

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NORTH DAKOTA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

JAMES ESSERT and
RYLEN YELLOW HAMMER

INDICTMENT

Case No. _____

Violations: 18 U.S.C. §§ 113(a)(6), 1153,
and 2

Assault Resulting in Serious Bodily Injury

The Grand Jury Charges:

On or about October 8, 2025, in the District of North Dakota, in Indian country,
and within the exclusive jurisdiction of the United States,

JAMES ESSERT and
RYLEN YELLOW HAMMER,

Indians, individually, and by aiding and abetting, did assault MINOR VICTIM, which
assault resulted in serious bodily injury to MINOR VICTIM;

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 113(a)(6), 1153, and 2.

A TRUE BILL:

/s/ Foreperson

Foreperson

/s/ Nicholas W. Chase

NICHOLAS W. CHASE
United States Attorney

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