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CHARGE SHEET

1. NAME OF ACCUSED (Last, First, MI) PEDICINI, Bryce, S.				2. SSN [REDACTED]		3. RANK/RATE FCAC		4. PAY GRADE E-7	
5. UNIT OR ORGANIZATION USS HIGGINS (DDG 76)						6. CURRENT SERVICE			
						a. INITIAL DATE 29 Nov 18		b. TERM 6 years	
7. PAY PER MONTH			8. NATURE OF RESTRAINT OF ACCUSED  PTC			9. DATE(S) IMPOSED  19 May 23 - Current			
a. BASIC \$5,113.50	b. SEA/FOREIGN DUTY \$725.00	c. TOTAL \$5,838.50							

II. CHARGES AND SPECIFICATIONS

10. CHARGE I: VIOLATION OF UCMJ, ARTICLE 80

Specification 1 (Attempted violation of a lawful general order): In that Chief Petty Officer Fire Controlman (AEGIS) Bryce S. Pedicini, U.S. Navy, USS HIGGINS (DDG 76), on active duty, did, from on or about 8 May 2023 to 13 May 2023, at or near Yokosuka, Japan, attempt to violate a lawful general order which was his duty to obey, to wit: SECNAVINST 5510.36B, Enclosure (2), paragraph 20(o), dated 12 July 2019, by wrongfully transporting information he believed to be classified.

Specification 2 (Attempted violation of a lawful general order): In that Chief Petty Officer Fire Controlman (AEGIS) Bryce S. Pedicini, U.S. Navy, USS HIGGINS (DDG 76), on active duty, did, on or about 8 May 2023 to 13 May 2023, at or near Yokosuka, Japan, attempt to violate a lawful general order which was his duty to obey, to wit: SECNAVINST 5510.36B, Enclosure (3), paragraph 4(c)(5), by wrongfully processing material he believed to be classified on a system that was not approved for classified material.

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11a. NAME OF ACCUSER (Last, First, MI) Coate, Kyle S.		b. GRADE LNI	c. ORGANIZATION OF ACCUSER Office of Special Trial Counsel
d. SIGNATURE OF ACCUSER 		e. DATE 16 JAN 24	

AFFIDAVIT: Before me, the undersigned, authorized by law to administer oaths in cases of this character, personally appeared the above named accuser this 16th day of January, 2024, and signed the foregoing charges and specifications under oath that she is a person subject to the Uniform Code of Military Justice and that she either has personal knowledge of or has investigated the matters set forth therein and that the same are true to the best of her knowledge and belief.

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Alling B. Remsen  
*Typed Name of Officer*

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LT, JAGC, USN  
*Grade and Service*

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*Signature*

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Region Legal Service Office Southwest  
*Organization of Officer*

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Judge Advocate  
*Official Capacity to Administer Oaths*  
(See R.C.M. 307(b) - must be commissioned officer)

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CHARGE II: VIOLATION OF UCMJ, ARTICLE 92

**Specification 1** (*Violation of a lawful general order*): In that Chief Petty Officer Fire Controlman (AEGIS) Bryce S. Pedicini, U.S. Navy, USS HIGGINS (DDG 76), on active duty, did, on divers occasions from about November 2022 to about January 2023, at or near Hampton Roads, Virginia and Yokosuka, Japan, fail to obey a lawful general order, which was his duty to obey, to wit: SECNAVINST 5510.36B, Enclosure (3), paragraph 4(c)(5), by wrongfully processing classified material on a system that was not approved for classified material.

**Specification 2** (*Failure to obey a lawful order*): In that Chief Petty Officer Fire Controlman (AEGIS) Bryce S. Pedicini, U.S. Navy, USS HIGGINS (DDG 76), on active duty, having knowledge of a lawful order issued by Commanding Officer, USS HIGGINS (DDG 76), to wit: Enclosure (1), paragraph 7.a.(6), HIGGINST 5510.2C, dated 12 January 2015, an order which it was his duty to obey, did, on board USS HIGGINS (DDG 76) on or about 25 April 2023, fail to obey the same by wrongfully failing to report a foreign contact.

**Specification 3** (*Failure to obey a lawful order*): In that Chief Petty Officer Fire Controlman (AEGIS) Bryce S. Pedicini, U.S. Navy, USS HIGGINS (DDG 76), on active duty, having knowledge of a lawful order issued by Commanding Officer, USS HIGGINS (DDG 76), to wit: paragraph Enclosure (1), paragraph 2, HIGGINST 5510.2C, dated 12 January 2015, an order which it was his duty to obey, did, on board USS HIGGINS (DDG 76) on or about 25 April 2023, fail to obey the same by wrongfully failing to report solicitation of classified information by an unauthorized person.

**Specification 4** (*Violation of a lawful general order*): In that Chief Petty Officer Fire Controlman (AEGIS) Bryce S. Pedicini, U.S. Navy, USS HIGGINS (DDG 76), on active duty, did, on or about 8 May 2023, on board Barge APL-67, fail to obey a lawful general order, which was his duty to obey, to wit: SECNAVINST 5510.36B, Enclosure (2), paragraph 20(u), dated 12 July 2019, by wrongfully taking a personally owned electronic device into an open storage room (secure room).

CHARGE III: VIOLATION OF UCMJ, ARTICLE 103a

**Specification 1** (*Espionage*): In that Chief Petty Officer Fire Controlman (AEGIS) Bryce S. Pedicini, U.S. Navy, USS HIGGINS (DDG 76), on active duty, did, on or about 22 November 2022, at or near Hampton Roads, Virginia, with reason to believe that it would be used to the injury of the United States and to the advantage of a foreign nation, deliver classified information to wit: a document titled "article 1112," relating to the national defense, to a citizen and employee of a foreign government.

**Specification 2** (*Espionage*): In that Chief Petty Officer Fire Controlman (AEGIS) Bryce S. Pedicini, U.S. Navy, USS HIGGINS (DDG 76), on active duty, did, on or about 3 December 2022, at or near Hampton Roads, Virginia, with reason to believe that it would be used to the injury of the United States and to the advantage of a foreign nation, deliver information to wit: a document titled "Article 1112 add on 2," relating to the national defense, to a citizen and employee of a foreign government.

**Specification 3** (*Espionage*): In that Chief Petty Officer Fire Controlman (AEGIS) Bryce S. Pedicini, U.S. Navy, USS HIGGINS (DDG 76), on active duty, did, in about December 2022, at or near Hampton Roads, Virginia, with reason to believe that it would be used to the injury of the United States and to the advantage of a foreign nation, deliver classified information to wit: a document titled, "article 1112 add on 3," relating to the national defense, to a citizen and employee of a foreign government.

**Specification 4** (*Espionage*): In that Chief Petty Officer Fire Controlman (AEGIS) Bryce S. Pedicini, U.S. Navy, USS HIGGINS (DDG 76), on active duty, did, in January 2023, at or near Hampton Roads, Virginia, with reason to believe that it would be used to the injury of the United States and to the advantage of a foreign nation, deliver information to wit: a document titled "Article 1223," relating to the national defense, to a citizen and employee of a foreign government.

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**Specification 5 (Espionage):** In that Chief Petty Officer Fire Controlman (AEGIS) Bryce S. Pedicini, U.S. Navy, USS HIGGINS (DDG 76), on active duty, did, in January 2023, at or near Hampton Roads, Virginia, with reason to believe that it would be used to the injury of the United States and to the advantage of a foreign nation, deliver information to wit: a document titled "Article 1223 add on 1," relating to the national defense, to a citizen and employee of a foreign government.

**Specification 6 (Espionage):** In that Chief Petty Officer Fire Controlman (AEGIS) Bryce S. Pedicini, U.S. Navy, USS HIGGINS (DDG 76), on active duty, did, on or about 5 February 2023, at or near Hampton Roads, Virginia, with reason to believe that it would be used to the injury of the United States and to the advantage of a foreign nation, deliver information to wit: a document titled "Article 1223 add on 2," relating to the national defense, to a citizen and employee of a foreign government.

**Specification 7 (Espionage):** In that Chief Petty Officer Fire Controlman (AEGIS) Bryce S. Pedicini, U.S. Navy, USS HIGGINS (DDG 76), on active duty, did, on or about 19 February 2023, at or near Hampton Roads, Virginia, with reason to believe that it would be used to the injury of the United States and to the advantage of a foreign nation, deliver information to wit: a document titled "1223 Updates," relating to the national defense, to a citizen and employee of a foreign government.

**Specification 8 (Attempted espionage):** In that Chief Petty Officer Fire Controlman (AEGIS) Bryce S. Pedicini, U.S. Navy, USS HIGGINS (DDG 76), on active duty, did, from about 8 May 2023 to about 17 May 2023, at or near Yokosuka, Japan, with reason to believe it would be used to the injury of the United States and to the advantage of a foreign nation, attempt to communicate information relating to the national defense, to wit: photographs including images of a SIPR computer screen to a citizen and employee of a foreign government.

#### CHARGE IV: VIOLATION OF UCMJ, ARTICLE 134

**Specification 1 (Communicating Defense Information):** In that Chief Petty Officer Fire Controlman (AEGIS) Bryce S. Pedicini, U.S. Navy, USS HIGGINS (DDG 76), on active duty, did, on or about 22 November 2022, at or near Hampton Roads, Virginia, having lawful access to information relating to the national defense of the United States, which information he had reason to believe could be used to the injury of the United States and to the advantage of a foreign nation, knowingly and willfully communicate information relative to the national defense to wit: a document titled "article 1112," to a person not entitled to receive said information in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 793(d), an offense not capital.

**Specification 2 (Communicating Defense Information):** In that Chief Petty Officer Fire Controlman (AEGIS) Bryce S. Pedicini, U.S. Navy, USS HIGGINS (DDG 76), on active duty, did, on or about 3 December 2022, at or near Hampton Roads, Virginia, having lawful access to information relating to the national defense of the United States, which information he had reason to believe could be used to the injury of the United States and to the advantage of a foreign nation, knowingly and willfully communicate information relative to the national defense to wit: a document titled "Article 1112 add on 2," to a person not entitled to receive said information in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 793(d), an offense not capital.

**Specification 3 (Communicating Defense Information):** In that Chief Petty Officer Fire Controlman (AEGIS) Bryce S. Pedicini, U.S. Navy, USS HIGGINS (DDG 76), on active duty, did, on or about December 2022, at or near Hampton Roads, Virginia, having lawful access to information relating to the national defense of the United States, which information he had reason to believe could be used to the injury of the United States and to the advantage of a foreign nation, knowingly and willfully communicate information relative to the national defense to wit: a document titled, "article 1112 add on 3," to a person not entitled to receive said information in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 793(d), an offense not capital.

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**Specification 4** (*Communicating Defense Information*): In that Chief Petty Officer Fire Controlman (AEGIS) Bryce S. Pedicini, U.S. Navy, USS HIGGINS (DDG 76), on active duty, did, on or about January 2023, at or near Hampton Roads, Virginia, having lawful access to information relating to the national defense of the United States, which information he had reason to believe could be used to the injury of the United States and to the advantage of a foreign nation, knowingly and willfully communicate information relative to the national defense to wit: a document titled "Article 1223," to a person not entitled to receive said information in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 793(d), an offense not capital.

**Specification 5** (*Communicating Defense Information*): In that Chief Petty Officer Fire Controlman (AEGIS) Bryce S. Pedicini, U.S. Navy, USS HIGGINS (DDG 76), on active duty, did, on or about January 2023, at or near Hampton Roads, Virginia, having lawful access to information relating to the national defense of the United States, which information he had reason to believe could be used to the injury of the United States and to the advantage of a foreign nation, knowingly and willfully communicate information relative to the national defense to wit: a document titled "Article 1223 add on 1," to a person not entitled to receive said information in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 793(d), an offense not capital.

**Specification 6** (*Communicating Defense Information*): In that Chief Petty Officer Fire Controlman (AEGIS) Bryce S. Pedicini, U.S. Navy, USS HIGGINS (DDG 76), on active duty, did, on or about 5 February 2023, at or near Hampton Roads, Virginia, having lawful access to information relating to the national defense of the United States, which information he had reason to believe could be used to the injury of the United States and to the advantage of a foreign nation, knowingly and willfully communicate information relative to the national defense to wit: a document titled "Article 1223 add on 2," to a person not entitled to receive said information in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 793(d), an offense not capital.

**Specification 7** (*Communicating Defense Information*): In that Chief Petty Officer Fire Controlman (AEGIS) Bryce S. Pedicini, U.S. Navy, USS HIGGINS (DDG 76), on active duty, did, on or about 19 February 2023, at or near Hampton Roads, Virginia, having lawful access to information relating to the national defense of the United States, which information he had reason to believe could be used to the injury of the United States and to the advantage of a foreign nation, knowingly and willfully communicate information relative to the national defense to wit: a document titled "1223 Updates," to a person not entitled to receive said information in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 793(d), an offense not capital.

**\*AND NO OTHERS\***

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12 On 18 January, 20 24, the accused was informed of the charges against him/her and of the name(s) of the accuser(s) known to me. (See R.C.M. 308(a)). (See R.C.M. 308 if notification cannot be made.)

Justin C. Taylor

Typed Name of Immediate Commander

Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet

Organization of Immediate Commander

E-6/LN1

Grade

[Handwritten Signature]

Signature

IV. RECEIPT BY SUMMARY COURT-MARTIAL CONVENING AUTHORITY

13. The sworn charges were received at 1545 hours, 17 January 20 24 at Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet Designation of Command or

Officer Exercising Summary Court-Martial Jurisdiction (See R.C.M. 403)

FOR THE:

T.J. ZERR

Typed Name of Officer

CHIEF OF STAFF

Official Capacity of Officer Signing

O-6/CAPT

Grade

[Handwritten Signature]

Signature

V. REFERRAL; SERVICE OF CHARGES

14a. DESIGNATION OF COMMAND OF CONVENING AUTHORITY

b. PLACE

c. DATE

NAVAL SURFACE FORCE U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

SAN DIEGO

18 JAN 24

Referred for trial to the GENERAL court-martial convened by GENERAL COURT-MARTIAL CONVENING ORDER #01-24

Dated 18 JANUARY 20 24, subject to the following instructions: None.

by of Command or Order

B. R. McLANE

Typed Name of Officer

COMMANDER

Official Capacity of Officer Signing

VADM, USN

Grade

[Handwritten Signature]

Signature

15. On 18 January, 20 24, I (caused to be) served a copy hereof on (each of) the above named accused.

LT ALLING REMSEN

Typed Name of Trial Counsel

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Grade or Rank of Trial Counsel

[Handwritten Signature]

Signature

FOOTNOTES

- 1 - When an appropriate commander signs personally, inapplicable words are stricken. 2 - See R.C.M. 601(e) concerning instructions. If none, so state.