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8 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
9 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

10 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
11 Plaintiff,  
12 v.  
13 STEPHEN JOSEPH CRITTENDEN,  
14 Defendant.

CASE NO. 2:23-cr-0235 TLN

18 U.S.C. § 666(a)(1)(B) – Bribery Concerning  
Programs Receiving Federal Funds (2 counts); 18  
U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(C) and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c) –  
Criminal Forfeiture

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17 INDICTMENT  
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19 COUNT ONE: [18 U.S.C. § 666(a)(1)(B) – Bribery Concerning Programs Receiving Federal Funds]

20 The Grand Jury charges:

21 STEPHEN JOSEPH CRITTENDEN,

22 defendant herein, as follows:

23 1. At all times material to this Indictment, the California Department of Corrections and  
24 Rehabilitation (“CDCR”) was a subdivision and government agency of the State of California. CDCR  
25 houses inmates convicted of criminal offenses. CDCR received federal benefits in excess of \$10,000  
26 during the one-year period beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022.

27 2. STEPHEN JOSEPH CRITTENDEN was an agent of CDCR, whose duties included, but  
28 were not limited to, guarding inmates at the California Medical Facility (“CMF”), a CDCR institution.



1 Two of this Indictment, for which the defendant is convicted:


- 2 a. cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
- 3 b. has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third party;
- 4 c. has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the court;
- 5 d. has been substantially diminished in value; or
- 6 e. has been commingled with other property which cannot be divided without  
7 difficulty;

8 it is the intent of the United States, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c), incorporating 21 U.S.C. § 853(p), to  
9 seek forfeiture of any other property of defendant, up to the value of the property subject to forfeiture.

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11 A TRUE BILL.

12 **/s/ Signature on file w/AUSA**

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15 FOREPERSON

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15 PHILLIP A. TALBERT  
16 United States Attorney

No. \_\_\_\_\_

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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

*Eastern District of California*

*Criminal Division*

**THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

vs.

**STEPHEN JOSEPH CRITTENDEN**

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INDICTMENT

**VIOLATION(S):** 18 U.S.C. § 666(a)(1)(B) – Bribery Concerning Programs Receiving Federal Funds – 2 Counts  
18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(C) and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c) – Criminal Forfeiture

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*A true bill,*

**/s/ Signature on file w/AUSA**

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*Foreman.*

Filed in open court this 14th day

of September, A.D. 20 23

**/s/Jonathan Anderson**

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*Clerk.*

*Bail, \$* Bench warrant to issue; bail TBD at initial appearance

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**U.S Magistrate Judge**

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**United States v. Crittenden**  
**Penalties for Indictment**

**Defendant**

**Stephen Joseph Crittenden**

**COUNTS 1 and 2:**

VIOLATION: 18 U.S.C. §§ 666(a)(1)(B) – Bribery Concerning Programs Receiving Federal Funds

PENALTIES: A maximum of 10 years in prison; or  
Fine of up to \$250,000; or both fine and imprisonment  
Supervised release of no more than 3 years

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT: \$100 (mandatory on each count)

**FORFEITURE ALLEGATION:**

VIOLATION: 18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(C) and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c) – Criminal Forfeiture

PENALTIES: As stated in the charging document