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☐ DV Case
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Plaintiff,

vs.

GAEA EDDE POWELL
DOB: 12/02/1962
ID NO. D000469355
CII:

Defendant.

COURT CASE NO. 25F-04478

COMPLAINT

DA CASE NO. 079-705281

Appearance Date:

The District Attorney of San Luis Obispo County, California, hereby accuses the
above named defendant of the following criminal offenses:

Count 1

On or about July 12, 2022, in the County of San Luis Obispo, State of California, the crime
of Voter Registration Fraud in violation of Elections Code section 18100(a), a Felony, was
committed in that GAEA EDDE POWELL willfully and unlawfully caused and allowed
herself to be registered as a voter, knowing that she was not entitled to registration.

Count 2

On or about July 18, 2022, in the County of San Luis Obispo, State of California, the crime of Perjury By Declaration in violation of Penal Code section 118(a), a Felony, was committed in that GAEA EDDE POWELL did unlawfully, under penalty of perjury, declare as true, that which was known to be false, to wit: the location of her residence.

Count 3

On or about August 8, 2022, in the County of San Luis Obispo, State of California, the crime of Filing False Nomination Or Declaration Papers in violation of Elections Code section 18203, a Felony, was committed in that GAEA EDDE POWELL did willfully and unlawfully file and submit for filing a nomination paper and declaration of candidacy knowing that it and any part of it has been made falsely.

Count 4

On or about October 10, 2022, in the County of San Luis Obispo, State of California, the crime of Failure to Provide Written Notification in violation of Government Code section 84206(c), a provision of the Political Reform Act of 1974, a Misdemeanor, was committed in that GAEA EDDE POWELL, did knowingly and/or willfully fail to provide written notification to the Secretary of State, the local filing officer and each candidate contending for the same office within 48 hours of receiving or expending a total of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) or more in a calendar year after having filed a short form pursuant to Government Code Section 84206(a).

Count 5

On or about November 8, 2022, in the County of San Luis Obispo, State of California, the crime of Fraudulent Voting in violation of Elections Code section 18560(a), a Felony, was committed in that GAEA EDDE POWELL, while not being entitled to vote at an election, fraudulently voted and attempted to vote at an election.

Count 6

On or about March 5, 2024, in the County of San Luis Obispo, State of California, the crime of Fraudulent Voting in violation of Elections Code section 18560(a), a Felony, was committed in that GAEA EDDE POWELL, while not being entitled to vote at an election, fraudulently voted and attempted to vote at an election.

Count 7

On or about July 16, 2024, in the County of San Luis Obispo, State of California, the crime of Perjury By Declaration in violation of Penal Code section 118(a), a Felony, was committed in that GAEA EDDE POWELL did unlawfully, under penalty of perjury, declare as true, that which was known to be false, to wit: the location of her residence.

Count 8

On or about August 1, 2024, in the County of San Luis Obispo, State of California, the crime of Filing False Nomination Or Declaration Papers in violation of Elections Code section 18203, a Felony, was committed in that GAEA EDDE POWELL did willfully and unlawfully file and submit for filing a nomination paper and declaration of candidacy knowing that it and any part of it has been made falsely.

Count 9

On or about November 5, 2024, in the County of San Luis Obispo, State of California, the crime of Fraudulent Voting in violation of Elections Code section 18560(a), a Felony, was committed in that GAEA EDDE POWELL, while not being entitled to vote at an election, fraudulently voted and attempted to vote at an election.

It is further alleged pursuant to Penal Code Section 1170(b)(2) that one or more of the following factors in aggravation listed in California Rule of Court 4.421 may apply to the defendant(s) or to conduct of the defendant(s):

4.421(a)(4) The defendant induced others to participate in the commission of the crime and occupied a position of leadership and dominance of other participants in its commission.

1 4.421(a)(6) The defendant threatened witnesses, unlawfully prevented and dissuaded
2 witnesses from testifying, suborned perjury, and in any other way illegally interfered with
3 the judicial process.

4 4.421(a)(7) The defendant is charged with other crimes for which consecutive sentences
5 can be imposed but for which concurrent sentences shall be imposed.

6 4.421(a)(8) The manner in which the crime was carried out indicates planning,
7 sophistication, and professionalism.

8 4.421(a)(11) The defendant took advantage of a position of trust and confidence to commit
9 the offense.

1 All of which is contrary to the statute in such cases made and provided, and against
2 the peace and dignity of the People of the State of California.

3 I declare that an investigation has been conducted to determine if said Defendant(s)
4 did commit the stated crime, which reports are attached hereto and incorporated herein by
5 reference, and that the facts therein show probable cause that the said Defendant(s) did
6 commit the crime. Your declarant requests the issuance of a Warrant of Arrest either if said
7 Defendant(s) do not appear voluntarily in response to an appearance letter, or if no
8 appearance letter was issued.

9 **Discovery Request:** Pursuant to Penal Code Section 1054.5(b), the People are
10 hereby informally requesting that defense counsel provide discovery to the people as
11 required by Penal Code Section 1054.3.

12 On this day June 20, 2025, in the County of San Luis Obispo, I certify and declare
13 under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

14 Dated: June 20, 2025

15 DAN DOW
16 DISTRICT ATTORNEY

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18 By: _____
19 BEN G BLUMENTHAL
20 DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

21 Upon review of the reports attached and incorporated herein by reference, I find sufficient
22 probable cause to warrant the defendant(s) continued detention.

23 Dated: _____
24 Judge of the Superior Court

SUMMARY PAGE

Count	Charge	Range	Defendant(s)	Special Allegation	Effect
1	EL18100(a)		Gaea Edde Powell		
2	PC118(a)		Gaea Edde Powell		
3	EL18203		Gaea Edde Powell		
4	GC84206(c)		Gaea Edde Powell		
5	EL18560(a)		Gaea Edde Powell		
6	EL18560(a)		Gaea Edde Powell		
7	PC118(a)		Gaea Edde Powell		
8	EL18203		Gaea Edde Powell		
9	EL18560(a)		Gaea Edde Powell		