

INDICTMENTCIRCUIT COURT NO. 26-1 AHW

ARSON FIRST DEGREE- PLACE OF
WORSHIP, TEMPLE, SYNAGOGUE
§97-17-3(1)
ENHANCEMENT § 99-19-301, 99-19-307

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**FILED**

CIRCUIT COURT

FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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JANUARY TERM, A.D. 2026

ZACK WALLACE, CIRCUIT CLERK OF HINDS COUNTY

BY _____ D.C.

The Grand Jurors of the State of Mississippi, taken from the body of good and lawful persons of the County aforesaid, duly elected, impaneled, sworn, and charged to inquire in and for the body of the said County and State, in the name and by the authority of the State of Mississippi, upon their oaths present:

That STEPHEN SPENCER PITTMAN, in the County aforesaid and within the jurisdiction of this Court,

COUNT I

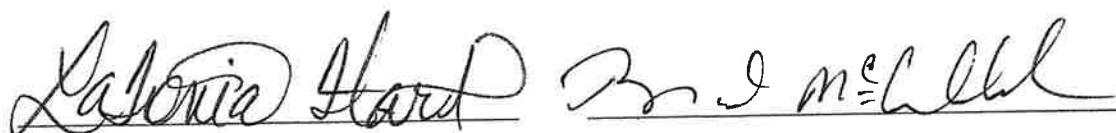
That on or about January 10, 2026, in Hinds County, Mississippi, the defendant, STEPHEN SPENCER PITTMAN, did willfully and maliciously set fire to and burn a synagogue, to wit: Beth Israel Synagogue, located at 5315 Old Canton Road, Jackson, MS, an established place of worship, whether in use or vacant, contrary to and in violation of Section 97-17-3(1), Mississippi Code Annotated (1972), and against the peace and dignity of the State of Mississippi.

ENHANCEMENT

The State of Mississippi further alleges that the offense charged in Count I was committed because of the actual or perceived religion of the victim, to wit: Beth Israel Synagogue, a Jewish religious institution, and its congregation, pursuant to Mississippi Code Annotated Section 99-19-301(1) (1972) and Section 99-19-307, and that upon a finding beyond a reasonable doubt, the defendant is subject to enhanced punishment as provided by law.

All of the above Count I and enhancement being contrary to the form of the statute in such cases made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Mississippi.

Endorsed: A True Bill



FOREMAN OF THE GRAND JURY

ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY