

CERTIFICATION OF BALLOT SYNOPSIS

I, Reid W. Hay, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for Benton County, do hereby certify that the attached document is a true and correct copy of the Ballot Synopsis prepared by the Benton County Prosecuting Attorney's Office pursuant to the provisions of RCW 29A.56.130 in conjunction with the Amended Request for Adjudication to Petition for Recall of the Benton County Sheriff Jerry Hatcher, filed with the Benton County Auditor's Office, which was certified and transmitted to the Prosecuting Attorney's Office on July 27, 2020.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

DATED this 30th day of July, 2020, at Kennewick, Washington.


REID W. HAY

**BALLOT SYNOPSIS
OF RECALL CHARGES AGAINST JERRY HATCHER,
BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF**

The charges that Jerry Hatcher, Benton County Sheriff, committed misfeasance, malfeasance, and/or violated his oath of office allege that he:

1. Illegally appropriated for his own use 14 cases of ammunition belonging to Benton County.
2. Illegally tampered with physical evidence by directing the distribution of ammunition that was potential evidence of his own alleged unlawful acts.
3. Interfered in an investigation into his conduct by acting to prevent witnesses from being interviewed.
4. Violated county anti-discrimination policy by hindering an investigation into his conduct and retaliating against the complainant and witnesses to the investigation.
5. Illegally intimidated public servants and witnesses in investigations into his conduct by raising false allegations of impropriety and threatening witnesses' jobs.
6. Illegally made false or misleading statements to law enforcement and the court regarding the number of firearms he needed to surrender pursuant to a court order.
7. Illegally made false or misleading statements to public servants claiming that he had initiated a criminal investigation into his own conduct when he had not.
8. Falsified a public record by placing a false date on an investigation request.

Should Jerry Hatcher be recalled from office based upon these charges?