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| 8                               | SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA 🕌   |  |  |  |  |
| 9                               | COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES   |  |  |  |  |
| 10                              |   |  |  |  |  |
| 11                              | PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF Case No. BA476060  |  |  |  |  |
| 12                              | CALIFORNIA,   |  |  |  |  |
| 13                              | Plaintiff,  |  |  |  |  |
| 14                              | FELONY COMPLAINT FOR  |  |  |  |  |
| 15                              | v. ARREST WARRANT   |  |  |  |  |
| 16                              |   |  |  |  |  |
| 17                              | STEVE FARZAM (DOB: 7/21/1978),  |  |  |  |  |
| 18                              |   |  |  |  |  |
| 19                              | Defendant.  |  |  |  |  |
| 20                              |   |  |  |  |  |
| 21                              | The Attorney General of the State of California accuses the above-named Defendant of the  |  |  |  |  |
| 22                              | following offenses, which are connected to each other in their commission:  |  |  |  |  |
| 23                              | COUNT 1   |  |  |  |  |
| 24                              | On or about and between March 1, 2017 through March 31, 2017, in the County of Los  |  |  |  |  |
| 25                              | Angeles, the crime of ATTEMPTING TO DISSUADE A WITNESS in violation of PENAL  |  |  |  |  |
| 26                              | CODE SECTION 136.1(a)(2), a Felony, was committed by Defendant STEVE FARZAM, who  |  |  |  |  |
| 27                              | did knowingly and maliciously attempt to prevent and dissuade Libbier Hernandez, a witness,   |  |  |  |  |
| 28                              | from attending and giving testimony at a trial, proceeding, and inquiry authorized by law.  |  |  |  |  |

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## COUNT 2

On or about March 24, 2017, in the County of Los Angeles, the crime of IDENTITY THEFT in violation of PENAL CODE SECTION 530.5(a), a Felony, was committed by STEVE FARZAM, who did willfully and unlawfully with the intent to defraud acquire and retain possession of personal identifying information of another person, to wit, Libier Hernandez, and used that information for an unlawful purpose and to obtain, and attempt to obtain credit, goods, services, real property, and medical information without the consent of Libier Hernandez.

### COUNT 3

On or about March 24, 2017, in the County of Los Angeles, the crime of IDENTITY THEFT in violation of PENAL CODE SECTION 530.5(a), a Felony, was committed by STEVE FARZAM, who did willfully and unlawfully with the intent to defraud acquire and retain possession of personal identifying information of another person, to wit, Ivan Hernandez, and used that information for an unlawful purpose and to obtain, and attempt to obtain credit, goods, services, real property, and medical information without the consent of Ivan Hernandez.

## **COUNT 4**

On or about February 14, 2018, in the County of Los Angeles, the crime of COUNTERFEIT SEAL in violation of PENAL CODE SECTION 472, a Felony, was committed by STEVE FARZAM, who did unlawfully and with intent to defraud, forge and counterfeit a Los Angeles County Superior Court seal and did falsely make forge and counterfeit an impression purporting to be an impression of said seal, and did possess such counterfeited seal and impression, knowing it to be counterfeited and did conceal the fact that the seal was counterfeit.

# **CONCLUSION**

All of the foregoing is contrary to the form, force, and effect of the above-named statutes, and is against the peace and dignity of the People of the State of California.

Attached hereto and incorporated by reference is a declaration in support of an arrest warrant and complaint with accompanying official reports and documents of a law enforcement agency.

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 15th day of November 2019, at Los Angeles, California. Respectfully Submitted, XAVIER BECERRA Attorney General of California MATASHA HOWARD Deputy Attorney General 

# NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS AND ATTORNEYS

Pursuant to Penal Code section 1054.5(b), the People of the State of California hereby informally request that defense counsel provide discovery to the People as required by Penal Code section 1054.3.

## **NOTICE TO ATTORNEYS**

Any materials accompanying this complaint or provided by the People in this case may contain information about witnesses. Such information is subject to Penal Code section 1054.2, which provides, "No attorney may disclose or permit to be disclosed to a defendant the address or telephone number of a victim or witness whose name is disclosed to the attorney pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 1054.1 unless specifically permitted to do so by the court after a hearing and a showing of good cause."

# SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

#### WARRANT OF ARREST

The People of the State of California to any peace officer of said State:

Proof by declaration under penalty of perjury having been made this day to me by Detective
Ken Bryant of the Los Angeles Police Department, Major Crimes Division, and as described in
the accompanying felony complaint, I find there is probable cause to believe that the following
crimes have been committed by Defendant STEVE FARZAM: Identity Theft in violation of
Penal Code section 530.5(a); Attempted Witness Intimidation in violation of Penal Code section

136.1(a)(2); and Counterfeit Seal in violation of Penal Code section 472.

Therefore, you are commanded to arrest STEVE FARZAM, and to bring said Defendant before any magistrate in Los Angeles County pursuant to Sections 821, 825, 826, and 848 of the

California Penal Code.

| Defendant is | to be admitted to ball in the sum of \$ |  |
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| Dated:       |   |  |
| Time Issued: | (am/pm)                                 |  |

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

State of California, County of Los Angeles

| Defendant             | DOB                  | CII | CDL | Bail Requested |  |
|-----------------------|----------------------|-----|-----|----------------|--|
| FARZAM, Steve         |                      |     |     | \$140,000      |  |
| Investigating Agency  | LAPD                 |     |     | a .            |  |
| Investigating Officer | Detective Ken Bryant |     |     |                |  |
| Phone No.             |                      |     |     |                |  |
| Prelim Estimate       | 2 hours              |     |     |                |  |

| 1  | FELONY COMPLAINT – ORDER HOLDING TO ANSWER – P.C. SECTION 872                                  |                                |               |               |  |  |
|----|--|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|--|--|
| 2  | It appearing to me from the evidence presented that the following offense(s) has/have been     |                                |               |               |  |  |
| 3  | committed and that there is sufficient cause to believe that the following defendant(s) guilty |                                |               |               |  |  |
| 4  | thereof, to wit:   |                                |               |               |  |  |
| 5  | (Strike out or add as applicable)  |                                |               |               |  |  |
| 6  | STEVE FARZAM   |                                |               |               |  |  |
| 7  | Ct. Charge   | Charge Range                   | Allegation    | Alleg. Effect |  |  |
| 8  | 1 PC 136.2(a)(2)   | 16-2-3                         |               |               |  |  |
| 9  | 2 PC 530.5(a)  | 16-2-3                         |               |               |  |  |
| 10 | 3 PC 530.5(a)  | 16-2-3                         |               |               |  |  |
| 11 | 4 PC 472   | 16-2-3                         |               |               |  |  |
| 12 | * (a)  | v                              |               |               |  |  |
| 13 | I ORDER that the defendant named below be held to answer for the above-described               |                                |               |               |  |  |
| 14 | offenses and allegations and be admitted to bail in the sum of:                                |                                |               |               |  |  |
| 15 |  |                                |               |               |  |  |
| 16 | Steve FARZA  | AM S                           | 5             |               |  |  |
| 17 |  | *                              |               |               |  |  |
| 18 | And that said defendant be committed to the custody of the Sheriff until such bail is given.   |                                |               |               |  |  |
| 19 | The date of Felony arraignment is set for:   |                                |               |               |  |  |
| 20 |  |                                |               |               |  |  |
| 21 | (Date)   | in I                           | Department at | a.m.          |  |  |
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| 24 | Magistr<br>Superio   | rate<br>or Court of California | Date          |               |  |  |
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