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| 13 | THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, | Case No |
| 14 | CALIFORNIA, | FELONY COMPLAINT |
| 15 | Plaintiff, | [AC DOCKET No CA 2022204504 1 |
| 15 | v. | [AG DOCKET Nos.: SA2022304504 and SA2025300733] |
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| 17 | LOVELLA NEBERBA LUCERO (A.K.A. | |
| | LOVELLA VIPINOSA) AND RONNIE VIPINOSA NEBERBA, | |
| 18 | ROTTILE VII INOSATEBERDA, | |
| 19 | Defendants. | |
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| 21 | The People of the State of California hereby allege that in the County of Sacramento, and | |
| 22 | elsewhere within the State of California, before the making of this criminal complaint, the above- | |
| 23 | named defendants, LOVELLA NEBERBA LUCERO (a.k.a. LOVELLA VIPINOSA) (DOB | |
| 24 | and RONNIE VIPINOSA NEBERBA (DOB | |
| 25 | criminal offenses: | |
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COUNT 1

[Pen. Code § 550(a)(5) – Felony] False or Fraudulent Claims –2, 3, or 5 years

Beginning on or about January 1, 2020, and continuing through September 30, 2022, defendants, LOVELLA NEBERBA LUCERO and RONNIE VIPINOSA NEBERBA, did aid, abet, solicit and/or conspire with another to knowingly prepare, make or subscribe a writing or writings, with the intent to present and use it, or to allow it to be presented, in support of a false and fraudulent claim or claims, in violation of Penal Code section 550, subdivision (a)(5), a felony.

COUNT 2

[Pen. Code, § 182(a)(1)]

Conspiracy to Commit False or Fraudulent Claims -2, 3, or 5 years Imprisonment

Beginning on or about January 1, 2020, and continuing through September 30, 2022, defendants, LOVELLA NEBERBA LUCERO and RONNIE VIPINOSA NEBERBA, did unlawfully conspire together to commit the crime of False or Fraudulent Claims, in violation of Penal Code section 182(a)(1), a felony.

OVERT ACTS

The Attorney General of the State of California further charges that pursuant to the above conspiracy, and to carry out the objects thereof, each defendant and co-defendant did, on or about January 1, 2020, and continuing through September 30, 2022, in the county of Sacramento and elsewhere in the State of California, commit various overt acts including, but not limited to, the following:

OVERT ACT #1: Defendant Ronnie Neberba, facility manager for Granite Bay Home, submitted to Alta California Regional Center, via electronic billing, claims for services for resident A. Moon which were not provided, to wit, a 24-hour, one on one, direct service provider.

OVERT ACT #2: Defendant Ronnie Neberba, facility manager for Granite Bay Home, submitted to Alta California Regional Center, via electronic billing, claims for services for resident A. Moon which were not provided, to wit, an additional 8 hours per day registered nurse or licensed vocational nurse.

OVERT ACT #3: Defendant Ronnie Neberba assigned staff shifts and generated staff schedules for Granite Bay Home and did not include a 24-hour, one on one, direct service provider for resident A. Moon.

OVERT ACT #4: Defendant Ronnie Neberba assigned staff shifts and generated staff schedules for Granite Bay Home and did not include an additional 8 hour per day registered nurse or licensed vocational nurse for resident A. Moon.

OVERT ACT #5: Defendant Lovella Lucero, in her capacity as owner and administrator of Granite Bay Home, oversaw all electronic billing submitted on behalf of Granite Bay Home.

OVERT ACT #6: Defendant Lovella Lucero, in her capacity as owner and administrator of Granite Bay Home, oversaw all staff assignments and staff schedules that were generated for Granite Bay Home.

OVERT ACT #7: Defendants Lovella Lucero and Ronnie Neberba converted funds provided by the State of California and Alta California Regional Center and intended for use on services provided to resident A. Moon for their own personal use.

COUNT 3 [Pen. Code § 487(a)/503 – Felony] Grand Theft by Embezzlement – 16 months, 2, or 3 years

On or about November 10, 2022, defendant LOVELLA NEBERBA LUCERO, did willfully and unlawfully and fraudulently appropriate property in an amount exceeding \$950, to wit, two MacBook Pro laptops and two iPhones, which had been entrusted to her by the State of California, in violation of section 487(a)/503 of the Penal Code, a felony.

SPECIAL ALLEGATION [Pen. Code, § 186.11(a)(2)] White Collar Crime Enhancement Additional 2, 3, or 5 years State Prison

Furthermore, as to counts 1, 2 and 3, the offenses alleged are related felonies, a material element of which is fraud and embezzlement, which involved a pattern of related felony conduct. and the pattern of related felony conduct involved the taking of, and resulted in the loss by, the State of California of more than five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000), thus subjecting LOVELLA NEBERBA LUCERO to the additional punishment provided for in Penal Code sections 186.11(a)(2).

NOTICE: Pursuant to Penal Code section 1170(h), prison custody time is to be served in state prison if the enhancement pursuant to Penal Code section 186.11 is imposed as part of a sentence for the above offense.

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