

# INDICTMENT

IN THE COMMON PLEAS COURT  
OF HARDIN COUNTY, OHIO

STATE OF OHIO,

Plaintiff

VS.

CASE NO. 20242166CRI

DUSTIN RAY BOLEN

DOB: 11/14/1981

SSN:

Defendant.

On the term November 5th & 6th, 2024

THE JURORS OF THE GRAND JURY of the State of Ohio, within and for the body of Hardin County, on their oaths, in the name and by the authority of the State of Ohio, do find and present:

## Count 1

Dustin Ray Bolen, on or about March 29, 2024, in Hardin County, Ohio did purposely cause the death of Michael Bolen; in violation of Ohio Revised Code §2903.02(A), **Murder**, an unclassified felony.

## Count 2

Dustin Ray Bolen, on or about March 29, 2024, in Hardin County, Ohio did, knowing that an official proceeding or investigation was in progress, or was about to be or likely to be instituted, alter, destroy, conceal, or remove any record, document, or thing, with purpose to impair its value or availability as evidence in such proceeding or investigation; in violation of Ohio Revised Code §2921.12(A)(1), **Tampering With Evidence**, a felony of the third degree.

### Count 3

Dustin Ray Bolen, on or about March 29, 2024, in Hardin County, Ohio did, except as authorized by law, treat a human corpse in a way that would outrage reasonable community sensibilities; in violation of Ohio Revised Code §2927.01(B), **Gross Abuse of a Corpse**, a felony of the fifth degree.

### Count 4

Dustin Ray Bolen, on or about March 29, 2024, in Hardin County, Ohio did knowingly acquire, have, carry, or use a firearm or dangerous ordnance when he was under indictment for or had been convicted of a felony offense of violence, to wit: on or about 2/19/2014, in Hardin County Common Pleas Court, Hardin County case number 20132150-CRI, Ohio, Burglary, in violation of 2911.12(A)(3); in violation of Ohio Revised Code §2923.13(A)(2), 2923.13(B), **Having Weapons While Under Disability**, a felony of the third degree.

### Count 5

Dustin Ray Bolen, on or about March 29, 2024, in Hardin County, Ohio did knowingly sell or offer to sell a controlled substance or a controlled substance analog and the drug involved in the violation was a fentanyl-related compound or a compound, mixture, preparation, or substance containing a fentanyl-related compound; in violation of Ohio Revised Code §2925.03(A)(1), 2925.03(C)(9)(b), **Trafficking in a Fentanyl-Related Compound**, a felony of the fourth degree.

FURTHERMORE, and the offense was committed in the vicinity of a school.

### Count 6

Dustin Ray Bolen, on or about March 29, 2024 through March 30, 2024, in Hardin County, Ohio did with purpose to deprive the owner, Michael Bolen, of property or services, to wit: \$100+ Michael Bolen's (4/18/1957) money, knowingly obtain or exert control over either the property or services without the consent of the owner or person authorized to give consent; in violation of Ohio Revised Code §2913.02(A)(1), 2913.02(B)(3), **Theft From a Person in a Protected Class**, a felony of the fifth degree.

FURTHERMORE, the victim of the offense is an elderly person.

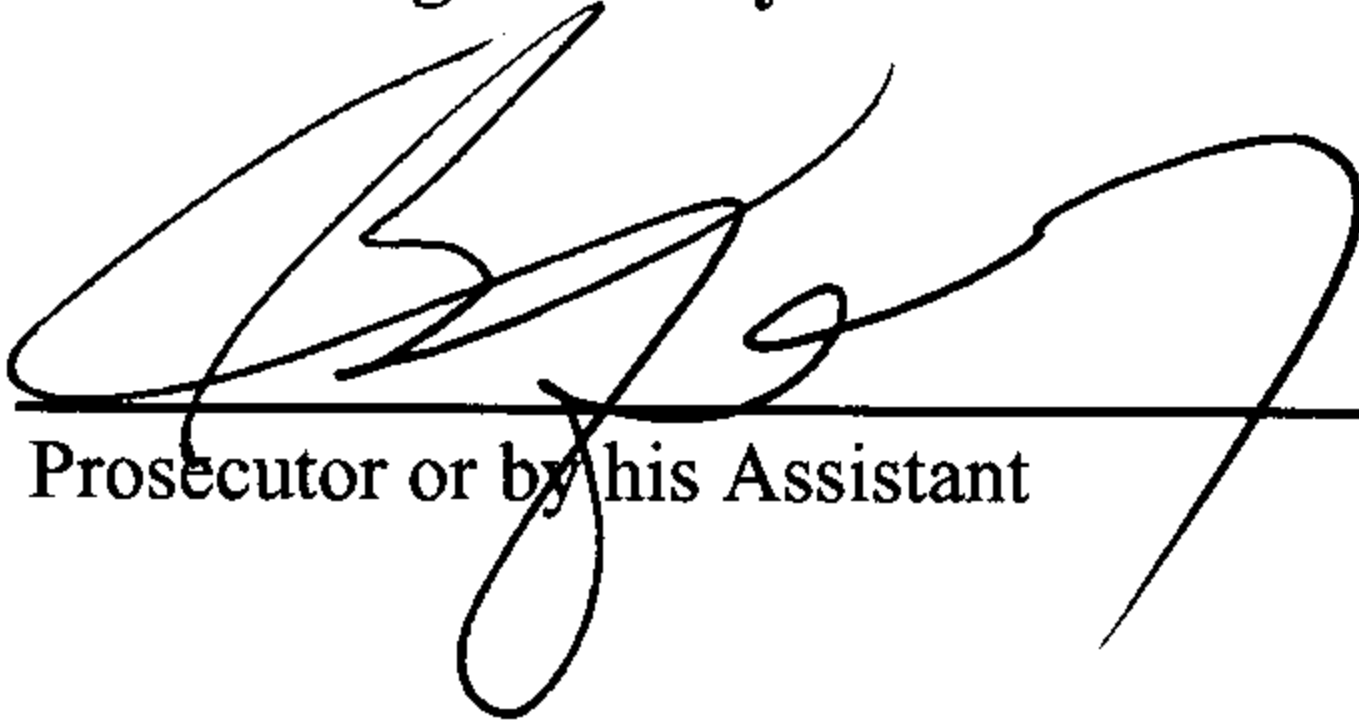
### Count 7

Dustin Ray Bolen, on or about March 29, 2024 through March 31, 2024, in Hardin County, Ohio did possess or have under the person's control any substance, device, instrument, or article, to wit: 2012 Ford Edge with purpose to use it criminally; in violation of Ohio Revised Code §2923.24(A), 2923.24(C), **Possessing Criminal Tools**, a felony of the fifth degree.

FURTHERMORE, the circumstances indicate that the substance, device, instrument, or article involved in the offense was intended for use in the commission of a felony, to wit: §2921.12(A) (1) Tampering With Evidence & §2927.01(B) Gross Abuse of a Corpse.

Which is contrary to and in violation of the statutes in such case made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Ohio.

**BRADFORD W. BAILEY**  
**Hardin County**  
**Prosecuting Attorney**



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Prosecutor or by his Assistant

## SUMMARY OF INDICTMENT

CASE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

In the November 5th & 6th, 2024  
session.

**STATE OF OHIO vs. DUSTIN RAY BOLEN**

### INDICTMENT FOR:

- Count 1: §2903.02(A), **Murder [UF]**  
Count 2: §2921.12(A)(1), **Tampering With Evidence [F3]**  
Count 3: §2927.01(B), **Gross Abuse of a Corpse [F5]**  
Count 4: §2923.13(A)(2), 2923.13(B), **Having Weapons While Under Disability [F3]**  
Count 5: §2925.03(A)(1), 2925.03(C)(9)(b), **Trafficking in a Fentanyl-Related Compound [F4]**  
Count 6: §2913.02(A)(1), 2913.02(B)(3), **Theft From a Person in a Protected Class [F5]**  
Count 7: §2923.24(A), 2923.24(C), **Possessing Criminal Tools [F5]**

**A TRUE BILL** AR Foreperson endorse by initialing here the words "A TRUE BILL"

Amette Zimmerman  
Foreperson of the Grand Jury

[Signature]  
Prosecutor or by his Assistant

THE STATE OF OHIO, HARDIN COUNTY.

I, the undersigned, Clerk/Deputy Clerk of the Common Pleas Court of Hardin County, Ohio in and for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the original indictment, with the endorsements thereon, now on file in my office.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Court, at Hardin County, Ohio on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

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Stefani C. Epling, Clerk

Revised Code §2929.141 states that:

If you were on post-release control at the time these offense(s) in this particular indictment were committed, you could be subject to the additional penalty of sentence as set forth in O.R.C. §2929.141 upon conviction of, or plea of guilty to, any new felony herein.

Revised Code §2923.13 states that:

No person shall knowingly acquire, have, carry, or use any firearm or dangerous ordnance if such person is under indictment or convicted of any felony offense of violence, or any offense involving the illegal possession, use, sale, administration, distribution, or trafficking any drug of abuse.

Revised Code §2937.99 states that:

Whoever fails to appear as required, after having been released pursuant to §2937.29 of the Revised Code, shall be sentenced as follows:

- (A) If the release was in connection with a charge of the commission of a felony, he/she shall be fined not more than five thousand dollars or imprisoned in a state correctional institution for not less than 6 months nor more than eighteen months, or both.