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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LASSEN

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, Plaintiff, vs. THERESA STALTER, (D.O.B. [redacted]) Defendant.	CASE NO. FELONY COMPLAINT

The Attorney General of the State of California states on information and belief that defendant did, in the County of Lassen, State of California, commit a public offense to wit:

COUNT I

On or about August 4, 2022, in the County of Lassen, State of California, the crime of MISAPPROPRIATION OF PUBLIC FUNDS, in violation of Section 424(a)(1) of the Penal Code, a felony, was committed by THERESA STALTER who, being a person described in Penal Code

Section 424, at the time and place last aforesaid, did willfully and unlawfully and without authority of law appropriate public funds, to wit: a $412.96 Southwest Airline ticket purchase, to his or her own use, or the use of another.

COUNT II

On or about August 17, 2022, in the County of Lassen, State of California, the crime of MISAPPROPRIATION OF PUBLIC FUNDS, in violation of Section 424(a)(1) of the Penal Code, a felony, was committed by THERESA STALTER who, being a person described in Penal Code Section 424, at the time and place last aforesaid, did willfully and unlawfully and without authority of law appropriate public funds, to wit: a $736 payment to Singleton Auman for personal tax preparation services, to his or her own use, or the use of another.

COUNT III

On or about January 3, 2023, in the County of Lassen, State of California, the crime of MISAPPROPRIATION OF PUBLIC FUNDS, in violation of Section 424(a)(1) of the Penal Code, a felony, was committed by THERESA STALTER who, being a person described in Penal Code Section 424, at the time and place last aforesaid, did willfully and unlawfully and without authority of law appropriate public funds, to wit: a $4,925 Phoenix University tuition reimbursement, to his or her own use, or the use of another.

COUNT IV

On or about March 3, 2023, in the County of Lassen, State of California, the crime of MISAPPROPRIATION OF PUBLIC FUNDS, in violation of Section 424(a)(1) of the Penal Code, a felony, was committed by THERESA STALTER who, being a person described in Penal Code

Section 424, at the time and place last aforesaid, did willfully and unlawfully and without authority of law appropriate public funds, to wit: a $7,600 Phoenix University tuition reimbursement, to his or her own use, or the use of another.

COUNT V

On or about July 8, 2024, in the County of Lassen, State of California, the crime of MISAPPROPRIATION OF PUBLIC FUNDS, in violation of Section 424(a)(1) of the Penal Code, a felony, was committed by THERESA STALTER who, being a person described in Penal Code Section 424, at the time and place last aforesaid, did willfully and unlawfully and without authority of law appropriate public funds, to wit: $475 rotary dues, to his or her own use, or the use of another.

COUNT VI

On or about May 5, 2025, in the County of Lassen, State of California, the crime of MISAPPROPRIATION OF PUBLIC FUNDS, in violation of Section 424(a)(1) of the Penal Code, a felony, was committed by THERESA STALTER who, being a person described in Penal Code Section 424, at the time and place last aforesaid, did willfully and unlawfully and without authority of law appropriate public funds, to wit: a $32.47 payment to WFP Ship and Print for LHS Baseball Seniors 2025 banner, to his or her own use, or the use of another.

COUNT VII

On or about May 9, 2025, in the County of Lassen, State of California, the crime of MISAPPROPRIATION OF PUBLIC FUNDS, in violation of Section 424(a)(1) of the Penal Code, a felony, was committed by THERESA STALTER who, being a person described in Penal Code

Section 424, at the time and place last aforesaid, did willfully and unlawfully and without authority of law appropriate public funds, to wit: a $102.74 payment to WFP Ship and Print for graduation invitations and fat heads, to his or her own use, or the use of another.

NOTICE: MANDATORY STATE PRISON INCARCERATION

The said defendant, THERESA STALTER, is hereby notified as to Counts 1 through 7, that the above felony offenses herein charged shall be served in the state prison, pursuant to Penal Code Sections 1170.1(a) and 1170(f).

STATUE OF LIMITATIONS – DISCOVERY WITHIN FOUR YEARS

It is further alleged, that Counts 1 through 7 are subject to Penal Code section 801.5, in that the above violations were not discovered until October 2024, at the earliest, when Lassen Superior Court Administrative Services Manager, Samantha Ngotel, began an audit of expenditures made by Theresa Stalter using the court-assigned Bank of America credit card. In conducting this audit, Ms. Ngotel reviewed financial records from Bank of America and expense receipts submitted by Theresa Stalter for reimbursement during the course of her employment as Lassen Superior Court Chief Executive Officer. Ms. Ngotel noted several suspicious payments and transactions and brought them to the attention of Lassen Superior Court Presiding Judge Nareau. This was the first time that Lassen Superior Court staff became aware of any misappropriation of public funds by Theresa Stalter. No victim of said violations and no law enforcement agency chargeable with the investigation and prosecution of said violations had actual and constructive knowledge of said violations prior to the date alleged above, and the offenses are described within Penal Code section 803(c).

Executed on Wednesday, October 7, 2026, at ~~Greenbrae~~ Susanville, California.

Andrea B. Buccine
Deputy Attorney General

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