

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
CENTRAL DIVISION**

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
Plaintiff,

v.

ARTHUR ANTHONY BLAIN IV,
dob 06/11/66;

Defendant

CT No. CD310284
DA No. AFL729

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Clerk of the Superior Court

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COMPLAINT-FELONY

By: S. Toledo, Deputy

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Date: _____

PC296 DNA TEST STATUS SUMMARY

Defendant

BLAIN, IV, ARTHUR ANTHONY

DNA Testing Requirements

DNA sample required upon conviction

CHARGE SUMMARY

Count	Charge	Issue Type	Sentence Range	Special Allegations	Allegation Effect
1	PC118(a) BLAIN, IV, ARTHUR ANTHONY	Felony	2-3-4		
2	PC86 BLAIN, IV, ARTHUR ANTHONY	Felony	2-3-4		
3	PC165 BLAIN, IV, ARTHUR ANTHONY	Felony	2-3-4		
4	GC6200 & 6201 BLAIN, IV, ARTHUR ANTHONY	Felony	16-2-3		
5	PC484 BLAIN, IV, ARTHUR ANTHONY	Misdemeanor	6 Mos		

PC1054.3

INFORMAL REQUEST FOR DISCOVERY

The undersigned, certifying upon information and belief, complains that in the County of San Diego, State of California, the Defendant(s) did commit the following crime(s):

CHARGES

COUNT 1 - PERJURY BY DECLARATION

On or about September 24, 2024, ARTHUR ANTHONY BLAIN IV, being a person who testified, declared, deposed and certified under penalty of perjury in a case in which such testimony, declaration, deposition and certification is permitted by law under penalty of perjury, to wit: in Sworn Complaint #COM-09242024-03285 to the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC), did willfully and unlawfully state as true a material matter which he knew to be false, to wit: he falsely represented in said sworn complaint that he was a current city councilman in the City of Poway prior to having been elected to that position, in violation of PENAL CODE SECTION 118(a).

COUNT 2 - ASKING FOR BRIBE BY MEMBER OF LEGISLATIVE BODY OF A CITY

On or about and between December 22, 2024 and January 9, 2025, ARTHUR ANTHONY BLAIN IV did unlawfully, being a member of Poway City Council, ask for, and agree to receive, a bribe, upon an understanding that his official vote, opinion, judgment and action shall be influenced thereby, and he shall give, offer, and promise to give, in a particular manner, and upon a particular side of a question and matter upon which he may be required to act in his official capacity, and give, offer, and promise to give, an official vote in consideration that another Member of the Legislature, and another member of the Poway City Council, shall give the vote upon the same and another question.

To wit: ARTHUR ANTHONY BLAIN IV agreed to vote in favor of appointing Councilmember Peter De Hoff as Deputy mayor in exchange for Councilmember Peter De Hoff's vote in favor of holding a special election, rather than making an appointment, to fill a council seat vacancy, in violation of PENAL CODE SECTION 86.

COUNT 3 - SOLICITING A BRIBE

On or about and between December 22, 2024 and January 9, 2025, ARTHUR ANTHONY BLAIN IV did unlawfully, being a member of Poway City Council, offer, and agree to receive a bribe upon an understanding that his official vote, opinion, judgment and action would be influenced thereby and be given in a particular manner and upon a particular side of a question and matter upon which he might be required to act in his official capacity, in violation of PENAL CODE SECTION 165.

To wit: ARTHUR ANTHONY BLAIN IV agreed to vote in favor of appointing Councilmember Peter De Hoff as Deputy mayor in exchange for Councilmember Peter De Hoff's vote in favor of holding a special election, rather than making an appointment, to fill a council seat vacancy, in violation of PENAL CODE SECTION 165.

CHARGES (cont'd)

COUNT 4 - DESTRUCTION OR REMOVAL OF PUBLIC PAPER

On or about and between December 7, 2024 and September 18, 2025, ARTHUR ANTHONY BLAIN IV, while having the custody of a record and of paper filed and deposited in a public office, and which was placed in his hands for any purpose, willfully and unlawfully destroyed, removed and secreted the whole or part of such record, paper and proceeding, to wit: ARTHUR ANTHONY BLAIN IV knowingly destroyed communications relating to city business that were subject to disclosure under the California Public Records Act and took affirmative steps to evade compliance with that Act, in violation of GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 6200 AND 6201.

COUNT 5 - PETTY THEFT

On or about July 18, 2025, ARTHUR ANTHONY BLAIN IV did unlawfully steal, misappropriate and fraudulently take the property of another, to wit: campaign signs, thereby committing the crime of petty theft, in violation of PENAL CODE SECTION 484.

NOTICE: Any defendant named on this complaint who is on criminal probation in San Diego County is, by receiving this complaint, on notice that the evidence presented to the court at the preliminary hearing on this complaint is presented for a dual purpose: the People are seeking a holding order on the charges pursuant to Penal Code Section 872 and simultaneously, the People are seeking a revocation of the defendant's probation, on any and all such probation grants, utilizing the same evidence, at the preliminary hearing. Defenses to either or both procedures should be considered and presented as appropriate at the preliminary hearing.

NOTICE: Any defendant named on this complaint who is on Mandatory Supervision, Post Release Community Supervision, and Parole Supervision in San Diego County is, by receiving this complaint, on notice that the evidence presented to the court at the preliminary hearing on this complaint is presented for a dual purpose: the People are seeking a holding order on the charges pursuant to Penal Code Section 872 and simultaneously, the People are seeking a revocation of the defendant's Mandatory Supervision, Post Release Community Supervision, and Parole Supervision pursuant to Penal Code Sections 1170(h)(5)(B) and 1203.2 (a)(4), on any and all such grants, utilizing the same evidence, at the preliminary hearing. Defense to either or both procedures should be considered and presented as appropriate at the preliminary hearing.

Pursuant to PENAL CODE SECTION 1054.5(b), the People are hereby informally requesting that defendant's counsel provide discovery to the People as required by PENAL CODE SECTION 1054.3.

Sheriff's records indicate that as of the booking date one or more defendants have not yet provided a DNA sample to the DOJ database. Pursuant to Penal Code Section 296(e), the court shall order collection of DNA from the defendant(s) if advised by the prosecuting attorney that a sample is required but has not been provided by the defendant. Pursuant to Penal Code sections 296/296.1, if not already required from a past conviction, any defendants who have not done so will be required to provide a sample upon conviction of this felony offense.

I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT AND THAT THIS COMPLAINT, CASE NUMBER CD310284, CONSISTS OF 5 COUNTS.

Executed at City of San Diego, County of San Diego, State of California, on October 24, 2025.

COMPLAINANT

INFORMATION

SUMMER STEPHAN
District Attorney
County of San Diego
State of California
by:

Date

Deputy District Attorney