

# MERCED COUNTY GRAND JURY COMPLAINT

Complainant: Gene Forte

## SUBJECTS

No. \_\_\_\_\_ (Office Use Only)

<u>LOS BANOS CITY OFFICIALS</u>	<u>MERCED COUNTY OFFICIALS</u>	<u>PRIVATE ACTOR ACCOMPLICES</u>
<p>Mayor Tommy Jones</p> <p>LB Police Chief Gary Brizzee</p> <p><b>LBPD Officers:</b> ex-Chief Knapp, Det. Townsley, Westbrook, Torongo, Parker, Llanez, Dispatcher Strauch.</p> <p><b>LB City Council Members:</b> Joe Sousa, Michael Villalta, Manuel Faria, Elizabeth Stone.</p>	<p>District Attorney Larry Morse Deputy DA Alan Turner</p> <p>Merced County Sheriff Mark Pazin Deputies: Picinich, Leuchner, Perrino.</p> <p>County Supervisor Jerry O'Banion County Counsel James Fincher</p> <p>Merced Superior Court Judge: Frank Dougherty (retired)</p> <p>Assist. Attorney General D. Gillette</p>	<p>The Los Banos Enterprise Merced Sun-Star Reporters: Gene Lieb, Corey Pride. <b>Fresno Catholic Diocese:</b> Connie McGhee, OLF school principal, Sexton, superintendent, and Priest Bob Gamel. <b>Benjamin Ratliff</b> <b>Anthony Donaldson Bates</b> <b>James Pico Padron</b> <b>Merced Defense Associates</b></p>

## DEATH THREAT COVER UP

**FOR MAYOR TOMMY JONES  
AGAINST GENE FORTE,  
REPORTER FOR THE BADGER FLATS GAZETTE.**

### **FALSE ARREST, POLICE BRUTALITY, AND RETALIATORY PROSECUTION OF FORTE.**

**OVERVIEW:** The presentation of evidence for this complaint, which will be frequently supplemented, is best described as the application of two common adages, "the devil is in the details" and "eating an elephant one bite at a time." The complaint will be "transparent" and a "virtual open book" to the public. The Badger Flats Gazette is encouraging additional evidence and support from citizens who have experienced, the "mysteries" of Public Official Corruption, which are, *Officials Commit Crimes, Officials Cover-up Other Officials' Crimes, Newspapers Don't Report About It. Amen!*

The public will be alerted that Morse, Fincher, the California Attorney General's Office, and a disqualified judge of the Merced Superior Court are also specious advisors to this Grand Jury complaint *against themselves*. (That's a no-no according to Penal Code §934-936.)

Evidence provided will lead to the clear conclusion that, for the public's safety, a criminal Grand Jury must be assembled to issue indictments. The above named subjects punished Forte for his writings exposing public corruption. They punished him by the concealment of death threats, false arrests, police brutality, and retaliatory prosecutions against Forte for their own Machiavellian motives. An independent prosecutor is required to conduct a thorough investigation. Forte has no doubt that a legitimate law enforcement investigation will reveal that Mayor Tommy Jones (also a Los Banos High School teacher), influenced and/or directed his student, Anthony Donaldson Bates, to send the death threats. It's a trick lifted from a *Crimes for Dummies* book.

**HOW IT WAS DONE:** Falsified police reports, honest services fraud, media blackout.

**EVIDENCE:** Police Reports, Audio/Video Recordings, court documents, legal opinions, and eye-witness testimony.

**BRIEF BACKGROUND:** Forte is an investigative reporter for the Badger Flats Gazette, which focuses on public official corruption. Forte investigated and filed the complaint with the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) against Jones that found Jones voted on two development matters of Ranchwood Homes Developer, Mr. Greg Hostetler, which "had a foreseeable and material economic effect on Jones' economic interests." In plain English, it's called taking a bribe.

Forte published stories about Jones' arrest for possession of crack cocaine when Jones was a City Councilman in 1999 and the bizarre non-prosecution of Jones by ex-DA/embezzler Gordon Spencer. Forte spearheaded a Recall of Jones in 2008. Forte slammed shut the till of the Underground Storage Tank Fund on the sticky fingers of county and private remediation firms in cahoots with each other. Forte is hated with a passion by corrupt public officials and the newspapers that cover for them.