaneled, sworn, charged, and organized as such at the JANUARY Term A.D. 2026 of the 18TH Judicial District Court for said County, upon their oaths present in and to said Court at said term that


MELANIE LYNN ESTES

hereinafter styled Defendant, on or about JULY 05, 2025, and before the presentment of this indictment, in the County and State aforesaid, did then and there:

WITH THE INTENT TO ESTABLISH, MAINTAIN, OR PARTICIPATE IN A COMBINATION OR IN THE PROFITS OF A COMBINATION, THE COMBINATION CONSISTING OF LYNETTE READ SHARP, SUSAN ELAINE KENT, MELANIE LYNN ESTES, ANDREW TYLER SMITH, AND STEVEN THOMAS REYNA, WHO COLLABORATED IN CARRYING ON CRIMINAL ACTIVITY, INTENTIONALLY OR KNOWINGLY COMMIT THE OFFENSE OF SMUGGLING OF PERSONS,

COUNT TWO: AND THE GRAND JURORS AFORESAID UPON THEIR OATHS DO FURTHER PRESENT IN AND TO SAID COURT THAT THE DEFENDANT, ON OR ABOUT JULY 05, 2025, AND BEFORE THE PRESENTMENT OF THIS INDICTMENT, IN JOHNSON COUNTY, TEXAS, DID THEN AND THERE WITH INTENT TO HINDER THE ARREST OF BENJAMIN HANIL SONG FOR AN OFFENSE UNDER SECTION 76.02 OR 76.03 OF THE TEXAS PENAL CODE, NAMELY AGGRAVATED ASSAULT OF A PUBLIC SERVANT OR AIDING IN THE COMMISSION OF TERRORISM, HARBOR OR CONCEAL BENJAMIN HANIL SONG OR PROVIDE OR AID IN PROVIDING BENJAMIN HANIL SONG WITH THE MEANS OF AVOIDING ARREST,

Against the peace and dignity of the State.


Foreman of the Grand Jury

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