### GENERAL OFFICE MEMORANDUM 25-023

TO: ALL DISTRICT ATTORNEY PERSONNEL

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SUBJECT: UNIFORM CRIME CHARGING MANUAL - 2025 UPDATES

DATE: FEBRUARY 11, 2025

The January 2025 edition of the Uniform Crime Charging Manual (2025 UCC) is now available on <u>LADANet</u>. Paper copies of the 2025 UCC will be distributed shortly to the operations that requested hard copies.

The 2025 UCC incorporates new and amended statutes for 2025, including those that became effective on December 18, 2024, pursuant to Proposition 36. In addition to charging templates, the 2025 UCC contains "Use Notes" that provide important information and reminders for many offenses. Prior to making a charging decision, deputies are encouraged to refer to the 2025 UCC for Use Notes that may accompany the offense(s) at issue.

Significant additions and revisions to the 2025 UCC templates include:

### New offenses and allegations (templates added):

- Penal Code ("PC") § 311.11(a)(2) Forms 0-3-Wobbler/Felony Offenses-Possession of Artificial-Intelligence-Generated or Enhanced Child Pornography.
- PC § 452(f) Form 0-Aggravating Circumstance-Unlawfully Causing a Fire in Order to Facilitate Organized Retail Theft.
- PC § 465(a) Forms 1 and 1R-Wobbler Offense-Unlawful Entry of a Vehicle.
- PC § 490.8(f) Form 0-Misdemeanor Offense-Violation of a Retail Crime Restraining Order.
- PC § 496.5(a) Forms 1 and 1R-Wobbler Offense-Possession of Stolen Property from a Vehicle Theft, Vehicle Burglary or Vehicle Tampering with the Intent to Resell.
- PC § 496.6(a) Forms 1 and 1R-Wobbler Offense-Possession of Stolen Property from a Retail Business Theft, Burglary or Shoplifting with the Intent to Resell.
- PC § 647(k)(3) Form 0-Allegation-Invasion of Privacy Involving a Minor and with a Prior Conviction. Elevates underlying PC § 647(j)(3) offense to a wobbler when the

person recorded is a minor and the defendant has a prior conviction for PC § 647(j)(3). This allegation has been auto-attached to PC § 647(j)(3) Forms 2 and 2R for ease in charging.

- PC § 647(l)(2)(A) Form 0-Allegation-Solicitation of a Minor Under 16 or Minor Under 18 who was also the Victim of Human Trafficking. Elevates underlying PC § 647(b)(3) offense to a wobbler when the person solicited was a minor under 16 or a minor under 18 and the victim of human trafficking. Conviction of this offense requires sex offender registration pursuant to PC § 290(c)(2)(A). Notification of this registration requirement is included within the allegation template. This allegation has been auto-attached to PC 647 § (b)(3) Forms 2 and 2R for ease in charging.
- PC § 667.5(c)(24) Form 0-Allegation-Violent Felony PC § 261(a)(3). Designates this section as a violent felony when a person causes the intoxication of the victim by administering a controlled substance to the victim without their consent and with the intent to sexually assault the victim.
- PC § 803(j)(2) Form 0-Allegation-Statute of Limitations Tolled for VC § 20001(b)(2) when a defendant is out of state for purposes of evading prosecution.
- PC § 803.7(a) Form 0-Allegation-Seven (7) Year Statute of Limitations for PC § 273.5 for crimes occurring on or after 1/1/2025 and crimes for which the statute of limitations has not run as of 1/1/2025.
- PC § 1202.4(r) Form 0-Allegation-Additional Restitution Fine for a Corporate Defendant of up to \$100,000 for a felony or \$1,000 for a misdemeanor.
- PC § 1203g(a) Form 0-Allegation-Two (2) Years Probation Period for PC § 459.5 and PC § 484.
- PC § 1398(a) Form 0-Allegation-Corporate White Collar Criminal Enhancement-Additional fine the greater of two times the value of the taking or loss, or the maximum of \$25 million.
- PC §§ 12022.10(a)(1)-(5) Form 0-Allegations-Selling, Exchanging or Returning Stolen Property from a Retail Business. Five thresholds with elevated punishments.
- PC § 29805(g) Form 0-Misdemeanor Offense-Possession of a Firearm within 10 Years of a Misdemeanor Conviction for PC § 597(a).

### Amended offenses and allegations (templates conformed):

• PC § 241(c) Form 0-Misdemeanor Offense-Assault on a Designated Person. Amended to include physicians, nurses and other health care workers engaged in providing services within an emergency department.

- PC § 243.4(e)(1) Forms 1 and 2-Misdemeanor Offenses-Sexual Battery. Amended to include conduct where a person causes another person, against that person's will, to masturbate or touch an intimate part of either of those persons or a third person.
- PC § 311.11(a) Forms 0-3-Wobbler/Felony Offenses-Possession of Child or Youth Pornography. Renumbered to (a)(1).
- PC §§ 422.6(a) and (b) Forms 1 and 1R-Wobbler Offenses-Hate Crime. Amended to elevate punishment from a straight misdemeanor to a wobbler offense.
- PC §§ 423.2(e) and (f) Forms 1 and 1R-Wobbler Offenses-Damaging or Destroying Property Related to a Reproductive Health Facility or Religious Place of Worship. Amended to elevate punishment from a straight misdemeanor to a wobbler offense.
- PC § 647(j)(4) Forms 0-Misdemeanor Offense-Disorderly Conduct by Distributing a Private Intimate Image. Amended to include: (1) images that were artificially created to represent an authentic image of a person and (2) images recorded or captured without the authorization of the victim or stolen or taken from the victim.
- PC § 647(j)(4) Form 1-Misdemeanor Offense-Disorderly Conduct by Distributing a Private Intimate Image of a Minor Victim or With a Prior Conviction. Amended to include: (1) images that were artificially created to represent an authentic image of a person and (2) images recorded or captured without the authorization of the victim or stolen or taken from the victim.
- PC § 29825(a) Form 1 and 1R-Wobbler Offense-Receive or Purchase or Attempt to Receive or Purchase a Firearm When Prohibited by a Restraining Order, Protective Order or Injunction. Amended to include protective orders issued pursuant to PC § 273.5(j), PC § 368(l), PC § 646.9(k), and PC § 1203.097(a)(2).
- PC § 29825(b) Form 0-Misdemeanor Offense-Possession of a Firearm when Prohibited by a Restraining Order, Protective Order or Injunction. Amended to include protective orders issued pursuant to PC § 273.5(j), PC § 368(l), PC § 646.9(k), and PC § 1203.097(a)(2).

## Existing offenses and allegations (templates added):

- PC § 396(e) Form 0-Misdemeanor Offense-Price Gouging: Increasing Rental Price for Housing During a State or Local Emergency.
- PC § 396(f) Form 0-Misdemeanor Offense-Price Gouging: Evicting and Increasing Rental Price for Housing During a State or Local Emergency.
- PC § 452(d) with auto-attached allegations PC §§ 454(a)(1) Forms 1A and 2A-Felony Offenses- Recklessly Causing Fire to the Property of Another or to One's Own Property During a State of Insurrection.

- PC § 452(d) with auto-attached allegations PC §§ 454(a)(2) Forms 1B and 2B-Felony Offenses- Recklessly Causing Fire to the Property of Another or to One's Own Property During a State of Emergency.
- PC § 454(a)(1) Form 1-Allegation-Arson or Recklessly Causing a Fire During a State of Insurrection.
- PC § 454(a)(2) Form 1-Allegation-Arson or Recklessly Causing a Fire During a State of Emergency.

# **Existing offenses and allegations (***templates corrected***):**

- PC § 454(a)(1) Form 0-Allegation-Arson During a State of Insurrection-Previously designed an offense but changed to an allegation.
- PC § 454(a)(2) Form 0-Allegation-Arson During a State of Emergency-Previously designated an offense but changed to an allegation.

Please note that UCC templates for charges and allegations recently enacted under Proposition 36 are addressed in GOM 24-087.

# **Form R Option for Wobblers:**

All new and amended wobbler offenses in the 2025 UCC will include a Form R option in PIMS for each corresponding felony form number. Users should select Form R rather than clicking on the "17B4" box in PIMS when charging a wobbler offense as a misdemeanor. For example, if the felony offense has a designated form number of 1, the user would select Form 1R to file the charge as a misdemeanor. Selecting the Form R option will automatically generate the misdemeanor pleading language and punishment in the charging document.

Existing wobbler offenses will continue to be updated throughout the year to include a Form R option. If a Form R option does not currently exist for a particular charge in PIMS, the user should select the "17B4" box in PIMS.

Deputy District Attorney Rose DeMattia of the Charge Evaluation Division currently oversees the UCC. Any questions, suggestions, or comments – even if previously submitted – are welcome and should be directed to DDA DeMattia at (213) 974-3848 or <a href="mailto:rdematti@da.lacounty.gov">rdematti@da.lacounty.gov</a>.

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