

Postmus Filtering Bribe Money To County Supervisors In An Effort To Establish A Commercial Cannabis Monopoly For The Cartel He Represents

By Mark Gutglueck

In the sweepstakes between rival racketeers seeking to obtain a vice grip on San Bernardino County's potential half billion dollar a year marijuana market, the cartel being represented by former Supervisor Bill Postmus is succeeding in squeezing out its far less politically sophisticated competition.

In recent months, Postmus and others within the



Bill Postmus

political network he has set up to carry out political money laundering have succeeded in plying

a host of politicians in San Bernardino County functioning primarily at the municipal level with a sufficient amount of money to get permits and licenses for the companies he and his associates represent or own in those cities. Simultaneously, Postmus has manipulated circumstances to induce San Bernardino County Sheriff John McMahon to carry out operations aimed at crippling marijuana industry



Curt Hagman

operators who are competing against the "establishment" or "franchised" marijuana businesses that

are kicking back to the county's politicians.

Postmus has now stepped up his efforts on behalf of that part of the cannabis industry which recognizes that in the current milieu cutting governmental officials in on the vast profits that are to be reaped from making marijuana available to the masses is crucial to the establishment of dominance of the lucrative marijuana market. **See P 2**

Fontana PD Busts Identity Thief On Tip From Alert Victim & Persistent Son

An identity thief who has had success in San Bernardino County and Los Angeles County by confronting unsuspecting citizens while impersonating a law enforcement officer and then using an electronic device to capture personal data from the identification produced by his victims has been collared by members of the Fontana Police Department's Multiple Enforcement Team.

Brian Hutchins appears to have obtained personal information on as many as several hundred people in Southern California. The degree to which he put that information to use in cleaning out the bank accounts of those whose identities he stole or utilized his victim's credit accounts to make unauthorized purchases is publicly unknown at this point. Several Southern California

law enforcement agencies are at work attempting to piece together the degree to which Hutchins' operation extended.

Hutchins appears to have been able to elude capture for some time by maintaining a relatively low profile and by relocating from place to place. Over the last several years, he has lived variously in Victorville, Rancho Cucamonga, Upland, Adelanto, Highland,

Fontana, Bloomington and Colton. His mode of operation has been variously described as "brilliant... daring... simple... and sophisticated." Nevertheless, Hutchins used his own name in carrying out his impersonations, doing so in his security officer uniform, which was his main prop. That consideration and others, including that he did not appear to have a badge or other identifying

credentials as a law enforcement officer or even calling cards, is perhaps an indication that the ruse Hutchins was engaged in was one of desperation rather than a well-planned and thought-through undertaking. Some have suggested that his boldness in carrying off his impersonations and information thefts was less an indication of criminal skill than a reflection of mental illness. **See P 3**

Governor Newsom Orders Special Counsel To Examine Evidence In Cooper Conviction

For the sixth time, a reexamination is to be done with regard to the still extant physical evidence related to Kevin Cooper's 1985 conviction for the June 1983 murders of Doug and Peggy Ryen, their 10-year-old daughter Jessica and 11-year-old neighbor Christopher Hughes in Chino Hills. The examination is to include the results of recent DNA testing of certain items tied to the crime.

Cooper in 1985 was convicted and then condemned to die in the gas chamber at San Quentin, where he has remained on Death Row for more than 36 years, having in the meantime launched a series of appeals, all of which were curtailed or failed to convince higher courts that he had been wrongfully convicted.

Like his predecessor Jerry Brown before him and Governor Arnold

Schwarzenegger prior to that, California Governor Gavin Newsom is calling for a very deliberative process with regard to Cooper, who remains in prison and unlikely to be executed by the state, which in the years since Cooper's conviction has changed its means of putting the condemned to death and has not executed anyone since January 2006.

Initial efforts to pre-

vent Cooper's execution proceeded from the standpoint that his guilt was presumed but emphasized the lack of complete certainty thereto. Later efforts on his behalf have sought to propound that he is innocent. Most recently, Cooper has applied for clemency, and it is in accordance with that application that Newsom today, May 28, 2021, called for the review of the investigative and

evidentiary record to aid him in his decision. The application for clemency appears to be a retreat by Cooper's defenders from the somewhat problematic assertions of innocence that had been posited on his behalf, and instead consists of a return to the position that the case for his guilt is not airtight. That retreat was prompted by the consideration that DNA testing of evidence insisted upon by **See P 3**

Orange County Court Reverses Placement Of Convicted Child Rapist In Twentynine Palms

The Orange County Superior Court on May 27 reversed a March 12, 2021 relocation order that would have placed Lawtis Rhoden, a five-time convicted sex offender with a fixation on girls and young women, to Twentynine Palms.

Available information did not specify which judge or judges made the respective March 12 and May 27 rulings. The March 12 assignation of

Rhoden, now 71, to Twentynine Palms was made despite his having no previous known connection with San Bernardino County.

His sex crimes span five decades. In 1969 in Cocoa Beach, Florida he lured a 13-year-old victim to his apartment and raped her on three separate occasions. For that he was convicted and sentenced to 14 months in a state mental hospital and

12 years in state prison. After his parole, Rhoden sexually assaulted four children in two states, including rape by force, forceful sexual penetration, sexual battery, and two counts of forcible rape stemming from crimes he committed in Orange County and Los Angeles County in April and June 1984. Those involved two 14-year-old girls and one 17-year-old girl. While those crimes

were under investigation, Rhoden went to Nashville, Tennessee where he sexually assaulted a 13-year-old girl in December 1984 and was subsequently convicted of rape and use of a minor for obscene purposes. The State of Tennessee sentenced Rhoden to 20 years in state prison, the Orange County Superior Court sentenced him to 12 years in state prison, and the Los Angeles County

Superior Court sentenced him to six years in state prison.

From March of 1983 until his arrest in Tennessee, Rhoden also defrauded older women in California, Florida and Texas of approximately \$440,000. After his 2004 prison release, Rhoden was detained in the Orange County jail based on a sexually violent predator petition filed by the Orange County **See P 12**

Rialto Hires Its Former Public Works Director As City Manager

Marcus Fuller, who previously during his professional municipal management career bounced between Rialto and Palm Springs, has been hired as Rialto city manager.

He will leave his current position as Palm Springs' assistant city manager and rejoin Rialto as its top administrator on June 21. The Rialto City Council on May 25 voted unanimously to ratify a contract with Fuller that will pay him a \$275,000 annual salary along with benefits and perquisites of \$118,500 for a total annual compensation of \$393,500.

Fuller, who served as Rialto's public works director from 2012 to 2014, said he was "humbled and honored" to accept the job.

Fuller in 1995 began his public sector career with La Paz County, Arizona as an assistant engineer. He worked in the engineering department in La Quinta in Riverside County and was later hired as Palm Springs assistant city engineer. In 2012, Fuller was hired as Rialto's public works director and city engineer. He returned to Palm Springs two years later when he was offered the assistant city manager/chief operating officer position.

Fuller has a degree in civil engineering from Northern Arizona University, and has a master's degree in public administration from California State University, San Bernardino.

Fuller and his husband Noel have two children, Jordan and Jaidyn. Their household includes Noel's parents.

Fuller was the finalist in a recruitment that involved 85 applicants to take on the responsibility of running the city of 104,000 population, replacing Fire Chief **See P 3**

After Nearly A Century Of San Bernardino County Favoring Draconian Means In Suppressing Marijuana Use, Its Top Officials Now Look To Profiteer By Franchising The Sale Of The Drug *from front page*

In the most recent development, the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors has appropriated \$10.4 million for code enforcement in the county's 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Budget, the lion's share of which is earmarked for the sheriff's department to conduct further raids against unlicensed marijuana cultivation operations that are not affiliated with the entrepreneurs who have been and are yet



Janice Rutherford

paying off the politicians who have voted to provide them with the licensing and permits that allow for the growing, distribution, wholesale and retail sale of marijuana, along with its refinement or alteration into edible form or both healing and intoxicative salves and ointments.

In this way, with the cooperation of the highest ranking elements of county government, Postmus appears to be clearing the deck to allow a consortium of a relatively small number of cannabis-related companies to seize control over San Bernardino County's marijuana market for the foreseeable future. With the competition soon to be out of the way from having been driven into a state of financial unsustainability by the sheriff's department's constant destruction of its product and inability to move its product to market, Postmus and the companies which so far have obtained operating permission with five of the county's 24 incorporated municipalities are next poised to have the board of supervisors end its ban on marijuana

in the 18,899-square mile expanse of the county's unincorporated territory. This will give the cartel to be represented by Postmus and his various associates, including Dino DeFazio and Jeremiah Brosowske, a virtual monopoly.

Actively or passively, directly or indirectly involved in the effort to create a class of enfranchised marijuana operations are Board of Supervisors Chairman/Fourth District Supervisor Curt Hagman, First District Supervisor Paul Cook, Second District Supervisor Janice Rutherford, Third District Supervisor Dawn Rowe, Fifth District Supervisor Joe Baca, Jr., County Sheriff John McMahon, County Chief Executive Officer Leonard Hernandez, County Chief Financial Officer Matthew Erickson, County Counsel Michelle Blakemore and Chief Assistant County Counsel Penny Alexander-Kelley.

From 1907 until 1996, the use, possession, sale, cultivation, distribution or refinement of marijuana was strictly illegal in California. In 1996, the passage of Proposition 215, the Compassionate Use of Marijuana Act, by California's voters made the sale and use of marijuana for medical purposes legal in the state, pursuant to the user having a medical prescription for it. Nevertheless, San Bernardino County and all 24 of its municipalities steadfastly refused to allow medical marijuana dispensaries to operate within their jurisdictions, until Needles in 2012 became the lone exception. Illicit dispensaries, nevertheless proliferated at locations that were too numerous to accurately count. In 2015, the political leadership in Adelanto as it was then composed sought to redress that city's misfiring economic engine by moving to make marijuana cultivation to supply the state's dispensaries legal. The passage of the Adult Use of Marijuana Act in 2016, allowing those over the age of 21 to partake of the drug for its intoxicative effect, spurred the cities of San Bernardino, Barstow, Adelanto and Needles to seek to cash in on the sale of the drug by allowing, variously or in combination the retail sale of the plant, the cul-

tivation of the plant, the refinement of marijuana into edible or palliative products and in the case of Hesperia, the distribution of the drug. The remaining 19 San Bernardino County municipalities and the county itself are yet resisting allowing marijuana to be commercially available, although at least nine county cities are tolerating the sale of CBD oil, a palliative derived from marijuana oil.

Since 1999, the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department has been participating in and receiving federal money for the Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program. Even in the aftermath of the voters' 2016 passage of the Adult Use of Marijuana Act, Sheriff John McMahon, with the consent of the



Dawn Rowe

San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors, has applied for and continues to receive those grants, which he has used to offset some, though not all, of his department's costs in going after marijuana cultivators. At present, the department is using \$151,000 obtained through a Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program grant to offset the sheriff's department's costs in the anti-marijuana crusade. Marijuana remains classified by the federal government as a Schedule 1 Narcotic, considered in the same class as heroin, cocaine and methamphetamine.

Bill Postmus, who was convicted in 2011 of fourteen felony counts of soliciting and receiving bribes, fraud, conflict of interest, misappropriation of public funds and perjury relating to his actions while he was serving as the chairman of the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors and as chairman of the San Bernardino County Republican Party and later as San Bernardino County Assessor, is no longer able to hold public office in California. Having learned the

pitfalls of bribetaking and other forms of graft and corruption, Postmus has created a Wyoming-based corporation, Mountain States Consulting Group, which he wields as a political money laundering operation. By doing consulting work on behalf of those with business before the county, Postmus through Mountain States accepts money from those customers and then funnels, delivers by means of a back door or through someone else or some other entity funds to the politicians controlling local government, including members of the board of supervisors. That money is intended to influence the votes of those politicians.

Postmus, who is closely affiliated with John Dino DeFazio, an Apple Valley landowner and developer. He is also an associate of Jeremiah Brosowske, the former executive director of the Republican Central Committee, whom Postmus helped establish as a Hesperia city council member in 2018. Some of Mountain States' major clients are well-financed cannabis industry heads who have obtained permits and licenses to operate in Adelanto, San Bernardino and Needles. In both Adelanto and San Bernardino, several of the operations obtained those permits by bribing elected city officials, such as former Adelanto Mayor Rich Kerr, former Adelanto City Councilman Jermaine Wright and current San Bernardino Mayor John Valdivia. Postmus has begun filtering money from the set of cannabis entrepreneurs Mountain States represents county officials to grease the way for his clients to take command of a major share of the marijuana and cannabis-based product market in San Bernardino County.

Postmus has had, the *Sentinel* has learned, either or both public and private meetings with Supervisors Curt Hagman, Paul Cook and Dawn Rowe. These meetings have in major measure revolved around money, primarily money that Postmus is able to dig up for them. As a fundraiser, Postmus has begun funneling tens of thousands of dollars originating both from the cannabis indus-

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try and elsewhere to Hagman, Cook and Rowe for use in their future election campaigns. Simultaneously, he has put together a timetable by which the county will move to al-



Paul Cook

low "established reliable growers" who have already obtained clearance to operate in Needles, Adelanto and San Bernardino to set up operations in the unincorporated portions of the county as well as within the twelve other municipalities in San Bernardino County other than Needles and Adelanto for which the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department provides contract law enforcement service.

Meanwhile hundreds of unlicensed and unpermitted marijuana cultivation operations have sprouted up all over the Mojave Desert, the San Bernardino and San Gabriel Mountains and other remote reaches of the county. The plants grown at most, but certainly not all, of those operations that are of moderate size and intensity are successfully harvested at the end of their optimum growing cycle by those who planted them. Other illicit cultivators have proven even more daring, growing marijuana out in the open or in greenhouses or in makeshift tents, literal plantations of the weed, in a significant number of cases more than 10,000 plants at a time. While

early on in this cycle of bold efforts at raising that many plants successful harvesting occurred, it is estimated that at present, after the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department has intensified its lookout for and actions against such massive farms, fewer than 30 percent of those are able to remain in place long enough to be harvested by the growers.

Those operations in many cases involved minor, medium, larger and in some cases quite substantial environmental, health, safety and social hazards. Large scale use of pesticides and herbicides presented a host of problems, including directly poisoning nearby residents who in some cases breathed in those chemicals or experienced skin contact with airborne particles, not to mention the contamination of local water sources and wells. In addition, the operators of the farms in many cases took drastic measures to ward off poachers and those who might interfere with them, which included conspicuously arming themselves and sometimes intimidating neighbors or anyone who approached the cultivation sites, along with establishing booby traps and potentially deadly devices at the periphery of the property in question, including bear traps or coyote traps capable of injuring a person who happened upon them to the point of needing to have a leg, foot, arm or hand amputated. In at least some cases, those engaged in these unpermitted and unlicensed agricultural operations utilized explosive devices and mines as

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Governor Having Special Counsel Reexamine Cooper Conviction from front page

Cooper's defense team produced results that did not, as his lawyers had hopefully insisted, indicate his innocence, and instead seemed to shore up an element of the prosecution's case for Cooper's guilt.

If Cooper is innocent, his timing was execrable, and by his own actions he entangled himself in a set of circumstances which lend themselves to a logical conclusion that he murdered the Ryens and Hughes.

Thrice convicted of burglary and imprisoned

in Pennsylvania in the late 1970s and early 1980s, Cooper was released in 1982, to be shortly thereafter accused of kidnapping and raping an underaged girl who had interrupted him during yet another burglary. Confined to a Pennsylvania psychiatric facility, Mayview State Hospital, he escaped, fleeing to Southern California where he used the alias David Trautman. In Los Angeles County he was apprehended after committing two burglaries and was given a four-year prison sentence, which he began serving at the California Institution for Men in Chino in April 1983. Having been housed in the minimum security wing of that prison, Cooper on June 2, 1983 either scaled,

or climbed through a hole in, the prison fence and made his way away from the prison west toward what was then the substantially rural and unincorporated community of Chino Hills. Cooper's escape from the Chino Institution for Men came within the same approximate time frame that Michael "Fast Horse" Martinez, one of the wards at Boys Republic, an institutional all-boys home and school in Chino Hills for displaced, wayward and troubled youths, took flight from that facility.

There is no dispute that Cooper holed up in a Chino Hills home owned by Larry Lease and brothers Roger and Kermit Lang where a tenant, Kathleen Bilbia, a school teacher,

had lived previously and had temporarily vacated when she went on holiday following the end of the school year shortly before the murders occurred. Cooper spent at least a day-and-a-half there, sleeping in a closet in one of the house's bedrooms.

Late in the morning of June 4, Virginia Lang briefly came into the Lease/Lang house to get a sweater, but Cooper withdrew toward the back of the house and managed to avoid her seeing him. The Lease/Lang home was some 375 feet distant from the home of Doug and Peggy Ryen, their 10-year-old daughter Jessica and their 8-year-old son Joshua. Phone records show that while at the Lease/Lang home Cooper

made calls to two female acquaintances/friends, one in Pennsylvania and another in Los Angeles, in an effort to get them to provide him with money or otherwise assist him in getting farther away, the last of which was made around 8 p.m. on June 4. He also smoked prison-issued Role-Rite tobacco rolled in prison-issued rolling papers, the butts of which were left behind in the Lease/Lang house.

On June 5, 1983, Bill Hughes, came to the Ryen home to pick up his 11-year-old son Christopher, who had spent the previous evening with the Ryen family attending a barbecue at another location and was going to sleep over at the Ryen home the night of June 4

through until the morning of June 5. The Ryen family station wagon was gone. He went around to the back of the house and looked through a sliding glass door into the master bedroom of the house.

Visible were Douglas and Peggy and his son, all dead, and Joshua Ryen severely wounded. Hidden from his view was Jessica Ryen, who lay dead in a hallway. The four deceased – the husband and wife, their daughter and his son – had been chopped with a hatchet, cut with a knife, and stabbed with an ice-pick, having sustained mostly to their heads, upper torsos or extremities, 37, 33, 46 and 25 wounds, respectively. Joshua Ryen

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Indeed, there is something to indicate that Hutchins may have gotten away with what he did because his action was so unorthodox, his behavior so dodgy, his appearance as a law enforcement officer so convincing and the performance of the law enforcement agencies in the jurisdiction where he functioned so unfocused.

What the *Sentinel* has learned about Hutchins is this:

He favored women over men as victims. He had access to some basic information about those he victimized, in particular their full names and residence or general whereabouts. Typically, he carried with him a laptop computer and would approach the women, who were usually alone at home or at work. He would then aggressively confront them, in the manner of a police officer, using each woman's first and middle name but assigning her a different last name. When the woman would acknowledge her first and middle names but deny the last name Hutchins had selected for her, he would again, presuming upon the air of authority he had enveloped himself in, suggest that that the name the woman had given was an alias, demanding identification. In multiple cases the individuals complied with the demand, oftentimes producing driver licenses and even further documenta-

tion such as a credit cards or social security cards when Hutchins suggested that the driver licenses were forgeries.

Investigators believe Hutchins used the camera on his laptop or perhaps a scanning device within it to photograph the identification provided to him or to pull data off of the driver licenses' or credit cards' magnetic strips.

After engaging in some further questioning, Hutchins would accept the victim's assertion that she was not the person he had identified, and state his inquiry might have grown out of a simple misunderstanding because of the identical first and middle names of the victim and the individual Hutchins purported to be a person of interest in his "investigation." Shortly thereafter, he would make his exit, armed, in most cases, with the personal information he had come to retrieve.

Hutchins was undone earlier this month when he approached a woman at her residence in the unincorporated west Fontana area.

There is evidence to suggest Hutchins was calculating in choosing his victims on the basis of where they lived. It seems he avoided carrying out his grift against those residing in cities which had police departments. Instead, Hutchins would target those who lived in unincorporated county areas in either San Bernardino County or Los Angeles County that were patrolled by the sheriff's

department or in cities in either county which contracted with the sheriff's department for law enforcement services. His apparent belief was that neither sheriff's department could be counted upon to be diligent and vigilant with regard to the type of nonviolent criminality he was engaged in.

If indeed that was the case, Hutchins' calculation was correct. Unfortunately for him, despite the crime he engaged in hav-



Brian Hutchins

ing occurred within the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department's bailiwick, the Fontana Police Department took an interest in the case when the matter was reported to it first.

The victim informed members of her family about the encounter with Hutchins. His approach to the home and his presence on its porch was captured by a security camera. Moreover, the victim, though she had been cozened into believing that she was dealing with a bona fide police officer while Hutchins was present and was intimidated by the implied threat of arrest that might follow if she did not establish her identity as being different from the woman Hutchins

said he believed her to be, yet had the presence of mind to remember that his uniform bore his first initial and last name – B Hutchins. The woman's grown son, assessing the situation, contacted the Fontana Police Department. A member of the Multiple Enforcement Team was immediately struck by the nature of what had occurred and sensed that the individual in question was likely not a law enforcement officer as he had maintained, and was quite likely fishing for personal information that was going to be put to some questionable or illegal purpose. Alas, the officer said, protocol dictated that the matter would have to be taken up by the sheriff's department, which has jurisdiction in the unincorporated county area of Fontana.

The victim and her son went to the sheriff's department to make a crime report. The sheriff's department, however, was unwilling to rush to the assumption that the individual who confronted the victim was not an investigator with some agency or other, and was unwilling to take a crime report. Upon the insistence of the victim's son, however, a sheriff's deputy did write an incident report.

The sheriff's department's interest in the case ended there, with no further investigation.

Back at the Fontana Police Department, however, members of the Multiple Enforcement Team, intrigued by what had been reported to

them, ran a check on B. Hutchins. A number of matches to the first initial and last name came back, but only a limited number in the Fontana area. Brian Hutchins, a parolee who had been convicted in 1997 for PC 459, felony burglary, for which he had been given a sentence of two years and eight months and convicted in 2011 of 451(B), felony arson of an inhabited structure, for which he had been given a sentence of ten years, was living in Fontana.

Convinced that the sheriff's department was not going to act but equally convinced there was something to what the victim had experienced in her interaction with Hutchins, the Multiple Enforcement Team utilized its department's access to Ring camera videos, security camera footage that offers constant surveillance of house entrances, in most cases front porches and front doors. The police department was able to utilize the sheriff's department incident report and the evidence it had developed to obtain a warrant, with which it initiated surveillance of Hutchins. That surveillance provided the

team with grounds to arrest Hutchins, who was taken into custody at his home.

At the time of his arrest, investigators – real ones – seized his laptop. A forensic examination of that device determined the laptop's hard drive contained evidence showing multiple victims from San Bernardino County and Los Angeles County had their personal information stolen by Hutchins. He was booked on identity theft and a parole hold.

It is possible that the uniform Hutchins used was one he wore while working as a security guard at the Oasis Night Club. He did not have a badge nor any credentials in his possession that purported him as a police officer.

Hutchins has not yet been charged by the district attorney's office with any crime. Investigators are still working to determine which and how many of his victims suffered monetary losses as a consequence of Hutchins' possession of their personal information, and whether he was working alone or networking with others.

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Fuller Returning To Rialto, This Time As City Manager from front page

Sean Grayson, who has served as the acting city manager since former City Manager Rod Foster was forced out from

his position after Mayor Deborah Robertson came to believe that he was in some fashion involved in an investigation into her use of her mayoral position to steer more than \$200,000 in city subsidizations to a nonprofit organization headed by Robertson's daughter.

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Board Of Supervisors Using Sheriff's Department As A Cat's Paw In Suppressing Marijuana Growers Who Are Not Sophisticated Enough To Cut The County's Politicians In On Their Profits *from page 2*

barriers.

With illicit or unlicensed marijuana farms mushrooming all over the county and particularly in the Mojave Desert, the region's residents over the last couple of years have called upon the sheriff's department to act. While the department had been a continuous recipient of the Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program grants for some two decades at that point, the sheer volume of marijuana being produced at innumerable cultivation sites presented a challenge, such that in relatively short order the federal funds were consumed by the cost of the sheriff's department's operations. As late as October of last year, sheriff's department personnel were disappointing a number of county residents in both the desert and mountain areas who were alerting the department to the illicit operations within close proximity to their property, bordering their property or in some cases intruding onto their property.

Requests, indeed demands, by mountain and desert residents that the sheriff's department abate the illicit operations were commonly met with responses that held the department's hands were tied, and that the Adult Use of Marijuana Act prevented the department from responding to the burgeoning number of complaints.

In January 2021, as if Sheriff John McMahon

was making good on a New Year's resolution he had made, his department became far more aggressive in locating and uprooting unlicensed marijuana plantations.

On January 6, 2021, the sheriff's Marijuana Enforcement Team served

Joe Baca, Jr.

a search warrant in the 2600 block of Parkdale Road in Adelanto, where it found, seized and ultimately destroyed 19,998 still-growing marijuana plants along with 186 pounds of partially-cured harvested marijuana.

On January 27, the task force located and seized another 1,903 marijuana plants and 306.5 pounds of harvested marijuana in Lucerne Valley and John-son Valley.

On February 2, that team descended upon a massive unlicensed marijuana cultivation operation on property in El Mirage, some 12.5 miles northwest of Adelanto, where it found greenhouses in which 18,884 plants were growing, all of which were confiscated and destroyed.

On April 16 and 17, sheriff's department operations carried out at Emerald Street and Pine

Springs Avenue; Two Mile Road and Copper Mountain Road; Mesa Drive and Morongo Road; Nandina Street and Lupine Avenue; Rodgers Lane and Alfalfa Avenue; Canyon Road and Sunny Sands Drive; Sunny Sands Drive and Mel-dora Avenue; and within the 70300 block of Giant Rock Road, all in and around Twentynine Palms resulted in the location and destruction of 10,400 marijuana plants weighing more than six tons.

Thirteen days later, on April 29, sheriff's personnel returned to the Emerald Street and Pine Springs Avenue cultivation site, and went to four others located in the Twentynine Palms and Desert Heights environs, including one in the 73500 block of Two Mile Road, a property at the intersection of Dunlap Road and Canyon Road, another property proximate to Dunlap Road and Canyon Road, and a site at the corner of Redhill Road and Bermuda Avenue, pulling up more than 2,300 marijuana plants in less than seven hours.

During operations in the greater Twentynine Palms area, Desert Heights and Landers on May 5 and May 7, raids were carried out on marijuana cultivation facilities on property near Sespe Street and Alta Avenue in Landers; Covela Avenue and Napa Road in Landers; property adjacent to Napa Road and Alta Avenue in Landers; at Covela Avenue and Sespe Street in Landers; at another site close to Covela Avenue and Sespe Street in Landers; at a site proximate to Kelsey Boulevard and Presswood Drive in Land-

ers; on property at Kachina Drive and Shoshone Valley Road in Desert Heights and at a facility located on property in the 1200 block of Sunrise Avenue in Desert Heights. Those raids led to the seizure of 4,400 marijuana plants and over eight tons of uncured marijuana.

On May 13, the sheriff's department's Marijuana Enforcement Team along with personnel from the San Bernardino County Agricultural and Weights and Measures Department and the county code enforcement division converged on an outdoor cultivation site in the 35700 block of Granite Road in Lucerne Valley, where the operators had previously maintained that the farm was one for the cultivation of hemp to be used for the manufacturing of rope, cloth, paper and other materials. The 40-acre site hosted 199 greenhouses in which 76,118 plants. All of those bushes, personnel from the County Agricultural and Weights and Measures Department determined through field tests, possessed THC content at levels that would eliminate their official governmental status as hemp under any conditions. THC is the psychoactive ingredient in marijuana. The entire crop was destroyed.

On May 20, the marijuana enforcement team and a member of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife served five search warrants at various locations in the Twentynine Palms area, including the 86200 block of Twentynine Palms Highway; at Monte Vista Drive and Waylyn; in the 25500 block of El Encanto; at Taco Road and Mojave;

and at Bullion Mountain and Mesa Road. Deputies and detectives seized 3,901 marijuana plants and 652 pounds of processed marijuana.

On May 27, the sheriff's department's marijuana enforcement team served multiple search warrants at locations in Lucerne Valley, including one within the 33200 block of Haynes Road, a location in the 33500 block of Haynes Road, an-



John McMahon

other in the 15900 block of Verdugo Road and a property in the 33300 block of Desert Lane, where 6,429 marijuana plants and five pounds of processed marijuana were seized, together with guns.

Unknown or unrecognized by the general public was that Sheriff McMahon's newfound resolve corresponded with the overtures then being made by Mountain States Consulting Group to San Bernardino County's political establishment to allow the "enfranchised" marijuana entrepreneurs who have shown generosity to the county's politicians the opportunity to expand their operations from San Bernardino, Adelanto and Needles to the county's unincorporated areas.

Crassly or delicately, subtly or unsubtly, directly or indirectly, implicitly or explicitly, Postmus's mes-

sage to the members of the board of supervisors was essentially this: Bow to the new order and end your blanket opposition to the commercialization of marijuana in the county, since eventually and inevitably, that change is going to come. If you do so, and if you abide by an arrangement that ensures that the companies I represent get in on the ground floor of the county's marijuanaification and its competitors are locked out, I will make it monetarily worth your while. I can assure you that as Mountain States Consulting Group's clients capture a near monopoly on the San Bernardino marijuana market, so too will you profit.

Reportedly, Postmus has proposed a timetable to Board of Supervisors Chairman Curt Hagman and County Chief Executive Officer Leonard Hernandez that calls for initiating a transition to eventual full legalization of the cultivation, harvesting, processing, warehousing, distribution and sale of marijuana and its alteration into cannabis-based derivatives, chemicals and products to include the manufacturing and sale thereof within the county's unincorporated areas by 2022. That proposed transition is to come after the companies Mountain States Consulting Group is now representing have fully established the cannabis-based and marijuana-based businesses they now have in place or are currently setting up. After those enterprises have become fully operational and profitable, they will have the capital to expand their operations

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Having Been Convicted Of Multiple Levels Of Political Graft, Postmus Now Engineering Ways To Keep Politicians From Getting Caught When They Accept Bribes

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into the unincorporated areas of the county, and cover Postmus's commitments to bankroll Hagman's, Cook's and Rowe's political and personal agendas into the future. IOUs worth in practical terms no less than several million dollars are to be divvied up and placed into each of those politicians' campaign funds or, through creative means that Postmus is able to devise, into their personal bank accounts. In the last several months, Postmus has been coordinating fundraising efforts on behalf of Hagman, Cook and Rowe, garnering from Mountain States Consulting Group's clients as well as other Republican Party donors actual donations and commitments of several hundred thousand dollars. Postmus's fundraising effort on behalf of Supervisor Janice Rutherford, the other Republican on the board of supervisors in addition to Hagman, Cook and Rowe, has been less spirited than for the others largely because Rutherford is scheduled in late 2022, because of term limits, to leave the board of supervisors. At that point, her position as one of the county's key decision-makers will end, making her of virtually no use to Postmus and Mountain States Consulting Group's clients who have substantial financial interests intertwined with county policy decisions current and future. Still, Postmus has an interest in remaining on Rutherford's good side, and he stands ready to assist her in her fundraising effort if she decides to initiate a campaign for county assessor in 2022.

Postmus is interested in influencing the other member of the board of supervisors, Joe Baca, Jr., the only Democrat on the board. Baca's political affiliation presents a complication for Postmus, who at one point, before he was felled by scandal, was the chairman of the San Bernardino County Republican Party, proving himself in that role to be that entity's most efficient fundraiser historically. Utilizing Mountain States

Consulting Group or other cutouts, including those related to the Republican Party, to deliver money to Baca is out of the question because Baca cannot afford to be seen taking money from the Republican Party or Republicans in general, and Postmus cannot compromise his continuing affiliation with the Republican Party by providing financial assistance to an up-and-coming Democrat. Postmus is currently casting about for some means by which he can network with a chain of individuals, agents, shell companies, agencies or organizations to pass money along to Baca in a way that cannot be detected by outsiders but such that Baca knows the origin of the money.

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cans in San Bernardino County, including some in the same political orbit as Hagman, Cook and Rowe, who have questioned the wisdom of the party and individual politicians such as Hagman, Cook and Rowe associating with Postmus, given his criminal history. The scandal that enveloped Postmus involved political corruption of a breathtaking scope ultimately costing the county at least \$168 million in legal settlements and another \$6.5 million in attorney's fees. In his 2011 guilty pleas, Postmus acknowledged that he had sought and received bribes in return for votes that profited those who had bribed him or made campaign contributions to him, that he made decisions and took actions while he was a supervisor in which he had a conflict of interest, that he misappropriated public funds to an illegal use, that he engaged in fraud as well as the misuse of public property and governmental authority and

that he perjured himself and falsified documents in an effort to keep his illegal activity from being discovered. Few of those who have misgivings over the GOP's current crop of the county's top officeholders such as Hagman, Cook and Rowe associating with Postmus have had the courage to speak up about their concerns in this regard. There is a determined belief among Hagman, Cook, Rowe and their respective chiefs of staff – Yekaterina Kolcheva, Timothy Itnyre and Matt Knox – as well as the political teams that surround them and their supporters that they can perpetuate their collective hold on the political power they now possess by casting their lot with Postmus and his superior fundraising ability and electioneering machinery. Collectively, the calculation is that Postmus's fundraising activity on their behalves will remain largely hidden, that the vast majority of the public in San Bernardino County has long forgotten the misdeeds Postmus involved himself in and that if any flap does develop, the money that Postmus and his team will provide them with can be used to pay for electioneering and positive public relations efforts that will more than offset whatever negative publicity the Postmus association might entail.

Two months ago, when the *Sentinel* asked Supervisor Cook if he thought it was a good idea to be utilizing Postmus as a fundraiser, given his history and Mountain States Consulting Group's current association with entities that were seeking favorable treatment from the county with regard to their various proposals and projects, Cook shrugged and said, "That's politics."

Indeed, casual observers and more experienced ones alike have naively missed the full implication of the services that Postmus is able to offer politicians. Having been convicted of multiple levels of corruption, bribery, graft and violations of the public trust as a consequence of his time in office, Postmus is acutely conscious of which missteps he took and how it was that he was caught. Because of his political conflict of interest conviction, he is banned for life

from holding elected office in California again. He has a determination to remain in the political game, however, and toward that end he created Mountain States Consulting Group. A Wyoming-based limited liability company, it is subject to fewer and less-exacting reporting requirements than California corporations.

Those individuals or entities looking to influence politicians, elected officials and governmental staff members who directly ply those in the decision-making loop with money run the risk of being charged with bribing public officials. Those public officials who take money from individuals or corporations who have a financial interest in the decisions those public officials make run the risk of being charged with accepting bribes. Mountain States Consulting Group, by serving in an intermediary role between the donor and the politician, can prevent the politician from being accused of favoring a campaign donor with his or her votes. Such favoritism toward campaign donors is not illegal, but can come across as unseemly, and thereby represent political risk down the road. Mountain States can eliminate this politically problematic appearance.

More significantly, Mountain States Consulting Group exists as a tool to essentially legalize bribery. In California, elected officials are not prohibited from voting on matters that impact their campaign donors but they are strictly prohibited from receiving remuneration from, or being employed by, any individual or entity with a financial stake in the votes they make as elected officials. Postmus has designed, and has used, Mountain States Consulting Group to actually employ public officials directly or indirectly. This allows the public official to report the income received as an employee of Mountain States Consulting Group, thereby complying with income reporting requirements mandated by state law. This can occur without the official having to report that Mountain States Consulting Group is the recipient of money from the individual or

entity favored by that official's action or vote. The loose and vague reporting and disclosure requirements that Mountain States Consulting Group functions under as a consequence of being a Wyoming Limited Liability Company is of some consequence in this regard.

It is of further note that Postmus has a special and highly favorable relationship with Sheriff John McMahon.

Postmus was first arrested and charged in 2009 with criminal activity relating to his actions while he was serving as county assessor in 2007, 2008 and 2009. In 2010, he was criminally charged with a string of interrelated offenses that occurred while he was county supervisor in 2004, 2005 and 2006. After initially maintaining his innocence in the face of all of those charges, Postmus in 2011 entered guilty pleas to all 14 felony charges



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against him. His sentencing was deferred while the criminal cases against others alleged to have been involved with him in his crimes wended their way through the prosecutorial and judicial process, and the court had an opportunity to determine if he made good on a key element in his plea arrangement, which was to cooperate with prosecutors, including testifying against his alleged co-conspirators before a grand jury and at trial. In November 2018, with all of those cases, prosecutions and trials having concluded, Postmus came before San Bernardino County Superior Court Judge Michael A. Smith, before whom he had entered his guilty pleas in 2011.

Judge Smith sentenced Postmus to three years in state prison. Though the prosecution wanted Postmus incarcerated at once, Judge Smith granted him 15 days to get his affairs in order, requiring that he report to the courthouse

at 8:30 a.m. on November 30, 2018. Postmus did so, and was whisked away into confinement at that time.

By mid-December 2018, Postmus was housed at North Kern State Prison, a medium-security all-male prison facility located in Delano, which in addition to serving as the place of detention to close to 1,600 permanent or mainline inmates, also serves as a reception center for incoming inmates who are not destined to remain there for the entirety of their sentences but rather be sent to another prison to serve their sentences.

Postmus's confinement coincided with California's effort at prison realignment, which made him eligible for being transferred back to the San Bernardino County Sheriff's criminal detention facilities to serve his sentence. Based upon the the nonviolent nature of his crimes, his presumed lack of further criminal involvement, his behavior while incarcerated and his psychological evaluation, he was indeed sent back in the spring of 2019 to San Bernardino County to serve out the remainder of his sentence.

Under the policies that normally attend the incarceration of those convicted under California law, inmates must serve at least half of their sentence before becoming eligible for parole. Depending upon credits they get for good behavior and the recommendation of prison officials who have evaluated their progress toward rehabilitation, they can be released as early as half way through their sentence, pursuant to the determination of the California Division of Adult Parole Operations and the California Parole Board, or any time after serving more than half of their sentences. Thus, Postmus, whose prison sentence was to run to November 30, 2021, was eligible for release, at the earliest, on May 30, 2020.

As the spring of 2019 progressed to summer, a number of politicians in San Bernardino County were gearing up for the 2020 election season. Absent from the political playing field was Mountain States Consulting Group, since its principal

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SUMMONS – (CITACION JUDICIAL)

CASE NUMBER (NUMERO DEL CASO) CIVDS2022567

NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS (AVISO DEMANDADO): F.S.G.M. MEDICAL CLINIC, INC., a California corporation; COUNTY OF ORANGE, a local public entity; ARTURO RUIZ, an individual; JOHN. H. BUCKNER, an individual; CITY OF SAN BERNARDINO, a local public entity; STATE OF CALIFORNIA FRANCHISE TAX BOARD, an agency of the state of California; COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO, a local public entity; PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES, L.L.C, a Delaware limited liability company; ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT ADVERSE TO PLAINTIFF’S TITLE, OR ANY CLOUD UPON PLAINTIFF’S TITLE THERETO and DOES 1 -20, INCLUSIVE.

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF (LO ESTA DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):

GILBERT SANDOVAL
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un formulario de exencion de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin mas advertencia.

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de referencia a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuu de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov), o poniendoso en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación da \$10,000 o mas de vaoir recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desecher el caso.

The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y la direccion de la corte es):

SAN BERNARDINO JUSTICE CENTER
247 West 3rd Street
San Bernardino, CA 92415-0210

The name, address and telephone number of plaintiff’s attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la direccion y el numero de telefono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es):

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO-20210004058

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: 101 Cinema Club, 15101 Fairfield Ranch Rd, 7111, Chino Hills, CA 91709, Mailing Address: 15101 Fairfield Ranch Rd, 7111, Chino Hills, CA 91709, Skyler A. Malone, 15101 Fairfield Ranch Rd, 7111, Chino Hills, CA 91709, Jessica A. Dixon, 15101 Fairfield Ranch Rd, 7111, Chino Hills, CA 91709

Business is Conducted By: A General Partnership

Signed: BY SIGNING BELOW, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime. (B&P Code 17913) I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

s/Jessica A. Dixon
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 04/20/21

I hereby certify that this is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

Began Transacting Business: 04/11/2021

County Clerk, s/ I1327

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO-20210004416

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Hungry Dog, 11462 Vale Dr, Fontana, CA 92337, Jesus M. Veloz, 11462 Vale Dr, Fontana, CA 92337

Business is Conducted By: An Individual

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s/Jesus M Veloz

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 04/28/21

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Began Transacting Business: N/A

County Clerk, s/ I1327

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FBN 20210004468
The following entity is doing business as CAFE WANG 2316 D STREET LA VERNE, CA 91750 F.W.MINGLI, INC 2316 D STREET LA VERNE, CA 91750

A California Corporation 3620494

This Business is Conducted By: A CORPORATION

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FANG WANG
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 4/29/2021

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Began Transacting Business: JULY 1, 2016

County Clerk, Deputy D5511

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T.S. No. 19-21335-SP-CA Title No. 191260552-CA-VOI A.P.N. 0218-741-36-0-000 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 11/17/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, (cashier’s check(s) must be made payable to National Default Servicing Corporation), drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state; will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made in an “as is” condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Kenneth Gabriel, an unmarried man Duly Appointed Trustee: National Default Servicing Corporation Recorded 11/28/2006 as Instrument No. 2006-0803327 (or Book, Page) of the Official Records of San Bernardino County, CA. Date of Sale: 06/10/2021 at 12:00 PM Place of Sale: At the North Arrowhead Avenue entrance to the County Courthouse, 351 North Arrowhead Avenue, San Bernardino, CA 92401 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$566,489.47 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 3471 Arcadian Shores Avenue Ontario, CA 91761 A.P.N.: 0218-741-36-0-000 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder’s sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The requirements of California Civil Code Section 2923.5(b)/2923.55(c) were fulfilled when the Notice of Default was recorded. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder’s office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale

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of this property, you may call or visit this Internet Web site www.ndscorp.com/sales, using the file number assigned to this case 19-21335-SP-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: 05/10/2021 National Default Servicing Corporation c/o Tiffany & Bosco, P.A., its agent, 1455 Frazee Road, Suite 820 San Diego, CA 92108 Toll Free Phone: 888-264-4010 Sales Line 855-219-8501; Sales Website: www.ndscorp.com By: Rachael Hamilton, Trustee Sales Representative 05/14/2021, 05/21/2021, 05/28/2021 CPP351083

CASE NUMBER: (Numero del Caso): 20STCV00632

SUMMONS ON FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT (CITACION JUDICIAL)

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: (AVISO AL DEMANDADO): CHU-JAN CHENG, an individual, HSIANG-MAN CHENG, an individual, PAUL CHENG, an individual, and DOES 1-10 Inclusive.

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (LO ESTA DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): TAN-HUI LIN A.K.A. KATY LIN, an individual.

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Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remision a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniendose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperacion de \$10,000 o mas de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesion de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desecher el caso.

The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y direccion de la corte es): Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles-Stanley Mosk Courthouse, 111 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

The name, address and telephone number of plaintiff’s attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney is: (El nombre, la direccion y el numero de telefono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): MONISHA A. COELHO, SBN: 219233, ALVARADOSMITH, APC, 633 West Fifth St., Suite 900, Los Angeles, California 90071, 213-229-2400

Date: (Fecha) 09/25/2020

SHERRI R. CARTER, Executive Officer / Clerk of Court (Secretario)

By: V. DELGADILLO, Deputy (Adjunto)

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER CIVSB2108812

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: JAMES FLANNIGAN filed with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

JAMES **** FLANNIGAN III to Flannigan III, James

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

Notice of Hearing:

Date: 06/15/21

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Department: S16

The address of the court is Superior Court of California, County of San Ber-

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nardino, San Bernardino District - Civil Division, 247 West Third Street, Same as above, San Bernardino, CA 92415, San Bernardino

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this order be published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel in San Bernardino County California, once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing of the petition.

Dated: May 4, 2021

Lynn M. Poncin

Judge of the Superior Court.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO-20210004090

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Industrious Engineering; Florista Flowers, 1083 N 7th St, Colton, CA 92324, Matthew A. Romero, 1083 N 7th St, Colton, CA 92324

Business is Conducted By: An Individual

Signed: BY SIGNING BELOW, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime. (B&P Code 17913) I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

s/Matthew A Romero

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 04/20/2021

I hereby certify that this is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

Began Transacting Business: 04/07/2021

County Clerk, s/ I1327

NOTICE- This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14400 et. Seq. Business & Professions Code).

05/14/21, 05/21/21, 05/28/21, 06/04/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO-20210004031

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: JNT Property Service, 18056 Pokeroot Lane, San Bernardino, CA 92407, Joe Gutierrez, 18056 Pokeroot Lane, San Bernardino, CA 92407, Christina L. Ceballos-Gutierrez, 18056 Pokeroot Lane, San Bernardino, CA 92407

Business is Conducted By: A General Partnership

Signed: BY SIGNING BELOW, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime. (B&P Code 17913) I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

s/Joe Gutierrez

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 04/19/2021

I hereby certify that this is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

Began Transacting Business: 09/20/2017

County Clerk, s/ I1327

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05/14/21, 05/21/21, 05/28/21, 06/04/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO-20210004278

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Posey Rosie; Posey Rosie Lashes; Posey Rosie Beauty, 1078 Mountain Crest Dr, San Bernardino, CA 92407, Shanlye D. Jones, 1078 Mountain Crest Dr, San Bernardino, CA 92407

Business is Conducted By: An Individual

Signed: BY SIGNING BELOW, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime. (B&P Code 17913) I am also aware that all information on

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this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

s/Shanyle D. Jones
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 04/26/2021

I hereby certify that this is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

Began Transacting Business: 01/30/2020

County Clerk, s/ D5511
NOTICE- This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14400 et. Seq. Business & Professions Code).
05/14/21, 05/21/21, 05/28/21, 06/04/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO- 20210004762

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Campus Smoke Shop, 659 E. 15th St #A, Upland, CA 91786, Brian Younan, 16161 Carmine St, Fontana, CA 92336

Business is Conducted By: An Individual

Signed: BY SIGNING BELOW, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime. (B&P Code 17913) I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

s/Brian Younan
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 05/05/2021

I hereby certify that this is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

Began Transacting Business: 04/01/2021

County Clerk, s/ 11327
NOTICE- This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14400 et. Seq. Business & Professions Code).
05/14/21, 05/21/21, 05/28/21, 06/04/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO- 20210002449

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: La Bella Salon Suites, 5541 Arrow Hwy Suite A, Montclair, CA 91763, Toni Cummings, 461 Euclid Ave, Upland, CA 91786

Business is Conducted By: An Individual

Signed: BY SIGNING BELOW, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime. (B&P Code 17913) I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

s/ Toni Cummings
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 03/11/21

I hereby certify that this is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

Began Transacting Business: 02/21/21

County Clerk, s/ D5511
NOTICE- This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14400 et. Seq. Business & Professions Code).
04/09/21, 04/16/2021, 04/23/21, 04/30/21 & Corrected on: 05/14/21, 05/21/21, 05/28/21, 06/04/21

T.S. No. 21-20046-SP-CA Title No. 210047684-CA-VOI A.P.N. 1047-191-32-0-000 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 06/26/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, (cashier's check(s) must be made payable to National

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Default Servicing Corporation), drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state; will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the herein-after described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made in an "as is" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Francisco Sandoval, a single man Duly Appointed Trustee: National Default Servicing Corporation Recorded 07/13/2006 as Instrument No. 2006-0474939 (or Book, Page) of the Official Records of San Bernardino County, CA. Date of Sale: 06/14/2021 at 12:00 PM Place of Sale: At the North Arrowhead Avenue entrance to the County Courthouse, 351 North Arrowhead Avenue, San Bernardino, CA 92401 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$665,092.44 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 959 Sycamore Court Upland, CA 91786 A.P.N.: 1047-191-32-0-000 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The requirements of California Civil Code Section 2923.5(b)/2923.55(c) were fulfilled when the Notice of Default was recorded. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been

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postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call or visit this Internet Web site www.ndscorp.com/sales, using the file number assigned to this case 21-20046-SP-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: 05/10/2021 National Default Servicing Corporation c/o Tiffany & Bosco, P.A., its agent, 1455 Frazee Road, Suite 820 San Diego, CA 92108 Toll Free Phone: 888-264-4010 Sales Line 855-219-8501; Sales Website: www.ndscorp.com By: Rachael Hamilton, Trustee Sales Representative Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel on 05/21/2021, 05/28/2021, 06/04/2021 CPP351089

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

Harold Stewart
CASE NO. PROPS2100513
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of Harold Stewart
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Sandra Bell the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Sandra Bell be appointed executor of the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: Date: June 08, 2021 at 9:00 am in Dept.: S35P located at Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, 247 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415 – 0212, San Bernardino District – Probate Division

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery of the notice to you under Section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as

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provided in Probate Code Section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: DONALD LEVY ARNOLD
CASE NO. PROPS 2100614

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of DONALD LEVY ARNOLD has been filed by DEANNA L. HADIFI in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that DEANNA L. HADIFI be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

THE PETITION requests a \$400,000 bond fixed. The bond will be admitted by an admitted surety insurer or as otherwise provided by law.

Decedent died on January 23, 2021 in Hesperia, California, a resident of San Bernardino County.

A hearing on the petition will be held JUNE 15, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept. No. S36 at Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, 247 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415, San Bernardino District.

Selyna Razo, Deputy
APRIL 1, 2021

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under Section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Filed: MAY 5, 2021
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: MARY TORRES RAMIREZ
CASE NO. PROPS 2100596

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of MARY TORRES RAMIREZ has been filed by NICOLAS RAMIREZ in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that NICOLAS RAMIREZ be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

THE PETITION requests a \$385,000 bond fixed. The bond will be admitted by an admitted surety insurer or as otherwise provided by law.

Decedent died on January 2, 2021 in Redlands, California, a resident of San Bernardino County.

A hearing on the petition will be held July 1, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept. No. S36 at Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, 247 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415, San Bernardino District.

Kimberly Tilley, Deputy
MAY 6, 2021

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under Section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: JAMES WAYNE AUSTIN
CASE NO. PROPS 2100599

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of JAMES WAYNE AUSTIN has been filed by JAMES WAYNE AUSTIN II in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that JAMES WAYNE AUSTIN II be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

THE PETITION requests a \$350,000 bond fixed. The bond will be admitted by an admitted surety insurer or as otherwise provided by law.

Decedent died on December 29, 2020 in Yucaipa, California, a resident of San Bernardino County.

A hearing on the petition will be held July 1, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept. No. S37 at Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, 247 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415, San Bernardino District.

Kimberly Tilley, Deputy
MAY 6, 2021

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under Section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Filed: MAY 5, 2021
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: JAMES REAVES
CASE NO. PROPS 2100572

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors,

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and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of JAMES REAVES

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by BRIAN KEITH JONES in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that BRIAN KEITH JONES be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedent's wills and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in Dept. No. S-35 at 9:00 a.m. on JUNE 22, 2021 at Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, 247 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415, San Bernardino District.

Filed: MAY 6, 2021
JUDGE STANFORD E. REICHERT

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under Section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: RONALD J. AUSSANT
CASE NO. PROPS 2100510

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of RONALD J. AUSSANT

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by JERI AUSSANT in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO.

THE PETITION FOR PRO-

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The following person is doing business as: PRETTY FEENS 1608 SMILEY RIDGE REDLANDS, CA 92373 (COUNTY OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS SAN BERNARDINO); AIREL VALVERDE 1608 SMILEY RIDGE REDLANDS, CA 92373; CANDICE VALVERDE 1608 SMILEY RIDGE REDLANDS, CA 92373 The business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 179130. I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing. s/ AIREL VALVERDE, GENERAL PARTNER Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 05/19/2021 I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office San Bernardino County Clerk By:/Deputy Notice-This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel 05/28/2021, 06/04/2021, 06/11/2021, 06/18/2021 CNB-B21202117IR

FBN 20210005069
The following person is doing business as: A&L MAKE UP ARTIST 7016 ELMWOOD RD SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92404 (COUNTY OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS SAN BERNARDINO); LUCIA TAYLOR 7016 ELMWOOD RD SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92404 The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: MAY 19, 2016 By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 179130. I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing. s/ LUCIA TAYLOR, OWNER Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 05/12/2021 I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office San Bernardino County Clerk By:/Deputy Notice-This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel 05/28/2021, 06/04/2021, 06/11/2021, 06/18/2021 CNB-B21202116IR

Cooper Escaped From Prison Just Before And Fled To Mexico Right After Murders Occurred Next To Where He Had Hid

was yet alive, his throat having been cut. The house phone was inoperable and Bill Hughes left to summon help at once. The San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Department, after having Joshua Ryen transported to Loma

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The following person is doing business as: THE DETAIL AVENUE 436 N.PARKSIDE DR. APT C ONTARIO, CA 91764 (COUNTY OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS SAN BERNARDINO); BERENICE CHAVEZ 436 N. PARKSIDE DR. APT C ONTARIO, CA 91764 The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: MAY 13, 2016 By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 179130. I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing. s/ BERENICE CHAVEZ, OWNER Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 05/20/2021 I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office San Bernardino County Clerk By:/Deputy Notice-This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel 05/28/2021, 06/04/2021, 06/11/2021, 06/18/2021 CNB-B21202115IR

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The following person is doing business as: MAD-MAN AUTO SALES 1680 S. E ST. SUITE #B15 SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92408 (COUNTY OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS SAN BERNARDINO);[MAILING ADDRESS 189 N. RANCHO AVE. SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92410]; JIRGE TERZIAN 189 N. RANCHO AVE. SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92410 The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 179130. I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing. s/ JORGE TERZIAN, OWNER Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 05/24/2021 I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office San Bernardino County Clerk By:/Deputy Notice-This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel 05/28/2021, 06/04/2021, 06/11/2021, 06/18/2021 CNB-B21202114IR

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The following person is doing business as: HARVEY HOUSE MANOR #11 11372 SAN JUAN DRIVE LOMA LINDA, CA 92354 (COUNTY OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS SAN BERNARDINO); [MAILING ADDRESS P.O BOX 411 EASTVALE, CA 91752]; HARVEY HOUSE INC 11372 SAN JUAN DRIVE LOMA LINDA, CA 92354 The business is conducted by: A CORPORATION The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business

Linda University Medical Center by helicopter, initiated an investigation that entailed deputies, detectives, sergeants, forensic specialists and department higher-ups including then-Sheriff Floyd Tidwell, traipsing all over the murder scene and its environs. In his testimony at trial, Cooper stated that he had left the Lease/Lang house after sundown on June 4 and had hitchhiked to Mexico. It is established with certainty that Cooper checked into a hotel in

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The following person is doing business as: OPHELIA’S TRUCKING & TRANSPORTATION SERVICES 1881 COMMERCENTER E DRIVE SUITE 200 SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92408 (COUNTY OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS SAN BERNARDINO); [MAILING ADDRESS PO BOX 411 EASTVALE, CA 91752]; OPHELIA’S GROUP LLC 1881 COMMERCENTER E DRUVE SUITE 200 SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92408 The business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: JAN 04, 2021 By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 179130. I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing. s/ STACEY Y. HARVEY-FULLER, MANAGING MEMBER Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 05/24/2021 I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office San Bernardino County Clerk By:/Deputy Notice-This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel 05/28/2021, 06/04/2021, 06/11/2021, 06/18/2021 CNB-B21202112IR

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The following person is doing business as: ICED AESTHETICS STUDIO. 1705 E. WASHINGTON ST. SUITE 102A COLTON, CA 92324 (COUNTY OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS SAN BERNARDINO); [MAILING ADDRESS 518 S. ALTHEA AVE RIALTO, CA 92376]; MANIDA T SON 518 S. ALTHEA AVE. RIALTO, CA 92376 The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 179130. I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing. s/ MANIDA T SON, OWNER Statement filed with the County Clerk

Tijuana, just across the international border roughly 130 miles south of Chino Hills, at 4:30 pm on June 5, 1983. A few days later, the Ryens’ station wagon was discovered in a church parking lot in Long Beach. Sheriff’s investigators, after missing them in an initial search, eventually extracted from that vehicle and logged in as evidence cigarette butts consisting of prison-issued Role-Rite tobacco rolled in prison-issued rolling papers indistinguishable from

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The following person is doing business as: THE LOVELEY LOTUS, INC.. 10 EAST VINE STREET SUITE 203 REDLANDS, CA 92373 (COUNTY OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS SAN BERNARDINO); THE LOVELEY LOTUS, INC. 10 EAST VINE STREET, SUITE 203 REDLANDS, CA 92373 The business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 179130. I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing. s/ LIZETTE FLORES, PRESIDENT Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 05/18/2021 I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office San Bernardino County Clerk By:/Deputy Notice-This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel 05/28/2021, 06/04/2021, 06/11/2021, 06/18/2021 CN-BB21202110MT

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The following person is doing business as: SCORPION AUTO LIFTS 7625 CONCORD AVE FONTANA, CA 92336 (COUNTY OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS SAN BERNARDINO); JOSE C RAMOS SOSA 7625 CONCORD AVE FONTANA, CA 92336 The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 179130. I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing. s/ JOSE C. RAMOS SOSA, OWNER Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 05/19/21 I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office San Bernardino County Clerk By:/Deputy Notice-This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel 05/28/2021, 06/04/2021, 06/11/2021, 06/18/2021 CN-BB21202107MT

those found at the Lease/Lang house. An all points bulletin identifying Cooper as a suspect in the murders was issued. From Tijuana, Cooper went to Ensenada, where on June 9 he made the acquaintance of an American couple, Owen and Angelica Handy of Humboldt County, who had come to Baja California on their 32-foot sailboat, the Illa Tika. Identifying himself as “Angel Jackson,” Cooper persuaded them to allow him to accompany them as a deck-

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The following person is doing business as: ROBERT’S QUALITY POOLS. 2069 SALERNO AVE MENTONE, CA 92359 (COUNTY OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS SAN BERNARDINO); ROBERT C BETOR III 2069 SALERNO AVE MENTONE, CA 92359 The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 179130. I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing. s/ ROBERT C BETOR III, OWNER Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 05/18/2021 I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office San Bernardino County Clerk By:/Deputy Notice-This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel 05/28/2021, 06/04/2021, 06/11/2021, 06/18/2021 CN-BB21202108MT

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The following person is doing business as: MJ DELIVERY EXPRESS. 13287 PACOIMA RD VICTORVILLE, CA 92392 (COUNTY OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS SAN BERNARDINO); MANUEL JIMENEZ CANO 13287 VICTORVILLE, CA 92392; KARLA M BENITEZ-ZMONGE 13287 PACOIMA RD VICTORVILLE, CA 9392; KARLA M BENITEZ-ZMONGE 13287 PACOIMA RD VICTORVILLE, CA 92392 The business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 179130. I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing. s/ MANUEL JIMENEZ CANO, GENERAL PARTNER Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 05/18/2021 I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office San Bernardino County Clerk By:/Deputy Notice-This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel 05/28/2021, 06/04/2021, 06/11/2021, 06/18/2021 CN-BB21202107MT

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The following person is doing business as: TORO LOGISTICS 34812 SUNSWEPT DR LUCERNE VALLEY, CA 92356 (COUNTY OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS SAN BERNARDINO); VICTOR H CHAVEZ LOPEZ 34812 SUNSWEPT DR LUCERNE VALLEY, CA 92356 The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL

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The following person is doing business as: KINGDOM; YOUR KINGDOMM; YOUR KINGDOM 1151 W BERKELEY CT ONTARIO, CA 91762 (COUNTY OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS SAN BERNARDINO); NORMA E UMANA 1151 W BERKELEY CT ONTARIO, CA 91762; JULIO C RIVAS CORTEZ 1151 W BERKELY CT ONTARIO, CA 91762 The business is conducted by: A MARRIED COUPLE The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 179130. I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing. s/ NORMA E. UMANA, WIFE Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 05/19/21 I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office San Bernardino County Clerk By:/Deputy Notice-This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel 05/28/2021, 06/04/2021, 06/11/2021, 06/18/2021 CN-BB21202104MT

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The following person is doing business as: BOLLYWOOD SPAS 2550 S ARCHIBALD AVE #F ONTARIO, CA 91761 (COUNTY OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS SAN BERNARDINO); YASMEEN G CHOUDRY 2550 S ARCHIBALD AVE #F ONTARIO, CA 91761 The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 179130. I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing. s/ YASMEEN G. CHOUDRY, OWNER Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 05/20/21 I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original state-

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The following person is doing business as: MOVERA MARKETING AGENCY 8870 KENTVILLE ST RIVERSIDE, CA 92508 (COUNTY OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS SAN BERNARDINO); MANUEL A MOLANO 8870 KENTVILLE ST RIVERSIDE, CA 92508 The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 179130. I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing. s/ MAUEL A MOLANO, OWNER Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 05/24/21 I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office San Bernardino County Clerk By:/Deputy Notice-This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel 05/28/2021, 06/04/2021, 06/11/2021, 06/18/2021 CN-BB21202102MT

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The following person is doing business as: EXCLUSIVE DESIGNS 26663 FLEMING ST HIGHLAND, CA 92346 (COUNTY OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS SAN BERNARDINO); BRANDON G BAZAN 26663 FLEMING ST HIGHLAND, CA 92346 The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 179130. I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing. s/ BRANDON G BAZAN, OWNER Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 05/18/2021 I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office San Bernardino County Clerk By:/Deputy Notice-This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel 05/28/2021, 06/04/2021, 06/11/2021, 06/18/2021 CN-BB21202101MT

boat, where, armed with a knife, he raped the wife. Her husband reported the rape and accompanied his wife to Goleta Valley Hospital, where she was treated and released. The couple then went to the sheriff’s office to provide a statement with regard to the rape. There the woman saw a “Wanted for Murder” poster/flier in the detectives’ office bearing a photo of Cooper, whereupon Angel Jackson was identified as Kevin Cooper.

Board Of Supervisors Keeping Timetable For Legalizing Commercial Marijuana In The County Close To Their Vests *from page 6*

was incarcerated and out of commission.

In July 2019, Sheriff McMahon, himself a central part of the political establishment in San Bernardino County, in a highly unusual move arranged to release Postmus from custody 22 months prior to his then-scheduled release date, after having served fewer than eight of the 36 months of his sentence, and more than nine months prior to the halfway point in his sentence, which under normal circumstances would have

been the earliest Postmus could have been released.

Postmus was released, conditional upon his wearing an ankle monitor, traveling no further than 50 miles from his registered place of residence, maintaining a curfew, reporting regularly to his parole officer and being subject to random drug screening. Postmus moved in, on a temporary basis, with this sister in Wrightwood. Almost immediately, he reinitiated Mountain States Consulting Group’s operations, and he was active and a key player in a multitude of political races in San Bernardino County in both the March 2020 and November 2020 primary and general elections.

On May 18 at a workshop pertaining to the

county’s proposed 2021-2022 Budget, the board of supervisors telegraphed their intention to put \$10.4 million into the spending plan for the upcoming year to address bothersome land use and code enforcement issues in the county’s unincorporated areas, a large number of which consist of unlicensed marijuana farms. Some of the money is to go toward other code enforcement efforts as well as ensuring compliance with the county’s ordinance pertaining to short-term rental units.

Sources close to Postmus say that the board of supervisors’ move to fund more sheriff’s department efforts against unlicensed marijuana cultivators was a signal that its members are agreeable to the time-

table he has worked out with Board of Supervisors Chairman Curt Hagman and County Chief Executive Officer Leonard Hernandez to provide the marijuana-related businesses that are Mountain States’ clients with the limited number of permits the county will issue when it undertakes to legalize marijuana-related commercial activity less than two years hence. The arrangements Postmus is pursuing in getting his clients permits to operate at the county level will ultimately give those entities an inside track in establishing cannabis-related businesses in the eleven other county municipalities besides Adelanto, Hesperia and Needles where the sheriff’s department fills the role of

police department, Postmus believes, those being Chino Hills, Rancho Cucamonga, Grand Terrace, Loma Linda, Highland, Big Bear Lake, Yucaipa, Yucca Valley, Twentynine Palms, Apple Valley and Victorville.

The *Sentinel’s* efforts to obtain statements from Hagman, Cook, Rutherford, Rowe, Baca, McMahon, Hernandez, County Chief Financial Officer Matthew Erickson, County Counsel Michelle Blakemore and Chief Assistant County Counsel Penny Alexander-Kelley were unsuccessful.

The *Sentinel’s* phone calls to Blakemore and Alexander-Kelley to find out the degree to which Hagman and Hernandez have shared with them the timetable for permitting

the sale of marijuana in San Bernardino County were intercepted by a secretary in the county counsel’s office. Initially, the secretary said that Blakemore would “not be the best person” to discuss marijuana-related issues, suggesting that such questions be routed to the attorney specially assigned to the county’s cannabis policy. She did not identify that attorney or make clear whether that attorney was a member of the office of county counsel or an outside attorney retained by the county. Upon determining she was speaking with a newspaper reporter, the secretary indicated that the county’s attorneys are not permitted to speak to the public.

An Overwhelming Circumstantial Case Was Presented Against Cooper At His Trial *from page 10*

Cooper was taken into custody shortly thereafter by Santa Barbara Sheriff’s Department deputies and Coast Guard personnel. Items from the Lease/Lang house were found by deputies searching the Handys’ sailboat in the follow-up to the arrest.

Then-San Bernardino County District Attorney Dennis Kottmeier prosecuted the case himself with the assistance of one of his deputy prosecutors, John Kochis. The case was tried not in San Bernardino County Superior Court but in San Diego Superior Court before Judge Richard C. Garner. Cooper was defended by San Bernardino County Public Defender David Negus. The trial lasted from September 1984 until June of 2005.

Kottmeier and Kochis, though handicapped by an absence of any direct evidence linking Cooper to the killings, were nevertheless able to build a strong circumstantial case against the defendant. Kottmeier entered into evidence partial shoe prints found at the murder scene and at the Lease/Lang house, where Cooper admitted he had hid after his prison escape. Kottmeier and Kochis further used the cigarette butts consisting of the Role-Rite prison-issue to-

bacco and prison-issued rolling papers found in the Lease/Lang house and in the Ryens’ abandoned station wagon to tie Cooper to the crime.

Another damning piece of evidence was a spot of blood on the hallway wall of the Ryen house that was consistent with Cooper’s blood profile.

A bloody shoeprint made by a Pro-Ked Dude shoe, matching the type of shoes issued to prison inmates, was demonstrated as having been impressed on a sheet in the master bedroom of the Ryen house, along with a matching shoeprint on a spa cover outside the Ryen house, and another in the pool room at the Lease/Lang house. This was augmented with positive Luminol tests, demonstrating the presence of a quantity of blood in a shower in the Lease/Lang house.

A bloodstained hatchet from the Lease/Lang house found near the Ryen home along with the sheath from the hatchet found on the floor of the bedroom that contained the closet where Cooper had slept were presented as evidence to the jury, along with a button found in the Lease/Lang house that matched a prison-issue jacket. Some hunting knives and at least one ice pick were missing from the Lease/Lang house. A strap fitting one of the missing knives was found in the same bedroom.

Another piece of evidence to suggest that

Cooper had made his way from the Lease/Lang house to the Ryen residence consisted of an empty beer can in the field between the two homes matching beer in the refrigerator at the Lease/Lang house.

The prosecution demonstrated that there were two burrs adhered to the inside of Jessica Ryen’s nightgown approximately ten inches up from the bottom hem. Kottmeier asserted to the jury that because the top of Jessica’s nightgown did not have holes corresponding with some of Jessica’s post mortem chest wounds, at some point the assailant had raised Jessica’s nightgown, and, in the process of inflicting her chest wounds, deposited the burrs. The prosecution also presented evidence to show similar burrs were found on the inside of the Ryen station wagon and on a blanket found in the closet where Cooper slept on June 3. Plants producing the burrs grew in the field between the Ryen house and the Lease/Lang house.

There were a total of 141 witness called, many of whom offered contradictory testimony. Some of the most dramatic, meaningful and important elements of the trial consisted of testimony from sheriff’s investigators and hospital personnel at Loma Linda University Hospital where Joshua Ryen was flown by helicopter on June 5, 1983. Initially, in the presence of a sheriff’s detective

and a social worker, the eight-year-old indicated his attackers were three white men. In a second interview an hour later, Dr. Mary Howell, Joshua’s grandmother, also testified that Joshua told Deputy Hector O’Campo that three Latinos were in the house when the family was killed. On June 15, Joshua told Reserve Deputy Luis Simo that Cooper was not the killer, saying “He didn’t do it,” upon seeing Cooper’s photo on television during a newscast.

Joshua Ryen’s testimony at trial was provided via videotape, during which he said he could not remember much about his attacker or attackers and did not see his attacker directly but as “a shadow on the wall.”

Cooper testified for five days under examination by Kottmeier, during which he admitted to being in the Lease/Lang house immediately adjacent to the Ryen property, but did not waive in maintaining his innocence to the murders, while acknowledging that he had stolen a purse from a woman in San Ysidro after hitchhiking there to make his way into Mexico.

Cooper’s attorney, San Bernardino County Public Defender David Negus, put on testimony by Edward Lelko, the bartender at the Canyon Corral Bar, located not far from the Ryen home, that he had served beer to three men the night of June 4, 1983. The men were not among

his regular set of customers, which generally consisted of cowboys and nearby residents. They never returned to the bar. One of those men was “extremely drunk” and was subsequently refused service. The three wore light-colored T-shirts, similar to a bloodstained tan T-shirt found on June 7, 1983, beside a road near the bar. That shirt bore the blood of Doug Ryen, it was later determined.

Based upon the circumstantial evidence he and Kochis had placed before the jury, Kottmeier convinced the jurors that there was full and convincing proof that Cooper committed the murders. Cooper was convicted on four counts of murder and one count of attempted murder. The jury recommended the death penalty and Judge Garner sentenced him to death in the gas chamber at San Quentin. There followed reviews by and appeals to state and federal courts for more than 18 years. Cooper was scheduled to be executed on February 10, 2004. On January 29, 2004, then-Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger denied a request that Cooper be granted clemency. On February 8, 2004, a three judge panel consisting of Judges Pamela Rymer, Ronald Gould and James Browning heard Cooper’s petition and rejected it by a vote of 2–1. Judge Browning, as the lone dissenter was able to assemble enough judges to get a judicial panel to block the execution to al-

low further DNA testing. Ultimately, the Supreme Court unanimously upheld the stay, effectively blocking the execution of the death warrant.

The Campaign to End the Death Penalty, the ACLU and Death Penalty Focus took up Cooper’s cause. Over the years, Kottmeier was supplanted as San Bernardino County district attorney by Dennis Stout, followed by Mike Ramos, and currently by Jason Anderson. The San Bernardino County sheriff at the time of the murders, Floyd Tidwell, was succeeded by Dick Williams, Gary Penrod, Rod Hoops and now John McMahon, with each successive administration considering the upholding of the integrity of the Ryen/Hughes death investigation and Kevin Cooper’s conviction to be synonymous with the credibility of San Bernardino County law enforcement.

The sheriff’s department’s handling of the case, which was already subject to criticism given the fashion in which more than 70 individuals, many of them sheriff’s department personnel, had trampled evidence at the murder scene in the two days following the discovery of the bodies, had its reputation damaged further when what would later be represented as key evidence was mishandled or mislaid, lost or destroyed by the department. A tan-colored shirt with blood stains was found by sher-

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iff's personnel not very distant from the murder scene beside Peyton Road. That shirt was logged in as evidence and is yet preserved, and was subject to the DNA testing ordered by Governor Brown just before left office in 2018. Also alongside Peyton Road, a local resident, Laurel Epler, came across a blue shirt which she said she believed had blood on it. She called the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department and reported the find. The sheriff's department misplaced that second shirt. A pair of bloody overalls alleged to have been worn by the man wearing the tan shirt, Lee Furrow, were thrown out without being examined by the sheriff's department's forensic experts, its scientific investigations division or its laboratory.

The blue shirt, the tan shirt and the bloody overalls became objects of acute scrutiny and speculation as the post trial examination and re-examination of Cooper's guilt intensified. Those items and the goings-on at the Canyon Corral Bar became the core of an alternate murder suspect(s) theory centering around Furrow.

While the projection of Furrow as the possible perpetrator of the murders held promise for Cooper's legal team and can be credited with having kept Cooper from being put to death more than 17 years ago, the succession of unlikely layers of happenstance this theory involves, when compared to the far more likely causal presumptions in the original prosecution's theory has created a level of skepticism about the defense theories and the assertions of Cooper's innocence, at both the governmental and public levels, that is militating against Cooper far more than in his favor.

Investigators working on behalf of the legal team seeking to keep Cooper from being executed explored in far greater depth the trail of testimony and evidence involving Edward Leiko, the bartender at the Canyon Corral Bar the night of the murders. Leiko's information ex-

plored at the trial proved to be a cul-de-sac for the defense at that time. Many years later, however, it loomed as a major boulevard toward what Cooper's advocates considered to be justice. Others in the Canyon Corral Bar who saw the three strangers that night were Shirley Killian, the bar manager; Pam Smith, a bar patron; Lance Stark, a bar patron whom the sheriff's department tried to intimidate into not testifying in 2004; Christine Slonaker, a phlebotomist, who recognized blood on the strangers' clothing; Mary Mellon Wolfe, who was with Slonaker and who, like Slonaker, testified to seeing the blood at Cooper's evidentiary hearing in 2004; and Kathy Royals, a waitress who waited on the strangers.

Defense investigators learned that another convicted murderer, Clarence Ray Allen, who was himself executed in 2006, had become embroiled in a dispute with Doug and Peggy Ryen over a horse he had purchased from them. Among Allen's employees was Lee Furrow, another criminal whom Allen had previously hired to kill Allen's son's 17-year-old girlfriend, Mary Sue Kitts. According to Furrow's then-girlfriend, Diana Roper, Lee Furrow came home in the early morning of June 5, 1983 wearing bloody overalls and without the tan shirt he had been wearing earlier in the day. Lee Furrow changed out of the overalls and on June 9, Diana Roper called the sheriff's department to report what had occurred and thereafter provided the overalls to the department. The sheriff's department never had its scientific investigations division test the overalls for blood, never turned them over to Negus, Cooper's defense attorney, and instead disposed of them on the day of Cooper's arraignment. Internal sheriff's department phone logs established that a deputy sheriff made multiple attempts to give the overalls to the lead investigator. This contradicted the deputy's later claim, when the defense made an issue of the overalls, that he never considered the overalls of evidentiary value. A supervisor admitted to an investigator that he signed off on

disposing of the overalls, thereby impeaching the deputy's testimony at trial that he made that decision.

It is believed by some that Furrow is one of the three men who were unfamiliar to Leiko, the bartender at the Canyon Corral Bar working the night of June 4, 1983. Killian, Smith, Stark, Slonaker, Wolfe and Royals, all of whom were present at the bar that night, would eventually provide testimony with regard to the presence of the three men at the Corral Canyon Bar on the night of June 4. The Ryen family's station wagon was found in Long Beach, within five miles of Furrow's mother's home. There was blood matched to the Ryen family on both the driver side and passenger side of the front seat as well as in the back seat, an indication, Cooper's defenders say, that three men attacked the Ryen family and Christopher Hughes and then, splattered with blood, made their getaway in the station wagon.

Cooper's defenders postulate that Furrow, who was part of a murderous gang that had murdered on behalf of Allen in the past, had been sent to Chino Hills to collect on a debt the Ryens owed Allen for the horse. Undercutting that theory is the consideration that by June 1983, Furrow and Allen were no longer on good terms. In 1977, Furrow had entered a guilty plea to killing Mary Sue Kitts at the bequest of Allen, who from prison sought to arrange to have another career criminal, Billy Ray Hamilton, murder Furrow and seven other witnesses to prevent them from testifying during the appeal process of Allen's conviction in the Kitts murder.

By the early 2000s, Cooper's legal team sought to have DNA testing carried out on several of the pieces of evidence used to convict him more than a decade-and-a-half after his trial. Evincing a rather curious attitude for those so confident in Cooper's guilt, prosecutors resisted those requests. Eventually, after Cooper's 2004 execution was narrowly averted, an order for DNA testing of some of the evidence was granted. Pointedly, the DNA test showed that the tan shirt had both Douglas Ryen's

and Cooper's blood on it.

The presence of Cooper's blood on the shirt delivered a seemingly irrefutable blow to the assertions of Cooper's innocence. Nonetheless, Cooper's defenders doubled down, saying they believed that Cooper's blood, drawn from him after his arrest as part of the investigative process, was subsequently planted on the shirt. Furthermore, Cooper's legal team staked the credibility of its case on a clump of blonde hair found in Jessica Ryen's hand, maintaining it was indicative that she was murdered by someone other than Cooper, an African-American.

On Christmas Eve 2018, just prior to his leaving office, Governor Brown issued an executive order relating to the Cooper case calling for new testing, using up-to-date scientific standards to be applied on four pieces of evidence: the tan T-shirt found in a ditch off the side of the road near the Corral Canyon Bar, an orange towel found near the scene and the handle of the hatchet used in the murders and the hatchet sheath. "I take no position as to Mr. Cooper's guilt or innocence at this time, but colorable factual questions have been raised about whether advances in DNA technology warrant limited retesting of certain physical evidence in this case," Brown wrote in his executive order. Brown said that if the tests failed to turn up new DNA or some that did not lead to any identifiable individual, "this matter should be closed."

Over the years, the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office, district attorneys Kottmeier, Stout, Ramos and deputy district attorneys Grover Merritt and James Secord have insisted that Cooper was the killer, he was given a fair and adequate trial while represented by a competent attorney and that previous DNA tests and other scientific analyses point unerringly to his guilt.

In appeals to Governor Brown in 2017 and 2018 that led to Brown's Christmas Eve 2018 order, Cooper's defense team, led by attorney Norman Hile, insisted that Cooper had never worn the tan shirt and the person who was wearing it was the person

who had murdered the Ryens and Hughes. Hile said modern DNA analysis is more sophisticated and exacting than what was previously available, extending beyond blood to sweat and skin particles absorbed into or adhering to cloth, allowing a determination to be made that it was not Cooper who was wearing the shirt. The testing would also bear out Cooper's defense team's suggestion that the case against Cooper has been tainted all along by law enforcement misconduct and efforts to load the dice against his client, most notably Hile said, by saturating the tan T-shirt with blood drawn from Cooper as part of the investigative process after his capture.

Brown's order did not extend to DNA testing on the clump of hairs found clutched in Jessica Ryen's palm. In the spring of 2019, however, Hile and Cooper's advocates convinced Brown's successor, Governor Newsom, to augment the testing on the shirt, the orange towel and the hatchet handle and hatchet sheath with DNA testing on the hairs in Jessica Ryen's hand, other preserved blood evidence, fingernail scrapings from the victims and a green button found at the Lease/Lang house.

Bode Technology, a respected forensic laboratory, carried out that analysis. The results beyond what was already known, that the shirt bore Cooper's blood and that of Douglas Ryen, were inconclusive. The hairs in Jessica Ryen's hand were her own and non-human animal hair.

Both camps – those representing Cooper and the district attorney's of-

fice – maintain the Bode Laboratories examination results support their positions with regard to Cooper's innocence or guilt. The Bode results do nothing to add to the prosecution's case that Cooper is the murderer, Hile and his team maintain. The Bode results confirm that Cooper's blood was on the shirt along with Douglas Ryen's, the district attorney's office has countered, and there was nothing in the testing to suggest that anyone other than Cooper murdered the Ryens and Hughes.

To resolve the dispute, Newsom's order calls for an independent investigation of the evidence marshaled so far in the aftermath of Cooper's conviction, one which is to be carried out by the law firm of Morrison & Foerster, which is to serve as a special counsel. Newsom considers Morrison & Foerster to be an independent trier of fact, with no interest in sustaining Cooper's conviction nor in making a determination of Cooper's innocence.

Under normal circumstances, an appeal of a conviction extends only to issues raised at trial. Newsom's order gives Morrison & Foerster license to explore any issues relating to Cooper's guilt or innocence, whether previously considered in the official record of the trial and the appeal process or not. The review will extend to the 1984-to-1985 trial, the sheriff's department's investigative file, evidence and testimony presented pre-trial and during appeals, and any material or evidence that did not make it into the trial or appellate record, along with all DNA testing results.

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District Attorney's Office, and was found by an Orange County jury to be a sexually violent predator, which led to his commitment to the Department of State Hospitals for treatment.

On October 25, 2019, the Orange County Superior Court ordered Rhoden released into the community under the supervision of Liberty Healthcare. That led to the order for his placement in

Twentynine Palms.

San Bernardino County District Attorney Jason Anderson assigned deputy district attorneys Dan Ross and Maureen O'Connell to oppose, after the fact, the Orange County Superior Court's March 12 order. Ross's and O'Connell's filings and arguments led to yesterday's outcome.

"It's been a very long and uphill battle," said O'Connell. "One of the underlying objectives as a prosecutor is to protect our community and to advocate for our victims. This case did just that."