

SUPREME COURT  
STATE OF NEW YORK : COUNTY OF ULSTER

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

-against-

INDICTMENT

NO.

CHRISTOPHER BALDNER,  
Defendant.

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FIRST COUNT

THE GRAND JURY OF THE COUNTY OF ULSTER, by this indictment, accuses the defendant of the offense of MURDER IN THE SECOND DEGREE, in violation of Section 125.25(2) of the Penal Law of the State of New York, a class A-1 felony, in that the defendant on or about the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2020 at approximately 11:45 P.M., in the north bound lane of the New York State Thruway Interstate 87, in the vicinity of mile marker 93, in the Town of Ulster, County of Ulster, State of New York, did, under circumstances evincing a depraved indifference to human life, recklessly engage in conduct which created a grave risk of death to another person and thereby cause the death of another person, to wit: at the aforesaid date time and place, under circumstances evincing a depraved indifference to human life defendant recklessly engaged in conduct consisting of ramming

the back end of a 2017 Dodge Journey automobile in which one Monica Goods was a passenger as said Dodge Journey was traveling at a high rate of speed with a New York State Police vehicle that defendant was operating which caused the operator of said Dodge Journey to lose control of the automobile and caused the Dodge Journey to crash and rollover thereby causing the death of said Monica Goods

#### SECOND COUNT

AND THE GRAND JURY AFORESAID, by this indictment, further accuses the defendant of the offense of MANSLAUGHTER IN THE SECOND DEGREE in violation of Section 125.15[1] of the Penal Law of the State of New York, a class C felony in that the defendant, on or about 22<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2020 at approximately 11:45 P.M., in the north bound lane of the New York State Thruway Interstate 87, in the vicinity of mile marker 93, in the Town of Ulster, County of Ulster, State of New York, did recklessly cause the death of another person, to wit: at the aforesaid date time and place the defendant recklessly caused the death of one Monica Goods by ramming the back end of a 2017 Dodge Journey automobile in which said Monica Goods was a passenger as said Dodge Journey was traveling at a high rate of speed with a New York State Police vehicle that defendant was operating which caused the operator of said Dodge Journey to lose control of the automobile and caused the Dodge Journey to

crash and rollover thereby causing the death of said Monica Goods.

THIRD COUNT

AND THE GRAND JURY AFORESAID, by this indictment, further accuses the defendant of the offense of RECKLESS ENDANGERMENT IN THE FIRST DEGREE, in violation of Section 120.25 of the Penal Law of the State of New York, a class D felony, in that the defendant on or about the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2020 at approximately 11:45 P.M., in the north bound lane of the New York State Thruway Interstate 87, in the vicinity of mile marker 93, in the Town of Ulster, County of Ulster, State of New York, did, under circumstances evincing a depraved indifference to human life, recklessly engage in conduct which created a grave risk of death to another person, to wit: at the aforesaid date time and place, under circumstances evincing a depraved indifference to human life defendant recklessly engaged in conduct consisting of ramming the back end of a 2017 Dodge Journey automobile in which one Tristina Goods was a passenger as said Dodge Journey was traveling at a high rate of speed with a New York State Police vehicle that defendant was operating which caused the operator of said Dodge Journey to lose control of the automobile and caused the Dodge Journey to crash and rollover thereby creating a grave risk of death to said Tristina Goods.

FOURTH COUNT

AND THE GRAND JURY AFORESAID, by this indictment, further accuses the defendant of the offense of RECKLESS ENDANGERMENT IN THE FIRST DEGREE, in violation of Section 120.25 of the Penal Law of the State of New York, a class D felony, in that the defendant on or about the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2020 at approximately 11:45 P.M., in the north bound lane of the New York State Thruway Interstate 87, in the vicinity of mile marker 93, in the Town of Ulster, County of Ulster, State of New York, did, under circumstances evincing a depraved indifference to human life, recklessly engage in conduct which created a grave risk of death to another person, to wit: at the aforesaid date time and place, under circumstances evincing a depraved indifference to human life defendant recklessly engaged in conduct consisting of ramming the back end of a 2017 Dodge Journey automobile in which one April Goods was a passenger as said Dodge Journey was traveling at a high rate of speed with a New York State Police vehicle that defendant was operating which caused the operator of said Dodge Journey to lose control of the automobile and caused the Dodge Journey to crash and rollover thereby creating a grave risk of death to said April Goods.

FIFTH COUNT

AND THE GRAND JURY AFORESAID, by this indictment, further accuses the defendant of the offense of RECKLESS ENDANGERMENT IN

THE FIRST DEGREE, in violation of Section 120.25 of the Penal Law of the State of New York, a class D felony, in that the defendant on or about the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2020 at approximately 11:45 P.M., in the north bound lane of the New York State Thruway Interstate 87, in the vicinity of mile marker 93, in the Town of Ulster, County of Ulster, State of New York, did, under circumstances evincing a depraved indifference to human life, recklessly engage in conduct which created a grave risk of death to another person, to wit: at the aforesaid date time and place, under circumstances evincing a depraved indifference to human life defendant recklessly engaged in conduct consisting of ramming the back end of a 2017 Dodge Journey automobile which being operated by one Tristin Goods as said Dodge Journey was traveling at a high rate of speed with a New York State Police vehicle that defendant was operating which caused the operator of said Dodge Journey to lose control of the automobile and caused the Dodge Journey to crash and rollover thereby creating a grave risk of death to said Tristin Goods.

SIXTH COUNT

AND THE GRAND JURY AFORESAID, by this indictment, further accuses the defendant of the offense of RECKLESS ENDANGERMENT IN THE FIRST DEGREE, in violation of Section 120.25 of the Penal Law of the State of New York, a class D felony, in that the defendant on or about the 6th day of September, 2019 at

approximately 7:45 A.M., in the south bound lane of the New York State Thruway Interstate 87, in the vicinity of mile marker 93, in the Town of Ulster, County of Ulster, State of New York, did, under circumstances evincing a depraved indifference to human life, recklessly engage in conduct which created a grave risk of death to another person, to wit: at the aforesaid date time and place, under circumstances evincing a depraved indifference to human life defendant recklessly engaged in conduct consisting of ramming the back end of a 2018 Dodge Caravan automobile which was being operated by one Jonathan Muthu as said Dodge Caravan was traveling at a high rate of speed with a New York State Police vehicle that defendant was operating which caused the operator of said Dodge Caravan to lose control of the automobile and caused the Dodge Caravan to spin into the median and crash against a guiderail thereby creating a grave risk of death to said Jonathan Muthu.

#### SEVENTH COUNT

AND THE GRAND JURY AFORESAID, by this indictment, further accuses the defendant of the offense of RECKLESS ENDANGERMENT IN THE FIRST DEGREE, in violation of Section 120.25 of the Penal Law of the State of New York, a class D felony, in that the defendant on or about the 6th day of September, 2019 at approximately 7:45 A.M., in the south bound lane of the New York State Thruway Interstate 87, in the vicinity of mile marker 93,

in the Town of Ulster, County of Ulster, State of New York, did, under circumstances evincing a depraved indifference to human life, recklessly engage in conduct which created a grave risk of death to another person, to wit: at the aforesaid date time and place, under circumstances evincing a depraved indifference to human life defendant recklessly engaged in conduct consisting of ramming the back end of a 2018 Dodge Caravan automobile in which one Michael Molina was a passenger as said Dodge Caravan was traveling at a high rate of speed with a New York State Police vehicle that defendant was operating which caused the operator of said Dodge Caravan to lose control of the automobile and caused the Dodge Caravan to spin into the median and crash against a guiderail thereby creating a grave risk of death to said Michael Molina.

#### EIGHTH COUNT


AND THE GRAND JURY AFORESAID, by this indictment, further accuses the defendant of the offense of RECKLESS ENDANGERMENT IN THE FIRST DEGREE, in violation of Section 120.25 of the Penal Law of the State of New York, a class D felony, in that the defendant on or about the 6th day of September, 2019 at approximately 7:45 A.M., in the south bound lane of the New York State Thruway Interstate 87, in the vicinity of mile marker 93, in the Town of Ulster, County of Ulster, State of New York, did, under circumstances evincing a depraved indifference to human

life, recklessly engage in conduct which created a grave risk of death to another person, to wit: at the aforesaid date time and place, under circumstances evincing a depraved indifference to human life defendant recklessly engaged in conduct consisting of ramming the back end of a 2018 Dodge Caravan automobile in which one Kelsi Sanchez was a passenger as said Dodge Caravan was traveling at a high rate of speed with a New York State Police vehicle that defendant was operating which caused the operator of said Dodge Caravan to lose control of the automobile and caused the Dodge Caravan to spin into the median and crash against a guiderail thereby creating a grave risk of death to said Kelsi Sanchez.

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Grand Jury Foreperson

  
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JENNIFER GASHI  
Assistant Attorney General

Dated: Kingston, New York  
October 26, 2021



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**COUNTY OF ULSTER**

**SUPREME**

**THE PEOPLE**

**against**

**CHRISTOPHER BALDNER,**

**DEFENDANT**

**INDICTMENT**

Murder in the Second Degree (1Count)  
Manslaughter in the Second Degree (1 Count)  
Reckless Endangerment in the First Degree (6 Counts)

  
**JENNIFER GASHI**  
Assistant Attorney General

**A TRUE BILL**

  
Foreman of the Grand Jury  
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