HOUSE BILL 2339

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to violation of foreign protection orders;
- 2 reenacting and amending RCW 9.94A.320 and 9.94A.440; prescribing
- 3 penalties; and providing an effective date.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 9.94A.320 and 1999 c 352 s 3, 1999 c 322 s 5, and 1999 6 c 45 s 4 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:
- 7 TABLE 2
- 8 CRIMES INCLUDED WITHIN EACH SERIOUSNESS LEVEL
- 9 XVI Aggravated Murder 1 (RCW 10.95.020)
- 10 XV Homicide by abuse (RCW 9A.32.055)
- 11 Malicious explosion 1 (RCW 70.74.280(1))
- 12 Murder 1 (RCW 9A.32.030)
- 13 XIV Murder 2 (RCW 9A.32.050)
- 14 XIII Malicious explosion 2 (RCW 70.74.280(2))
- 15 Malicious placement of an explosive 1 (RCW
- 16 70.74.270(1))

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1	XII	Assault 1 (RCW 9A.36.011)
2		Assault of a Child 1 (RCW 9A.36.120)
3		Malicious placement of an imitation device
4		1 (RCW 70.74.272(1)(a))
5		Rape 1 (RCW 9A.44.040)
6		Rape of a Child 1 (RCW 9A.44.073)
7	XI	Manslaughter 1 (RCW 9A.32.060)
8		Rape 2 (RCW 9A.44.050)
9		Rape of a Child 2 (RCW 9A.44.076)
10	X	Child Molestation 1 (RCW 9A.44.083)
11		Indecent Liberties (with forcible
12		compulsion) (RCW 9A.44.100(1)(a))
13		Kidnapping 1 (RCW 9A.40.020)
14		Leading Organized Crime (RCW
15		9A.82.060(1)(a))
16		Malicious explosion 3 (RCW 70.74.280(3))
17		Manufacture of methamphetamine (RCW
18		69.50.401(a)(1)(ii))
19		Over 18 and deliver heroin,
20		methamphetamine, a narcotic from
21		Schedule I or II, or flunitrazepam
22		from Schedule IV to someone under 18
23		(RCW 69.50.406)
24	IX	Assault of a Child 2 (RCW 9A.36.130)
25		Controlled Substance Homicide (RCW
26		69.50.415)
27		Explosive devices prohibited (RCW
28		70.74.180)
29		Homicide by Watercraft, by being under the
30		influence of intoxicating liquor or
31		any drug (RCW $((88.12.029))$
32		<u>79A.60.050</u>)
33		Inciting Criminal Profiteering (RCW
34		9A.82.060(1)(b))
35		Malicious placement of an explosive 2 (RCW
36		70.74.270(2))

1		Over 18 and deliver narcotic from Schedule
2		III, IV, or V or a nonnarcotic, except
3		flunitrazepam or methamphetamine, from
4		Schedule I-V to someone under 18 and 3
5		years junior (RCW 69.50.406)
6		Robbery 1 (RCW 9A.56.200)
7		Sexual Exploitation (RCW 9.68A.040)
8		Vehicular Homicide, by being under the
9		influence of intoxicating liquor or
10		any drug (RCW 46.61.520)
11	VIII	Arson 1 (RCW 9A.48.020)
12		Deliver or possess with intent to deliver
13		methamphetamine (RCW
14		69.50.401(a)(1)(ii))
15		Homicide by Watercraft, by the operation of
16		any vessel in a reckless manner (RCW
17		((88.12.029)) 79A.60.050)
18		Manslaughter 2 (RCW 9A.32.070)
19		Manufacture, deliver, or possess with
20		intent to deliver amphetamine (RCW
21		69.50.401(a)(1)(ii))
22		Manufacture, deliver, or possess with
23		intent to deliver heroin or cocaine
24		(RCW 69.50.401(a)(1)(i))
25		Possession of ephedrine or pseudoephedrine
26		with intent to manufacture
27		methamphetamine (RCW 69.50.440)
28		Promoting Prostitution 1 (RCW 9A.88.070)
29		Selling for profit (controlled or
30		counterfeit) any controlled substance
31		(RCW 69.50.410)
32		Vehicular Homicide, by the operation of any
33		vehicle in a reckless manner (RCW
34		46.61.520)

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1	VII	Burglary 1 (RCW 9A.52.020)
2		Child Molestation 2 (RCW 9A.44.086)
3		Dealing in depictions of minor engaged in
4		sexually explicit conduct (RCW
5		9.68A.050)
6		Drive-by Shooting (RCW 9A.36.045)
7		Homicide by Watercraft, by disregard for
8		the safety of others (RCW
9		((88.12.029)) <u>79A.60.050</u>)
10		Indecent Liberties (without forcible
11		compulsion) (RCW $9A.44.100(1)$ (b) and
12		(c))
13		Introducing Contraband 1 (RCW 9A.76.140)
14		Involving a minor in drug dealing (RCW
15		69.50.401(f))
16		Malicious placement of an explosive 3 (RCW
17		70.74.270(3))
18		Sending, bringing into state depictions of
19		minor engaged in sexually explicit
20		conduct (RCW 9.68A.060)
21		Unlawful Possession of a Firearm in the
22		first degree (RCW 9.41.040(1)(a))
23		Use of a Machine Gun in Commission of a
24		Felony (RCW 9.41.225)
25		Vehicular Homicide, by disregard for the
26		safety of others (RCW 46.61.520)
27	VI	Bail Jumping with Murder 1 (RCW
28		9A.76.170(2)(a))
29		Bribery (RCW 9A.68.010)
30		Incest 1 (RCW 9A.64.020(1))
31		Intimidating a Judge (RCW 9A.72.160)
32		Intimidating a Juror/Witness (RCW
33		9A.72.110, 9A.72.130)
34		Malicious placement of an imitation device
35		2 (RCW 70.74.272(1)(b))
36		Manufacture, deliver, or possess with
37		intent to deliver narcotics from
38		Schedule I or II (except heroin or

1		cocaine) or flunitrazepam from
2		Schedule IV (RCW 69.50.401(a)(1)(i))
3		Rape of a Child 3 (RCW 9A.44.079)
4		Theft of a Firearm (RCW 9A.56.300)
5	V	Abandonment of dependent person 1 (RCW
6	V	Abandonment of dependent person 1 (RCW 9A.42.060)
7		Advancing money or property for
8		extortionate extension of credit (RCW
9		9A.82.030)
10		Bail Jumping with class A Felony (RCW
11		9A.76.170(2)(b))
12		Child Molestation 3 (RCW 9A.44.089)
13		Criminal Mistreatment 1 (RCW 9A.42.020)
14		Custodial Sexual Misconduct 1 (RCW
15		9A.44.160)
16		Delivery of imitation controlled substance
17		by person eighteen or over to person
18		under eighteen (RCW 69.52.030(2))
19		Extortion 1 (RCW 9A.56.120)
20		Extortionate Extension of Credit (RCW
20 21		Extortionate Extension of Credit (RCW 9A.82.020)
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1		On and after July 1, 2000: Stalking (RCW
2		9A.46.110)
3		Perjury 1 (RCW 9A.72.020)
4		Persistent prison misbehavior (RCW
5		9.94.070)
6		Possession of a Stolen Firearm (RCW
7		9A.56.310)
8		Rape 3 (RCW 9A.44.060)
9		Rendering Criminal Assistance 1 (RCW
10		9A.76.070)
11		Sexual Misconduct with a Minor 1 (RCW
12		9A.44.093)
13		Sexually Violating Human Remains (RCW
14		9A.44.105)
15	IV	Arson 2 (RCW 9A.48.030)
16		Assault 2 (RCW 9A.36.021)
17		Assault by Watercraft (RCW ((88.12.032))
18		79A.60.060)
19		Bribing a Witness/Bribe Received by Witness
20		(RCW 9A.72.090, 9A.72.100)
21		Commercial Bribery (RCW 9A.68.060)
22		Counterfeiting (RCW 9.16.035(4))
23		Escape 1 (RCW 9A.76.110)
24		Hit and RunInjury Accident (RCW
25		46.52.020(4))
26		Hit and Run with VesselInjury Accident
27		(RCW ((88.12.155)) <u>79A.60.200</u> (3))
28		Indecent Exposure to Person Under Age
29		Fourteen (subsequent sex offense) (RCW
30		9A.88.010)
31		Influencing Outcome of Sporting Event (RCW
32		9A.82.070)
33		Knowingly Trafficking in Stolen Property
34		(RCW 9A.82.050(2))

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1		Malicious Harassment (RCW 9A.36.080)
2		Manufacture, deliver, or possess with
3		intent to deliver narcotics from
4		Schedule III, IV, or V or nonnarcotics
5		from Schedule I-V (except marijuana,
6		amphetamine, methamphetamines, or
7		flunitrazepam) (RCW 69.50.401(a)(1)
8		(iii) through (v))
9		Residential Burglary (RCW 9A.52.025)
10		Robbery 2 (RCW 9A.56.210)
11		Theft of Livestock 1 (RCW 9A.56.080)
12		Threats to Bomb (RCW 9.61.160)
13		Use of Proceeds of Criminal Profiteering
14		(RCW 9A.82.080 (1) and (2))
15		Vehicular Assault (RCW 46.61.522)
16		Willful Failure to Return from Furlough
17		(RCW 72.66.060)
18	III	Abandonment of dependent person 2 (RCW
19		9A.42.070)
20		Assault 3 (RCW 9A.36.031)
21		Assault of a Child 3 (RCW 9A.36.140)
22		Bail Jumping with class B or C Felony (RCW
23		9A.76.170(2)(c))
24		Burglary 2 (RCW 9A.52.030)
25		Communication with a Minor for Immoral
26		Purposes (RCW 9.68A.090)
27		Criminal Gang Intimidation (RCW 9A.46.120)
28		Criminal Mistreatment 2 (RCW 9A.42.030)
29		Custodial Assault (RCW 9A.36.100)
30		Delivery of a material in lieu of a
31		controlled substance (RCW
32		69.50.401(c))
33		Escape 2 (RCW 9A.76.120)
34		Extortion 2 (RCW 9A.56.130)
35		
55		Harassment (RCW 9A.46.020)
36		Harassment (RCW 9A.46.020) Intimidating a Public Servant (RCW

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1	Maintaining a Dwelling or Place for
2	Controlled Substances (RCW
3	69.50.402(a)(6))
4	Malicious Injury to Railroad Property (RCW
5	81.60.070)
6	Manufacture, deliver, or possess with
7	intent to deliver marijuana (RCW
8	69.50.401(a)(1)(iii))
9	Manufacture, distribute, or possess with
10	intent to distribute an imitation
11	controlled substance (RCW
12	69.52.030(1))
13	Patronizing a Juvenile Prostitute (RCW
14	9.68A.100)
15	Perjury 2 (RCW 9A.72.030)
16	Possession of Incendiary Device (RCW
17	9.40.120)
18	Possession of Machine Gun or Short-Barreled
19	Shotgun or Rifle (RCW 9.41.190)
20	Promoting Prostitution 2 (RCW 9A.88.080)
21	Recklessly Trafficking in Stolen Property
22	(RCW 9A.82.050(1))
23	Securities Act violation (RCW 21.20.400)
24	Tampering with a Witness (RCW 9A.72.120)
25	Telephone Harassment (subsequent conviction
26	or threat of death) (RCW 9.61.230)
27	Theft of Livestock 2 (RCW 9A.56.080)
28	Unlawful Imprisonment (RCW 9A.40.040)
29	Unlawful possession of firearm in the
30	second degree (RCW 9.41.040(1)(b))
31	Unlawful Use of Building for Drug Purposes
32	(RCW 69.53.010)
33	Willful Failure to Return from Work Release
34	(RCW 72.65.070)

1	II	Computer Trespass 1 (RCW 9A.52.110)
2		Counterfeiting (RCW 9.16.035(3))
3		Create, deliver, or possess a counterfeit
4		controlled substance (RCW
5		69.50.401(b))
6		Escape from Community Custody (RCW
7		72.09.310)
8		Health Care False Claims (RCW 48.80.030)
9		Malicious Mischief 1 (RCW 9A.48.070)
10		Possession of controlled substance that is
11		either heroin or narcotics from
12		Schedule I or II or flunitrazepam from
13		Schedule IV (RCW 69.50.401(d))
14		Possession of phencyclidine (PCP) (RCW
15		69.50.401(d))
16		Possession of Stolen Property 1 (RCW
17		9A.56.150)
18		Theft 1 (RCW 9A.56.030)
19		Theft of Rental, Leased, or Lease-purchased
20		Property (valued at one thousand five
21		hundred dollars or more) (RCW
22		9A.56.096(4))
23		Trafficking in Insurance Claims (RCW
24		48.30A.015)
25		Unlawful Practice of Law (RCW 2.48.180)
26		Unlicensed Practice of a Profession or
27		Business (RCW 18.130.190(7))
28	I	Attempting to Elude a Pursuing Police
29		Vehicle (RCW 46.61.024)
30		False Verification for Welfare (RCW
31		74.08.055)
32		Forged Prescription (RCW 69.41.020)
33		Forged Prescription for a Controlled
34		Substance (RCW 69.50.403)
35		Forgery (RCW 9A.60.020)
36		Malicious Mischief 2 (RCW 9A.48.080)
37		Possess Controlled Substance that is a
38		Narcotic from Schedule III, IV, or V
39		or Non-narcotic from Schedule I-V

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1 (except phencyclidine 2 flunitrazepam) (RCW 69.50.401(d)) 3 Possession of Stolen Property 2 (RCW 4 9A.56.160) Reckless Burning 1 (RCW 9A.48.040) 5 Taking Motor Vehicle Without Permission 6 7 (RCW 9A.56.070) 8 Theft 2 (RCW 9A.56.040) 9 Theft of Rental, Leased, or Lease-purchased 10 Property (valued at two hundred fifty 11 dollars or more but less than one thousand five hundred dollars) (RCW 12 13 9A.56.096(4)) 14 Unlawful Issuance of Checks or Drafts (RCW 15 9A.56.060) 16 Unlawful Use of Food Stamps (RCW 9.91.140 17 (2) and (3)Vehicle Prowl 1 (RCW 9A.52.095) 18

- 19 **Sec. 2.** RCW 9.94A.440 and 1999 c 322 s 6 and 1999 c 196 s 11 are 20 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:
- 21 (1) Decision not to prosecute.
- STANDARD: A prosecuting attorney may decline to prosecute, even though technically sufficient evidence to prosecute exists, in situations where prosecution would serve no public purpose, would defeat the underlying purpose of the law in question or would result in decreased respect for the law.
- 27 GUIDELINE/COMMENTARY:
- 28 Examples
- The following are examples of reasons not to prosecute which could satisfy the standard.
- 31 (a) Contrary to Legislative Intent It may be proper to decline to 32 charge where the application of criminal sanctions would be clearly 33 contrary to the intent of the legislature in enacting the particular 34 statute.
- 35 (b) Antiquated Statute It may be proper to decline to charge 36 where the statute in question is antiquated in that:
- 37 (i) It has not been enforced for many years; and

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- 1 (ii) Most members of society act as if it were no longer in 2 existence; and
- 3 (iii) It serves no deterrent or protective purpose in today's 4 society; and
- 5 (iv) The statute has not been recently reconsidered by the 6 legislature.
- This reason is not to be construed as the basis for declining cases because the law in question is unpopular or because it is difficult to enforce.
- 10 (c) De Minimus Violation It may be proper to decline to charge 11 where the violation of law is only technical or insubstantial and where 12 no public interest or deterrent purpose would be served by prosecution.
- (d) Confinement on Other Charges It may be proper to decline to charge because the accused has been sentenced on another charge to a lengthy period of confinement; and
- 16 (i) Conviction of the new offense would not merit any additional 17 direct or collateral punishment;
- 18 (ii) The new offense is either a misdemeanor or a felony which is 19 not particularly aggravated; and
- 20 (iii) Conviction of the new offense would not serve any significant 21 deterrent purpose.
- (e) Pending Conviction on Another Charge It may be proper to decline to charge because the accused is facing a pending prosecution in the same or another county; and
- 25 (i) Conviction of the new offense would not merit any additional 26 direct or collateral punishment;
- 27 (ii) Conviction in the pending prosecution is imminent;
- (iii) The new offense is either a misdemeanor or a felony which is not particularly aggravated; and
- 30 (iv) Conviction of the new offense would not serve any significant 31 deterrent purpose.
- 32 (f) High Disproportionate Cost of Prosecution It may be proper to 33 decline to charge where the cost of locating or transporting, or the 34 burden on, prosecution witnesses is highly disproportionate to the 35 importance of prosecuting the offense in question. This reason should 36 be limited to minor cases and should not be relied upon in serious 37 cases.
- 38 (g) Improper Motives of Complainant It may be proper to decline 39 charges because the motives of the complainant are improper and

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- prosecution would serve no public purpose, would defeat the underlying 1
- 2 purpose of the law in question or would result in decreased respect for
- 3 the law.
- 4 (h) Immunity - It may be proper to decline to charge where immunity
- 5 is to be given to an accused in order to prosecute another where the
- accused's information or testimony will reasonably lead to the 6
- 7 conviction of others who are responsible for more serious criminal
- 8 conduct or who represent a greater danger to the public interest.
- 9 (i) Victim Request - It may be proper to decline to charge because
- 10 the victim requests that no criminal charges be filed and the case
- involves the following crimes or situations: 11
- (i) Assault cases where the victim has suffered little or no 12
- 13 injury;
- (ii) Crimes against property, not involving violence, where no 14
- 15 major loss was suffered;
- 16 (iii) Where doing so would not jeopardize the safety of society.
- 17 Care should be taken to insure that the victim's request is freely
- made and is not the product of threats or pressure by the accused. 18
- 19 The presence of these factors may also justify the decision to
- 20 dismiss a prosecution which has been commenced.
- Notification 21
- 22 The prosecutor is encouraged to notify the victim, when practical,
- and the law enforcement personnel, of the decision not to prosecute. 23
- 24 (2) Decision to prosecute.
- (a) STANDARD: 25
- 26 Crimes against persons will be filed if sufficient admissible
- evidence exists, which, when considered with the most plausible, 27
- reasonably foreseeable defense that could be raised under the evidence, 28
- would justify conviction by a reasonable and objective fact-finder. 29
- 30 With regard to offenses prohibited by RCW 9A.44.040, 9A.44.050,
- 31 9A.44.073, 9A.44.076, 9A.44.079, 9A.44.083, 9A.44.086, 9A.44.089, and
- 9A.64.020 the prosecutor should avoid prefiling agreements or 32
- diversions intended to place the accused in a program of treatment or 33
- 34 counseling, so that treatment, if determined to be beneficial, can be
- 35 provided pursuant to RCW 9.94A.120(8).
- against property/other crimes will be filed if the 36
- 37 admissible evidence is of such convincing force as to make it probable
- that a reasonable and objective fact-finder would convict after hearing 38

- 1 all the admissible evidence and the most plausible defense that could
- 2 be raised.
- 3 See table below for the crimes within these categories.
- 4 CATEGORIZATION OF CRIMES FOR PROSECUTING STANDARDS
- 5 CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS
- 6 Aggravated Murder
- 7 1st Degree Murder
- 8 2nd Degree Murder
- 9 1st Degree Kidnaping
- 10 1st Degree Assault
- 11 1st Degree Assault of a Child
- 12 1st Degree Rape
- 13 1st Degree Robbery
- 14 1st Degree Rape of a Child
- 15 1st Degree Arson
- 2nd Degree Kidnaping
- 17 2nd Degree Assault
- 18 2nd Degree Assault of a Child
- 19 2nd Degree Rape
- 20 2nd Degree Robbery
- 21 1st Degree Burglary
- 22 1st Degree Manslaughter
- 23 2nd Degree Manslaughter
- 24 1st Degree Extortion
- 25 Indecent Liberties
- 26 Incest
- 27 2nd Degree Rape of a Child
- 28 Vehicular Homicide
- 29 Vehicular Assault
- 30 3rd Degree Rape
- 31 3rd Degree Rape of a Child
- 32 1st Degree Child Molestation
- 2nd Degree Child Molestation
- 34 3rd Degree Child Molestation
- 35 2nd Degree Extortion
- 37 Intimidating a Juror
- 38 Communication with a Minor

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Intimidating a Witness
1
 2
        Intimidating a Public Servant
 3
        Bomb Threat (if against person)
 4
        3rd Degree Assault
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        3rd Degree Assault of a Child
 6
        Unlawful Imprisonment
7
        Promoting a Suicide Attempt
8
        Riot (if against person)
9
        Stalking
10
        Custodial Assault
        No-Contact Order-Domestic Violence Pretrial (RCW 10.99.040(4) (b)
11
    and (c))
12
        No-Contact Order-Domestic Violence Sentence (RCW 10.99.050(2))
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14
        Protection Order-Domestic Violence Civil (RCW 26.50.110 (4) and
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    (5))
16
        Foreign Protection Order Violation (RCW 26.52.070 (3) and (4))
        Counterfeiting (if a violation of RCW 9.16.035(4))
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        CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY/OTHER CRIMES
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19
        2nd Degree Arson
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        1st Degree Escape
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        2nd Degree Burglary
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        1st Degree Theft
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        1st Degree Perjury
        1st Degree Introducing Contraband
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25
        1st Degree Possession of Stolen Property
26
        Bribery
27
        Bribing a Witness
28
        Bribe received by a Witness
        Bomb Threat (if against property)
29
        1st Degree Malicious Mischief
30
        2nd Degree Theft
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32
        2nd Degree Escape
        2nd Degree Introducing Contraband
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34
        2nd Degree Possession of Stolen Property
        2nd Degree Malicious Mischief
35
        1st Degree Reckless Burning
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37
        Taking a Motor Vehicle without Authorization
38
        Forgery
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        2nd Degree Perjury
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- 1 2nd Degree Promoting Prostitution
- 2 Tampering with a Witness
- 3 Trading in Public Office
- 4 Trading in Special Influence
- 5 Receiving/Granting Unlawful Compensation
- 6 Bigamy
- 7 Eluding a Pursuing Police Vehicle
- 8 Willful Failure to Return from Furlough
- 9 Escape from Community Custody
- 10 Riot (if against property)
- 11 Thefts of Livestock
- 12 ALL OTHER UNCLASSIFIED FELONIES
- 13 Selection of Charges/Degree of Charge
- 14 (i) The prosecutor should file charges which adequately describe
- 15 the nature of defendant's conduct. Other offenses may be charged only
- 16 if they are necessary to ensure that the charges:
- 17 (A) Will significantly enhance the strength of the state's case at
- 18 trial; or
- 19 (B) Will result in restitution to all victims.
- 20 (ii) The prosecutor should not overcharge to obtain a guilty plea.
- 21 Overcharging includes:
- 22 (A) Charging a higher degree;
- 23 (B) Charging additional counts.
- 24 This standard is intended to direct prosecutors to charge those
- 25 crimes which demonstrate the nature and seriousness of a defendant's
- 26 criminal conduct, but to decline to charge crimes which are not
- 27 necessary to such an indication. Crimes which do not merge as a matter
- 28 of law, but which arise from the same course of conduct, do not all
- 29 have to be charged.
- 30 (b) GUIDELINES/COMMENTARY:
- 31 (i) Police Investigation
- 32 A prosecuting attorney is dependent upon law enforcement agencies
- 33 to conduct the necessary factual investigation which must precede the
- 34 decision to prosecute. The prosecuting attorney shall ensure that a
- 35 thorough factual investigation has been conducted before a decision to
- 36 prosecute is made. In ordinary circumstances the investigation should
- 37 include the following:

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- 1 (A) The interviewing of all material witnesses, together with the 2 obtaining of written statements whenever possible;
 - (B) The completion of necessary laboratory tests; and
- 4 (C) The obtaining, in accordance with constitutional requirements, 5 of the suspect's version of the events.
- If the initial investigation is incomplete, a prosecuting attorney should insist upon further investigation before a decision to prosecute is made, and specify what the investigation needs to include.
 - (ii) Exceptions

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- In certain situations, a prosecuting attorney may authorize filing of a criminal complaint before the investigation is complete if:
- 12 (A) Probable cause exists to believe the suspect is guilty; and
- 13 (B) The suspect presents a danger to the community or is likely to 14 flee if not apprehended; or
- 15 (C) The arrest of the suspect is necessary to complete the 16 investigation of the crime.
- In the event that the exception to the standard is applied, the prosecuting attorney shall obtain a commitment from the law enforcement agency involved to complete the investigation in a timely manner. If the subsequent investigation does not produce sufficient evidence to meet the normal charging standard, the complaint should be dismissed.
- 22 (iii) Investigation Techniques
- 23 The prosecutor should be fully advised of the investigatory 24 techniques that were used in the case investigation including:
- 25 (A) Polygraph testing;
- 26 (B) Hypnosis;
- 27 (C) Electronic surveillance;
- 28 (D) Use of informants.
- 29 (iv) Pre-Filing Discussions with Defendant
- Discussions with the defendant or his/her representative regarding the selection or disposition of charges may occur prior to the filing of charges, and potential agreements can be reached.
- 33 (v) Pre-Filing Discussions with Victim(s)
- Discussions with the victim(s) or victims' representatives regarding the selection or disposition of charges may occur before the filing of charges. The discussions may be considered by the prosecutor in charging and disposition decisions, and should be considered before reaching any agreement with the defendant regarding these decisions.

- 1 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2000, and
- 2 applies to offenses committed on or after July 1, 2000.

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