1 Vanessa R. Waldref **United States Attorney** 2 Eastern District of Washington 3 Dan Fruchter FILED IN THE U.S. DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON Tyler H.L. Tornabene **Assistant United States Attorneys** Jun 21, 2023 5 Post Office Box 1494 SEAN F. McAVOY, CLERK Spokane, WA 99210-1494 6 Telephone: (509) 353-2767 7 8 9 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON 10 11 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Case No: 2:23-cr-00076-MKD 12 Plaintiff, 13 INFORMATION v. 14 18 U.S.C. § 1035 15 False Statements Relating to Health GEOFFREY WAYNE REYNOLDS, Care Matters 16 Defendant. 17 18 The United States Attorney charges: 19 General Allegations 20 Since 1994, Defendant has been a licensed pharmacist in Washington 1. 21 State (License No. PHRM.PH.00017863). Between 2019 and October 2021, 22 Defendant worked as a pharmacist at Walgreens Store Number 13971, located in East 23 Wenatchee, Washington, in the Eastern District of Washington. 24 25 2. In August 2021, Washington Governor Jay Inslee announced that, effective October 18, 2021, state employees, including firefighters, had to be fully 26 vaccinated against COVID-19 or have an approved exemption as a condition of their 27 employment. 28

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- 3. On or about September 13, 2021, while working as a pharmacist at Walgreens Store Number 13971, Defendant knowingly, willfully, and intentionally falsified vaccine documentation for Douglas County Fire District firefighter, W.E., at W.E.'s request. W.E. did not want the vaccine, but believed that he needed vaccine documentation in order to keep his job. At W.E.'s request, Defendant knowingly, willfully, and with the intent to defraud, "wasted" *i.e.*, did not administer and destroyed, the dose, and then completed a false and fraudulent COVID-19 vaccine card, Walgreens vaccine administration records, and billing documentation, falsely reflecting that Defendant had administered an initial dose of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine to W.E. On or about October 5, 2021, Defendant did the same for W.E.'s purported second dose of the Pfizer vaccine.
- 4. On or about September 20, 2021, while working as a pharmacist at Walgreens Store Number 13971, Defendant knowingly, willfully, and intentionally falsified COVID-19 vaccine documentation for Douglas County Fire District firefighter J.B., at J.B.'s request. J.B. had obtained an initial dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, and, because he believed he had a bad reaction to the initial dose, did not want a second dose, but believed that he needed documentation of the second dose in order to keep his job. At J.B.'s request, Defendant knowingly, willfully, and with the intent to defraud, "wasted" *i.e.*, did not administer and destroyed, the dose, and then completed a false and fraudulent COVID-19 vaccine card, Walgreens vaccine administration records, and billing documentation, falsely reflecting that Defendant had administered a second dose of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine to J.B.
- 5. Defendant's fraudulent conduct with respect to J.B. and W.E. involved a "health care benefit program" in that both J.B. and W.E. had health insurance coverage through Washington's Public Employees Benefit Board program, which provides health insurance coverage for Washington state employees, which Walgreens billed and received payment based on the fraudulent documentation completed by Defendant.

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- 6. Paragraphs 1 through 5 are realleged and incorporated as though set forth herein.
- 7. On or about September 13, 2021, in the Eastern District of Washington, defendant GEOFFREY WAYNE REYNOLDS, knowingly and willfully made a materially false, fictitious, and fraudulent statement and representation, in connection with the delivery of and payment for health care benefits, items, and services involving Washington State Public Employee Benefits Boards health insurance coverage, a health care benefit program as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 24(b), in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1035.

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