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SIXTH DISTRICT COURT - KANAB  
KANE COUNTY, STATE OF UTAH

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STATE OF UTAH

Plaintiff,

vs.

Ryan Scott Hatch  
42 North 100 East  
KANAB, UT 84741  
DOB: September 17, 1966

Defendant.

**INFORMATION**

Case No.

Judge:

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The State of Utah, through the undersigned prosecutor, alleges Ryan Hatch committed the following criminal offense(s) in Kane County Utah:

COUNT 1: AIDING OR ASSISTING WANTON DESTRUCTION OF PROTECTED WILDLIFE, a third degree felony, in violation of Utah Code §§23-20-4 and 23, in that Ryan Scott Hatch on or about October 26, 2020 did, aid or assist any other person to violate any provisions of this code, to wit: where a trophy animal was captured, injured or destroyed, (a) commit a violation of Utah Code 23-20-3(1), (b) capture, injure, or destroy protected wildlife; and (c)(i) did so with intentional, knowing, or reckless conduct; or (ii) intentionally abandoned protected wildlife or a carcass.

COUNT 2: OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE, a class A misdemeanor, in violation of 76-8-306(1), in that Ryan Scott Hatch on or about October 26, 2020 did, with intent to hinder, delay, or prevent the investigation, apprehension, prosecution, conviction, or punishment of any person regarding conduct that constituted a criminal offense, (j) provide false information regarding a suspect, a

witness, the conduct constituting an offense, or any other material aspect of the investigation.

**COUNT 3: AIDING OR ASSISTING UNLAWFUL WASTE OF WILDLIFE**, a class B misdemeanor, in violation of Utah Code §23-20-8 and 23, in that Ryan Scott Hatch on or about October 26, 2020 did aid or assist any other person to violate any provision of this code, to wit: waste, or permit to be wasted, protected wildlife or part of protected wildlife.

**PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT:** Hal Stout of the Division of Wildlife Resources, having probable cause to believe that the defendant committed the above-listed offenses, submitted the following evidence in support of the filing of this Information:

The Defendant was hunting with another individual in Arizona. They tracked a trophy animal (deer with 38 inch rack) that was in Utah and went into Utah to pursue it. The other individual shot the deer in Utah. Neither individual had the appropriate tag to hunt the deer in Utah. The Defendant continued to assist the other individual and took the head and some of the meat while leaving the remaining carcass to waste in Utah. Upon investigation the Defendant told peace officers that the other individual had shot the deer in Arizona near the white pockets area.

**NOTICE OF RIGHT TO DISCOVERY:** Under Rule 16 of the Utah Rules of Criminal Procedure, the defendant in this matter has the right to inspect, test, and copy material and information directly related to the case of which the prosecutor team has knowledge and control. The Prosecutor's Office has an open file policy and any discovery related to this matter is available for inspection, testing or copying during regular business hours.

Authorized for presentment and filing this 8th day of July, 2021

/s/ Robert Van Dyke  
Kane County Attorney's Office