UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF SOUTH DAKOTA WESTERN DIVISION



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

CR 14-50080

Plaintiff,

INDICTMENT

vs.

REBECCA M. SOTHERLAND A/K/A BECKY SOTHERLAND, A/K/A BECKI SOTHERLAND, Deprivation of Rights Under Color of Law (18 U.S.C. § 242) Assault with a Dangerous Weapon (18 U.S.C. §§ 1152 & 113(a)(3))

Defendant.

The Grand Jury charges:

COUNT I

On or about August 15, 2014, at Manderson, in the District of South Dakota, the defendant, Rebecca M. Sotherland, a/k/a Becky Sotherland, a/k/a Becki Sotherland, while acting under color of law, repeatedly deployed a Taser on Jefferson Stewart Eagle Bull, willfully depriving him of the right, secured and protected by the Constitution and laws of the United States, to be free from the use of unreasonable force by a law enforcement officer. The offense involved the use of dangerous weapons and resulted in bodily injury to Jefferson Stewart Eagle Bull, all in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 242.

COUNT II

On or about August 15, 2014, at Manderson, in Indian country, in the District of South Dakota, the defendant, Rebecca M. Sotherland, a/k/a Becky

Sotherland, a/k/a Becki Sotherland, did knowingly assault Jefferson Stewart Eagle Bull, an Indian person, with a dangerous weapon, namely, a Taser, with the intent to do bodily harm, all in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 113(a)(3) and 1152.

A TRUE BILL:

NAME REDACTED

FOREPERSON

BRENDAN V. JOHNSON

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

By: