

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF MONROE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: Summons for Witness, **RALPH** : Docket No. *MD-726-2025*
VECCHIO, to Testify in Idaho Criminal :
Proceeding Case No. CR01-24-31665 :
:

**ORDER SCHEDULING A HEARING ON
PETITION FOR SUMMONS FOR RALPH VECCHIO**

AND NOW, THIS _____ day of _____, 2025, upon consideration of the *Petition for Summons Directing Witness, Ralph Vecchio, to Attend and Testify in Out-Of-State Criminal Proceeding* filed in the above-captioned matter, it is hereby ORDERED:

1. A hearing on the Petition shall be held on the _____ day of _____, 2025 at _____ o'clock in Courtroom _____, of the Monroe County Courthouse, 610 Monroe Street, Stroudsburg, PA 18360.
2. Petitioner shall promptly serve a copy of this Order upon Ralph Vecchio.
3. Ralph Vecchio shall appear at the hearing to show cause why he should not be compelled to attend and testify in the out-of-state criminal proceeding.

BY THE COURT:

J.

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Proceeding Case No. CR01-24-31665 :
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**ORDER ISSUING SUMMONS FOR RALPH VECCHIO
TO TESTIFY IN OUT-OF-STATE CRIMINAL CASE**

AND NOW, THIS _____ day of _____, 2025, following a hearing held pursuant to 42 Pa.C.S. § 5963 in the above-captioned matter, the Court finds as follows:

1. Ralph Vecchio is a material and necessary witness in a criminal proceeding pending before the District Court for the Fourth Judicial District of the State of Idaho.

2. Compelling the attendance and testimony of Ralph Vecchio will not cause undue hardship to him.

3. The laws of the State of Idaho, where the prosecution is pending, and of any other state through which Ralph Vecchio may be required to pass by ordinary course of travel, provide protection to him from arrest and from the service of civil or criminal process while traveling to, attending, and returning from the proceeding.

For these reasons, it is hereby **ORDERED** as follows:

A Summons shall issue, with a copy of the certificate issued by the Honorable Steven Hippler, of the District Court for the Fourth Judicial District of the State of Idaho, pursuant to 42 Pa.C.S. § 5963 attached, directing Ralph Vecchio to attend and testify in the criminal proceeding pending in the State of Idaho on the dates of trial,

which begins August 11 and ends November 7, with the specific date to be communicated to Ralph Vecchio by the Court.

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**PETITION FOR SUMMONS
DIRECTING WITNESS, RALPH VECCHIO,
TO ATTEND AND TESTIFY IN OUT-OF-STATE CRIMINAL PROCEEDING**

Pursuant to 42 Pa.C.S. § 5963, Petitioner respectfully requests that this Court scheduling a hearing and, subsequently, issue a Summons compelling Ralph Vecchio to testify in an out-of-state criminal proceeding, and in support of this request avers as follows:

1. Petitioner, the undersigned, has been retained as local counsel by the firm of Ann Taylor Law, in its capacity as counsel for Bryan C. Kohberger, in a criminal proceeding pending in the District Court of the Fourth Judicial District of the State of Idaho, County of Ada, captioned *State of Idaho v. Bryan C. Kohberger*, and bearing docket number: CR01-24-31665.

2. The trial is scheduled to take place from August 11, 2025, until November 7, 2025.

3. Judge Steven Hippler, of the District Court for the Fourth Judicial District of the State of Idaho, has issued a subpoena commanding the appearance and testimony at trial of Ralph Vecchio, who lives, works, or does business in Monroe County, Pennsylvania. See copy of the subpoena attached as **Exhibit A**.

4. Pursuant to 42 Pa.C.S. § 5963, Judge Hippler has issued a certificate under seal affirming that:

- a. a criminal proceeding is pending in the District Court for the Fourth Judicial District of the State of Idaho;
- b. Ralph Vecchio is a material witness in that proceeding;
- c. the presence of Ralph Vecchio is required as a witness in this proceeding for a specified number of days; and
- d. Ralph Vecchio will be protected from arrest and service of civil or criminal process while traveling to, attending, and returning from the proceeding.

See a copy of Judge Hippler's 42 Pa.C.S. § 5963 certificate attached as **Exhibit B**.

5. Judge Hippler's certificate constitutes "prima facie evidence of all the facts stated therein." 42 Pa.C.S. § 5963(b).

6. Pursuant to 42 Pa.C.S. § 5963, Petitioner respectfully requests that this Court issue an Order directing Ralph Vecchio to appear for a hearing to determine whether he should be compelled to attend and testify in the out-of-state proceeding discussed herein.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully requests that this Court set a date and time for a hearing on this Petition, and following the hearing, issue a Summons directing Ralph Vecchio to attend and testify at the criminal trial in Idaho.

Respectfully submitted,

MONTGOMERY, MCCrackEN,
WALKER & RhODAS LLP

/s/ Abigail Parnell

Dated: May 30, 2025

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CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

I certify that this filing complies with the provisions of the *Case Records Public Access Policy of the Unified Judicial System of Pennsylvania* that require filing confidential information and documents differently than non-confidential information and documents.

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Dated: May 30, 2025

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EXHIBIT A

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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE
STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ADA**

STATE OF IDAHO,

Plaintiff,

V.

BRYAN C. KOHBERGER,

Defendant.

CASE NUMBER CR01-24-31665

**EXPERTE SEALED
CERTIFICATE OF AN IDAHO
DISTRICT JUDGE**

CERTIFICATE PURSUANT TO IDAHO CODE §19-3005 (42 Pa.C.S.A. § 5963)

Pursuant to Idaho Code §19-3005 (42 Pa.C.S.A. § 5963), and after considering the Motion of the Defendant and the Affidavit of Elisa Massoth, the District Court of the Fourth

EXPARTE SEALED CERTIFICATE OF AN IDAHO DISTRICT JUDGE

Judicial District of the State of Idaho, in and for the County of Ada, being otherwise fully advised, hereby CERTIFIES as follows:

1. The Fourth District Court in Ada County is constitutionally and statutorily a court of record in the State of Idaho.

2. There is a criminal proceeding pending before this Court at Case Number CR01-24-31665. (*See* 42 Pa.C.S.A. § 5963.)

3. The Defendant in this case is charged with four counts of a Murder in the First Degree (Idaho Code §18-4001, 4002, 4003, 4004), and one count of Burglary (Idaho Code §18-1401, 1403) under Idaho law that is punishable by Death.

4. I am the Judge assigned to preside over the Trial scheduled to begin on August 11, 2025, at 8:30AM through November 7, 2025.

5. Ralph Vecchio, a person within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, is a material witness in this case for the Defendant. *Id.*


6. For the reasons stated in the Affidavit of Elisa Massoth, the presence of Ralph Vecchio is required at the Ada County Courthouse in Boise, Idaho.

7. Ralph Vecchio's presence is required for two (2) days. *Id.*

8. Under the laws of the State of Idaho (Idaho Code §19-3005(3), if Ralph Vecchio comes into this State in obedience of a Summons requiring his presence at this Trial, he will not be subject to arrest or service of any process relating to matters that arose before he entered the State under the Summons.


9. This Certificate is made for the express purpose of being presented to a Judge of a Court of record in the State of Pennsylvania in support of an order to compel the attendance of Ralph Vecchio at the time and place and for the reasons stated above.

DATED this 13th day of March, 2025.


STEVEN HIPPLER
DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 14th day of March, 2025.

TRENT TRIPPLE
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

BY: 
Deputy Clerk

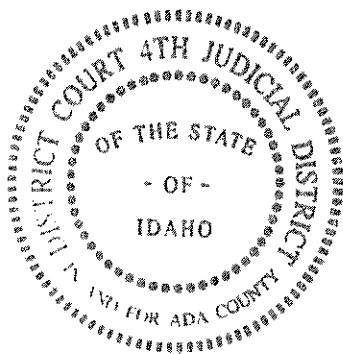


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Plaintiff,

V.

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Defendant.

CASE NUMBER CR01-24-31665

SUBPOENA

**TO: Ralph Vecchio, Colonial Used Auto Sales,
1331 Golden Slipper Rd
Bartonsville, PA 18321**

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED that laying aside all excuses, you appear in the District Court of the Fourth Judicial District of the State of Idaho, in and for the County of Ada, in Boise, Idaho, scheduled for **August 11, 2025 – through the end of trial** as a witness in the above-entitled matter on the part of the defendant.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED THAT IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR AT THE PLACE AND TIME SPECIFIED ABOVE, THAT YOU MAY BE HELD IN CONTEMPT OF COURT AND
SUBPOENA

THAT THE AGGRIEVED PARTY MAY RECOVER FROM YOU THE SUM OF \$100.00 AND ALL DAMAGES WHICH MAY BE SUSTAINED BY YOUR FAILURE TO ATTEND AS A WITNESS.

You will not be needed every day of trial. Please call Anne Taylor Law, PLLC at (208) 512-9611 upon receipt of this subpoena to discuss the time for your appearance as a witness in this matter.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 12th day of February, 2025.

TRENT TRIPPLE
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

BY: Jak

Deputy Clerk

