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10 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
11 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
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14 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF
15 CALIFORNIA,

the People,

16 v.
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18 1. THIEN KIM HUYNH NGUYEN
19 [REDACTED]

20 2. PHUC HUYNH [REDACTED]

21 Defendants.
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Case No.

**FELONY COMPLAINT FOR ARREST
WARRANT AND EXTRADITION**

FILED

Superior Court of California
County of Los Angeles

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David W. Slayton, Executive Officer/Clerk of Court

By: A. Cervantes, Deputy

23 The Attorney General of the State of California, through Deputy Attorneys General Edward
24 J. Skelly and Ryan Toomey, accuses the above-named defendants of the following offenses,
25 which are connected in their commission:
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1 COUNT 1

2 **GRAND THEFT**

3 On or between May 12, 2020, and April 3, 2022, at and in the County of Los Angeles, the
4 crime of GRAND THEFT, a violation of PENAL CODE SECTION 487(a) a Felony, was
5 committed by defendants THIEN KIM HUYNH NGUYEN and PHUC HUYNH, who did
6 knowingly and designedly, by a false and fraudulent representation and pretense, obtain money,
7 labor and real and personal property by fraud from [REDACTED], specifically, money, which had a
8 value exceeding nine hundred fifty dollars (\$950); to wit: \$805,967.

9 COUNT 2

10 **GRAND THEFT**

11 On or between October 11, 2019, and October 27, 2022, at and in the County of Los
12 Angeles, the crime of GRAND THEFT, a violation of PENAL CODE SECTION 487(a) a
13 Felony, was committed by defendants THIEN KIM HUYNH NGUYEN and PHUC HUYNH,
14 who did knowingly and designedly, by a false and fraudulent representation and pretense, obtain
15 money, labor and real and personal property by fraud from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED],
16 specifically, money, which had a value exceeding nine hundred fifty dollars (\$950); to wit:
17 \$296,229.

18 COUNT 3

19 **GRAND THEFT**

20 On or between February 23, 2019, and June 3, 2023, at and in the County of Los Angeles,
21 the crime of GRAND THEFT, a violation of PENAL CODE SECTION 487(a) a Felony, was
22 committed by defendants THIEN KIM HUYNH NGUYEN and PHUC HUYNH, who did
23 knowingly and designedly, by a false and fraudulent representation and pretense, obtain money,
24 labor and real and personal property by fraud from [REDACTED], specifically, money, which had
25 a value exceeding nine hundred fifty dollars (\$950); to wit: \$281,433.

26 COUNT 4

27 **GRAND THEFT**

28 On or between October 2022 and January 20, 2023, at and in the County of Los Angeles,

1 the crime of GRAND THEFT, a violation of PENAL CODE SECTION 487(a) a Felony, was
2 committed by defendants THIEN KIM HUYNH NGUYEN and PHUC HUYNH, who did
3 knowingly and designedly, by a false and fraudulent representation and pretense, obtain money,
4 labor and real and personal property by fraud from [REDACTED], specifically, money, which had a
5 value exceeding nine hundred fifty dollars (\$950); to wit: \$105,000.

6 **COUNT 5**

7 **GRAND THEFT**

8 On or between December 2022 and January 12, 2023, at and in the County of Los
9 Angeles, the crime of GRAND THEFT, a violation of PENAL CODE SECTION 487(a) a
10 Felony, was committed by defendant THIEN KIM HUYNH NGUYEN, who did knowingly and
11 designedly, by a false and fraudulent representation and pretense, obtain money, labor and real
12 and personal property by fraud from [REDACTED], specifically, money, which had a value
13 exceeding nine hundred fifty dollars (\$950); to wit: \$27,100.

14 **COUNT 6**

15 **GRAND THEFT**

16 On or between July 2022 and September 6, 2022, at and in the County of Los Angeles, the
17 crime of GRAND THEFT, a violation of PENAL CODE SECTION 487(a) a Felony, was
18 committed by defendant THIEN KIM HUYNH NGUYEN, who did knowingly and designedly,
19 by a false and fraudulent representation and pretense, obtain money, labor and real and personal
20 property by fraud from [REDACTED] specifically, money, which had a value exceeding nine hundred
21 fifty dollars (\$950); to wit: \$90,000.

22 **COUNT 7**

23 **GRAND THEFT**

24 On or between January 8, 2020, and March 27, 2023, at and in the County of Los Angeles, the
25 crime of GRAND THEFT, a violation of PENAL CODE SECTION 487(a) a Felony, was
26 committed by defendants THIEN KIM HUYNH NGUYEN and PHUC HUYNH, who did
27 knowingly and designedly, by a false and fraudulent representation and pretense, obtain money,
28 labor and real and personal property by fraud from [REDACTED], in violation of Penal Code

1 Section 487(a), specifically, money, which had a value exceeding nine hundred fifty dollars
2 (\$950); to wit: \$194,147.

3 **COUNT 8**

4 **GRAND THEFT**

5 On or about September 9, 2020, at and in the County of Los Angeles, the crime of
6 GRAND THEFT, a violation of PENAL CODE SECTION 487(a) a Felony, was committed by
7 defendant THIEN KIM HUYNH NGUYEN, who did knowingly and designedly, by a false and
8 fraudulent representation and pretense, obtain money, labor and real and personal property by
9 fraud from [REDACTED], specifically, money, which had a value exceeding nine hundred
10 fifty dollars (\$950); to wit: \$17,000.

11 **COUNT 9**

12 **GRAND THEFT**

13 On or between March 2, 2022 and August 5, 2022, at and in the County of Los Angeles,
14 the crime of GRAND THEFT, a violation of PENAL CODE SECTION 487(a) a Felony, was
15 committed by defendant THIEN KIM HUYNH NGUYEN, who did knowingly and designedly,
16 by a false and fraudulent representation and pretense, obtain money, labor and real and personal
17 property by fraud from [REDACTED], specifically, money, which had a value exceeding
18 nine hundred fifty dollars (\$950); to wit: \$123,775.

19 **COUNT 10**

20 **GRAND THEFT**

21 On or between March 2022, and December 2022, at and in the County of Los Angeles, the
22 crime of GRAND THEFT, a violation of PENAL CODE SECTION 487(a) a Felony, was
23 committed by defendant THIEN KIM HUYNH NGUYEN, who did knowingly and designedly,
24 by a false and fraudulent representation and pretense, obtain money, labor and real and personal
25 property by fraud from [REDACTED], specifically, money, which had a value exceeding nine
26 hundred fifty dollars (\$950); to wit: \$253,000.

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1 NOTICE: Prison custody time is to be served in state prison if the enhancement pursuant to Penal
2 Code section 186.11 is imposed as part of the sentence for the above offense, within the meaning
3 of Penal Code section 1170(h)(3).

4 **SPECIAL ALLEGATION TWO**

5 **EXCESSIVE TAKING ENHANCEMENT IN EXCESS OF \$1,000,000]**

6 **(Penal Code Sections 12022.6(a)(3))**

7 It is further alleged as to counts 1 through 12 that during the commission and attempted
8 commission of the above felony, defendants THIEN KIM HUYNH NGUYEN and PHUC
9 HUYNH took, damaged, and destroyed property with a value exceeding one million dollars
10 (\$1,000,000), within the meaning of Penal Code section 12022.6(a)(3).

11 **SPECIAL ALLEGATION THREE**

12 **AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES**

13 **(California Rules of Court Rule 4.421(a))**

14 It is further alleged as to Counts 1 through 12 that the victims of the above offenses were
15 particularly vulnerable, within the meaning of California Rules of Court Rule 4.421(a)(3).

16 It is further alleged as to Counts 1 through 12 that the manner in which Defendant Nguyen
17 and Defendant Huynh carried out the above offenses indicates planning, sophistication, or
18 professionalism, within the meaning of California Rules of Court Rule 4.421(a)(8).

19 It is further alleged as to Counts 1 through 12 that the crime involved an attempted and
20 actual taking and damage of great monetary value within the meaning of California Rules of
21 Court Rule 4.421(a)(9).

22 **SPECIAL ALLEGATION FOUR**

23 **STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS**

24 **(Penal Code Sections 803(c), 801.5)**

25 It is further alleged that the violations enumerated in this Complaint were not discovered
26 and could not reasonably have been discovered by the victims or law enforcement before
27 December 1, 2022.

1 **Background Facts**

2 Defendants Nguyen and Huynh are prominent members of the Vietnamese community in
3 the San Fernando Valley of Los Angeles and have resided there for approximately 20 years.
4 Beginning in 2019, Defendants Nguyen and Huynh solicited money from friends and family
5 within the community to be used as an “investment” and promised that the funds would be repaid
6 with interest. Defendants Nguyen and Huynh used many different misrepresentations to induce
7 the victims to give them money. This included calling the payments an “investment” with some
8 victims and a “loan” to other victims.

9 **Victims’ Discovery**

10 The following victims loaned money to the defendants on the offense dates listed in each
11 count:

12 As to Count 1, [REDACTED] was first contacted by Defendant Nguyen regarding a loan in
13 May 2020. As a result of Defendant Nguyen’s misrepresentations, [REDACTED] made bank check
14 payments to Defendant Nguyen in the amount of \$539,500. [REDACTED] made wire transfer
15 payments to Defendant Nguyen in the amount of \$113,160. [REDACTED] made Zelle payments to
16 Defendant Nguyen in the amount of \$153,307. She first suspected that Defendant Nguyen
17 engaged in criminal conduct on November 12, 2022, after discovering that the repayment checks
18 issued by Defendant Nguyen bounced. Prior to that date, she had no reason to believe that she had
19 been the victim of a crime.

20 As to Count 2, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were first contacted by Defendant Nguyen
21 regarding an investment opportunity in October 2019. As a result of Defendant Nguyen’s
22 misrepresentations, [REDACTED] made bank check payments to Defendant Nguyen in the amount of
23 \$193,763. [REDACTED] made bank check payments to Defendant Nguyen in the amount of \$7,500.
24 [REDACTED] made cash payments to Defendant Nguyen in the amount of \$99,237. [REDACTED]
25 [REDACTED] made Zelle payments to Defendant Nguyen in the amount of \$20,100. [REDACTED]
26 [REDACTED] first suspected that Defendant Nguyen engaged in criminal conduct in February 2023
27 when she defaulted on the loan and failed to pay the agreed-upon investment payments. Prior to
28 that date, they had no reason to believe that they had been the victim of a crime.

1 As to Count 3, [REDACTED] was first approached by Defendant Nguyen regarding an
2 investment opportunity in 2019. As a result of Defendant Nguyen's misrepresentations, [REDACTED]
3 [REDACTED] made bank check and cash payments to Defendant Nguyen in the amount of \$260,016.
4 [REDACTED] made Zelle payments to Defendant Nguyen in the amount of \$51,450. [REDACTED]
5 first suspected that Defendant Nguyen engaged in criminal conduct on May 10, 2023, after Kim
6 Nguyen defaulted on the loans and repeatedly lied about the reasons for not paying the promised
7 return. Prior to that date, she had no reason to believe that she had been the victim of a crime.

8 As to Count 4, [REDACTED] was first approached by Defendant Nguyen regarding a business
9 venture in June 2020. As a result of Defendant Nguyen's misrepresentations, [REDACTED] made cash
10 payments to Defendant Nguyen in the amount of \$105,000. [REDACTED] first suspected that
11 Defendant Nguyen engaged in criminal conduct on January 14, 2023, when he did not receive his
12 return on investment within three months as promised by Defendant Nguyen. Prior to that date,
13 he had no reason to believe that he had been the victim of a crime.

14 As to Count 5, [REDACTED] was first approached by Defendant Nguyen regarding an
15 investment into a business in December 2022. As a result of Defendant Nguyen's
16 misrepresentations, [REDACTED] made bank check payments to Defendant Nguyen in the amount
17 of \$7,400. [REDACTED] first suspected that Defendant Nguyen engaged in criminal conduct on
18 March 30, 2023, after discovering that the checks provided by Defendant Nguyen as collateral
19 bounced. Prior to that date, he had no reason to believe that he had been the victim of a crime.

20 As to Count 6, [REDACTED] was first approached by Defendant Nguyen regarding an
21 investment to purchase a classic vehicle from auction in July 2022. As a result of Defendant
22 Nguyen's misrepresentations, [REDACTED] made cash payments to Defendant Nguyen in the amount
23 of \$71,883. [REDACTED] made Venmo payments to Defendant Nguyen in the amount of \$18,117.
24 Linh Mai first suspected that Defendant Nguyen engaged in criminal conduct on November 1,
25 2023, when she did not receive the return on investment as promised by Defendant Nguyen.
26 Prior to that date, she had no reason to believe that she had been the victim of a crime.

27 As to Count 7, [REDACTED] was first approached by Defendant Nguyen regarding an
28 investment in a nail salon business. As a result of Defendant Nguyen's misrepresentations, [REDACTED]

1 [REDACTED] made Venmo payments to Defendants Nguyen and Huynh in the amount of \$20,340.
2 Hang Thu Vo made bank check payments to Defendant Nguyen in the amount of \$5,250. [REDACTED]
3 [REDACTED] made cash payments to Defendant Nguyen in the amount of \$73,000. [REDACTED] made
4 Zelle payments to Defendant Nguyen in the amount of \$95,557. [REDACTED] first suspected that
5 Defendant Nguyen engaged in criminal conduct on May 12, 2023, when she did not receive her
6 return on investment as promised by Defendant Nguyen. Prior to that date, she had no reason to
7 believe that she had been the victim of a crime.

8 As to Count 8, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was first approached by Defendant Nguyen regarding an
9 investment in 2021. As a result of Defendant Nguyen's misrepresentations, [REDACTED]
10 made cash payments to Defendant Nguyen in the amount of \$17,000. [REDACTED] first
11 suspected that Defendant Nguyen engaged in criminal conduct on June 22, 2023, when he did not
12 receive his return on investment as promised by Defendant Nguyen. Prior to that date, he had no
13 reason to believe that he had been the victim of a crime.

14 As to Count 9, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was first approached by Defendant Nguyen regarding a
15 business deal in January 2022. As a result of Defendant Nguyen's misrepresentations, [REDACTED]
16 [REDACTED] made bank check payments to Defendant Nguyen in the amount of \$123,775. [REDACTED]
17 [REDACTED] first suspected that Defendant Nguyen engaged in criminal conduct on November 28,
18 2023, when she did not receive her return on investment as promised by Defendant Nguyen.
19 Prior to that date, she had no reason to believe that she had been the victim of a crime.

20 As to Count 10, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] contacted Defendant Nguyen regarding a business deal in
21 2022. As a result of Defendant Nguyen's misrepresentations, [REDACTED] made cash payments to
22 Defendant Nguyen in the amount of \$253,000. [REDACTED] first suspected that Defendant Nguyen
23 engaged in criminal conduct in June 2023, when she did not receive her return on investment as
24 promised by Defendant Nguyen. Prior to that date, she had no reason to believe that she had been
25 the victim of a crime.

26 As to Count 11, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was first approached by Defendant Nguyen regarding a nail
27 salon business investment in August 2022. As a result of Defendant Nguyen's misrepresentations,
28 [REDACTED] made Zelle payments to Defendant Nguyen in the amount of \$5,000. [REDACTED]

1 first suspected that Defendant Nguyen engaged in criminal conduct in August 2023, when he filed
2 a lawsuit against Defendant Nguyen to recover his return on investment. Prior to that date, he had
3 no reason to believe that he had been the victim of a crime.

4 As to Count 12, [REDACTED] was first approached by Defendant Nguyen regarding an
5 investment in July 2023. As a result of Defendant Nguyen's misrepresentations, [REDACTED]
6 made bank check payments to Defendant Nguyen in the amount of \$18,500. [REDACTED]
7 made Zelle payments to Defendant Huynh in the amount of \$1,001. [REDACTED] made bank
8 cash payments to Defendant Nguyen in the amount of \$18,500. [REDACTED] first suspected
9 that Defendant Nguyen engaged in criminal conduct on March 14, 2024, when she did not receive
10 her return on investment as promised by Defendant Nguyen. Prior to that date, she had no reason
11 to believe that she had been the victim of a crime.

12 Law Enforcement Discovery

13 Law enforcement officials first became aware that fraud was committed by Defendants
14 Nguyen and Huynh on May 3, 2023, when [REDACTED] filed a police report with the Los Angeles
15 Police Department. Prior to that date, law enforcement officials had not received any information
16 regarding Defendants Nguyen or Huynh.

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Executed this Thirteenth Day of November 2025, in Los Angeles, California.

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