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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF ORANGE, CENTRAL JUSTICE CENTER

The Orange County District Attorney charges that in Orange County, California, the law was violated as follows:

Count 1: On or about July 20, 2000, in violation of Section 31110 of the Corporations Code (UNLAWFUL SALE OF A FRANCHISE), a FELONY, MARK THOMAS GEORGANTAS did unlawfully offer and sell a franchise without having registered such offer or sale with the Department of Corporations or filing an exemption for such registration under the Corporations Code.

Count 2: On or about July 20, 2000, in violation of Section 31201 of the Corporations Code (USE OF UNTRUE STATEMENT IN PURCHASE/SALE OF A SECURITY), a FELONY, MARK THOMAS GEORGANTAS did unlawfully offer and sell, and buy and offer to buy, a franchise by means of a written or oral communication which included an untrue statement of a material fact and omitted a material fact necessary to make the statements, in light of the circumstance under which they were made, not misleading.

Count 3: On or about February 06, 2001, in violation of Section 31110 of the Corporations Code (UNLAWFUL SALE OF A FRANCHISE), a FELONY, MARK THOMAS GEORGANTAS did unlawfully offer and sell a franchise without having registered such offer or sale with the Department of Corporations or filing an exemption for such registration under the Corporations Code.

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Count 4: On or about February 06, 2001, in violation of Section 31201 of the Corporations Code (USE OF UNTRUE STATEMENT IN PURCHASE/SALE OF A SECURITY), a FELONY, MARK THOMAS GEORGANTAS did unlawfully offer and sell, and buy and offer to buy, a franchise by means of a written or oral communication which included an untrue statement of a material fact and omitted a material fact necessary to make the statements, in light of the circumstance under which they were made, not misleading.

Count 5: On or about March 13, 2001, in violation of Section 31110 of the Corporations Code (UNLAWFUL SALE OF A FRANCHISE), a FELONY, MARK THOMAS GEORGANTAS did unlawfully offer and sell a franchise without having registered such offer or sale with the Department of Corporations or filing an exemption for such registration under the Corporations Code.

Count 6: On or about March 13, 2001, in violation of Section 31201 of the Corporations Code (USE OF UNTRUE STATEMENT IN PURCHASE/SALE OF A SECURITY), a FELONY, MARK THOMAS GEORGANTAS did unlawfully offer and sell, and buy and offer to buy, a franchise by means of a written or oral communication which included an untrue statement of a material fact and omitted a material fact necessary to make the statements, in light of the circumstance under which they were made, not misleading.

COUNT 7: On or about July 13, 2001, in violation of Section 25110 of the Corporations Code (SELL SECURITY IN ISSUER TRANSACTION WITHOUT QUALIFICATION), a FELONY, MARK THOMAS GEORGANTAS did unlawfully offer and sell a security in an issuer transaction without such sale having been qualified under section 25111, 25112, or 25143 of the Corporations Code, or exempted under Chapter 1 (commencing with section 25100) of the Corporations Code.

COUNT 8: On or about July 13, 2001, in violation of Section 25401 of the Corporations Code (USING UNTRUE STATEMENT IN PURCHASE/SALE OF A SECURITY), a FELONY, MARK THOMAS GEORGANTAS did unlawfully offer and sell, and buy and offer to buy, a security by means of a written or oral communication which included an untrue statement of a material fact and omitted a material fact necessary to make the statements, in light of the circumstances, not misleading.

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Count 9: On or about January 07, 2002, in violation of Section 31110 of the Corporations Code (UNLAWFUL SALE OF A FRANCHISE), a FELONY, MARK THOMAS GEORGANTAS did unlawfully offer and sell a franchise without having registered such offer or sale with the Department of Corporations or filing an exemption for such registration under the Corporations Code.

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Count 10: On or about January 07, 2002, in violation of Section 31201 of the Corporations Code (USE OF UNTRUE STATEMENT IN PURCHASE/SALE OF A SECURITY), a FELONY, MARK THOMAS GEORGANTAS did unlawfully offer and sell, and buy and offer to buy, franchise by means of a written or oral communication which included an untrue statement of a material fact and omitted a material fact necessary to make the statements, in light of the circumstance under which they were made, not misleading.

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Count 11: On or about May 07, 2002, in violation of Section 31110 of the Corporations Code (UNLAWFUL SALE OF A FRANCHISE), a FELONY, MARK THOMAS GEORGANTAS did unlawfully offer and sell a franchise without having registered such offer or sale with the Department of Corporations or filing an exemption for such registration under the Corporations Code.

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Count 12: On or about May 07, 2002, in violation of Section 31201 of the Corporations Code (USE OF UNTRUE STATEMENT IN PURCHASE/SALE OF A SECURITY), a FELONY, MARK THOMAS GEORGANTAS did unlawfully offer and sell, and buy and offer to buy, a franchise by means of a written or oral communication which included an untrue statement of a material fact and omitted a material fact necessary to make the statements, in light of the circumstance under which they were made, not misleading.

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Count 13: On or about June 01, 2002, in violation of Section 31110 of the Corporations Code (UNLAWFUL SALE OF A FRANCHISE), a FELONY, MARK THOMAS GEORGANTAS did unlawfully offer and sell a 24 franchise without having registered such offer or sale with the Department of Corporations or filing an exemption for such registration under the Corporations Code.

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Count 14: On or about June 01, 2002, in violation of Section 31201 of the Corporations Code (USE OF UNTRUE STATEMENT IN PURCHASE/SALE OF A SECURITY), a FELONY, MARK THOMAS GEORGANTAS did unlawfully offer and sell, and buy and offer to buy, a franchise by means of a written or oral communication which included an untrue statement of a material fact and omitted a material fact necessary to make the statements, in light of the circumstance under which they were made, not misleading.

Count 15: On or about June 01, 2002, in violation of Section 31110 of the Corporations Code (UNLAWFUL SALE OF A FRANCHISE), a FELONY, MARK THOMAS GEORGANTAS did unlawfully offer and sell a franchise without having registered such offer or sale with the Department of Corporations or filing an exemption for such registration under the Corporations Code.

Count 16: On or about June 01, 2002, in violation of Section 31201 of the Corporations Code (USE OF UNTRUE STATEMENT IN PURCHASE/SALE OF A SECURITY), a FELONY, MARK THOMAS GEORGANTAS did unlawfully offer and sell, and buy and offer to buy, a franchise by means of a written or oral communication which included an untrue statement of a material fact and omitted a material fact necessary to make the statements, in light of the circumstance under which they were made, not misleading.

Count 17: On or about October 14, 2002, in violation of Section 31110 of the Corporations Code (UNLAWFUL SALE OF A FRANCHISE), a FELONY, MARK THOMAS GEORGANTAS did unlawfully offer and sell a franchise without having registered such offer or sale with the Department of Corporations or filing an exemption for such registration under the Corporations Code.

Count 18: On or about October 14, 2002, in violation of Section 31201 of the Corporations Code (USE OF UNTRUE STATEMENT IN PURCHASE/SALE OF A SECURITY), a FELONY, MARK THOMAS GEORGANTAS did unlawfully offer and sell, and buy and offer to buy, a franchise by means of a written or oral communication which included an untrue statement of a material fact and omitted a material fact necessary to make the statements, in light of the circumstance under which they were made, not misleading.

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1 COUNT 19: On or about October 01, 2002, in violation of Section 25110 of the Corporations Code (SELL SECURITY IN TRANSACTION WITHOUT QUALIFICATION), a FELONY, MARK THOMAS GEORGANTAS did unlawfully offer and sell a security in an issuer transaction without such sale having been qualified under section 25111, 25112, or 25143 of the Corporations Code, or exempted under Chapter 1 (commencing with section 25100) of the Corporations Code.

7 COUNT 20: On or about October 01, 2002, in violation of Section 25401 of the Corporations Code (USING UNTRUE STATEMENT PURCHASE/SALE OF A SECURITY), a FELONY, MARK THOMAS GEORGANTAS g did unlawfully offer and sell, and buy and offer to buy, a security by means of a written or oral communication which included an untrue statement of a material fact and omitted a material fact necessary to make the statements, in light of the circumstances, not misleading.

On or about March 03, 2003, in violation of Section 31110 of the Corporations Code (UNLAWFUL SALE OF A FRANCHISE), a FELONY, MARK THOMAS GEORGANTAS did unlawfully offer and sell a franchise without having registered such offer or sale with the Department of Corporations or filing an exemption for such registration under the Corporations Code.

Count 22: On or about March 03, 2003, in violation of Section 31201 of the Corporations Code (USE OF UNTRUE STATEMENT IN PURCHASE/SALE OF A SECURITY), a FELONY, MARK THOMAS GEORGANTAS did unlawfully offer and sell, and buy and offer to buy, a franchise by means of a written or oral communication which included an untrue statement of a material fact and omitted a material fact necessary to make the statements, in light of the circumstance under which they were made, not misleading.

## SPECIAL ALLEGATION(s)

As to Count(s) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22, it is further alleged pursuant to Penal Code section 1203.045(a) (OVER \$100,000 LOSS), that defendant MARK THOMAS GEORGANTAS committed the crime of theft of an amount exceeding one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000).

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JURISDICTIONAL ALLEGATION(s)

 As to Count(s) 1 and 2, it is further alleged pursuant to Penal Code sections 803(c)/801.5 (STATUTE OF LIMITATION TOLLED), that the offenses are felonies, and no victim of the offenses and no law enforcement agency chargeable with the investigation and prosecution of the offenses had actual or constructive knowledge of the offenses prior to the date of 4-13-2001.

On or about that date, victim Michael Fields confronted the defendant about the defendant's efforts to modify their franchise agreement. At that time, the defendant threatened victim Fields. Prior to this date, no victim or law enforcement agency chargeable with the investigation and prosecution of said crimes had actual or constructive knowledge of said crimes because the defendant had failed to disclose his criminal history of theft and pending criminal charges of theft, had presented a viable and profitable business proposition, and had entered a franchise agreement with victim Fields.

As to Count(s) 3 and 4, it is further alleged pursuant to Penal Code sections 803(c)/801.5 (STATUTE OF LIMITATION TOLLED), that the offenses are felonies, and no victim of the offenses and no law enforcement agency chargeable with the investigation and prosecution of the offenses had actual or constructive knowledge of the offenses prior to the date of 7-14-2001.

On or about that date, victim Aaron Zeese drove to Irvine, California, to the headquarters for defendant's company Fire on Ice, attempting to obtain additional product for sale. On that date, victim Zeese was only able to obtain a small amount of product that was different from the product he had ordered. Prior to this date, no victim or law enforcement agency chargeable with the investigation and prosecution of said crimes had actual or constructive knowledge of said crimes because the defendant failed to disclose his criminal history of theft and pending criminal charges of theft, had presented a viable and profitable business proposition, and had entered into a franchise agreement, accepting payment for the product in question in advance, with victim Blaine Bergson and Aaron Zeese.

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As to Count(s) 5 and 6, it is further alleged pursuant to Penal Code sections 803(c)/801.5 (STATUTE OF LIMITATION TOLLED), that the offenses are felonies which had a material element of fraud and breach of fiduciary obligation, and no victim of the offenses and no law enforcement agency chargeable with the investigation and prosecution of the offenses had actual or constructive knowledge of the offenses prior to December of 2001 or January of 2002.

On or about that time, victim Jim Paterson attempted to find a patent on the product sold by the defendant and his company Fire on Ice but was unable to find any patent for the product or defendant Mark Georgantas. Previously the defendant represented to victim Paterson that the product was patented. Prior to this date, no victim or law enforcement agency chargeable with the investigation and prosecution of said crimes had actual or constructive knowledge of said crimes because the defendant failed to disclose his criminal history of theft and pending charges of theft, had presented a viable and profitable business proposition, and believed that the defendant was selling a patented product.

## CONDUCT ENHANCEMENT(s)

As to Count(s) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22, it is further alleged pursuant to Penal Code section 12022.6(a)(2) (PROPERTY DAMAGE OVER \$150,000), that defendant MARK THOMAS GEORGANTAS intentionally took, damaged, and destroyed property valued in excess of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) during the commission and attempted commission of the above offense.

It is further alleged pursuant to Penal Code section 186.11(a) (1) (AGGRAVATED WHITE COLLAR CRIME - OVER \$100,000), that as to counts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22, defendant MARK THOMAS GEORGANTAS engaged in a pattern of related fraudulent felony conduct involving the taking of more than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000).

FELONY COMPLAINT WARRANT

I hereby certify the foregoing instrument consisting of \_\_\_\_\_page(s) is a frue and correct copy of the original on file in this court.

ATTEST (DATE)

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