

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

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| THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,<br><br>Plaintiff,<br><br>v.<br><br>01 DAVID ANTHONY BURKE (DOB: 03/28/2005),<br>aka D4VD<br><br>Defendant(s). |
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CASE NO. 26CJCF02399

FELONY COMPLAINT

LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT  
CENTRAL CRIMINAL  
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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 1524.1 and 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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**NOTICE: Conviction of this offense will require the defendant to provide DNA samples and print impressions pursuant to Penal Code sections 296 and 296.1. Willful refusal to provide the samples and impressions is a crime.**

**NOTICE: The People of the State of California intend to present evidence and seek jury findings regarding all applicable circumstances in aggravation, pursuant to Penal Code section 1170(b) and *Cunningham v. California* (2007) 549 U.S. 270.**

**NOTICE: A Suspected Child Abuse Report (SCAR) may have been generated within the meaning of Penal Code §§ 11166 and 11168 involving the charges alleged in this complaint. Dissemination of a SCAR is limited by Penal Code §§ 11167 and 11167.5 and a court order is required for full disclosure of the contents of a SCAR**

**NOTICE: Any allegation making a defendant ineligible to serve a state prison sentence in the county jail shall not be subject to dismissal pursuant to Penal Code § 1385.**

**NOTICE: Conviction of this offense prohibits you from owning, purchasing, receiving, possessing, or having under your custody and control any firearms, and effective January 1, 2018, will require you to complete a Prohibited Persons Relinquishment Form (“PPR”) pursuant to Penal Code § 29810.**

I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT AND THAT THIS COMPLAINT CONSISTS OF 3 COUNT(S).

Executed at LOS ANGELES, County of Los Angeles, on April <sup>20</sup>~~17~~, 2026.

  
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JOSHUA BYERS  
DECLARANT AND COMPLAINANT

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NATHAN J. HOCHMAN, DISTRICT ATTORNEY

  
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BY: CRAIG HUM, DEPUTY

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OPERATOR: NS  
ID NO.: 34969  
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PRELIM. TIME EST.: 4 DAY(S)

| <u>DEFENDANT</u>     | <u>CII NO.</u> | <u>DOB</u> | <u>BOOKING NO.</u> | <u>BAIL RECOM'D</u> | <u>CUSTODY R'TN DATE</u> |
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| BURKE, DAVID ANTHONY |                | 3/28/2005  |                    | NO BAIL             | 04/20/2026               |

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 1054.5(b), the People are hereby informally requesting that defense counsel provide discovery to the People as required by Penal Code Section 1054.3.

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It appearing to me from the evidence presented that the following offense(s) has/have been committed and that there is sufficient cause to believe that the following defendant(s) guilty thereof, to wit:

(Strike out or add as applicable)

DAVID ANTHONY BURKE

| <u>Ct.</u> | <u>Charge</u> | <u>Charge Range</u>      | <u>Allegation</u>  | <u>Alleg. Effect</u>  |
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| 1          | PC 187(a)     | Check Code State Prison  | PC 190.2(a)(1)<br>PC 190.2(a)(10)<br>PC 190.2(a)(15)<br>PC 12022(b)(1) | LWOP/Death State Prison<br>LWOP/Death State Prison<br>LWOP/Death State Prison<br>+1 Yr State Prison |
| 2          | PC 288.5(a)   | 6-12-16 State Prison     |  |   |
| 3          | HS 7052       | 16,2,3 Prison+\$0-10,000 |  |   |

I order that the defendant(s) be held to answer therefore and be admitted to bail in the sum of:

DAVID ANTHONY BURKE \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars

and be committed to the custody of the Sheriff of Los Angeles County until such bail is given. Date of arraignment in Superior Court will be:

DAVID ANTHONY BURKE \_\_\_\_\_ in Dept \_\_\_\_\_

at: \_\_\_\_\_ A.M.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Committing Magistrate*