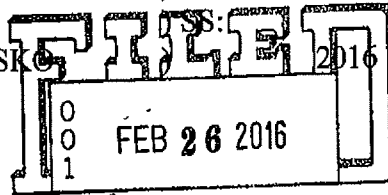


STATE OF INDIANA )

IN THE KOSCIUSKO CIRCUIT COURT

COUNTY OF KOSCIUSKO



2016 CALENDAR TERM

STATE OF INDIANA

VS

CAUSE NUMBER: 43C01-1510-MC-170

CLERK KOSCIUSKO CIRCUIT COURT

CAUSE NUMBER: 43C01-1602-F5- 144

C. AARON ROVENSTINE

**INDICTMENT IN TEN COUNTS**

The Grand Jury of the County of Kociusko, being duly sworn, empaneled and charged in the name and upon the authority of the State of Indiana, and upon their oath and affirmation do charge and present that from on or about the 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2011 to and including June 30, 2014 at and within Kosciusko County, Indiana:

**COUNT I:  
BRIBERY  
C Felony  
I.C. 35-44-1-1(a)(2)**

C. Aaron Rovenstine, a public servant, did knowingly agree to accept property from Kevin Bronson, to wit: Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), either before or after the public servant is appointed, elected, or qualified, with the intent to control the performance of an act or acts related to his employment or function as a public servant, to wit: granting or permitting special privileges to Kevin Bronson, while an inmate at the Kosciusko County Jail, and/or to Mark Soto, a visitor to the Kosciusko County Jail, in contravention of Kosciusko County Sheriff Department policies and/or Indiana law.

The Grand Jury further charges and presents that from on or about the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2014 to and including the 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015, at and within Kosciusko County, Indiana:

**COUNT II:  
BRIBERY  
Level 5 Felony  
I.C. 35-44.1-1-2(a)(2)**

C. Aaron Rovenstine, a public servant, did knowingly agree to accept property from Kevin Bronson, to wit: Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), either before or after the public servant is appointed, elected, or qualified, with the intent to control the performance of an act or acts related to his employment or function as a public servant, to wit: granting or permitting special privileges to Kevin Bronson while an inmate at the Kosciusko County Jail, and/or Mark Soto, a

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visitor to the Kosciusko County Jail, in contravention of Kosciusko County Sheriff Department policies and/or Indiana law, and/or permitted and/or authorized unrecorded telephone calls by Kevin Bronson and/or unrecorded and/or unsupervised visitation between Kevin Bronson and Mark Soto.

The Grand Jury further charges and presents that from on or about the 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015 to on or about the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015, at and within Kosciusko County, Indiana:

**COUNT III:  
BRIBERY  
Level 5 Felony  
I.C. 35-44.1-1-2(a)(2)**

C. Aaron Rovenstine, a public servant, did knowingly agree to accept property from Kevin Bronson, to wit: Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000), either before or after the public servant was elected, with the intent to control the performance of an act or acts related to his employment or function as a public servant, to wit: permitted and/or authorized unrecorded telephone calls by Kevin Bronson and/or unrecorded and/or unsupervised visitation between Kevin Bronson and Mark Soto.

The Grand Jury further charges and presents that on or about the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015, at and within Kosciusko County, Indiana:

**COUNT IV:  
INTIMIDATION  
Level 6 Felony  
I.C. 35-45-2-1(a)(2) and I.C. 35-45-2-1(b)(1)(B)(i)**

C. Aaron Rovenstine did knowingly communicate a threat to Paul Heaton, a law enforcement officer, with the intent that Paul Heaton be placed in fear of retaliation for a prior lawful act, to wit: initiating a criminal investigation of the conduct of Kevin Bronson while Kevin Bronson was incarcerated at the Kosciusko County Jail.

The Grand Jury further charges and presents that from on or about the 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2015 to and including the 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015, at and within Kosciusko County, Indiana:

**COUNT V:  
ASSISTING A CRIMINAL  
Level 6 Felony  
I.C. 35-44.1-2-5(a)(1)**

C. Aaron Rovenstine, after being informed on or about March 20, 2015, that Kevin Bronson and Mark Soto were the subject of a criminal investigation and were persons who had committed a crime, did knowingly assist Kevin Bronson and/or Mark Soto, to wit: permitted

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and/or authorized unrecorded telephone calls by Kevin Bronson and/or unrecorded and/or unsupervised visitation between Kevin Bronson and Mark Soto, with the intent to hinder the punishment of Kevin Bronson.

The Grand Jury further charges and presents that from on or about the 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2011 to and including June 30, 2014 at and within Kosciusko County, Indiana:

**COUNT VI:  
OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT  
D Felony  
I.C. 35-44-1-2(1)**

C. Aaron Rovenstine, a public servant, did knowingly or intentionally perform an act, to wit: Bribery, that the public servant is forbidden by law to perform.

The Grand Jury further charges and presents that on or about the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2014 to and including July 19, 2015, at and within Kosciusko County, Indiana:

**COUNT VII:  
OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT  
Level 6 Felony  
I.C. 35-44.1-1-1(1)**

C. Aaron Rovenstine, a public servant, did knowingly or intentionally commit an offense, to wit: Bribery, in the performance of his official duties as a public servant.

The Grand Jury further charges and presents that on or about the 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015 to and including the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015, at and within Kosciusko County, Indiana:

**COUNT VIII:  
OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT  
Level 6 Felony  
I.C. 35-44.1-1-1(1)**

C. Aaron Rovenstine, a public servant, did knowingly or intentionally commit an offense, to wit: Bribery, in the performance of his official duties as a public servant.

The Grand Jury further charges and presents that on or about the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015, at and within Kosciusko County, Indiana:

**COUNT IX:  
OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT  
Level 6 Felony  
I.C. 35-44.1-1-1(1)**

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C. Aaron Rovenstine, a public servant, did knowingly or intentionally commit an offense, to wit: Intimidation, in the performance of his official duties as a public servant.

The Grand Jury further charges and presents that on or about 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2015 to and including the 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015, at and within Kosciusko County, Indiana:

**COUNT X:  
OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT  
Level 6 Felony  
I.C. 35-44.1-1-1(1)**

C. Aaron Rovenstine, a public servant, did knowingly or intentionally commit an offense, to wit: Assisting a Criminal, in the performance of his official duties as a public servant.

All of which is contrary to the form of the statutes in such cases made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the State of Indiana.

Dated this 26 day of February, 2016.

**WITNESSES:**

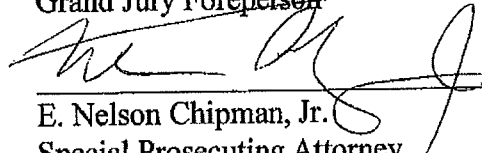
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