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2021 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATIONS (LABOR CODE SECTION 6315.3)

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF ALLOCATION OF BUREAU RESOURCES DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2021 (Labor Code section 6315.3(e))

STAFFING

In 2021, the Bureau of Investigations (henceforth, the Bureau) was staffed by the Administrative Chief, two attorneys, and an investigatory staff composed of a Supervising Special Investigator, one field investigator in Northern California, and two field investigators in Southern California.

BUREAU ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND STATUTORY MANDATES

The supervisor of the Bureau is designated the Administrative Chief pursuant to statute (Labor Code section 6315(c)). The Administrative Chief of the Bureau reports to the Chief of the Division of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH).

The Bureau thus exists as an entity within DOSH. Under the supervision of the Administrative Chief, the Bureau directs accident investigations involving violations of standards, orders, or special orders in which there has been a fatality, or a serious injury or illness, to five or more employees. The Bureau also directs investigations when DOSH's civil compliance staff makes a request for prosecution, pursuant to Labor Code section 6315(a). For any case in which the Bureau is required to conduct an investigation and in which serious injury or death has occurred, the Bureau has a mandatory duty to refer the results of the investigation to the appropriate prosecuting authority with jurisdiction over appropriate action, unless the Bureau determines that evidence of a violation of the law is insufficient (Labor Code section 6315(g)).

In addition to these mandatory duties, the Bureau is also charged with responsibility for reviewing all inspection reports involving serious injuries in which fewer than five employees have suffered a serious injury or a serious exposure. The Bureau is vested with the discretion to conduct an investigation in these cases—hence the term "Discretionary Investigations." (The Labor Code was amended in 1984 to make it clear that the Bureau "may investigate those cases in which the Bureau finds criminal violations may have occurred" (Labor Code section 6315(a) [Stats 1984; Ch. 1138]).

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In all cases, the focus of Bureau investigative activity is determining whether criminal violations have occurred. Principally, the Bureau determines whether any of the provisions of Labor Code sections 6423 or 6425, or certain Penal Code provisions, have been violated. Cases that do not appear to satisfy the elements of a criminal violation are closed. These cases may involve the lack of an employer-employee relationship, no serious violations, or other factors indicating that criminal violations have not occurred. To ensure that a competent and professional investigation is conducted, the Bureau has continued its long-standing policy of conducting a preliminary investigation in all mandatory cases.

MEASURES, TRENDS, AND ACTIVITIES

As of December 31, 2021, 715 investigations were in progress. During the calendar year, the Bureau referred seven cases to prosecuting authorities, and eight cases were filed for prosecution. It is not uncommon for cases to be filed the year after they are referred (or several years later), and this year is no exception. Some of the cases referred to the prosecuting authorities in 2021 (especially at the end of the year) will be considered for filing in calendar year 2022. In 2021, the Bureau closed 49 cases due to a lack of sufficient evidence of any criminal violation and 443 cases because no serious accident-related citations were issued.

Throughout its history, the number of cases that the Bureau has referred and filed has fluctuated from year to year. Following this Executive Summary, a General Summary Table provides an overview of Bureau activity for the period 2009 to 2021.

Over the past ten years, the Bureau has attempted to prioritize the cases it recommends for prosecution in order to concentrate its limited resources on those most likely to result in criminal charges. Thus, although the General Summary Table shows a trend toward fewer case referrals, it also shows an increase in the percentage of referrals that result in cases charged by a prosecuting authority.

The Bureau has also continued to investigate two types of discretionary cases that are reported separately as Discretionary Investigations (i.e., serious injury to fewer than five employees and instances of severe exposure). In addition, the Bureau continues to investigate other discretionary cases (e.g., misrepresentation cases, fraudulent documentation cases, amusement ride cases), which are reported as part of "Requests for Prosecution from a Division Representative."

To ensure greater public awareness of meritorious occupational safety and health cases and encourage more prosecutions, the Bureau Supervising Special Investigator, Teresa Wassman, has continued to participate in local law enforcement task forces and to meet with prosecuting authorities in order to strengthen lines of communication and ensure timely action on referred cases. The BOI Annual Report has been prepared by Ms. Wassman since the 2001 report.

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SIGNIFICANT PROSECUTIONS (CONCLUSION)

As demonstrated above and in the documents appended after this Executive Summary, the Bureau had significant successes in calendar year 2021. The Bureau intends to continue prioritizing resources and concentrating on the most criminally egregious cases. The Bureau will also continue its outreach to prosecutorial agencies throughout California. Based on these efforts, the Bureau believes that it will continue to pursue criminal prosecutions and have a significant deterrent impact on other potential violators in the state.

DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH BUREAU OF INVESTIGATIONS GENERAL SUMMARY TABLE (2008-2021)

		CASES CASES OPENED ¹ CLOSED BY BOI ² CASES REFERRED TO D.A. ³					CASES	CASES PENDING										
YEAR	TOTAL	Α	В	С	D	Е	TOTAL	F	G	TOTAL	н	1	J	к	L	REJECTED BY D.A. ⁴	D.A. DECISION ⁵	CHARGED BY D.A. ⁶
2021	675	672	0	2	1	0	492	443	49	7	7	0	0	0	0	5	13	8
2020	578	577	0	0	1	0	250	146	104	14	12	0	0	2	0	2	19	5
2019	255	251	0	0	4	0	281	206	75	7	6	0	0	1	0	3	13	4
2018	244	233	0	1	9	1	174	95	79	8	6	0	0	2	0	5	13	9
2017	221	206	0	8	2	5	225	158	67	17	14	0	2	0	1	3	19	13
2016	205	201	0	4	0	0	163	100	63	18	18	0	0	0	0	15	18	18
2015	201	190	1	8	0	2	160	120	40	25	21	0	3	0	1	11	32	7
2014	184	171	0	12	0	1	188	119	69	21	19	0	2	0	0	15	24	9
2013	200	189	0	6	0	5	136	102	34	29	27	0	0	0	2	6	27	14
2012	162	152	0	0	0	10	170	147	23	26	24	0	0	0	2	10	18	12
2011	189	185	0	0	0	4	142	116	26	13	11	0	0	0	2	14	14	8
2010	161	155	0	0	0	6	94	75	19	14	13	0	0	0	1	11	25	9
2009	159	154	0	0	0	5	184	122	62	25	24	0	0	0	1	15	30	16

¹Opened Cases fall into the following categories: (A) Fatality; (B) Serious injury to five or more employees; (C) Request for prosecution by a Division representative/Discretionary; (D) Serious Injury to Fewer than Five Employees/Discretionary; (E) Serious exposure/Discretionary.

² These cases were not referred for prosecution, usually for the following reasons: (F) No serious accident-related citations were issued; (G) Insufficient evidence to prove criminal elements.

³ These cases referred for prosecution fall into the following categories: (H) Fatality; (I) Serious injury to five or more employees; (J) Request for prosecution by a Division representative/Discretionary; (K) Serious Injury to Fewer than Five Employees; (L) Serious exposure/Discretionary.

⁴ Cases are usually rejected based upon a determination that there may be insufficient evidence to prove the criminal charge beyond a reasonable doubt or charges should not be filed, given substantial administrative action, in the interests of justice.

⁵ This column refers to cases that have been referred by the Bureau and are awaiting a final decision by the prosecuting authority as to whether to file charges. Some of these cases may have been referred in years prior to the year reported.

⁶ This column refers to cases referred by the BOI in which the prosecuting authority has filed criminal or civil charges or otherwise caused remedial action to be undertaken. Some of these cases may have been referred in years prior to the year reported.

SUMMARY OF REPORTS PROVIDED
TO THE BUREAU IN 2021
(LABOR CODE SECTION 6315.3(a))

SUMMARY OF REPORTS PROVIDED TO THE BUREAU (LABOR CODE SECTION 6315.3(a)) NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN BUREAU OFFICES Calendar Year 2021

	TOTALS
INITIAL ACCIDENT REPORTS	1,124
INVESTIGATION REPORTS	1,124
A. Fatalities	1,010
B. Serious Injury Suffered by Five or More Employees	0
C. Requests for Prosecution from a Division Representative	2
D. Serious Injury Suffered by Fewer Than Five Employees	112
E. Serious Exposure(Discretionary)	0

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TOTALS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021 (LABOR CODE SECTION 6315.3(b)(1) and (2))

TOTALS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021 (LABOR CODE SECTIONS 6315.3(b)(1) and(2))

A.	FATA		
	(Labo	or Code section 6315.3(b)(1))	<u>TOTALS</u>
	1.	Investigations in Progress January 1, 2021:	
	2.	Court Cases in	515
	۷.	Progress January 1, 2021:	
	3.	Investigations Completed	9
		in Calendar Year):	7
	4.	Cases Referred During Calendar Year:	,
		Calendar rear.	7
	5.	Investigations in Progress as of December 31, 2021:	
	6.	Court Cases in Progress as	707
		of December 31, 2021:	
			11

TOTALS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021 (LABOR CODE SECTIONS 6315.3(b)(1) and(2))

B.		RIOUS INJURIES TO FIVE OR MORE EMPLOYEES	<u>TOTALS</u>
	(Lak	oor Code section6315.3(c))	
	1.	Investigations in	
		Progress January 1, 2021:	<u>0</u>
	2.	Court Cases in	
		Progress January 1, 2021:	<u>0</u>
	3.	Investigations Completed in	
		Calendar Year:	<u>0</u>
	4.	Cases Referred During	
		Calendar Year:	<u>o</u>
	5.	Investigations in Progress	
		as of December 31, 2021:	<u>Q</u>
	6.	Court Cases in Progress	
		as of Docombor 31, 2020:	0

TOTALS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021 (LABOR CODE SECTIONS 6315.3(b)(1) and(2))

C.	REC REP (Lak	TOTALS	
	1.	Investigations in	
		Progress January 1, 2021	0
	2.	Court Cases in	
		Progress January 1, 2021:	1
	3.	Investigations Completed in Calendar Year:	0
	4.	Cases Referred During Calendar Year:	0
	5.	Investigations in Progress as of December 31, 2021:	2
	6.	Court Cases in Progress	
		as of December 31, 2021:	0

TOTALS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021 (LABOR CODE SECTIONS 6315.3(b)(1) and(2))

D.	SERIOUS INJURY TO FEWER THAN FIVE EMPLOYEES (DISCRETIONARY) (Labor Codes section 6315.3(c))						
	1.	Investigations in					
		Progress January 1, 2021:	0				
	2.	Court Cases in					
		Progress January 1, 2021:	4				
	3.	Investigations Completed in					
		Calendar Year:	0				
	4.	Cases Referred During Calendar					
		Year:	0				
	5.	Investigations in Progress					
		as of December 31, 2021:	6				
	6.	Court Cases in Progress					
		as of December 31, 2021:	5				

	SEVERE EXPOSURE(DISCRETIONARY) (Labor Code section 6315.3(d))					
	Lange Constitute Constitute					
1.	Investigations in Progress January 1, 2021:	0				
2.						
	Progress January 1, 2021:	0				
3.	Investigations Completed in Calendar Year:	0				
4.	Cases Referred During Calendar Year:	0				
5.	Investigations in Progress as of December 31, 2021:	0				
6.	Court Cases in Progress as of December 31, 2021:	0				

II A

SUMMARY OF CASES REFERRED TO PROSECUTORS IN 2021 AND FINAL COURT DISPOSITIONS IN 2021

-FATALITIES-

(LABOR CODE SECTION 6315.3(c))

BOI CASE NUMBER N1111-023-18DC

EMPLOYER\SUBJECT City of Modesto

DATE REFERRED TO BOI 04/09/2018

DATE REFERRED TO DA 9/17/2020

SYNOPSIS The victim was electrocuted while installing a street light.

STATUTE/ VIOLATIONS

Labor Code section 6425(a)

T8 CCR SECTIONS 2946(a), 2946(b)(2), and 2947

FINAL DISPOSITION The District Attorney's office declined to file.

BOI CASE NUMBER N1111-024-18RF

EMPLOYER\SUBJECT Tauzer Apiaries Inc.

DATE REFERRED TO BOI 04/09/2018

DATE REFERRED TO DA 9/30/2020

SYNOPSIS The victim was crushed by a bobcat forklift while moving bee boxes.

STATUTE/ VIOLATIONS Labor Code section 6425(a)

T8 CCR SECTIONS 3663(g), 3650(t)(33), and3650(t)(5)

The Marin County District Attorneys Office filed felony Labor Code Section 6425(a) against Trevor Hansen Tauzer and Mark Dennis Tauzer.

N1111-026-18RF **BOI CASE NUMBER**

EMPLOYER\SUBJECT Segundo Collazos dba Amazon's Landscaping Company

DATE REFERRED TO BOI 04/11/2018

DATE REFERRED TO DA 10/8/2019

SYNOPSIS The victim was pulled into a stump grinder.

STATUTE/ **VIOLATIONS**

Labor Code section 6425(a)

T8 CCR SECTIONS 3328(a)(2), 3421(a), and 3421(c)(2)

The Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office filed two felony Labor Code section 6425(a) against Segundo Fortunato Collazos, FINAL DISPOSITION

referencing CCR Title 8 sections 3328(a) and 3421(c)(2).

BOI CASE NUMBER N1111-032-18DC

EMPLOYER\SUBJECT 1) Mark Lee and Young Kay, Inc dba Bay Construction Company;

2) United Rentals (North America) Inc

DATE REFERRED TO BOI 05/01/2018

DATE REFERRED TO DA 1/15/2021

SYNOPSIS The Victim was struck by 1000 lbs. steel structural member.

STATUTE/ VIOLATIONS

IOLATIONS Labor Code section 6425(a)

T8 CCR SECTIONS 1541.1(g)(1)(D), 5049(d), 1509(a) and 4999(a)

FINAL DISPOSITION The District Attorney's office declined to file.

BOI CASE NUMBER N1111-055-18DC

EMPLOYER\SUBJECT KC Paving, Inc.

DATE REFERRED TO BOI 07/12/2018

DATE REFERRED TO DA 7/27/2020

SYNOPSIS The victim suffered fatal injuries from being run over by a bobcat

sweeper.

STATUTE/

VIOLATIONS Labor Code section 6425(a)

T8 CCR SECTIONS 1592(e) and 1593(d)

FINAL DISPOSITION The District Attorney's office declined to file.

BOI CASE NUMBER N1111-068-18PC

EMPLOYER\SUBJECT 1) Platinum Pipeline, Inc.; 2) TollBrothers

DATE REFERRED TO BOI 07/27/2018

DATE REFERRED TO DA 9/15/2020

SYNOPSIS The victim was trapped by a trench collapse at a residential construction

site.

STATUTE/

VIOLATIONS Labor Code section 6425(a)

T8 CCR SECTIONS 1541(k)(2) and 1541.1(a)(1)

FINAL DISPOSITION The District Attorney's office filed Felony Labor Code section 6425(a)

against Manuel Antonio De Freitas, David Allen Silva, Joseph Silva, and Eulogio Perazapara, referencing CCR Title 8 section 1541.1(a) (1). Defendant De Freitas (owner of Platinum Pipeline, Inc.) pleaded no contest to an added Count II of Labor Code section 6425(a) misdemeanor. The court sentenced Mr. De Freitas to serve 90 days in county jail, pay victim restitution of \$400,000, and he was placed on one year summary probation. Defendants David Allen Silva, Joseph Silva, and Eulogio Peraza Parra each pleaded no contest to Count I Labor Code section 6425(a) felony and were sentenced to

90 days in jail and formal probation for 2 years.

BOI CASE NUMBER N1111-087-18RR

EMPLOYER\SUBJECT Resource Environmental Inc.

DATE REFERRED TO BOI 12/11/2018

DATE REFERRED TO DA 4/22/2021

SYNOPSIS A wall collapsed and fatally injured the victim.

STATUTE/ VIOLATIONS

Labor Code section 6425(a)

T8 CCR SECTIONS 1734(b)(1), 1734(d)(4) and 1735(f)(1)

BOI CASE NUMBER N1111-001-19RR

EMPLOYER\SUBJECT 1) Reyco AG, Inc; .2) Vista Verde Farms, Inc.

DATE REFERRED TO BOI 01/07/2019

DATE REFERRED TO DA 3/1/2021

SYNOPSIS Two employees were crushed by an almond shaker arm and both

employees died on the scene.

STATUTE/

VIOLATIONS Labor Code section 6425(a)

T8 CCR SECTIONS 3314(c) and 3328(e)

BOI CASE NUMBER N1111-004-19DC

EMPLOYER\SUBJECT 1) Eco.Logic Brands Inc dba Ecologic Brands; 2) Full Steam

Staffing, LLC

DATE REFERRED TO BOI 1/28/2019

DATE REFERRED TO DA 8/19/2021

SYNOPSIS An employee was crushed inside a machine.

STATUTE/

VIOLATIONS Labor Code section 6425(a)

T8 CCR SECTIONS 3314(c) and 4206(a)

FINAL DISPOSITION The District Attorney's office declined to file.

BOI CASE NUMBER \$1111-021-08RF

EMPLOYER\SUBJECT Pouk & Steinle, Inc.

DATE REFERRED TO BOI 3/26/2008

DATE REFERRED TO DA 3/4/2009

SYNOPSIS

At the time of the incident, the victim, an underground technician, and his crew had completed excavation of a trench measuring approximately 45 feet long and 11 feet in depth. The victim, along with several other crew members, was working inside the trench completing final excavation by hand, when the side of the excavation collapsed on the victim, fatally crushing him. The subsequent investigation determined that the victim was working in an area (approximately 14 feet in length) without the required protective system (shoring). The investigation also determined that, while shoring had been set in a portion of the excavation, the protective system had been improperly installed.

STATUTE/ VIOLATIONS

Labor Code sections 6425(a), 6423 (a)(1), and 6423(a)(2)

T8 CCR SECTIONS

1541(a)(1), 1541(k)(1), 1541(k)(2), 1541.1(c), and 1541.1(h)

FINAL DISPOSITION

On 9/29/09, Pouk & Steinle, Cesar Medina, and Arnold Arias were charged by the Riverside District Attorney's office with a felony for violating Labor Code section 6425(a). On June 23, 2010, a stipulation of final judgment was filed against Pouk & Steinle, Inc., in which the employer was to pay \$1,213,000 in civil penalties for violating Business and Professions Code section 17200. The Defendant was also ordered to pay \$200,000 to the District Attorney's office and \$12,000 to Cal/OSHA for investigative and attorney costs. The Defendant also contributed \$200,000 to the Riverside County Attorney Law Enforcement Training Subfund and \$50,000 to the Riverside County Attorney Expert Witness Subfund. On December 2, 2009, a bench warrant was issued for Cesar Medina. On June 23, 2010, the complaint against Mr. Arias was amended to add Count 2, a violation of LC section 6423(a)(1), a misdemeanor. Mr. Arias was placed on 36 months' summary probation, and he was ordered to complete 160 hours of community service, attend all safety & training meetings required by the International Line Builders safety directors office, visit every field crew working under his jurisdiction (and prepare a written report) a minimum of twice a month, and conduct a safety assessment to ensure all work is compliant. Count 1 was dismissed. No final court disposition for Mr. Medina.

BOI CASE NUMBER \$1111-007-13PC

EMPLOYER\SUBJECT CR&R

DATE REFERRED TO BOI 3/1/2013

DATE REFERRED TO DA 10/13/2014

SYNOPSIS

The victim, a maintenance mechanic/welder, was working in the welding shop of a large trash collection and recycling company. In an attempt to find a leak on a hydraulic tank, the victim placed the tank on the forks of a forklift and filled the tank with water and pressurized it with air. There was no pressure gauge or pressure relief valve on the tank. The victim was kneeling in front of the tank when the end of the tank blew off and struck him on the forehead. As a result, the victim sustained severe blunt force trauma to his head and died in the ambulance on the way to the hospital.

STATUTE/ VIOLATIONS

Labor Code section 6425(a)

T8 CCR SECTIONS 3301(c) and 3301(f)

FINAL DISPOSITION

The Orange County District Attorney's office filed Business and Professions Code section 17200 against CR&R Inc. (aka CR&R Waste Services) referencing CCR Title 8 sections 3202, 3301(c) and 3301(f). The Final Judgment Injunctive Relief included a total settlement of one million one hundred thousand dollars as follows: \$99,845 paid to Cal/OSHA; \$150,000 paid to Cal/OSHA Bureau of Investigation to be used exclusively for equipment, training and investigation of workplace deaths; and \$880,155 to be paid to County of Orange and County of San Bernardino District Attorney's offices.

BOI CASE NUMBER S1111-010-13PC

EMPLOYER\SUBJECT Prime Wheel Corp.

DATE REFERRED TO BOI 3/13/2013

DATE REFERRED TO DA 5/8/2015

SYNOPSIS

The victim, a maintenance mechanic, was reaching into an open tank filled with a solution used in the plating process to check the incoming flow into the tank from an adjacent pump/filer assembly that been repaired earlier by the victim. As the victim was reaching into the tank, he was subsequently fatally crushed by one of several moving hoist assemblies that were part of the plating line system. The hoist assemblies were equipped with safety interlocks to stop the units from traveling upon striking an object, but the interlock switches had been physically

bypassed and were not functioning.

STATUTE/ VIOLATIONS

Labor Code section 6425(a)

T8 CCR SECTIONS

3314(c), 4002(a), and 3328(b)

FINAL DISPOSITION

On February 24, 2016, the Los Angeles District Attorney's office filed three Felony Labor Code section 6425(a) counts against Ernesto Cruz and two counts of Felony Labor Code section 6425(a) against Prime Wheel Corporation. Prime Wheel pleaded guilty to Count 1, felony violation of LC 6425(a) and were ordered to pay \$350,000 to victim's family, \$75,000 to "Bumble Bee" fund, \$75,000 court fine, provide proof of dismantling/removing of assembly line and provide proof of IIPP and regular training to employees. Defendant Cruz pleaded guilty to misdemeanor violation of LC section 6425(a) and was ordered to perform 200 hours of community service, complete applicable OSHA training at an approved institution, and was placed on three years' summary probation.

BOI CASE NUMBER S1111-034-14RF

EMPLOYER\SUBJECT National Distribution Services Inc.

DATE REFERRED TO BOI 5/6/2014

DATE REFERRED TO DA 2/23/2017

SYNOPSIS The victim was working on top of a 9,000-gallon tank doing repair work on

sleeve that is part of a manhole lid with a welder and hand grinder. The work led to an explosion causing death to one employee and serious

burns requiring hospitalization to another employee.

STATUTE/ VIOLATIONS

Penal Code sections 187 and 192, Labor Code section 6425(a)

T8 CCR SECTIONS 3203(b)(1), 3328(b), 5194, 4848(a), 3203(a), and 5420

FINAL DISPOSITION On April 25, 2017, the Riverside District Attorney's office filed four Felony

counts against Carl Brad Johansson and Enrique Garcia [National

Distribution], for violating Labor Code section 6425(a), referencing CCR

T8 sections 3203(a) and 5420(a)(2).

BOI CASE NUMBER

S1111-094-14PC

EMPLOYER\SUBJECT

Caliber Auto Transfer of MiraLoma

12/16/2014 12/19/2016

DATE REFERRED TO BOI

DATE REFERRED TO DA

SYNOPSIS

The victim, a temporary services employee, was employed as an unloader by the secondary employer which specialized in unloading of automobiles from multilevel rail cars. As part of the job duties, the victim was checking to ensure the tire straps had been removed. While walking along the edge of the railcar opening, the victim fell approximately 13 feet to the ground, sustaining fatal head trauma and multiple body fractures.

STATUTE/ VIOLATIONS

Labor Code section 6425(a)

T8 CCR SECTIONS

3210(c) and 3203

FINAL DISPOSITION

On 11/14/2017, the Riverside District Attorney's office filed a Felony complaint against Caliber Auto Transfer of Mira Loma, for violating 2 counts of Labor Code section 6425, referencing T8 sections 3203 and 3210(c). A Final Judgment pursuant to stipulation on Business and Profession Code section 17200 was filed against Priority Workforce, Inc. [Victim's employer]. Priority agreed to pay a civil penalty of \$32,500.

BOI CASE NUMBER S1111-115-15RF

EMPLOYER\SUBJECT 1) Steeltech Reinforcing Inc; 2) Cobalt Construction Company; 3)

Essey Construction Company Inc.

DATE REFERRED TO BOI 11/18/2015

DATE REFERRED TO DA 12/21/2017

SYNOPSIS The victim, an iron worker, was walking on the top level of a

scaffold, approximately 27 feet above the ground, when he fell and

sustained fatal injuries.

STATUTE/

VIOLATIONS Labor Code section 6425(a)

T8 CCR SECTIONS 1509(a), 1511(b), and 1644(a)(6)

FINAL DISPOSITION On October 12, 2018, the Los Angeles District Attorney's office filed

five felony counts of Labor Code section 6425(a) referencing CCRT8 sections 1511(a), 1511(b), 1644(a)(6), 1637(a), and 1509(a) against Steeltech Reinforcing, Inc., and Cobalt Construction Company.

BOI CASE NUMBER S1111-012-16RR

EMPLOYER\SUBJECT SW Forage LLC

DATE REFERRED TO BOI 02/16/2016

DATE REFERRED TO DA 12/21/2017

SYNOPSIS The victim was crushed in a hay baler/compactor.

STATUTE/ VIOLATIONS

Penal Code sections 192 and 187 and Labor Code section

6425(a)

T8 CCR SECTIONS 3314(e), 3314(g), 3203(a)(4), 3314(c), 3314(i)(1), and 3328(g)

BOI CASE NUMBER \$1111-052-16RF

EMPLOYER\SUBJECT Village Management Services, Inc.

DATE REFERRED TO BOI 08/08/2016

DATE REFERRED TO DA 12/31/2018

SYNOPSIS A boom lift tipped over resulting in the victim's death.

STATUTE/ VIOLATIONS

Labor Code section 6425(a)

T8 CCR SECTIONS 1509(a), 3328(a)(2), 3638(d), and 3648(l)

FINAL DISPOSITION On August 1, 2019, the Orange County District Attorney's office filed

Felony Labor Code section 6425(a) against Village Management

Services, Inc., referencing CCR Title 8 sections 1509, 3328(a)(2), 3638(d) and 3648(I). Albaro Torres and Israel Mercado Aguila were charged with Felony Labor Code section 6425(a), referencing CCR Title 8 sections

1509, 3328(a)(2), 3638(d) and 3648(l).

BOI CASE NUMBER S1111-080-16RF

EMPLOYER\SUBJECT 1) D & D Construction Specialties, Inc.; 2)Tyler Development

Corporation

DATE REFERRED TO BOI 10/21/2016

DATE REFERRED TO DA 12/19/2016

SYNOPSIS

The victim was employed by a licensed general contractor as a laborer. The victim was assigned to clean water, muck and other debris from the bottom of a drainage sump, approximately 50 feet in depth and 48 inches in diameter. The victim stood on a metal bucket attached to a small crane which lowered him into the shaft opening. After traveling 15 to 20 feet, the victim became unresponsive and he fell head first to the bottom of the shaft. The victim died as a result of drowning.

STATUTE/ VIOLATIONS

Penal Code section 192, Labor Code sections 6425(c) and 6425(a)

T8 CCR SECTIONS 1509(a)

FINAL DISPOSITION

On September 27, 2019, the Los Angeles District Attorney's office filed a Felony criminal complaint against D&D Construction Specialties, Inc., for violating Penal Code section 192(b), two counts of Labor Code section 6425(a) referencing CCR T8 sections 5157 and 1509, and two counts causing death with prior conviction for violating Labor Code section 6425(c) referencing Los Angeles criminal court case BA384059 conviction on 11/9/2011. Daniel T. Moore was charged with violating Penal Code section 192(b) and two counts of Labor Code section 6425(a). Marty K. Hamilton was charged with violating two counts of Labor Code section 6425(a).

BOI CASE NUMBER \$1111-002-18RF

EMPLOYER\SUBJECT 1) Air Engineering Services; 2) Ceco Concrete Construction LLC;

3) Regis Holding LLC

DATE REFERRED TO BOI 01/05/2018

DATE REFERRED TO DA 10/22/2018

SYNOPSIS The victim fell 25 feet and died.

STATUTE/

VIOLATIONS Labor Code section 6425(a)

T8 CCR SECTIONS 1632(d), 1632(b)(1), 1670(a), and1509(a)

FINAL DISPOSITION On August 7 2020, the Los Angeles District Attorney's office filed two

violations of Felony Labor Code section 6425(a) against Gregory Swanson and one count against Steven Larey, referencing CCR Title 8

sections 1670(a) and 1509.

BOI CASE NUMBER S1111-036-18RR

EMPLOYER\SUBJECT Empire Equipment Service Inc.

DATE REFERRED TO BOI 05/09/2018

DATE REFERRED TO DA 12/7/2020

SYNOPSIS The victim was working within an excavation when the sloped north

side of the trench failed, and soil engulfed him, burying him.

STATUTE/

VIOLATIONS Labor Code section 6425(a)

T8 CCR SECTIONS 1541(k)(1) and 1541.1(a)(1)

BOI CASE NUMBER S1111-045-18RR

EMPLOYER\SUBJECT 1) BWM, Inc dba Barry's Window Cleaning; 2) N.N Jaeschke, Inc;

3) Metrome Homeowner's Association

DATE REFERRED TO BOI 06/12/2018

DATE REFERRED TO DA 10/23/2019

SYNOPSIS The victim, in the process of descending on a boson's chair, fell

approximately 80 feet from the top of an eight-story building

and died.

STATUTE/

VIOLATIONS Labor Code section 6425(a)

T8 CCR SECTIONS 3286(a)(1)(B)(4)

BOI CASE NUMBER S1111-069-18RR

EMPLOYER\SUBJECT Creative Stone Mfg, Inc dba Coronado Stone Products

DATE REFERRED TO BOI 07/25/2018

DATE REFERRED TO DA 3/8/2021

SYNOPSIS An employee died of a crushing injury.

STATUTE/ VIOLATIONS

DNS Labor code section 6425(a)

T8 CCR SECTIONS 3314(j), 3203(a)(4), 3314(g)(2)(A), 3314(i), and 3314(c)

BOI CASE NUMBER \$1111-090-18RF

EMPLOYER\SUBJECT 1) Vahe Benlian dba Belian Brothers Construction, Inc.;

2) Suren Karapetyan

DATE REFERRED TOBOI 11/07/2018

DATE REFERRED TO DA 10/11/2019

SYNOPSIS A portable angle grinder with a metal cutoff wheel kicked back, slicing

the employee's neck. The employee died as a result of the injury.

STATUTE/

VIOLATIONS Labor Code section 6425(a)

T8 CCR SECTIONS 1509(a)(b), 1512(b), 3395(i), 3328(a)(2), and 3556(a)

FINAL DISPOSITION The Los Angeles District Attorney's office filed Felony Penal Code section

192(b) Involuntary Manslaughter and Labor Code section 6425(a) against

Senik Karapetyan referencing CCR Title 8 section 4002(a).

BOI CASE NUMBER \$1111-098-18RR

EMPLOYER\SUBJECT Aardvark Clay & Supplies, Inc.

DATE REFERRED TO BOI 09/21/2018

DATE REFERRED TO DA 12/30/2019

SYNOPSIS A clay maker was fatally injured while working with a clay extruder.

STATUTE/

VIOLATIONS Labor Code section 6425(a)

T8 CCR SECTIONS 4625 and 4184(b)

BOI CASE NUMBER S1111-122-18RF

EMPLOYER\SUBJECT 1) Andres Doroteo dba Andy's Framer; 2) The Kraken LLC

DATE REFERRED TO BOI 11/26/2018

DATE REFERRED TO DA 7/27/2020

SYNOPSIS The victim was working on a roof when he fell 25 feet and died.

STATUTE/ VIOLATIONS

Labor Code section 6425(a)

T8 CCR SECTIONS 1509(a), 1509(b), 1512(b), 3395(i), 1626(b)(5), 1632(b), and 1621(a)

FINAL DISPOSITION The Los Angeles District Attorney's office filed three Felony counts of Labor

Code section 6425(a), referencing CCR Title 8 sections 1670(a), 1621(a)

and 1509 against Andreas Doroteo and Adrian Rudomin.

BOI CASE NUMBER S1111-129-18RR

EMPLOYER\SUBJECT Warren Lee dba Value Plus Global, Valueplus Logistics, Inc.

DATE REFERRED TO BOI 12/24/2018

DATE REFERRED TO DA 10/28/2020

SYNOPSIS The victim was standing on a raised forklift fork approximately 13 feet to

access shelving racks and retrieve a product when he fell to the concrete

floor and died.

STATUTE/

VIOLATIONS Labor Code section 6425(a)

T8 CCR SECTIONS 3650(t)(4)

BOI CASE NUMBER \$1111-012-19RR

EMPLOYER\SUBJECT German Machine Products Inc

DATE REFERRED TO BOI 02/11/2019

DATE REFERRED TO DA 7/27/2020

SYNOPSIS The victim was fatally crushed while cleaning the inside of a machine.

STATUTE/ VIOLATIONS

Labor Code section 6425(a)

T8 CCR SECTIONS 3203(a)(4), 3314(g), 3314(j), 3314(c), and 3314(L)(1)

BOI CASE NUMBER \$1111-017-19RF

EMPLOYER\SUBJECT Superprint Lithographics, Inc.

DATE REFERRED TO BOI 03/01/2019

DATE REFERRED TO DA 7/27/2020

SYNOPSIS The victim was pulled into a die-cutting machine during setup

and died.

STATUTE/

VIOLATIONS Labor Code section 6425(a)

T8 CCR SECTIONS 3203(a)(4), 3314(g), and 3314(c)

FINAL DISPOSITION The Los Angeles District Attorney's office filed three Felony counts of Labor

Code section 6425(a) against Superprint Lithographics, Inc., referencing

CCR T8 sections 3314(c), 3314(g) and 3203(a)(4).

BOI CASE NUMBER S1111-022-19RR

EMPLOYER\SUBJECT 1) Gluck Development Company Inc dba Gluck Building Company;

2) Concreative Construction Company

DATE REFERRED TO BOI 04/11/2019

DATE REFERRED TO DA 12/30/2020

SYNOPSIS The victim was crushed to death by a crane collapse.

STATUTE/ VIOLATIONS

Labor Code section 6425(a)

T8 CCR SECTIONS 1616.1(n)(1)(2)(3), 1511(b), and1509(a)

BOI CASE NUMBER S1111-073-19DC

EMPLOYER\SUBJECT Plumb Rite Plumbing LLC

DATE REFERRED TO BOI 6/25/2019

DATE REFERRED TO DA 2/10/2020

SYNOPSIS The victim sustained fatal injuries while working in an unshored trench.

STATUTE/ VIOLATIONS

Labor Code section 6423

T8 CCR SECTIONS 1541.1(a)

FINAL DISPOSITION The District Attorney's office declined to file.

BOI CASE NUMBER S1111-170-19RR

EMPLOYER\SUBJECT Leon Krous Drilling

DATE REFERRED TO BOI 11/21/2019

DATE REFERRED TO DA 5/5/2021

SYNOPSIS The victim was struck by a load of lumber that shifted while being lifted

with a strap.

STATUTE/

VIOLATIONS Labor Code section 6425(a)

T8 CCR SECTIONS 1593(n) and 4999(a)

BOI CASE NUMBER \$1111-041-20RR

EMPLOYER\SUBJECT Borrmann Metal Center

DATE REFERRED TO BOI 4/24/2020

DATE REFERRED TO DA 12/28/2021

SYNOPSIS An employee of Borrmann Metals was crushed by a load of metal/angle

iron that fell off the forks of an industrial truck.

STATUTE/

VIOLATIONS Labor Code section 6425(a)

T8 CCR SECTIONS 3650(I) and 3650(t)(15)

<u>II B</u>

SUMMARY OF CASES REFERRED TO PROSECUTORS IN 2021 AND FINAL COURT DISPOSITIONS IN 2021

-SERIOUS INJURY TO 5 OR MORE EMPLOYEES-

(LABOR CODE SECTION6315.3(c))

II C

SUMMARY OF CASES REFERRED TO PROSECUTORS IN 2021 AND FINAL COURT DISPOSITIONS IN 2021

-REQUESTS FOR PROSECUTION FROM A DIVISION REPRESENTATIVE/DISCRETIONARY-

(LABOR CODE SECTION 6315.3(c))
NOTE: None in Northern or Southern California for 2021.

<u>II D</u>

SUMMARY OF CASES REFERRED TO PROSECUTORS IN 2021 AND FINAL COURT DISPOSITIONS IN 2021

-SERIOUS INJURY TO FEWER THAN FIVE EMPLOYEES- (DISCRETIONARY INVESTIGATIONS)

(LABOR CODE SECTION 6315.3(c))

BOI CASE NUMBER N1330-029-19RR

EMPLOYER\SUBJECT KAG Merchant Gas Group LLC

DATE REFERRED TO BOI 5/24/2019

DATE REFERRED TO DA 6/11/2019

SYNOPSIS An oxygen delivery truck exploded resulting in the driver being

seriously injured.

STATUTE/

VIOLATIONS Labor code sections 6423(a) and 6425(a)

T8 CCR SECTIONS 3328(C) and 3203(a)(6)

BOI CASE NUMBER \$1331-040-14RF

EMPLOYER\SUBJECT C&L Sparks Inc Dba Sparks Electric Inc

DATE REFERRED TO BOI 6/10/2014

DATE REFERRED TO DA 11/30/2015

SYNOPSIS

The victim, an electrician, was installing electrical components on the first floor of a commercial retail space. As part of the overall project, the employer was establishing temporary power, but the temporary meter was not installed. In an effort to bypass the meter, the site foreman instructed the victim to use three flattened conduit straps as jumpers within the meter socket. As the victim attempted to insert the conduit strap into the meter socket, a phase-to-ground short occurred, causing an arc-flash explosion. The victim sustained severe burns to his face, arms, and chest area and was hospitalized for a prolonged period. Another site foreman was standing next to the victim at the time of the incident, and he sustained burn injuries to his arms and face.

STATUTE/ VIOLATIONS

Labor Code section 6425(a)

T8 CCR SECTIONS

1509(a), 2320.2(a) and 2340.2(a)

FINAL DISPOSITION

On May 16, 2017, the Los Angeles District Attorney's office filed four Felony counts against C & L Sparks, Inc., dba Sparks Electric, John Carroll and Andrew Dominguez for violating Labor Code section 6425(a), referencing CCR Title 8 sections 1509(a), 2305.4, 2320.2(a), and 2340.2 (a). On 4/26/18, the prosecution requested Count 1 be changed to a Misdemeanor. Sparks Electric entered a nolo contendere to Count 1. The court ordered the defendant to be placed on three years' summary probation, pay a fine to the court, and pay \$12,000 to the Cal/OSHA Bureau of Investigations. The remaining counts were dismissed. Warrants have been issued for John Carroll and Andrew Dominguez.

EMPLOYER\SUBJECT Johnny Walter Ford dba Dynamo Maintenance & Repair

Services

DATE REFERRED TO BOI 8/5/2015

DATE REFERRED TO DA 12/21/2017

SYNOPSIS The victim was using gasoline to remove flooring when the

gasoline vapors ignited. The victim was seriously burned.

STATUTE/ VIOLATIONS

Labor Code section 6425(a)

T8 CCR SECTIONS 5417(d)

FINAL DISPOSITION On June 12, 2018, the Los Angeles District Attorney's office filed felony

Labor Code section 6425(a), referencing CCR Title 8 section 5417(d) against Johnny Walter Ford. An arrest warrant has been issued for

Michael Garcia.

BOI CASE NUMBER \$1331-096-17PC

EMPLOYER\SUBJECT Alhambra Foundry Company LTD

DATE REFERRED TO BOI 08/28/2017

DATE REFERRED TO DA 10/22/2018

SYNOPSIS The victim was trapped in a bag house enclosure.

STATUTE/ VIOLATIONS

Labor Code section 6425(a)

T8 CCR SECTIONS 3314(g)(2)(a), 3314(i), 3314(c), 5157(d)(1), and 5157(g)

FINAL DISPOSITION On July 10, 2020, the Los Angeles District Attorney's office filed Felony

Penal Code section 387 and eleven Felony Labor Code section 6425(a) counts, referencing CCR Title 8 sections 1511(a), 3314(c), 3314(g), 3314(g), 3314(h), 3314(i), 5157(c), 5157(c)(4), 5157(d), 5157(c) and 3203(a) against Alhambra Foundry Company. On July 14, 2021, a plea agreement was filed with the court. Alhambra Foundry plead no contest to Counts 1 and 2 for violating Labor Code section 6425(a) Felonies. Alhambra Foundry paid a \$50,000 fine and paid \$400,000 to

the victim.

BOI CASE NUMBER \$1331-010-18RF

EMPLOYER\SUBJECT Nationwide Plastic Products Inc.

DATE REFERRED TO BOI 02/12/2018

DATE REFERRED TO DA 10/22/2018

SYNOPSIS The victim's arm was trapped in a printing press.

STATUTE/ VIOLATIONS

Labor Code section 6425(a)

T8 CCR SECTIONS 3314(e), 3314(g)(1), 3314(i)(l), and 3328(e)

FINAL DISPOSITION On 8/13/2020, the Los Angeles District Attorney's office filed three Felony

Labor Code section 6425(a) counts against Nationwide Plastic Products and Daniel Tai, referencing CCR Title 8 sections 3203(a), 3314(c), and

3314(e).

BOI CASE NUMBER \$1331-053-18RF

EMPLOYER\SUBJECT 1) RJ Drew Construction Services Inc. dba Advanced Restoration

Group;

2) Golden Springs Development

DATE REFERRED TO BOI 06/25/2018

DATE REFERRED TO DA 7/22/2020

SYNOPSIS Victim fell through a skylight.

STATUTE/ VIOLATIONS

Labor Code section 6425(a)

T8 CCR SECTIONS 3203, 3395, 3395(h), and 3212(e)

FINAL DISPOSITION The Los Angeles District Attorney's office filed two Felony Labor Code

section 6425 against Rafael Garcia, referencing CCR Title 8 sections

3212(e) and 3203.

BOI CASE NUMBER \$1331-112-18RF

EMPLOYER\SUBJECT Krones Inc./Krones AG

DATE REFERRED TO BOI 11/06/2018

DATE REFERRED TO DA 7/22/2020

SYNOPSIS The victims had been assigned to replace the discharge plates located at

the bottom of a large tank, approximately 17 feet in depth. As part of the

normal production process, the tank was charged with nitrogen.

One victim was descending a ladder inside the tank, when he fell to the bottom unconscious. The second victim, who had been standing at the top of the tank to watch the employee inside, entered the tank in an effort to rescue the first victim and also fell into the tank after being rendered

unconscious.

STATUTE/ VIOLATIONS

Labor Code section 6425(a)

T8 CCR SECTIONS 1952(b)(4), 1954(c), 1954(f), 1956(d), 1509(a), 1952(d), 1953(a), 1954(a),

and 1953(a)

FINAL DISPOSITION The Los Angeles District Attorney's office filed 10 Felony counts of

Labor Code section 6425, referencing CCR Title 8 sections 5157(d), 5157(d)(9), 5157(k), 5157(k)(3), 5157(d)(5), and 5157(d)(3) against

Krones Ag and Krones Inc. USA.

<u>II E</u>

SUMMARY OF CASES REFERRED TO PROSECUTORS IN 2021 AND FINAL COURT DISPOSITIONS IN 2020

-Severe Exposure- (DISCRETIONARY INVESTIGATIONS)

(LABOR CODE SECTION 6315.3(d))

III A

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATIONS COMPLETED IN 2021 BUT NOT REFERRED FOR PROSECUTION

-FATALITIES-

(LABOR CODE SECTION 6315.3(d))

BOI CASE NUMBER N1111-068-19FC

EMPLOYER NAME City of Palo Alto

T8 CCR VIOLATIONS 2940.2(b), 2940.11(b)(1), 2941(g), 2941(i)(1)(A), and

2941(i)(1)(D)

REASON NOT REFERRED Although a serious accident-related citation was

issued, insufficient evidence to establish elements

BOI CASE NUMBER N1111-008-20FC

EMPLOYER NAME Monterey Mushrooms, Inc.

T8 CCR VIOLATIONS 3314(c)

REASON NOT REFERRED Although a serious accident-related citation was

issued, insufficient evidence to establish elements

BOI CASE NUMBER N1110-094-20FC

EMPLOYER NAME Pacific Gas & Electric dba PG&E

T8 CCR VIOLATIONS 3328(a)(2)

REASON NOT REFERRED Although a serious accident-related citation was

issued, insufficient evidence to establish elements

BOI CASE NUMBER N1110-064-21FC

EMPLOYER NAME Eel River Transportation and Salvage

T8 CCR VIOLATIONS 3664(e)

REASON NOT REFERRED Although a serious accident-related citation was

issued, insufficient evidence to establish elements

BOI CASE NUMBER \$1110-106-20FC

EMPLOYER NAME West Coast Underground

T8 CCR VIOLATIONS

REASON NOT REFERRED Insufficient evidence to establish elements from

III B

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATIONS COMPLETED IN 2021 BUT NOT REFERRED FOR PROSECUTION

-SERIOUS INJURY TO 5 OR MORE EMPLOYEES-

(LABOR CODE SECTION 6315.3(d))

III C

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATIONS COMPLETED IN 2021 BUT NOT REFERRED FORPROSECUTION

-REQUESTS FOR PROSECUTION FROM A DIVISION REPRESENTATIVE-

(LABOR CODE SECTION6315.3(d))

III D

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATIONS COMPLETED IN 2021 BUT NOT REFERRED FOR PROSECUTION

-SERIOUS INJURY TO FEWER THAN FIVE EMPLOYEES-(DISCRETIONARYINVESTIGATIONS)

(LABOR CODE SECTION6315.3(d)