



# WITHOUT ONE PLEA

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Without One Plea extends our warm regards and encouragement to you. We recognize that many confined individuals in California have been deeply wronged by a criminal justice system that has, in far too many cases, failed to follow the lawful procedures required by the California Constitution, Penal Code, and established court precedent to prosecute and imprison felony cases. Our purpose is to bring clarity, lawful remedy, and hope for freedom to those who have been unlawfully detained and imprisoned. We encourage everyone who is able to seek the truth, to do so. “So then each of us shall give an account of himself to God” Romans 14:12.

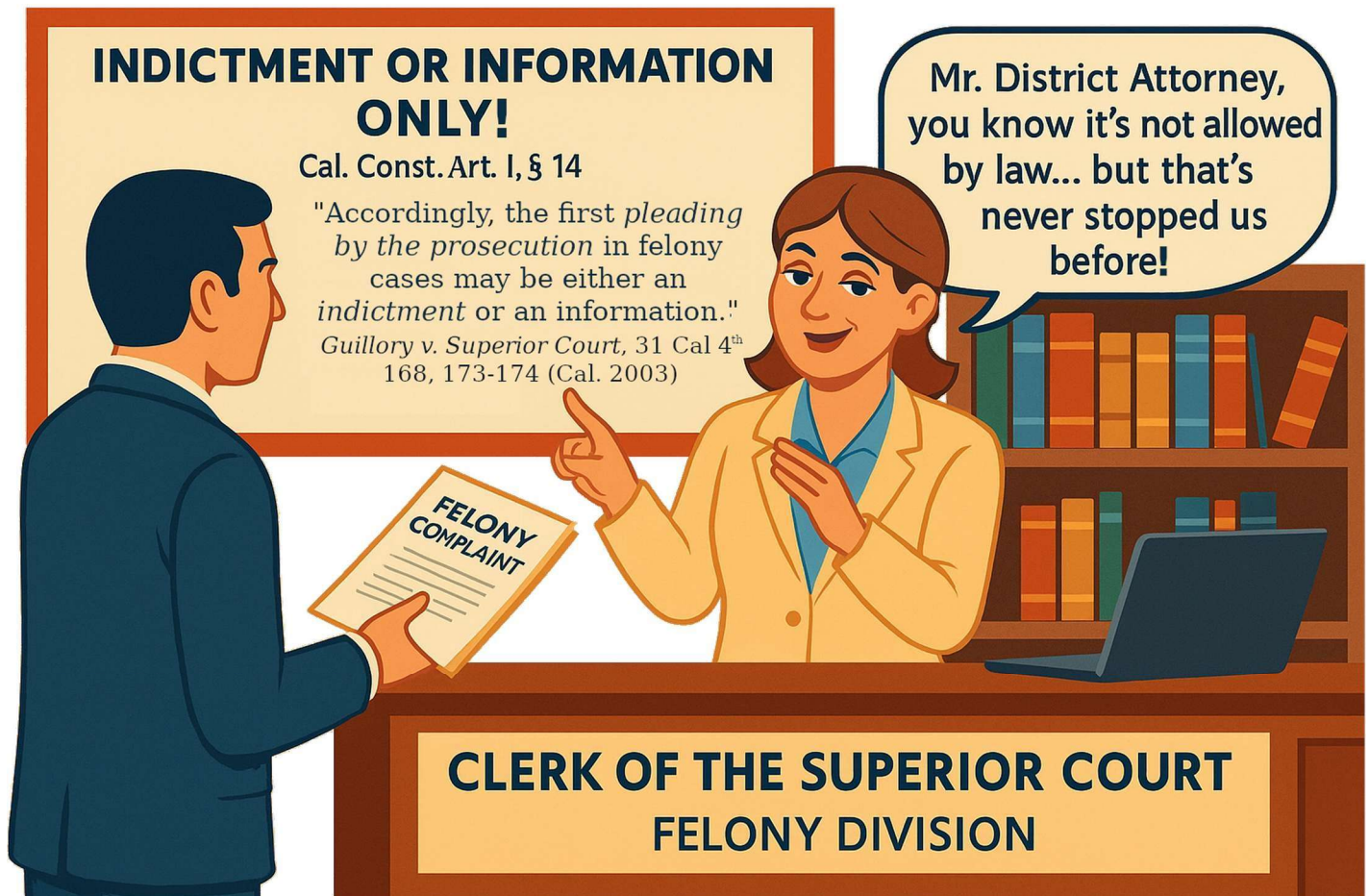
At Without One Plea, we are committed to providing each client with the focused attention their case deserves, which is why we accept only a limited number of individuals at a time. Without One Plea prepares and files the preliminary notices, claims, and administrative steps that create the legal basis for monetary liability against the responsible officials and agencies.

On behalf of our clients Without One Plea secures and records commercial liens with the California Secretary of State. These liens are against the responsible public employees, i.e., District Attorneys, Deputy District Attorneys, County Sheriffs and California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) personnel. These liens average in excess of \$43 million per client, varying based on the length of unlawful incarceration.

Our process equips clients with everything needed to demonstrate how they were wronged, identify who is responsible, and formally register their lien with the California Secretary of State. These remedies have positioned many of our clients for release, and we stand ready to help you pursue the same opportunity.

Through diligent research, documented evidence, and lawful commercial processes, we help illuminate the defects that make continued imprisonment unlawful. As more clients complete the process, the pressure on the individuals in positions of authority and their agencies/departments increases, presenting additional opportunities for timely release and compensation.

## Understanding the Legal Foundation



### Unlawful Access

California's Constitution and Penal Code clearly define how felony prosecutions must begin. Under Penal Code (PC) §§ 682, 737, and 951, a felony case must start with either an indictment or an information. These documents form the very foundation for the court's jurisdiction. Without them, no lawful prosecution can begin.

Unfortunately, since the 1950s, district attorneys have frequently initiated prosecutions using unauthorized documents, such as a Felony Complaint—a violation of PC § 115(a). As confirmed by the California Supreme Court in *Guillory v. Superior Court* (2003) 31 Cal.4th 168, and *Dix v. Superior Court* (1991) 53 Cal.3d 442, such cases are void from inception. No lawful indictment or information means no lawful trial, no lawful conviction, and no lawful imprisonment.

## The Custody Defect



### Access Denied

Even where a conviction is claimed, the CDCR must receive the individual lawfully. State and federal law require that a valid court order or judgment of conviction be furnished by the Sheriff before CDCR can accept custody. See PC §§ 1202a, 1207, 1213, 1213.5, and Title 15 CCR § 3273.

For decades, CDCR has violated this process, accepting people from county sheriffs without either a court order or signed judgment of conviction from the presiding judge. Instead, only an 'Abstract of Judgment' signed by the clerk of the court is used. But an abstract is not a judgment—it is merely a summary prepared by a clerk, as confirmed in *People v. Mitchell* (2001) 25 Cal.4th 181, 186. Without a proper judgment, CDCR's acceptance and imprisonment of the person is unlawful, see CDCR DOM § 72020.1 and § 72020.4.1.

## Your Rights and Remedy

Under long-established law, when a person is held without lawful authority, that imprisonment is void and discharge is required. See *Ex parte Gibson* (1867) 31 Cal. 619 and *Walberg v. Israel* (7th Cir. 1985) 776 F.2d 134. Without One Plea assists clients in documenting these fatal jurisdictional and custody defects and pursuing their lawful release. Our team uses commercial processes and civil remedies to hold public officials accountable for false arrest/imprisonment, including preparation of claims under the California Tort Claims Act and filing of liens working closely with clients' legal counsel when necessary.

## What We Do for You

Our process begins with gathering client documents — typically your Abstract of Judgment, the original Complaint, and completed Without One Plea Agreement. Once received, we prepare and file the necessary notices and claims to compel the responsible individuals and agencies to either produce lawful judgment documents or acknowledge the absence thereof. In the absence of lawful authority, your continued imprisonment cannot stand. This process usually takes approximately 150 days to complete once all materials are received. We also prepare for potential mass tort litigation to expedite broader relief for multiple clients.

## A Message of Hope

We understand the weight of what you are enduring. At Without One Plea, we believe truth and persistence will prevail. Our mission is to provide knowledge, process, and faith-driven action to establish justice where it has been denied. Every person is entitled to lawful due process under the guarantees of both the California and United States Constitutions. Innocence or guilt is irrelevant when the process is unlawful. Release is the only lawful remedy.

## Taking the Next Step

Please complete the Without One Plea Agreement enclosed with this letter. Include copies of your Abstract of Judgment and your Complaint (if available), and mail them to the address provided above. Because we accept only a limited number of clients at a time, your case will be assigned and completed in the order your materials are received. Our standard processing fee is \$5,000, payable through [givesendgo.com/F4FWOP](https://givesendgo.com/F4FWOP) or by check to Without One Plea.

This fee covers the substantial preparation, notices, filings, and administrative procedural steps necessary for the process. Once our process is completed, clients will have documented proof of their unlawful imprisonment, identification of the responsible officials, and fully established grounds for release and compensation under Government Code § 820.4 and related authority.

After receiving your processing fee of \$5,000, our profit is earned only when you succeed. Without One Plea receives 50% of recovered compensation/damages for client false arrest/imprisonment only after they receive their funds. In other words, we do not profit until our clients are paid, ensuring our incentives remain fully aligned with client freedom and compensation; your lien is monetized.

We encourage every client, once they have taken their first steps toward justice, to consider sponsoring another unlawfully imprisoned person so that the wheels of truth, freedom and accountability continue to turn. Our goal is to ensure that as many people as possible have access to a real and lawful pathway home.

Ask your family and friends to check out [withoutoneplea.org](http://withoutoneplea.org) for even more information or you can have them contact us directly. We welcome all who are interested to call and speak to us for themselves. Yes, we accept calls from confined persons 9am-5pm PST, M-F.

Thank you for your courage and perseverance.

God bless you,

Lonnie G. Schmidt, President