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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA  
TAMPA DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

CASE NO. 8:26-cr-58-TPB-LSG

MATTHEW EDWARD ZOLADZ

33 U.S.C. § 1411(a)(1)  
(Violation of the Marine  
Protection, Research, and  
Sanctuaries Act)

33 U.S.C. § 1908(a)  
(Violation of the Act to Prevent  
Pollution from Ships)

INDICTMENT

The Grand Jury charges:

**SEALED**

COUNT ONE

**(Violation of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act)**

On or about December 8, 2022, in the Middle District of Florida, the  
defendant,

MATTHEW EDWARD ZOLADZ,

in violation of the burial-at-sea general permit conditions of 40 C.F.R. § 229.1,  
knowingly transported a material, that is, the body of Victim 1, from the United  
States for the purpose of dumping it into ocean waters, and failed to notify the  
United States Environmental Protection Agency Regional Administrator as required  
by 40 C.F.R. § 229.1(d).

All in violation of 33 U.S.C. §§ 1411(a)(1) and 1415(b).

**COUNT TWO**  
**(Violation of the Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships)**

On or about December 8, 2022, within the navigable waters, internal waters, and ports of the United States in the Middle District of Florida, the defendant,

MATTHEW EDWARD ZOLADZ,

a person, did knowingly discharge plastic from a ship which was registered to the United States.

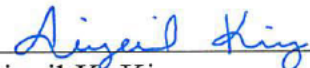
All in violation of 33 C.F.R. § 151.67 and 33 U.S.C. § 1908(a).


A TRUE BILL,



Foreperson

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Assistant United States Attorney  
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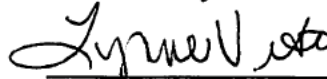
  
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Filed in open court this 19th day

of February 2026.



Clerk

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