

THE SUPERIOR COURT, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
LOMPOC DIVISION

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SUPERIOR COURT of CALIFORNIA
COUNTY of SANTA BARBARA
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Angela Braun, Executive Officer
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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Plaintiff,

vs.

STEPHEN BRIDGE

DOB: 07/01/1957

Defendant(s).

DA No. 25-015281
Court No. 25CR09527

~~(PROPOSED)~~
1st AMENDED
FELONY COMPLAINT

The undersigned is informed and believes that:

COUNT 1

On or about the 2nd day of February, 2024, in the County of Santa Barbara, the crime of FAILURE TO SECURE WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE BY AN UNLICENSED CONTRACTOR, in violation of BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE SECTION 7126(b), a Misdemeanor, was committed by **STEPHEN BRIDGE**, who, being a person not licensed as a contractor in accordance with Chapter 9 of Division 3 of the Business and Professions Code, did willfully and unlawfully act as a contractor and did violate and omit to comply with Section 3700 of the Labor Code by failing to secure the payment of workers' compensation insurance coverage for his employees.

SPEC ALLEG-STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS-PROSECUTION PENDING

It is further alleged, pursuant to section 803(b), that defendant **STEPHEN BRIDGE** had a prosecution pending in a court of this state for the same conduct as of November 18, 2025, the filing date of the complaint in SBSC No. 25CR09527.

COUNT 2

On or about the 2nd day of February, 2024, in the County of Santa Barbara, the crime of CONTRACTING WITHOUT A LICENSE, in violation of Business and Professions Code SECTION 7028(a), a Misdemeanor, was committed by **STEPHEN BRIDGE**, who did willfully and unlawfully engage in the business of and act in the capacity of a contractor without then and there having a license from the Contractors' State License Board of the State of California authorizing him to do so.

COUNT 3

On or about the 10th day of February, 2024, in the County of Santa Barbara, the crime of FORGERY, in violation of PENAL CODE SECTION 470(d), a Felony, was committed by **STEVE BRIDGE**, who did, with the intent to defraud, falsely make, alter, forge and counterfeit, utter, publish, pass and attempt to offer to pass, as true and genuine, **AN INVOICE PURPORTEDLY FROM "TURNER CONSTRUCTION" TO ODDFELLOWS**, knowing the same to be false, altered, forged and counterfeited

COUNT 4

On or about the 15th day of March, 2024, in the County of Santa Barbara, the crime of GRAND THEFT, in violation of PENAL CODE SECTION 487(a), a Felony, was committed by **STEPHEN BRIDGE**, who did unlawfully steal, take, carry, lead, and drive away the personal property of **THE CITY OF LOMPOC**, specifically: Monies, which had a value exceeding nine hundred fifty dollars (\$950) to wit: **\$5,076.66**.

COUNT 5

On or about the 11th day of October, 2024, in the County of Santa Barbara, the crime of FAILURE TO SECURE WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE BY AN UNLICENSED CONTRACTOR, in violation of BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE SECTION 7126(b), a Misdemeanor, was committed by **STEPHEN BRIDGE**, who, being a person not licensed as a contractor in accordance with Chapter 9 of Division 3 of the Business and Professions Code, did willfully and unlawfully act as a contractor and did violate and omit to comply with Section 3700 of the Labor Code by failing to secure the payment of workers' compensation insurance coverage for his employees.

COUNT 6

On or about the 11th day of October, 2024, in the County of Santa Barbara, the crime of CONTRACTING WITHOUT A LICENSE, in violation of Business and Professions Code SECTION 7028(a), a Misdemeanor, was committed by **STEPHEN BRIDGE**, who did willfully and unlawfully engage in the business of and act in the capacity of a contractor without then and there having a license from the Contractors' State License Board of the State of California authorizing him to do so.

COUNT 7

On or about the 11th day of October, 2024, in the County of Santa Barbara, the crime of FORGERY, in violation of PENAL CODE SECTION 470(d), a Felony, was committed by **STEVE BRIDGE**, who did, with the intent to defraud, falsely make, alter, forge and counterfeit, utter, publish, pass and attempt to offer to pass, as true and genuine, **AN INVOICE PURPORTEDLY FROM "TURNER CONSTRUCTION" TO CERTAIN SPARKS**, knowing the same to be false, altered, forged and counterfeited.

COUNT 8

On or about the 7th day of February, 2025, in the County of Santa Barbara, the crime of MISAPPROPRIATION OF PUBLIC FUNDS, in violation of PENAL CODE SECTION 424(a)(1), a Felony, was committed by **STEPHEN BRIDGE**, who, being a duly elected City Council Member for **THE CITY OF LOMPOC**, and thus charged with the receipt, safekeeping, transfer, and distribution of public moneys, did without authority of law, appropriate public monies, or a portion thereof, to his own use, or to the use of another.

COUNT 9

On or about the 7th day of February, 2025, in the County of Santa Barbara, the crime of GRAND THEFT, in violation of PENAL CODE SECTION 487(a), a Felony, was committed by **STEPHEN BRIDGE**, who did unlawfully steal, take, carry, lead, and drive away the personal property of **THE CITY OF LOMPOC**, specifically: **MONIES**, which had a value exceeding nine hundred fifty dollars (\$950) to wit: **\$4,917.00**.

COUNT 10

On or about the 14th day of March, 2025, in the County of Santa Barbara, the crime of FRAUDULENT USE OF A CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE NUMBER, in violation of BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE SECTION 7027.3, a Felony, was committed by **STEPHEN BRIDGE**, who did willfully and unlawfully, with intent to defraud, use a contractor's license number that does not correspond to the number on a currently valid contractor's license held by that person.

COUNT 11

On or about the 14th day of March, 2025, in the County of Santa Barbara, the crime of FORGERY, in violation of PENAL CODE SECTION 470(d), a Felony, was committed by **STEVE BRIDGE**, who did, with the intent to defraud, falsely make, alter, forge and counterfeit, utter, publish, pass and attempt to offer to pass, as true and genuine, **AN INVOICE PURPORTEDLY FROM "TURNER CONSTRUCTION" TO BBES**, knowing the same to be false, altered, forged and counterfeited.

COUNT 12

On or about the 14th day of March, 2025, in the County of Santa Barbara, the crime of IDENTITY THEFT, in violation of PENAL CODE SECTION 530.5(a), a Felony, was committed by **STEVE BRIDGE**, who did obtain personal identifying information, to wit: **CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE No. 592178, ASSIGNED TO TURNER AND ASSOCIATES**, without consent or authorization of Turner and Associates, its owner or representative, and used that information for an unlawful purpose and to obtain, and attempt to obtain, credit, goods and services.

COUNT 13

On or about the 25th day of June, 2025, in the County of Santa Barbara, the crime of PRESENTATION OF FRAUDULENT CLAIM, in violation of PENAL CODE SECTION 72, a Felony, was committed by **STEPHEN BRIDGE**, who did unlawfully and with intent to defraud, present for allowance or payment to **THE CITY OF LOMPOC**, a false and fraudulent claim, bill, account, voucher and writing, to wit: **City of Lompoc Water Leak Detection and Repair Rebate Application and attached Invoice purportedly from Turner Construction with a purported contractors license number of 592178.**

COUNT 14

On or about the 19th day of September, 2025, in the County of Santa Barbara, the crime of MISAPPROPRIATION OF PUBLIC FUNDS, in violation of PENAL CODE SECTION 424(a)(1), a Felony, was committed by **STEPHEN BRIDGE**, who, being a duly elected City Council Member for **THE CITY OF LOMPOC**, and thus charged with the receipt, safekeeping, transfer, and distribution of public moneys, did without authority of law, appropriate public monies, or a portion thereof, to his own use, or to the use of another.

COUNT 15

On or about the 1st day of September, 2025, in the County of Santa Barbara, the crime of PETTY THEFT, in violation of PENAL CODE SECTION 484(a), a Misdemeanor, was committed by **STEPHEN BRIDGE**, did steal, take, carry, lead, and/or drive away the personal property of **CITY OF LOMPOC**.

SPECIAL ALLEGATION: AGGRAVATING FACTORS

It is further alleged as to defendant **STEPHEN BRIDGE**, as to Count(s) **3,4,6-14** , that the People will seek findings from the jury on factors in aggravation pursuant to California Rules of Court, Rule 4.421 that:

Pursuant to California Rules of Court, Rule 4.421(a):

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

(a)(8) The manner in which the crime was carried out indicates planning, sophistication, or professionalism;

(a)(11) The defendant took advantage of a position of trust or confidence to commit the offense;

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Pursuant to Penal Code Section 1054.5(b), the People are hereby informally requesting that defense counsel provide discovery to the People as required by Penal Code Section 1054.3.

I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT AND THAT THIS COMPLAINT CONSISTS OF 15 COUNT(S).

Executed at Lompoc, California, on 02/25/2026.



JOHN T. SAVRNOCH
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Agency:
Agency Case No.:

<u>DEFENDANT NAME</u>	<u>SEX</u>	<u>RACE</u>	<u>HGT</u>	<u>WGT</u>	<u>EYES</u>	<u>HAIR</u>	<u>DRIVER'S LICENSE</u>	<u>STS</u>	<u>COURT DATE</u>
STEPHEN BRIDGE	M	Caucasian	5'10"	200	Blue	Gray	N2175599		03/11/2026

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