

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA
NORTHERN DIVISION

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

BLAKE HICKS

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CR. NO.

2:23-CR-351-ECM-JTA
[18 U.S.C. § 242]

INDICTMENT

The Grand Jury charges:

INTRODUCTION

At all times material to this Indictment:

- 1. BLAKE HICKS was employed as a law enforcement officer at the Elmore County Sheriff's Office ("ECSO") in Elmore County, Alabama.
- 2. T.Q. was a 26-year-old man who was arrested by ECSO and Wetumpka Police Department ("WPD") officers on or about March 5, 2022.

COUNT I

(Deprivation of Rights Under Color of Law)

- 3. Paragraphs 1 through 2 of the introduction are hereby realleged and incorporated as though fully set forth herein.
- 4. On or about March 5, 2022, in Elmore County, within the Middle District of Alabama, the defendant,

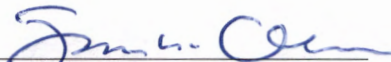
BLAKE HICKS,


while acting under color of law, willfully deprived T.Q., a person known to the Grand Jury, of the right, secured and protected by the Constitution and laws of the United States, to be free from unreasonable searches and seizures, which includes the right to be free from the use of unreasonable force by one acting under color of law. Specifically, while T.Q. was handcuffed and lying on the ground, BLAKE HICKS, without legal justification, punched and kicked T.Q. in or

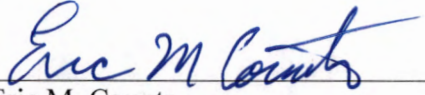
near the head. The offense resulted in bodily injury to T.Q.

All in violation of Title 18 United States Code, Section 242.

A TRUE BILL,


FOREPERSON


JONATHAN S. ROSS
ACTING UNITED STATES ATTORNEY


Eric M. Counts
Assistant United States Attorney