

Australian Company Looking To Establishing County's 3rd Rare Earth Mine

Concern regarding rare earth metal mining within the vast reaches of San Bernardino County's outback is reviving.

That concern is vectored from two perspectives that are nearly at polar opposites of the political spectrum. Some have misgivings that the intensive disturbance of the soil, to include pit mining and hydraulicking involving vast amounts of water in an arid environment will

ultimately redound in an ecological disaster. Others find it more disturbing that restrictions growing out of that environmental advocacy which are being imposed by both local and state government at present on what they consider to be an activity that has tremendous strategic importance for the United States both economically and militarily are giving foreigners the upper hand in terms of access

to a vital resource.

Rare earth metals, also referred to as lanthanides, are a set of 17 minerals – specifically scandium, yttrium, lanthanum, cerium, praseodymium, neodymium, promethium, samarium, gadolinium, europium, terbium, dysprosium, holmium, erbium, thulium, lutetium and ytterbium.

Prior to the late 19th Century, rare earth elements did not have a

crucial or indispensable role in important applications. Rare earth metals first achieved significant industrial and consumer relevance in the 1890s when chemist Carl Auer von Welsbach utilized cerium and thorium to create the Welsbach gas mantle, which allowed for very bright gas-burning street lights. Welsbach thereafter developed "mischmetal," an alloy of rare earths, which was widely used

as flints in pocket cigarette lighters. The advent of color television in the 1950s and its refinement in the 1960s created unprecedented and enduring demand for europium, which creates a bright red illumination within television screens.

San Bernardino County was at the absolute forefront of lanthanide production as a consequence of the Mountain Pass **See P 2**

Chino Planning Commission Nixes Huge Battery Energy Storage Project

By a bare 4-to-3 margin, The Chino Planning Commission on Wednesday, July 15 shot down AYPAs request to develop a 400-megawatt battery energy storage system facility between Benson Avenue and Oaks Avenue, south of Shaefer Avenue and north of Edison Avenue on industrially-zoned property adjacent to residentially-zoned property.

The decision comes after multiple other cities in California, including ones in San Bernardino County, have struggled with safety issues relating to dense energy storage facility dependent upon lithium batteries, which are vulnerable to "runaway thermal" in circumstances in which the integrity of their containers have been breached.

While the project site technically is within an industrial zone and proximate to the Edison Corridor and its power lines which span a swath running virtually the entire width of the city, it also lies roughly 900 feet from the city's premier recreation amenity, Ayala Park, and is close to residential neighborhoods.

AYPA Power's proposal, referred to as the Dirac project, is the logical outgrowth of a surge in the popularity of battery storage facilities in that they provide rapid solutions to unprecedented power demands such as those from artificial intelligence and data centers, prevent rolling blackouts during extreme weather, and store cheap renewable energy for use during expensive peak hours. **See P 3**

Judge Orders ICE To End Inhumane Incarceration At Adelanto Facility

In response to a lawsuit that alleged unregistered foreign nationals being detained at the Adelanto Immigration and Customs Enforcement's processing Center in Adelanto are being subjected widespread abuse and inhumane conditions, Federal Judge Judge Sunshine on Thursday issued an order that federal immigration officials undertake immediate reforms at the facility to safeguard the the health and safety of the inmates there.

Public Counsel, along with the Coalition for Human Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA), Immigrant Defenders Law Center, and Willkie Farr & Gallagher, filed a lawsuit in January 2026 against federal authorities and agencies, asserting the operators of the prison, GEO, on behalf of the federal government and the Donald Trump Administration were subjecting those incarcerated there to inhumane conditions "a core part of its broader scheme to harass, intimidate, punish, and deport immigrants."

That mistreatment extended, but was not limited, to providing the inmates with insufficient

food, unclean drinking water, moldy towels and inadequate medical care, according to the lawsuit. In encouraging or tolerating the manner in which GEO is operating the Adelanto Immigration and Customs Enforcement Processing Center, Public Counsel, the Coalition for Human Immigrant Rights, Immigrant Defenders Law Center and Willkie Farr & Gallagher **See P 3**

State Education Department Audit Confirms RUSD Meal Program Overbillings

A dozen years after a Rialto Unified School District accountant was caught embezzling at least \$1.8 million in student lunch money from the district's Nutrition Services Department, the audits and investigations division within the California Department of Education has determined that the district never fully redressed its accounting and internal auditing shortcomings, resulting in it misdirecting to itself over \$3 million in state funding for the district's student meal program.

Whereas the thefts Rialto Unified School District Accounting Manager Judith Oakes was proven to have perpetuated between 2005

and 2013 were crudely but effectively carried out and entailed physically removing cash and coins, the activity that took place during the 2020-to-2022 COVID crisis that involved Nutrition Services Director Fausat Rahman-Davies, Assistant Nutrition Services Department Director Maria Rangel and Nutrition Services Program Innovator Kristina Kraushaar was more sophisticated, involving electronic entries across two data entry systems and the conveyance of some of the food purchased for the district by the state being handed off to charities or others connected to Rahman-Davies.

Similarly, the perpetrators of the **See P 5**

Two-Year-Old Kills Self With Gun Hidden In Couch Cushions

A two-year-old child yesterday killed himself with a gun he came across in the Highland apartment he lived in with his mother and her boyfriend.

According to authorities, the gun was hidden between the seat cushions of a couch in the small apartment at 6920 Victoria Avenue, near the corner of Pacific Street and Victoria Avenue.

According to San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department spokeswoman Gloria Orejel, "Through investigation it was determined that the child found a loaded firearm inside the house, in between some cushions on the couch. He grabbed the gun and accidentally shot himself."

According to a statement put out by the sheriff's department, "On Thursday, July 16, 2026, at about 5:27 p.m., deputies in Highland were dispatched to a residence on Victoria Street for a two-year-old child who had been shot. Deputies arrived at the location and began cardiopulmonary resuscitation on the child. Emergency medical personnel responded and transported the child to the hospital where he died shortly after. The child's mother, Jamaría Cobb, and her boyfriend, Armand Bright, were inside the residence when the shooting occurred."

Jamaría Heaven Ana Cobb, 20, and Armand Shay Bright, 52, both of Highland, were arrested. The firearm was legally registered to Bright, who is not the victim's biological father, according to Orejel.

San Bernardino County Child and Family Services took a second child, the victim's one-year-old sibling, who was also residing inside

the home, into protective custody. by, Orejel said.

Investigators determined the child gained access to the firearm on his own.

After extensive questioning that lasted until late Thursday night, Bright and Cobb were each booked into the West Valley Detention Center in Rancho Cucamonga on a single charge of PC273A(A) – child abuse resulting in great bodily injury or death at 1 a.m. on Friday morning July 17. The remain jailed with a bail amount of \$1,350,000 apiece.

Silverwood Lake Shuttered While It Is Salted With Copper Sulfate To Suppress Algae

In what has virtually grown into an annual event, Silverwood Lake was the site on an algae bloom.

In response, the California Department of Water Resources instituted temporary restrictions at the popular recreational venue, including banning the use of boats, watercraft and fishing. On Tuesday, July 14, the lake was close to allow for the infusion of copper sulfate into the water to manage the algae bloom.

The California Department of Water Resources's action **See P 4**

The Mountain Pass Mine Was At The Forefront Of Rare Earth Production & Refining In the 1940s, 1950s, 1960s, 1970s, 1980s & 1990s from front page

Mine, located within the northeasternmost extension of the county, some 14 miles from Nevada border.

Incidental to the extraction of europium from Mountain Pass was the derivation of multiple other rare earth elements, just as technical advancement in a number of fields throughout the 20th Century led to the identification of uses for them. Rare earths at present serve as niche ingredients in the components of high-tech devices, including mercury-vapor lamps, high-temperature superconductors, lasers, microwave filters, high refractive index glass, electrical vehicles, flint products, battery-electrodes, camera lenses, carbon arc lighting, didymium glass used in welding goggles, ceramic capacitors, nuclear batteries, specialized magnets, semi-conductors, red and blue phosphors, modern x-ray machines, infrared lasers and computer chips.

The Mountain Pass Mine, owned and operated by the Molybdenum Corporation, known as Molycorp, was in the 1950s, 1960s, 1970s and 1980s the world's most productive rare earth element mine.

In 1996, a pipeline that conveyed wastewater containing heavy metals and radioactive particles from the mining operation to evaporation ponds at Ivanpah Dry Lake ruptured, releasing on seven occasions between July 24 and August 3 of that year thorium and radium-contaminated water into floor of the desert within the Mojave National Preserve and its surroundings.

The San Bernardino County District Attorney's office, then headed by District Attorney Dennis Stout, assigned its environmental crimes

division to look into the situation. Over the next several years, while then-Deputy District Attorney Charles Umeda explored initiating both civil action against the corporation, which at that point been bought out by Unocal and would eventually become a division of Chevron, and criminal cases against some of its corporate officers and employees, a decision to close the mine was made in 2002, against a backdrop of environmental restrictions, increasing operational costs and lower prices for rare earth minerals.

The U.S. at that point lost its lead in rare earth production and much of its rare earth processing capacity. Within a very narrow temporal window, China became the world's leading source of rare earths. At present, that country has a stranglehold on the mining and production of the critical elements, producing upwards of 85 percent of the world's lanthanides.

Efforts to revive the Mountain Pass Mine have been ongoing for some time, beginning with Chevron selling the mine to privately-held Greenwood Village, Colorado-based Molycorp Minerals LLC., which reopened it in 2012, for more than two years tapping into Mountain Pass's rich deposits. Seeing that the United States was once again on an arc toward rare earth independence, Chinese companies, subsidized by the Communist Chinese government, increased the output of their mines and created a glut of rare earths on the world market, driving prices downward. By 2015, Molycorp was unable to sell its product at a price that matched or exceeded its production costs nor defray the interest let alone the principal on the debt it had taken on in the modernization of the mine and purchasing its accompanying processing equipment. Molycorp declared bankruptcy, and in July 2017, the mine and its equipment were acquired by a Chinese-led consortium. The mine remained shut-

tered as the Chinese solidified their dominance of the worldwide rare earth production industry. Despite the consideration that the Mountain Pass Mine during this time was not producing a profit, in moves that were motivated, perhaps, as much or more by patriotic sentiment than mercenary intent, Chicago based JHL Capital Group and New York City-based QVT Financial and its chief executive officer, James Litinsky, in late 2017 became involved in the holding company controlling the mine property, which was redubbed MP Materials. By 2021, QVT, JHL and Litinsky emerged as the three primary shareholders in MP Materials, such that the primary Chinese shareholder in the mine, Shenghe Resources, had its interest in the enterprise reduced to 7.7 percent.

Simultaneously, Gina Rinehart, the only child of Australian mining magnate Lang Hancock, the executive chairman of Hancock Prospecting and in 2026 Australia's richest person, purchased an 8.4 percent interest in the Mountain Pass rare earths mine, making her the single largest non-governmental or non-institutional shareholder in that enterprise.

In recent years, the Mountain Pass Mine has ramped up production, and is currently responsible for roughly 11 percent of the rare earth minerals being produced globally.

On April 4, 2025, China imposed export controls on scandium, yttrium, samarium, gadolinium, terbium, dysprosium and lutetium, causing significant disruption to global supply chains for industries reliant on those materials. In a reaction to that move, the U.S. Defense Department, since renamed the Department of War, in July 2025 acquired \$400 million in MP Materials preferred stock, giving the Pentagon a 15 percent stake in the company. The acquisition was accompanied by an announcement that MP Materials would acceler-

ate the production of rare earth metals and beef up the domestic supply chain, thereby reducing dependence on foreign sources.

MP Materials remains the only U.S. rare earth mining and processing facility. Nevertheless, more than 50 percent of the processed materials it is responsible for are shipped abroad for final refining. Despite the growing importance of rare earth minerals, American investors, in large measure because of the treacherous regulatory and environmental pitfalls associated with rare earth mining, production and refining, have been reluctant to become involved in such operations.

At present, a group of enterprising individuals are seeking to get in on the ground floor of another rare earth mining operation in San Bernardino County. Of note however, they are not Americans, but like Rinehart, Australians.

The mine was closed down in the 1990s because of environmental concerns. During its hiatus, the Chinese leapt into the breach and became the owners and operators of mines producing in excess of 80 percent of the world's rare earth elements. In the same timeframe, over the last three decades, with scientific advancements, rare earths became more and more crucial to the economy as modern products increasingly utilized components containing lanthanides.

Music Valley, named for the somewhat unworldly sounds produced by strong desert winds whipping through the area's rocky canyons, is a remote area straddling portions of San Bernardino and Riverside counties, located roughly 8 to 12 miles southeast of Twentynine Palms. A historic mining district, it is now recognized that in addition to gold, the area is relatively rich in rare earth minerals.

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States. One of Dateline's ongoing undertakings is the Colosseum Gold and Rare Earths Project, which is located in San Bernardino County near its boundary with Inyo County, about six miles north of the Mountain Pass Mine, in the Clark Mountain/Walker Lane area and within the Mojave National Preserve. More recently, Dateline has acquired 57 existing claims encompassing 1,140 acres or 1.78125 square miles and has staked another 969 claims, covering 19,380 acres or 30.28125 square miles in Music Valley. According to representations made by Dateline to its potential investors, "The Music Valley Heavy Rare Earth Project target area is prospective for heavy rare earth minerals. Early work in the region highlights strong potential for significant rare earth element mineralisation. The project sits within a recognized geological setting for heavy rare earth enrichment based on US Geological Service studies."

In making that pitch to investors, Dateline emphasized that "The Music Valley Heavy Rare Earth Project... lies near established infrastructure including major highways and power. The region has a mining history and accessible terrain. Rare earth mineralisation in the broader Music Valley area was first identified in 1954 by USGS [United States Geologic Survey geologists. USGS mapping shows the Music Valley area is underlain by Proterozoic to Palaeozoic

metasedimentary rocks intruded by granitic and alkaline igneous bodies. These units are overlain locally by tertiary volcanic and sedimentary sequences. Faulting and fracturing are widespread and control fluid movement and mineral deposition. USGS studies describe rare earth mineralisation associated with alkaline intrusive rocks, altered volcanic units, and reworked sedimentary materials. Heavy rare earth elements occur within accessory minerals such as xenotime, monazite, and other rare earth element phosphates."

According to Dateline, prior to drilling into the bedrock of Music Valley, it is engaged in "initial work programs" with include detailed geological mapping, confirmatory rock chip and soil sampling,, review and integration of historical USGS datasets, and geophysical surveys to define subsurface targets."

Incipient opposition to Dateline's designs on Music Valley is forming among Morongo Valley and other Mojave Desert residents. Debate on how to approach the issue is ongoing among them.

There are paradoxical alignments among both supporters of Dateline's plans and opponents.

One issue is the ecological havoc that would result from pit mining or the use of hydraulicking. Hydraulicking, also called hydraulic mining, involves excavating alluvial or other mineral deposits by directing high-pressure water jets at the

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More Fallout From Case Of The Crypto Godfather & Chino-Based Policeman For The Mob

By Mark Gutglueck

There has been further fallout in the case involving Eric Chase Saavedra, the Chino man who moonlighted as the “Policeman for the Mob” while he was simultaneously a respected member of Southern California’s law enforcement profession.

Scott Allen Simpkins, 34, of Brea who at one time worked side-by-side with Saavedra as a member of the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department and then

simultaneously went to work with a private security company owned by Saavedra to carry out investigative, muscle, intimidation, kneecap-busting, surveillance, extortion and other illicit assignments for organized crime figures, garden variety criminals or anyone who would pay for it, was sentenced to one year, six months in prison and fined \$10,000 on Monday, July 13 by U.S. District Judge Percy Anderson, who also fined him \$10,000.

Within the next week, another former Los Angeles County sheriff’s deputy, 45-year-old David Anthony Rodriguez, is to be sentenced for his misdeeds in assisting Saavedra with operation that turned data bases operated by local, state and federal law enforcement agencies into assets for the underworld.

Saavedra, who was then 38 years old, founded a private security company, Saavedra & Associates LLC, registering it with the Cali-

fornia Secretary of State on August 26, 2021. Saavedra & Associates remains registered with the State of California as an active business entity. Saavedra & Associates provided private security for its clients, employing active Los Angeles Sheriff’s Department deputies and other law enforcement officers.

Members of the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department, as do other California law enforcement agencies, have access to the Jus-

tice Data Interface Controller, known as JDIC, maintained by their department; can obtain access to the Central Name Index, maintained by the San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Department; are able to tap into the California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System, known by its acronym, CLETS, which is maintained by the California Department of Justice, which incorporates within its bailiwick the California Attorney Generals’ Of-

fice; can log into NCIC, the National Crime Information Center data bank maintained by the FBI; and have privileges to utilize NLETS, the National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System maintained by a consortium of law enforcement agencies in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and U.S. territories are database and information retrieval systems available to law enforcement agencies that are interlinked and

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Rialto Food Services Director From Nigeria Saw No Issue With Diverting Food Intended For School Students To Her Family & Charitis She Favored

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2005-to-2013 and 2020-to-2022 diversions were able to keep a lid on them through the compromising of those at a higher administrative or political level within the district. Oakes succeeded in keeping the thefts from coming to light, at least during the end stage of that chapter, by entering into a sexual relationship with Harold

Cebrun, who was then Rialto Unified’s superintendent. Rahman-Davies insulated herself and the misuse of the state funding by arranging for the district to hire the mother of one of the school district’s board members as a nutrition services division employee.

The 2005-to-2013 diversions came to light as the result of Rancho Cu-

camonga-based Stewart Investigations Services having initiated an inquiry into allegations of financial irregularities in the district on behalf of a person or persons unknown. According to Stesart Investigations, the thefts has begun as early as 1998 and had involved the district’s loss of \$3.16 million. When a public rather than private investigation into the matter, involving the Rialto Police Department, the San Bernardino County District

Attorney’s Office and the California Department of Education was launched, the forensic audit of the lunch program was constrained to the eight years from 2005 to 2013, whereupon the missing \$1.8 million was confirmed.

The revelations relating to the 2020-2022 diversions grew out of observations by Sarah Dunbar-Riley, a nutrition services supervisor, who maintained that during the latter two-thirds of her nine-year tenure as

a district employee she sought to bring to the attention of district higher-ups that meal counts were being inflated and reimbursement claims overstated.

In 2020, with the advent of the COVID epidemic, social-distancing mandates and remote/internet classroom approaches for school districts throughout California, school-based nutrition programs were not discontinued but perpetuated, with parents whose financial

circumstance qualified their children for free breakfasts and lunches being able to go the campuses of their children’s schools and pick those meals up to go. According to Dunbar-Riley, with the initiation of the COVID nutrition program, substantial discrepancies in the counts of meals served and the number of meals served reported to state and federal authorities for reimbursement purposes, resulting in the district

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maintain the government is denying those incarcerated “basic human needs” such as “food, clothing, shelter, medical care, and reasonable safety.” As such, without having obtained a conviction or any form of ad-

judicated determination, those inmates are being subjected to punishment that violates their constitutional rights to due process of law.

Named in the lawsuit were the U.S. Department of Immigration and Customs Enforcement; the agency’s acting director Todd Lyons; Jaime Rios, acting director of Immigration and Customs Enforcement’s Los Angeles Field Office, Enforcement and Removal

Operations, which is responsible for the Adelanto center; the U.S. Department of Homeland Security; and then-current-but-now-former Secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Kristi Noem. The four plaintiffs in the suit are two individuals identified only by their initials – L.T. and J.M. and Sevak Mesrobian and Jose Mauro Salazar Garza.

The lawsuit called

upon the court to force an end to what was characterized as “unlawful and dangerous conditions at Adelanto and to secure enforceable protections, including adequate medical care, disability accommodations, safe and sanitary conditions, and meaningful oversight.”

In a statement, Public Counsel asserted, “The Constitution does not stop at the doors of a detention center, and being in custody does not strip

anyone of the right to basic medical care, humane treatment, or dignity. It protects all ‘persons’ — including immigrants and detained people — from cruel treatment, deliberate indifference to medical needs, and punitive conditions of confinement. Detention cannot mean lawlessness, and no one should be caged, commodified, or forced to endure trauma simply for seeking safety or opportunity.”

designated as Adelanto East, with a capacity of roughly 600 inmates, being the existing prison purchased in June 2010 from the City of Adelanto; the more recently built Adelanto West facility completed in August 2012, with another 700 beds; and the annex completed in 2015, with a capacity of 640 inmates. Under the Biden Administration, the facility was cleared to accommodate up to 1,940 immigrant detainees of all classification levels, and the expected stay of those incarcerated there was an average of 30 days, with the expectation that within that timeframe, a hearing for deportation would be held, and go-ahead for deportation granted, asylum granted or a determination that a more involved hearing process with regard to an asylum request was due the inmate. Under Biden, the population within the Adelanto ICE Detention

Lithium Batteries When Jostled Or Punctured Present The Hazard Of Thermal Runaway

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There is countervailing concern about the safety of such elements of the electrical infrastructure and the need to locate them in places where explosions or fires, while rare, will not immediately spread to areas of concentrated populations.

The Dirac project would store up to 400 megawatts, sufficient to power about 400,000 single-family homes with about eight hours of electricity, according to the city. It was to have been built on a 13.89-acre site with the addresses of 13925 Benson Avenue, 13822 Oaks Avenue, and 13910 Oaks Avenue, north of a Southern California Edison substation.

The Dirac project is to consist of a battery

energy storage system composed of lithium iron phosphate batteries, which are capable of roughly three to five times greater energy density than lead acid batteries. Lithium iron phosphate batteries utilize cobalt, nickel and manganese in their cathodes, and are substantially lighter than traditional lead acid batteries. Nevertheless, when used for the purposes of standby energy storage as a back-up to

power grid, they exist in great quantity and are quire large. They have an outer housing that is intended to be resilient and relatively rugged. Those containers, however, if hit with a sufficient vector of force, can be punctured. If jostled or banged, a container or its contents can be compromised, along with the internal structure of the battery itself, causing the separator between the anode and cathode

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The Adelanto ICE Detention Facility, which from 1991 to 2009 was a state prison for adult male inmates, was purchased by the GEO Group in 2010. In May 2011, the U.S. Department of Immigration and Customs Enforcement contracted with the GEO Group to operate the former prison as an immigration detention center. The facility at present consists of a cluster of three adjacent sections, with what is now

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Homeland Security Department Insists No Foreign Born Inmates Held For deportation Hearings Are Being Abused

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Facility never neared capacity. Shortly after the initiation of the second Trump Administration in January 2026, large numbers of detainees have flowed into the facility.

GEO Group Inc., as the operator of the Adelanto ICE Processing Center, was not sued, as part of a strategic move on the part of the attorneys involved in the suit – Rebecca Brown and Belinda Escobosa of Public Counsel, Carl Bergquist of the Coalition for Human Immigrant Rights, Alvara Huerta of the Immigrant Defenders Law Center and Nicholas Reddick of Willkie Farr & Gallagher.

Despite not being sued, GEO Group rallied, or attempted to rally, to the defense of the federal government, the Department of Homeland Security and the U.S. Department of Immigration and Customs Enforcement in the immediate aftermath of the lawsuit’s filing.

Sidestepping direct comment with regard to lawsuit’s allegations, it sought to deflect them by asserting, “We are proud of the role our company has played for 40 years to support the law enforcement mission of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). In all instances, our support services are monitored by ICE, including by on-site agency personnel, and other organizations within the Department of Homeland Security to ensure compliance with ICE’s detention standards and contract requirements regarding the treatment and services ICE detainees receive. In the event issues are identified, we quickly resolve all of ICE’s concerns as required by ICE’s Quality Assurance Surveillance Plan.”

In addition, GEO Group insisted, “At locations where GEO pro-

vides health care services, individuals are provided with access to teams of medical professionals including physicians, nurses, dentists, psychologists, and psychiatrists. Ready access to off-site medical specialists, imaging facilities, Emergency Medical Services, and local community hospitals is also provided when needed.”

Brown, Escobosa, Bergquist, Huerta and Reddick omitted GEO Group from the suit filed in January 2026 because six years previously, in January 2020, during the first Trump Administration, the U.S. Department of Justice filed a lawsuit against the State of California challenging Assembly Bill 32, which aimed to phase out private, for-profit prisons and immigration detention facilities in the Golden State. The case found its way to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which ultimately sided with what had been the Trump Administration’s contention, striking down California’s ban on for-profit detention facilities. In 2022, however, the federal attorneys and the Justice Department, still pursuing the Trump Administration’s goal in its lawsuit, had argued that private prisons operated on behalf of the federal government were, under applicable legal definitions, federal prisons.

This year, with President Trump in office, Assistant US Attorney Pushkal Mishra, in seeking to

counter the gravamen of the lawsuit lodged on behalf of L.T., J.M., Sevak Mesrobian and Jose Mauro Salazar Garza, during a July 10 court hearing told Judge Sykes that “GEO makes day-to-day operational choices” at the Adelanto ICE Processing Center. The issues at the heart of the lawsuit should not be laid at the feet of the federal government Mishra promulgated.

This prompted Escobosa to point out that in 2022, the federal government had taken a position at a 180 degree variance to what it is saying

now.

It was the federal government through its Department of Homeland Security, Department of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, its subdivision of Enforcement and Removal Operations and the U.S. Department of Customs and Border Protection that “chose to detain those individuals,” Escobosa told Judge Sykes. “the government is responsible for the constitutional violations happening to them every day.”

It is the Department of Immigration and Customs Enforcement that its operations are legitimate and lawful, that its detainment and deportation efforts are tailored toward targeting “the worst of the worst,” that it is strengthening border security and is engaging in protecting American citizens from drug traffickers, sex traffickers, sexual predators and criminals prone to violence who are in the country illegally. The Adelanto ICE Processing Center is key to that effort of identifying, arresting, detaining, and removing individuals who are subject to removal or unlawfully present in the U.S., according to the Trump Administration.

Sykes on Thursday came down in favor of L.T., J.M., Sevak Mesrobian and Jose Mauro Salazar Garza, issuing at order that the Department of Immigration and Customs Enforcement provide the inmates hereon out 24-hour access to clean drinking water, nutritious and sanitary meals with sufficient calories, free soap and hygiene products, adequate privacy for detainees using the restroom or showering, access to clean, temperature-appropriate clothing, mattresses, pillows and blankets and contact with family members.

In addition Judge Sykes told the Department of Immigration and Customs Enforcement it must make routine, daily cleaning of the detention facility, elimination mold within the facility premises, make the

main outdoor recreation yard available to inmates for at least four hours a day every day and ensure that family visiting inmates have access to a restroom and be permitted physical contact with the incarcerated individual they are there to see.

According to Department of Homeland

Chino’s Saavedra Sold Access To Law Enforcement Data Base To Those Willing To Pay Top Dollars

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intended to provide information relating to actual or suspected criminal activities, crime reports, incident reports, suspects, arrestees, those convicted of crimes, victims and witnesses. Use of and access to these systems are supposed to be limited to law enforcement agencies and their officers who are engaged in legitimate law enforcement activity and investigations.

On multiple occasions, Saavedra and those he employed at Saavedra & Associates made use of information derived from one or more of the restricted databases in carrying work

Summer Algal Blooms Have Become Routine At Silverwood Lake

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was taken to head off what would otherwise have become a severe “danger” level at the lake in the San Bernardino Mountains, south of Hesperia.

Algal blooms are a recurring problem because warm water, calm conditions, and excess nutrients allow blue-green algae, known scientifically as cyanobacteria, to multiply rapidly. While blue-green algae is a natural part of the lake’s ecosystem, hot summer conditions incubate fast expansion of the phenomenon, which can be accompanied by the release of toxins harmful to humans and animals. Visually, a bloom resembles surface mats or streaks, which

Security spokeswoman Lauren Bis, “Claims of inhumane conditions at the Adelanto ICE processing facility are false and without merit in their entirety. Those in custody are provided with adequate and nutritious meals, water, medical treatment, and opportunities to com-

on behalf of Saavedra & Associates clients.

Ultimately, Saavedra was tripped up as a consequence of work he carried out for Adam Iza, a youthful financial market hacker born in Iraq in 2000 whose original name was Ahmed Faiq. Iza grew up in Beverly Hills, where he developed a reputation as a teenage computer prodigy with advanced hacking skills. By his late teens, he had transitioned from a self-taught hacker to a figure in the cryptocurrency market, amassing wealth of approaching \$100 million through the volatile digital asset boom involving trades that were both legitimate and illegitimate.

Using his hacking expertise, Iza targeted victims, many in the area around Los Angeles but elsewhere as well, using a combination of ad-

municate with their family members and legal representatives. The Department of Immigration and Customs Enforcement has higher detention standards than most U.S. prisons incarcerating U.S. citizens.”

-Mark Gutglueck

vanced cyber techniques and social engineering to siphon millions from unsuspecting individuals. His operations included testing the envelope with regard to the use of legal processes and involved intimidating rivals and extorting money.

Social engineering involved spoofed emails or other direct communication with a victim that appeared legitimate, leveraging trusted platforms like Google Forms to bypass email filters and add credibility; caller ID spoofing, utilizing tools to display phone numbers associated with Google, reinforcing the illusion of authenticity; creating the illusion of urgency and immediate action, by convincing those victimized that account compromise was imminent or under way and pressuring them into

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has been likened to spilt paint, and can also manifest as foam or “scum.” In addition, when algal blooms move into what is labeled the “harmful range,” they can produce toxic compounds and various unpleasant odors, resulting from the breakdown of metabolic matter and the release of volatile organics, ranging in description as “fishy...septic... [and] gasoline-like.” This can impact water quality and present complication at downstream water treatment plants.

The July 15 treatment was taken to resolve the current issue and head off further blooms later this summer and into the early fall.

The introduction of copper sulfate into Silverwood Lake has happened before.

On August 11, 2025, the California Department of Water Resources

and the management of the Silverwood Lake State Recreation Area issued danger and warning advisories for Cleghorn Beach and Sawpit Beach, which banned swimming, wading and the consumption of fish from the lake, and generally prohibited contact with the algae, and prohibited drinking or cooking with water drawn from the lake or eating shellfish from the area. In addition, pets were not allowed into the water.

In the summer 2024, a toxic algal bloom warning was issued at Silverwood Lake, entailing swimming closures and copper sulfate treatments.

Similar blooms disrupted recreation at the lake and required closures in the summer and early fall of 2023, 2021, and 2019.

From Hiring A Board Member’s Mother To Getting The Superintendent Who Questioned Overbillings Sacked, Rahman-Davies, Rangel & Kraushaar Kept The Food Diversions Under Wraps *from page 3*

receiving hundreds of thousands and then millions of dollars in funding it should not have been entitled to. When Dunbar-Riley attempted to bring the matter to the attention of Rangel and Kraushaar, she was rebuffed.

In January 2022, Rahman-Davies, acceded to hiring Maria Montes Torres, School Board Member Edgar Montes’ mother, as a nutrition department worker with the district at least since January 2022.

By 2023, Dunbar-Riley, yet unable to get Rangel or Kraushaar to take her concerns about the irregularities in the district’s nutrition department seriously, went over their heads to the district’s then-superintendent, Cuauhtemoc Avila. Avila, deeming Dunbar-Riley’s questions with regard to the financial integrity of the district’s lunch program, with its augmentation by state and federal funding, deemed her misgivings to be legitimate. Avila initiated an audit into the lunch program.

While auditors initially spun their wheels in seeking to determine how many meals were in fact being served and whether those figures had been padded, by the spring of 2024, the auditors were achieving traction. On May 8, 2024, Avila was abruptly put on paid suspension by the school board. That action had been orchestrated by Montes and effectuated with the support of Evelyn Dominguez and then-Board Member Nancy O’Kelley.

In short order, Montes was able to prevail upon Edward D’Souza, the district’s so-called lead academic agent for math and early college programs who had been promoted into the capacity of acting superintendent when Avila was put on leave, to scrap the audit.

With district officials

disregarding her, Dunbar-Riley, believing the circumstance would not be remedied by her confining herself to in-house channels and through any internal corrections, went to the press and, ultimately, filed a whistleblower lawsuit.

There are indications to indicate that prior to press revelations relating to the 2020-202 diversions, there was a recognition among some of the district’s senior administrators and the school board of what had occurred and the possibility that it would result in scandal.

On February 26, 2025, Kraushaar left her position at Rialto Unified School District to take on the role of director of food services at the Chaffey Joint Union High School District.

Judy White, who was then serving as Rialto Unified’s interim Superintendent and had not been with the district in the 2020-2022 time-frame, in March 2025 commissioned a forensic audit of the meal program. While the audit was yet ongoing, Rahman-Davies and Rangel were placed on administrative leave during the audit.

As the audit and parallel investigation of the nutrition services division progressed, it was learned that food, sometimes in bulk and sometimes in smaller quantities, was not being utilized in the school lunch program but was being diverted to other uses, including by charities that were in no way affiliated with the school district, churches and mosques as well as to district employees.

On April 16, 2025, Maria Montes Torres, Edgar Montes’ mother, submitted her resignation as a district employee.

In May 2025, news outlets reported on the allegations that originated with Dunbar-Riley that the district’s nutri-

tion services managers had inflated student meal counts to collect millions of dollars in excess state and federal subsidies.

Rangel retired on June 30, 2025.

It was anticipated that the audit, having begun in March 2025, would conclude by that summer. A number of issues that were uncovered led to further areas of inquiry, and the audit remained open.

Meanwhile, Rahman-Davies, who had been widely touted as an American success story based on her emigration as a child from Lagos, Nigeria, remained on paid administrative leave, even as leaks of information were indicating that the district had defrauded the state and federal government to obtain school lunch program subsidies it was not entitled to through the submission of inaccurate documentation. On Wednesday, September 24, in the absence of two members of the school board, Edgar Montes and Evelyn Dominguez, who formerly appeared inclined to give Rahman-Davies the benefit of the doubt with regard to the rumors that were swirling about her, the three other members of the school board accepted Rahman-Davies’ resignation. In doing so, they voted to approve her departure contract.

The terms of that departure arrangement, at least in certain circles, provoked outrage. The agreement/severance contract will allowed her to continue to collect her then-current total yearly compensation of \$293,589.41, consisting of her annual \$221,977.41 salary and \$71,612. benefits until January 1, 2026 whereupon her annual salary rate increased to \$228,636.73. Upon retirement, which was to take place as of June 2, 2026, she was to be eligible for a \$141,754.77 pension at age 60 in 2028, and the district agreed to continue to provide her and her spouse with medical coverage until she reaches the age of 65 in 2033.

In November 2025, the audit, compiled by the

accounting and auditing firm CliftonLarsenAllen was released. It determined that the nutrition services department received \$3,015,000 in excess federal funding over a three-year period as a consequence of inflated student meal reimbursement claims.

A primary finding of that audit was that in the months of June and July, 2021, June and July 2022 and June and July 2023 the district received more than \$2.9 million in overpayments from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, based on misreported data in the district’s eTriton system, which tracks student meal accounts and meal program data. The district also tapped into reimbursements of over \$88,000 in December 2021 and more than \$27,000 in December 2022 to which it was not legally entitled.

Subsequently, the California Department of Education took up an examination of what occurred, independent from the CliftonLarsenAllen, covering much of the same ground but delving into other areas, as well. The California Department of Education assigned its audits and investigations division, aided by personnel from the California Fiscal Crisis Management Assistance Team to carry out its own audit, investigation and analysis as to what occurred in the Rialto Unified School District.

It appears that one of the vulnerabilities was that the California Department of Education manages its state and federal nutrition programs using the Child Nutrition Information & Payment System. The Rialto Unified School District like hundreds of individual school districts across California, uses the eTriton system, consisting of web-based school nutrition and meal-tracking software by Harris School Solutions, to manage its local lunch programs and point-of-sale systems. The California Child Nutrition Information & Payment System, known by its acronym CNIPS,

is designed for school districts and charter schools to submit applications, claims, site changes, and other administrative actions. eTriton is a separate, state-developed point of sale system used by many California school food service providers to track meal counts, process payments, and generate reports for compliance and reimbursement purposes. A direct data exchange system between CNIPS and eTriton cannot take place. CNIPS does not natively accept eTriton data as a direct import. CNIPS requires school districts and charter schools to manually enter or upload meal counts, claims, and other required information in its own format, often using what is called the SNP POS file layout specifications provided by the California Department of Education. eTriton can generate the required POS files, but these must be converted or formatted to match CNIPS’ specifications before upload. This means eTriton can be a source of data for CNIPS, but the integration is manual or file-based, not a live API or automatic feed. Therefore, the state cannot trace back to the school lunch rooms or cafeterias how many meals were actually made or consumed there during a given day.

The California Department of Education investigation found that Rialto Unified School District claimed more than \$3.015 million in improper school meal reimbursements during the COVID-19 pandemic through inflated meal counts and failing to provide adequate oversight of the program. The district, in addition to abusing the trust put into it during the COVID-era program, also inflated meal counts for multiple years under its summer food service program.

The audits and investigations division within the California Department of Education also found nonexistent, insufficient or weak internal controls within the district’s nutrition

services department and evidence that what was misrepresented as “surplus food” was distributed to people ineligible for the district’s meal program.

The programs under which the district received reimbursements were the Summer Food Service Program, the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program. Those reimbursements were subject to the audit. Audits intended to verify the accuracy of the reimbursement claims were limited to the district’s Ethel Kucera Middle School, Kolb Middle School and Rialto Middle School campuses.

Meal counts at the three schools for June 2023 could be reconciled with supporting documentation. Substantial discrepancies emerged with counts done at Rialto Middle School in June 2022, when the district was reimbursed for 1,654 breakfasts and 9,860 lunches, but only 787 breakfasts and 2,606 lunches were logged as having been served. The claim that the Rialto Middle School cafeteria provided 8,445 breakfasts to students in December 2022 was verified by investigators, who nonetheless determined that the claim of 7,128 lunches served the same month did not match the actuality, which was 6,533 lunches were provided to students.

Rialto Unified subsequently corrected reimbursement claims covering the federal and state nutrition programs from July 2021 to June 2023 and repaid the state \$3.04 million in February.

Dunbar-Riley filed a civil lawsuit in San Bernardino County Superior Court against the district, Rahman-Davies, Rangel and Kraushaar in May of this year, but altered some of the pleadings and refiled it in an amended version on July 7, 2026. It alleges she was retaliated against for having spoken out with regard to the overbillings.

In the suit, Dunbar-Riley, who is represented by *Continued on Page 12*

Chino Electrical Power Battery Storage Project Ran Into Stiff Residential Opposition

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to fail, creating a short circuit. This generates intense heat and a chain reaction, referred to as thermal runaway, which vaporizes the flammable electrolyte and produces highly combustible gases. As pressure builds up inside the cell, those gases are likely to ignite, leading to a fire or explosion. This can lead to proximate batteries being compromised and the conflagration intensifying.

Illustrations of such a hazard occurred in two separate incidents in Arizona, one on April 19, 2019 in Surprise and another three years and two days later in Chandler on April 21, 2022. The battery systems involved in those mishaps are similar in design but well below one-twentieth of the energy storage capability of what AYPa Power was considering in Chino. The failures with both resulted in explosions and fires of near-catastrophic proportion. The battery system in Surprise that exploded in 2019 was storing energy for Arizona Public Service Company, and exploded when it was smoldering and fire crews opened a door to ventilate the facility. The facility in Chandler had been constructed beginning in 2018 and held electricity in reserve for the Arizona Power Grid, with a capacity to store four hours of electricity with an output of 10 megawatts of power, enough to power 2,500 homes.

In 2022, at a location much closer to Chino than Arizona, the City of Upland began contemplating allowing a large-scale lithium battery storage facility to be set up there when Portland, Oregon-based GridStor, in partnership with Upland Reliability Project Holdings, LLC, started preparing to build a 120-megawatt standalone battery energy storage project in

the Sycamore Hills district of North Upland. The project was part of a broader push by California to expand renewable energy capacity and grid reliability, aligning with state goals to reach 100% carbon-free electricity by 2045. The facility was intended to store solar energy generated locally and feed it back into the grid to support renewable integration.

By late 2023, the project had been in development for about a year, with corporate officers establishing Upland Reliability Project Holdings in September 2022 and securing property in Upland. However, in October 2023, GridStor and its partner abandoned the plan, as community opposition, particularly in a residential area in the north part of Upland mounted.

In January 2025, in the community of Moss Landing in Monterey County, a thermal runaway in the Vistra Battery Plant there wreaked an estimated \$400 million in damage. Meanwhile, California officials continue with the march to expand renewable energy capacity, which carries with it the need from energy storage. In Chino, that manifested as the Dirac project proposal.

Ultimately, or at least penultimately, it turned out, the decision to shelve the project in Upland was replicated this week when the planning commission in Chino, or at least a majority of it, developed cold feet with regard to the even larger undertaking that AYPa Power was proposing.

Members of the community weighed in before the planning commission took the matter up for discussion on July 15. Several Chino residents submitted comments regarding the project by email.

Donna Casas called the battery storage facility a “horrible idea that would be in a densely populated area.”

Another resident, Rafael Gutierrez offered his view.

“While I support clean energy initiatives in appropriately zoned

regional areas, placing a massive, utility-scale industrial battery plant immediately adjacent to residential neighborhoods and less than a mile from local schools creates an unacceptable risk to public health, safety, and welfare,” Gutierrez said.

Chirag Patel said, “Lithium-ion facilities of this magnitude present inherent, unpreventable risks of thermal runaway.”

Terrea Curie asked the commission, “What independent risk assessment has been conducted, and can the public review it?”

Chino resident Justin

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Alcober asserted that city needed to have a far more formalized and well-thought-through set of standards for the project than what was being proposed.

“This is Chino’s first BESS and the city has no standards for it,” Alcober wrote. Chino is therefore being asked to set its battery energy storage system precedent at the maximum possible scale without an ordinance establishing minimum setbacks from residences, parks, schools, child care

facilities [or] permitted battery chemistries and enclosure standards [or] maximum facility size or aggregate capacity within city limits [or] required fire mitigation, monitoring, and third-party testing thresholds [or] emergency response evacuation triggers and notification protocols [or] decommissioning and financial assurance requirements. Approving a 400 MW facility as Chino’s first BESS, with no ordinance in place, means the project itself becomes the standard. Every future applicant will point to Dirac’s approval as the baseline. I respectfully submit that

the commission should not allow a private developer’s application to write the city’s energy storage policy by default.”

Debbie Pinedo asked, “Who’s liable if something goes wrong? Does the development agreement include any insurance, bonding or indemnification requirements protecting the city and nearby property owners in the event of a fire or contamination event?”

Rexford Industrial supported the project,

as did Chris Chavez, the deputy policy director of the Coalition for Clean Air.

City Attorney Fred Galante acknowledged that the city code and its existing development standards do not explicitly set in place even minimal safety measures for such facilities, the proponent would be bound by what was specified in the development agreement for the project that the planning commission was being asked to sign off on. Somewhat casually, Galante told the planning commission and the public that he simply cloned the standards contained in the City of Irwindale’s municipal code relating to battery energy storage facilities. Irwindale’s city attorney is Adrian Guerra, who is a partner in the same firm Galante works for, Aleshire & Wynder. Galante said the development agreement, special conditional use permit and site approval for the project and development agreement would “help make sure that we covered all those bases.”

Galante’s blasé attitude, however, seriously angered a number of people. For starters, Irwindale is, essentially, and industrial city, with a population of 1,470, slightly more than 1.5 percent of

Chino’s 96,957 residents. Galante was attempting to “mickey-mouse” the protections that should be layered into the city’s approval of the project, one resident fumed.

Others said Glante’s approach to the approval of the project raised the specter of graft and/or improper influence after it was pointed out that AYPa Power is pursuing an identical 400-megawatt battery energy storage system in Irwindale.

The chairwoman of the planning commission, Lissa Fraga, indicated her belief that both the city and the commission were essentially flying blind with regard to battery energy storage systems in that there is no set policy relating to them or standards for their design and the safety precautions that must be taken in conjunction with their construction and siting.

“I’m struggling,” Fraga said. “We don’t have a BESS ordinance in place for the city.”

She said giving the project go-ahead would “set [a] precedent not just for ourselves, but surrounding cities.”

A vote to approve the project failed on a 3-to-4 vote of the commission.

-Mark Gutglueck

Rare Earth Mining Revival In San Bernardino County Viewed Favorably By Speculators & Strategists And Warily By Environmentalists

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material to break it down and transport it for further processing. Hydraulicking can disturb the natural landscape. It can also liberate potentially hazardous materials, such as radioactive deposits, and expose them to the open environment.

On one level, Stout, who is now retired, and Umeda, who is now serving as a San Bernardino County Superior Court judge, are considered potential allies to the Dateline mining proposal, given their track records in closely monitoring and initiating action against aggressive rare earth metal

mining with regard to its environmental hazards. On the other hand, both Stout and Umeda are Republicans, and are thus considered to be aligned with the Donald Trump Administration and its willingness to greenlight domestic lanthanide mining efforts.

That paradox compounds itself, however, as the Donald Trump Administration, hold Stout’s and Umeda’s action a generation ago, which ultimately led to the suspension of mining activity in Mountain Pass and thereby allowed China to move into its current overwhelming

rare earth mining and refinement leadership position worldwide, in low regard. In the view of those who place a priority upon the United States maintaining all of the strategic advantages it holds or once held, Stout and Umeda exercised poor judgment and a basic lack of loyalty to their country by allowing what they consider to have been a relatively minor environmental issue to derail operations at what was then and yet could be the world’s most productive rare earth mining operation.

There is thus, among the legion of environmentalists gearing up to prevent Dateline from obtaining the mining operation permits it is seeking in Music Valley, debate about whether

they should approach Stout and Umeda for their potential assistance, and how, if they decide to do so, to make that approach.

Another paradoxical angle is the Donald Trump Administration’s attitude toward foreign control of American assets on American soil. A potential strategy in preventing Dateline from proceeding with its energetic mining operation in Music Valley would be to convince the Trump Administration to withhold from Dateline the necessary federal permits, including clearance under the National Environmental Protection Act, to proceed with the Music Valley mining operation.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
PETER WILHELM HETZEL Case NO. PRO-VA2600425
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of PETER WILHELM HETZEL A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Thomas Eric Hetzel in the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that 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

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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., Thomas Eric Hetzel 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.
A hearing on the petition will be held in Dept. F3 at 09:00 AM on 07/20/2026 at Superior Court of California, County of Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino Fontana Division, San Bernardino, 17780 Arrow Boulevard, Fontana, California 92335, Fontana 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 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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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER CIV SB 2618579,
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: ,Lauren Sanchez, filed with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Lauren Christine Sanchez to Lauren Chris-

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tine Ervin, 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: 08/10/2026, Time: 08:30 AM, Department: S33The address of the court is Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, San Bernardino District-Civil Division, 247 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415, IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this order be published in the SBCS ? Rancho Cucamonga in San Bernardino County California, once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing of the petition.
Dated: 06/25/2026
Judge of the Superior Court: Joseph T Ortiz
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NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY
CASE NO.: FAMSS 1303808
VICKY CENTER, Petitioner,
v.
ANDREW CENTER, Respondent
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment and Order on a Deed of
Trust issued by the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, in the above entitled action, directing the enforcement of a Judgment entered on July 24, 2023 and
Amended February 26, 2025, the beneficiary, JAMES J. KENNY by and through his attorney, Anderson & LeBlanc, APLC will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for
cash, cashier's check, certified check, or other form of payment acceptable under California
law, all right, title, and interest of the judgment debtor in the following described real
property:
Property Address: 881 State Highway 173, Lake Arrowhead, California 92352
Assessor's Parcel Number (APN): 0335-231-04-0-000
Legal Description: Lot 30 of Tract No. 8283, in the County of San Bernardino, State of California as per flat recorded in Book 115, Pages 49 to 55 inclusive of maps, in the Office of the County Recorder of said County.
Date of Sale: August 11, 2026
Time of Sale: 8:30 AM
Place of Sale: Rancho Cucamonga Courthouse 8303 Haven Ave. Rancho Cucamonga, California 91730 South Entrance
The property is being sold to satisfy a judgment in favor of the judgment creditor and against the judgment debtor, together with accrued interest, costs, and expenses of sale. Prospective purchasers are advised to independently investigate the nature, extent, and value of the interest being sold.
DATED: June 30, 2026
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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 K4616
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FBN20260005984
The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as
ANOVIS 1 SOURCE 3350 SHELBY STREET SUITE 200 ONTARIO, CA 91764: ANOVIS SOLUTIONS LLC 3350 SHELBY STREET SUITE 200 ONTARIO, CA 91764
Business Mailing Address: 1384 N EUCLID AVE UPLAND, CA 91786
The business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY registered with the State of California under the number B20260250841
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name 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 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.
/s/ CINDY ALEJANDRA MALDONADO GOMEZ, Manager
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 06/25/2026
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 K3379
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another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
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FBN20260006081
The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as
GN ACCOUNTING & TAX FIRM 1384 N EUCLID AVE UPLAND, CA 91786: GENOVEVA CHIPANA NIELSON
Business Mailing Address: 1384 N EUCLID AVE UPLAND, CA 91786
The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on: June 1, 2026
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 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.
/s/ GENOVEVA CHIPANA NIELSON, Owner
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 06/29/2026
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 K7211
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).
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FBN20260005997
The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as
NATURAL & ELEGANT AESTHETICS LLC 1775 ROSEWOOD WAY UPLAND, CA 91784: NATURAL & ELEGANT AESTHETICS, LLC 1775 ROSEWOOD WAY UPLAND, CA 91784
Business Mailing Address: 1775 ROSEWOOD WAY UPLAND, CA 91784
The business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY registered with the State of California.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on: June 16, 2026
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 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.
/s/ SOPHIA ANTILLON, Managing Member
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 06/26/2026
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 K3379
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FBN20260006171
The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as
COMPASSIONATE HEALING COUNSELING SERVICES 17697 BITTERMINT DR SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92407: MIAISHA JAMES
Business Mailing Address: 17697 BITTERMINT DR SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92407
The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on: June 23, 2025
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 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.
/s/ RIM VUN, Owner
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 05/14/2026
I hereby certify that this copy

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17697 BITTERMINT DR SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92407
The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on: June 26, 2024
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 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.
/s/ MIAISHA JAMES, Owner
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 06/30/2026
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 K7325
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).
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The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as
COMPASSIONATE HEALING COUNSELING SERVICES 17697 BITTERMINT DR SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92407: MIAISHA JAMES
Business Mailing Address: 17697 BITTERMINT DR SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92407
The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on: June 26, 2024
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 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.
/s/ MIAISHA JAMES, Owner
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 06/30/2026
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 K7325
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).
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FBN20260004522
The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as
DONUT DELIGHT 906 N CENTRAL AVE UPLAND, CA 91786: VUN RIM
Business Mailing Address: 906 N CENTRAL AVE UPLAND, CA 91786
The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on: May 23, 2025
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 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.
/s/ RIM VUN, Owner
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 05/14/2026
I hereby certify that this copy

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is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office San Bernardino County Clerk By:/ Deputy K9232

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).

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FBN20260004636
The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as

MY HEART WERXS 1752 E. LUGONIA AVE. 117 #228 REDLANDS, CA 92374: CHARLEY J DUNCAN

Business Mailing Address: 1752 E. LUGONIA AVE. 117 #228 REDLANDS, CA 92374

The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on: May 13, 2026

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 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

/s/ CHARLEY J DUNCAN, Owner

Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 05/18/2026

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 K3379

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: JAMES CLINTON COURTNEY CASE NO. PRO-VA2600517

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of JAMES CLINTON COURTNEY: a petition for probate has been filed by MORGAN COURTNEY in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that MORGAN COURTNEY 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.

A hearing on the petition will be held August 18, 2026 at 9:00 AM at

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Superior Court Fontana District in

Department F1 - Fontana 17780 Arrow Boulevard Fontana, CA 92335

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.

Attorney for Morgan Courtney:

R. SAM PRICE SB 208603/ PRICE LAW FIRM, APC 454 Cajon Street REDLANDS, CA 92373 Phone (909) 328 7000 Fax (909) 475 9500 attorneys@pricelawfirm.com

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC LIEN SALE

Notice is hereby given that personal property in the following units will be sold at public auction pursuant to Sections 21701-21716 of the California Self-Service Storage Facility Act. A public lien sale will be conducted by www.storage treasures.com on the 31st day of July 2026, at or after 10:00 am. The property is stored by AAA All American Storage located at 14918 Foothill Blvd. Fontana, CA 92335. Purchases must be made in CASH ONLY. Items are sold AS IS WHERE IS and must be removed at the time of sale. AAA All American Storage reserves the right to refuse any bid or cancel auction. The items to be sold are generally described as follows: miscellaneous personal and household goods stored by the following persons:

Unit	Name
D121	Mendoza, Joseph
D189	Vargas Ceron, Daniel
F047	Razo, Clara
F082	Marrufo, Edmond R.
F088	Mestas, Sandra
F127	Quezada, Celina Ann

Dated: 07/15/2026
Signed: Garrett Gossett storagetreasures.com
Sales subject to prior cancellation in the event of settlement between Owner and obligated party.

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SUMMONS – (CIT-ACION JUDICIAL) CASE NUMBER (NUMERO DEL CASO)

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CIVSB2506842

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: (AVISO AL DEMANDADO):

JEFFREY BOWENS, individually and as Vice President of SIX INVESTMENTS, LLC, AND SIX INVESTMENTS, LLC and DOES, 1 to 20, inclusive YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (LO ESTA DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): KYLE COOPER and ALISHA COOPER

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below. You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons is served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court. There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. ¡AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación. Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no le protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted puede usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y mas información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede mas cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida si secretario de la corta que le de un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corta le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin mas advertencia.

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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 referencia 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 poniéndose 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 de \$10,000 o mas de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corta antes de que la corta pueda desear el caso. El nombre y la dirección de la corte es: San Bernardino Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino

San Bernardino Justice Center
247 West Third 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 dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es):

ELIZABETH LEON GONZALEZ State Bar #3378430
Milligan Beswick Levine & Knox, LLP
447 Ford St Ste 201
Redlands, CA 92374-6397
Phone: 909-798-3300
egonzalez@mblklaw.org
DATE (Fecha): April 3, 2025

Clerk (Secretario), by Mariah Mora, Deputy (Adjunto)

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE

N U M B E R CIVSB2619481,

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner SHALOME SHEKINAH RANDALL filed with this court for a decree changing names as follows: SHALOME SHEKINAH RANDALL to ERNESTINE OLIVE NICHOLAS.

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: 09/01/2026, Time: 08:30 AM, Department: S33

The address of the court is Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, San Bernardino District-Civil Division, 247 West Third Street, San Bernardino,

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CA 92415, 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: 06/29/2026
Priscilla Saldana, Deputy Clerk of the Superior Court
Judge of the Superior Court: Joseph T Ortiz

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE

N U M B E R CIVSB2619488

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner LIHENG XU filed with this court for a decree changing names as follows: LIHENG XU to GARRISON LIHENG XU.

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: 09/04/2026, Time: 09:00 AM, Department: S36

The address of the court is Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, San Bernardino District-Civil Division, 247 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415, 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: 07/06/2026
Aryanna Sheehe, Deputy Clerk of the Superior Court
Judge of the Superior Court: Joseph T Ortiz
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FBN20260006311
The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as
C & R CRABBY INC 15200 RANCHERIAS RD APPLE VALLEY, CA 92307: C & R CRABBY INC 15200 RANCHERIAS RD APPLE VALLEY, CA 92307

Business Mailing Address: 6808 SVL BX VICTORVILLE, CA 92395

The business is conducted by: A CORPORATION registered with the State of California.

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 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

/s/ CARL EVERSOLE, CEO
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 07/06/2026

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 K1587

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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).

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FBN20260005881
The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as

LEADING EDGE REALTY 1757 S EUCLID ONTARIO, CA 91762: ALL NATIONS REALTY ONTARIO 1757 S. EUCLID ONTARIO, CA 91762

Business Mailing Address: 1757 S EUCLID ONTARIO, CA 91762

The business is conducted by: A CORPORATION registered with the State of California.

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 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

/s/ ALEXANDRO ESPINOZA, President

Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 06/24/2026

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 K4616

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FBN20260005491
The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as
CANAS VASQUEZ SERVICES 237 S MUSCOTT ST SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92410: REYNA A VASQUEZ DE CANAS

Business Mailing Address: 237 S MUSCOTT ST 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 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

/s/ REYNA A VASQUEZ DE CANAS, Owner

Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 06/10/2026

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 K6677

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).

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FBN20260006319
The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as

C R E M ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANING SERVICES 2527 S HOLMES PL ONTARIO,

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IO, CA 91761: CONCEPCION REYES PEREZ

Business Mailing Address: 2527 S HOLMES PL 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 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

/s/ CONCEPCION REYES PEREZ, Owner

Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 07/06/2026

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 K7325

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FBN20260006357
The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as

COASTAL HAVEN BIRTH 311 W H STREET ONTARIO, CA 91762: CHRISTINA L KERBY

Business Mailing Address: 311 W H STREET ONTARIO, CA 91762

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 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

/s/ CHRISTINA L KERBY, Owner

Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 07/07/2026

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 J9535

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FBN20260005935
The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as

OASIS NOTARY & DOCUMENT SERVICES 1162 E 19TH ST, UNIT 1329 UPLAND, CA 91784: ALEXANDER LEV-DA-SILVA

Business Mailing Address: 1162 E 19TH ST, UNIT 1329 UPLAND, CA 91784

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 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

/s/ ALEXANDER LEV-DA-SILVA, Manager

Statement filed with the

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County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 06/25/2026

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FBN 20260005475
The following person is doing business as: DELICIAS PERUANAS DE ISABEL 8755 CELEBRATION ST CHINO CA 91708;[MAILING ADDRESS 8755 CELEBRATION ST CHINO CA 91708]; COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO ISABEL ROJAS
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/ ISABEL ROJAS, OWNER Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 06/10/2026 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 06/19/2026, 06/26/2026, 07/03/2026, 07/10/2026 CNBB242601MT

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER CIVSB2620226

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

ROBYN JODI PORTER to ROBYN JODI ABRAMS
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: AUGUST 24, 2026
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Department: S24
Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino San Bernardino District-Civil Division

The address of the court is Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, 247 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this

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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.

Joseph T. Ortiz
Judge of the Superior Court.

Aryanna Sheeche, Deputy Clerk of the Court

Dated: July 10, 2026
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER CIV SB 2620549

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

DANIEL JAMES MILES to DANIEL JAMES WAGNER
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: September 3, 2026
Time: 8:30 a.m.
Department: S28
Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino San Bernardino District-Civil Division

The address of the court is Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, 247 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415

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.

Joseph T. Ortiz
Judge of the Superior Court.

Adilene Gutierrez, Deputy Clerk of the Court

Dated: July 15, 2026
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

CASE NUMBER CIVSB2620687

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner KENDALL DAR- IAN RAND filed with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

KENDALL DAR- IAN RAND to KENDALL DARIAN TILLMAN
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

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granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

Notice of Hearing:
Date: SEPTEMBER 4, 2026

Time: 8:30 a.m.
Department: S35
Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino

San Bernardino District-Civil Division

The address of the court is Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, 247 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415

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.

Joseph T. Ortiz
Judge of the Superior Court.

Erika Hernandez, Deputy Clerk of the Court

Dated: July 10, 2026

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FBN20260005784
The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as
JOVERA PROCLEANING SOLUTIONS 11791 LARINO DRIVE RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91701: MARIA S LESMANA
Business Mailing Address: 11791 LARINO DRIVE RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91701
The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: June 22, 2026.

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 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing. s/ MARIA S LESMANA, Owner

Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 06/22/2026

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 K9236

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).

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FBN20260006625
The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as
NORTH STAR SERVICES 4020 NEW HAVEN DR ONTARIO, CA 91761: ASHLEY N EVANS
Business Mailing Address: 4020 NEW HAVEN DR 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: JULY 15, 2026.

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 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing. s/ ASHLY N EVANS, Owner

Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 07/15/2026

I hereby certify that this

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copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office San Bernardino County Clerk By:/Deputy K7325

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FBN20260005388
The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as
KARVANLY 1101 S MILLIKEN AVE STE E #115 ONTARIO, CA 91761: IGNACIO TORRES GONZALEZ
Business Mailing Address: 1101 S MILLIKEN AVE STE E #115 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: JUNE 8, 2026.

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 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing. s/ IGNACIO TORRES GONZALEZ, Owner

Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 06/08/2026

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FBN20260006686
The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as
COMFORT INN & SUITES 3333 SHELBY ST ONTARIO, CA 91764: SHELBY HOSPITALITY, LLC 640 W LAMBERT RD BREA, CA 92821
Business Mailing Address: 640 W LAMBERT RD BREA, CA 92821

The business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY registered with the State of California.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: January 1, 2020.

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 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing. s/ NISH KHAROD, Managing Member

Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 07/17/2026

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 K4616

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FBN20260005832
The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as

MAKING MONEY WITH PAPER 11660 CHURCH STREET, STE124F RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730: ARTHUR L BONNER, JR

Business Mailing Address: PO BOX 665 RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91729

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 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing. s/ ARTHUR L BONNER, JR, Owner

Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 06/23/2026

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 K7211

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).

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FBN 20260002185
The following person is doing business as: E & G LANDSCAPING SERVICES. 1876 GOULD STREET LOMA LINDA, CA 92354;[MAILING ADDRESS 1876 GOULD STREET LOMA LINDA, CA 92354]; COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO EVERARDO MANZO SANCHEZ
The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: APR 13, 2025 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/ EVERARDO MANZO SANCHEZ, OWNER Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: MARCH 16, 2026 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 03/27/2026, 04/03/2026, 04/10/2026, 04/17/2026 CNBB13202604MT CORRECTION DATES CORRECTION DATES 05/01/2026, 05/08/2026, 05/15/2026, 05/22/2026 CORRECTION DATES 06/19/2026, 06/26/2026, 07/03/2026, 07/10/2026

FBN 20260005732
The following person is doing business as: SIERRA LAKE CLEANERS. 16953 SIERRA LAKE PKWY #109 FONTANA, CA 92336;[MAILING ADDRESS 16953 SIERRA LAKE PKWY #109 FONTANA, CA 92336]; COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO THC TRABUCO, INC. 16953 SIERRA LAKW PKWY #109 FONTANA CA 92336 STATE OF INCORPORATION CA ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION C2201898
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

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179130. I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing. s/ JEAN H. CHUNG, C.E.O. Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 06/17/26 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 06/26/2026, 07/03/2026, 07/10/2026, 07/17/2026 CNBB26202601MT

FBN 20260005656
The following person is doing business as: BELTRAN TRANSPORTATION. 9859 VICTOR AVE HESPERIA, CA 92345;[MAILING ADDRESS 9859 VICTOR AVE HESPERIA, CA 92345]; COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO ARMANDO BELTRAN FLORES.
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/ ARMANDO BELTRAN FLORES, OWNER Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 06/16/26 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 06/26/2026, 07/03/2026, 07/10/2026, 07/17/2026 CNBB26202602MT

FBN20260004636
The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as
MY HEART WERXS 1752 E. LUGONIA AVE. 117 #228 REDLANDS, CA 92374: CHARLEY J DUNCAN
Business Mailing Address: 1752 E. LUGONIA AVE. 117 #228 REDLANDS, CA 92374

The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on: May 13, 2026

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 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing. s/ CHARLEY J DUNCAN, Owner

Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 05/18/2026

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FBN 20260005958
The following person is doing business as: WRIGHT MOUNTAIN METAL WORKS 8079 MIRA MAR RD PHELAN CA 92371;[MAILING ADDRESS 8079 MIRA MAR RD PHELAN CA 92371]; COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO TIMOTHY M MACDONALD
The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names

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listed above on: NOV 03, 2009 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/ TIMOTHY M MACDONALD, OWNER Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 06/25/2026 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 07/03/2026, 07/10/2026, 07/17/2026, 07/24/2026 CNBB27202601MT

FBN 20260006083
The following person is doing business as: LEAN STREAM CAPITAL RECOVERY 320 NORTH E STREET SUITE 516 F SAN BERNARDINO CA 92401;[MAILING ADDRESS 320 NORTH E STREET SUITE 516 F SAN BERNARDINO CA 92401]; COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO CNM EXECUTIVE BUSINESS CONSULTING LLC 320 NORTH E STREET SUITE 516 F SAN BERNARDINO CA 92401 STATE OF INCORPORATION CA ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION 202357916949
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: 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/ CURTIS MEIGHAN, CEO Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 06/29/26 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 07/03/2026, 07/10/2026, 07/17/2026, 07/24/2026 CNBB27202602MT

FBN 20260006092
The following person is doing business as: ESTELAS'S HOUSE CLEANING SERVICES 10240 STAFFORD ST RANCHO CUCAMONGA CA 91730;[MAILING ADDRESS 10240 STAFFORD ST RANCHO CUCAMONGA CA 91730]; COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO ESTELA RIOS DE TORRES
The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: AUG 10, 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/ ESTELA RIOS DE TORRES, OWNER Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 06/29/26 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 Ber-

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FBN 20260004957
The following person is doing business as: CORRAL DESIGNS; CORRAL GLAM EVENTS 7551 MUMS CT FONTANA CA 92336;[MAILING ADDRESS 7551 MUMS CT FONTANA CA 92336]; COUNTY OF SAN B E R N A R D I N O ANN M. CORRAL OSORIO 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/ ANN M. CORRAL OSORIO, OWNER Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 05/28/2026 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 06/12/2026, 06/19/2026, 06/26/2026, 07/03/2026 CNBB23202614MT CORRECTION DATES 07/17/2026, 07/24/2026, 07/31/2026, 08/07/2026

FBN 20260005077
The following person is doing business as: WILD SPACE OVERLAND 13851 ROSWELL AVE STE D CHINO CA 91710;[MAILING ADDRESS 13851 ROSWELL AVE

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STE D CHINO CA 91710]; COUNTY OF SAN B E R N A R D I N O MINGSHENG ZHOU The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: APR 05, 2026 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/ MINGSHENG ZHOU, OWNER Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 06/01/2026 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 06/12/2026, 06/19/2026, 06/26/2026, 07/03/2026 CNBB23202614MT CORRECTION DATES 07/17/2026, 07/24/2026, 07/31/2026, 08/07/2026

FBN 20260005960
The following person is doing business as: WRIGHT MOUNTAIN METAL WORKS 4334 SNOWLINE DR PHELAN CA 92371;[MAILING ADDRESS 4334 SNOWLINE DR PHELAN CA 92371]; COUNTY OF SAN B E R N A R D I N O JAMES W MARSHALL 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 informa-

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tion on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing. s/ JAMES W MARSHALL, OWNER Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 06/25/2026 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 07/17/2026, 07/24/2026, 07/31/2026, 08/07/2026 CNBB29202601MT

FBN 20260006149
The following person is doing business as: SHARPLINE PEST CONTROL 822 S BIRCHLEAF DR ANAHEIM CA 92804;[MAILING ADDRESS 822 S BIRCHLEAF DR ANAHEIM CA 92804]; COUNTY OF SAN B E R N A R D I N O JOHN SHARP 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/ JOHN SHARP, OWNER Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 06/30/2026 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 busi-

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LA County Sheriff’s Deputy From Chino Assisted Crypto Mobster In Multiple Depredations from page 4

acting hastily and without critical thought. Iza’s approach extended to having off-duty deputies, hired through Saavedra & Associates under a contract of \$100,000 per month, as personal enforcers. Federal investigators subsequently documented how those officers’ actions blurred the distinction between law enforcement and criminal enterprise. In pressuring some of Iza’s victims, Saavedra and his em-

ployees left the impression with several that they were acting in the capacity of law enforcement officers, including carrying out searches of private property under the authority of court-issued warrants, and setting up rivals or those who got in Iza’s way for arrest. Iza’s criminal activity extended to multiple episodes of wire fraud carried out consequent to his operation of a crypto trading business from his Bel Air mansion in which he made both authorized and unauthorized diversions, some of which were disclosed and others which were not. One of those

diversions pertained to hacking Meta Platforms’ business accounts with a Kosovo-based partner, yielding \$37 million in unreported income from access sales, leading in that case alone to an estimated \$6.7 million in unpaid federal taxes. His activity as an illicit cryptocurrency profiteer put Iza in contact with others plying the same trade. Two of those were James Schwab and Veer Chetal. Through his hacking capability and information available through the circles he ran in, Iza became aware that another young crypto operator, 18-year-old Veer Chetal, in the summer

of 2024 impersonated Google and crypto exchange technical support to steal 4,100 Bitcoins – worth \$243 million at the time – from a Washington, D.C., resident. Iza, recognizing that Chetal was vulnerable to blackmail because he did not want law enforcement to learn of any of the details about the Bitcoins theft, pressured Chetal to cut him in on a percentage of the \$245 million. When Chetal refused, Iza, in league with his brother, Saif Faiq, and Schwab, hired six men from Florida who in August 2024, went to Danbury Connecticut, shadowing Chetal’s father, Morgan Stanley vice president

Sushil Chetal, and his mother, Radhika Chetal. As the couple were driving near Danbury High School in their Lamborghini Urus, a white Honda Civic with two of the four Floridians rammed the high-end SUV from behind and a white Ram ProMaster van in which the other four men were traveling blocked their path. The six masked men dragged the couple from the car, beating Sushil with a baseball bat and forcing Radhika face down onto the ground. The six then dragged Radhika by her hair and threw her and her husband into the van. The kidnapping took place in broad daylight

and was witnessed by multiple passersby, including an off-duty FBI agent. The police were called, and after a high-speed chase which ended with the van crashing, all six of the abductors were taken into custody. All six ultimately pleaded guilty, having revealed under questioning that they were working on behalf of Iza, Faiq and Schwab. Investigators determined that the intent of the operation was to extort from Veer Chetal half of the \$243 million Bicoins haul. In September 2024, Iza was taken into federal custody. In January

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Law Enforcement Officers Used Their Authority To Assist In Criminal Enterprises While Operating Private Sector Security Firm *from page 11*

ary 2025, he pleaded guilty to federal charges including conspiracy against rights, wire fraud and tax evasion. The case made against Iza took stock of how he had employed deputies to carry out extortion, intimidation, and illegal searches. In June 2026, he also admitted to orchestrating the attempted kidnapping of Sushil and Radhika Chetal.

Initially, Saavedra and the employees of Saavedra & Associates insisted that Iza had hired Saavedra & Associates to provide him and his company, known as Zort and which he ran out of his Bel Air mansion, with around-the-clock security. Initially, federal investigators took those statements from Saavedra and his employees at face value but returned to the issue when further details about Iza's operation emerged during the course of the investigation.

As early as the fall of 2021, Saavedra began illegally using his Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department status and credentials to access restricted law enforcement databases to obtain personal identifiable information relating to Iza's victims or individuals with whom Iza had personal or business disputes, their associates and their family members. Under grilling by the FBI, Saavedra admitted he used his position and authority as a sworn law enforcement officer to improperly obtain court-authorized search warrants for the premises of specific individuals at Iza's request, including a warrant to search an individual's residence that Saavedra helped facilitate. Saavedra also obtained warrants to provide or simply provided location information relating to individuals Iza was seeking to track or

locate. Saavedra and the employees of Saavedra & Associates fully understood, according to the U.S. Department of Justice, that confidential information they obtained through their access to restricted law enforcement data bases was used to locate, intimidate, harass, threaten and extort individuals in accordance with Iza's activities, according to court documents. They also used Telegram and other encrypted communications apps to avoid law enforcement detection, according to federal prosecutors.

In 2022, Iza, who had determined that one of his victims possessed a laptop computer which contained the codes and full accessing protocols for cryptocurrency valued in excess of \$100 million, instructed Saavedra to obtain a search warrant for GPS location data contained in the victim's cellphone. In January 2022, under false pretenses and using a perjured affidavit, Saavedra applied for and obtained a search warrant from a Los Angeles Superior Court judge. In the affidavit supporting the search warrant application, Saavedra falsely stated that the victim was the target of an illegal firearms investigation. Using the GPS data, Saavedra traced the victim's movements, thereby ascertaining where the victim was residing and provided that address to Iza. In March 2022, Iza recruited three thugs to the victim's home to engage in an invasion-type armed robbery to obtain the laptop. That effort went awry, however, when the victim turned out to be armed and discharged his own firearm at the would-be robbers. Afterward, Iza sent the victim a video of the incident in a further effort to intimidate him.

The sworn law enforcement officers employed by Saavedra & Associates involved themselves in other violent acts at Iza's behest. In August 2021, two Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department deputies held a one man at gunpoint inside Iza's

residence, while Iza convinced him to transfer \$25,000 from his bank account to his own. In October 2021, with Saavedra & Associates providing back-up, Iza held a victim at gunpoint, prevailing upon him to transfer \$127,000 into his account.

Both Iza and Saavedra entered guilty pleas to an array of charges against them, including federal tax crimes. Iza willfully avoided the assessment of approximately \$6,772,725 in federal income tax due for the year 2021, he acknowledged in his plea. Saavedra received approximately \$373,146 in unreported income and subscribed to a false tax return for 2021, he admitted.

Simpkins was handed his 18 month federal prison sentence on July 13, 2026 by Judge Percy Anderson following his guilty plea entered on March 17, 2026 to one count of obstruction of justice. Simpkins resigned from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's special enforcement bureau after the plea.

According to court documents, Simpkins was a Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department deputy assigned to the Lakewood Station, working for the special enforcement bureau and special weapons and tactics team. He also worked about six to eight shifts as a private security guard for Saavedra & Associates. In August 2021, Iza, fellow Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Deputy Christopher Michael Cadman, and other officers to provide security at a party at Iza's Bel Air mansion. At the time, Simpkins knew Iza possessed at least one firearm, according to the U.S. Department of Justice.

After the party ended, around 3-4 a.m. on August 15, 2021, Simpkins learned the party planner, "R.C.," had been kicked out for erratic behavior. The next day, Simpkins escorted R.C. to Iza's office, where Iza placed live 9mm ammunition on the desk and intimidated him to ob-

tain \$25,000 by transferring it from R.C.'s bank account to an Iza-controlled account, according to the U.S. Department of Justice.

Simpkins later lied to federal investigators, claiming he never witnessed Iza threaten or extort the party planner. This obstruction blocked a federal probe into Iza's criminal activities, according to prosecutors.

Rodriguez, reliable sources have told the Sentinel, is to be sentenced early next week. Rodriguez pleaded guilty in July 2025 to having falsified a search warrant to get GPS tracking information for a client's estranged husband. Since his plea, Rodriguez has reportedly been cooperating with federal investigators.

According to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, he was terminated from the department in October 2023.

Federal investigators say that which Rodriguez was working for Saavedra & Associates in July 2022, he was given the assignment of providing personal security for a wealthy woman going through a heavily-contested divorce proceeding. During the course of that assignment, according to federal prosecutors, Rodriguez fell into a personal relationship with the woman. When the woman said she feared for her safety and that her estranged husband had several of her valuables, according to the Department of Justice, Rodriguez obtained a search warrant by making misrepresentations to a federal judge

that GPS location information relating to the woman's husband was needed in connection with the sheriff's department's investigation into a robbery in Cudahy. Rodriguez made that claim, according to the federal government, despite his knowing that the woman's estranged husband had nothing to do with the robbery in question. Upon obtaining that GPS data, which placed the estranged husband in Utah, Rodriguez provided the information to Saavedra. According to federal law enforcement agents, other employees of Saavedra & Associates affixed a tracking device on the victim's car and sent him a threatening text.

Rodriguez told federal investigators, as part of his plea agreement, that Saavedra and other Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department deputies working for Saavedra & Associates unlawfully obtained information which was used to intimidate or threaten certain individuals.

Former Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Deputy Michael David Coberg, 44, of Eastvale, who also went to work for Saavedra & Associates, is serving a 63-month federal prison sentence and was ordered to pay \$127,000 in restitution for helping Iza extort a rival and arrange the sham illegal drug possession arrest of another adversary in Paramount in 2021.

Iza and Saavedra have yet to be sentenced. Iza faces a theoretical maximum of up to 35 years in federal prison. Saavedra

will face up to 13 years in federal prison.

"These alleged actions, as detailed in federal court documents, are deeply disturbing and do not reflect the values of our Department or the dedicated work of the vast majority of our deputies who serve with integrity," LASD wrote in a statement in July 2025. "The Department has fully cooperated with the ongoing federal investigation."

According to Special Agent in Charge Tyler Hatcher, IRS Criminal Investigation, Los Angeles Field Office, "Mr. Iza's and Mr. Saavedra's relationship was little more than a thuggish partnership between a thief and a crooked cop. The public should be able to trust members of law enforcement, but Mr. Saavedra violated his oath for a payday. Mr. Iza stole from anyone he could and found a big payday by ripping off Meta so that he could afford to pay for Mr. Saavedra's corrupt protection and assistance. Unfortunately for both of them, money leaves trails and IRS Criminal Investigation is the best in the world at finding and following those trails. When you commit fraud and take a payday from fraudsters you must pay taxes on those funds. Now they will face justice for their actions."

Assistant United States Attorneys Daniel J. O'Brien and J. Jamari Buxton of the Public Corruption and Civil Rights Section, and Maxwell K. Coll of the Cyber and Intellectual Property Crimes Section are prosecuting this case.

Audit Of School District Meal Program Vindicates Outcast Worker's Assertions Overpayments Were Made *from page 5*

sented by the Law Firm of Wagner Zemming Christensen claims the district and its employees did not investigate the misappropriations of state money she had brought forth, and that she was reassigned out of the Nutrition Services

department to the risk management office, cut off from others in the district, and subjected to retaliation, which included investigations of specious charges against her and hostile work environment.

The district's returning of the money improperly received from the the state and federal government, along with the findings of the CliftonLarsenAllen and California Department of Education would ap-

pear to lend credence and strength to Dunbar-Riley's lawsuit.

Moreover, details provided by the lawsuit, taken together with the audits and their findings, raise questions as to what the district and other agencies, such as the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office and the California Attorney General's Office, will do with regard to Kraushaar, Rangel and Rahman-Davies.

-Mark Gutglueck