

Upton Bombmaker Sentenced to Federal Prison; Keith Materi Makes Impassioned Plea to Court for Justice

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David Charles Riggle, of rural Upton, had his final day in federal court on Tuesday, January 27th, ending a time of uncertainty and unease for the community of Upton which has lasted for well over a year. Appearing in Cheyenne on Tuesday before the Honorable Judge Alan B. Johnson, Riggle, 40, was arrested December 11th, 2024 in connection with an improvised explosive device (IED) he planted in an equipment storage trailer on TYVO property just south of Upton, which was discovered on the morning of November 30th, 2024 after the IED failed to detonate.

Law enforcement's investigation found video surveillance of Riggle purchasing the batteries used in the device and a receipt for the purchase in Riggle's bedroom. Additionally, a fuse found in his bedroom was the same as the fuse used in the device, and electrical wire used in the device was the same as wire found in Riggle's bedroom. Also, boot prints found in a barn on the Riggle property in rural Upton were an exact match to those found crossing a field from the Riggle property to the trailer



at the TYVO drilling yard shed where the IED was placed.

When Riggle appeared in Circuit Court in Weston County in December, 2024, the State asked for a \$100,000.00 cash-only bond amount at Riggle's Bail Hearing due to the threat Riggle posed to the community of Upton. The Honorable Judge Lynda Bush lowered that amount to only \$10,000.00, arguing that Riggle has ties to the community as he's lived in Weston County for ten years, is employed by his father, has never failed to appear in court before, and therefore has no criminal history. Following his release on bail, Riggle was free to roam Weston, Crook, and Campbell Counties without

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