SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
Plaintiff,

v.

10 01 **DAVID ANTHONY BURKE** (DOB REDACTED)
aka D4VD

Defendant(s).

CASE NO. 26CJCF02399

FELONY COMPLAINT

CENTRAL CRIMINAL
LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT

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The undersigned is informed and believes that:

COUNT 1

On or about April 23, 2025, in the County of Los Angeles, the crime of MURDER, in violation of PENAL CODE SECTION 187(a), a Felony, was committed by DAVID ANTHONY BURKE, who did unlawfully, and with malice aforethought murder CELESTE R., a human being.

"NOTICE: The above offense is a serious felony within the meaning of Penal Code Section 1192.7(c) and a violent felony within the meaning of Penal Code Section 667.5(c)."

NOTICE: Upon a felony conviction for the above offense, prison custody time is to be served in state prison based upon the above felony offense being a serious felony defined in Penal Code section 1192.7 and/or violent felony defined in Penal Code section 667.5(c), or a felony offense requiring registration as sex offender pursuant to Penal Code section 290(c), within the meaning of Penal Code section 1170(h)(3).

It is further alleged that the murder of CELESTE R. was intentional and was carried out by the defendant(s), DAVID ANTHONY BURKE for financial gain, within the meaning of Penal Code Section 190.2(a)(1).

It is further alleged, that pursuant to Penal Code section PC190.2(a)(10), that CELESTE R. was a witness to a crime and was intentionally killed because of that fact.

It is further alleged that the murder of CELESTE R. was committed by defendant(s), DAVID ANTHONY BURKE and that the defendant intentionally killed the victim by means of lying in wait, within the meaning of Penal Code Section 190.2(a)(15).

It is further alleged that in the commission and attempted commission of the above offense, the said defendant(s), DAVID ANTHONY BURKE, personally used a deadly and dangerous weapon(s), to wit, Sharp Instrument, said use not being an element of the above offense, within the meaning of Penal Code Section 12022(b)(1) and causing the above offense to be a serious felony within the meaning of Penal Code section 1192.7(c)(23).

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COUNT 2

On or between September 7, 2023 and September 7, 2024, in the County of Los Angeles, the crime of CONTINUOUS SEXUAL ABUSE, in violation of PENAL CODE SECTION 288.5(a), a Felony, was committed by DAVID ANTHONY BURKE, who did unlawfully engage in three and more acts of "substantial sexual conduct", as defined in Penal Code Section 1203.066(b), and three and more "lewd and lascivious acts", as defined in Penal Code Section 288, with CELESTE R., a child under the age of 14 years, while the defendant resided with, and had recurring access to, the child.

"NOTICE: The above offense is a serious felony within the meaning of Penal Code Section 1192.7(c) and a violent felony within the meaning of Penal Code Section 667.5(c)."

"NOTICE: Conviction of this offense will require you to register pursuant to Penal Code section 290. Willful failure to register is a crime."

"NOTICE: Conviction of this offense will require the court to order you to submit to a blood test for evidence of antibodies to the probable causative agent of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS). Penal Code section 1202.1."

"NOTICE: Being charged with this criminal offense can result in mandatory pre-conviction HIV/AIDS testing and disclosure of the results to a victim and the Chief Medical Officer of the jail or prison facility where you are incarcerated pursuant to Penal Code Section 1524.1and Health and Safety Code section 121055 following a probable cause hearing resulting in a court order."

NOTICE: Upon a felony conviction for the above offense, prison custody time is to be served in state prison based upon the above felony offense being a serious felony defined in Penal Code section 1192.7 and/or violent felony defined in Penal Code section 667.5(c), or a felony offense requiring registration as sex offender pursuant to Penal Code section 290(c), within the meaning of Penal Code section 1170(h)(3).

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COUNT 3

On or about May 5, 2025, in the County of Los Angeles, the crime of UNLAWFUL MUTILATION OF HUMAN REMAINS, in violation of HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTION 7052, a Felony, was committed by DAVID ANTHONY BURKE, who did willfully and unlawfully mutilate remains known to be human, specifically the remains of CELESTE R.

NOTICE: Upon a felony conviction for the above offense, prison custody time is to be served in state prison pursuant to Penal Code section 1170.

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