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8 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

10 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
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Plaintiff,
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v.
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CHRISTOPHER OWEN BALLEZ,
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Defendant.
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CASE NO. 2:19 - CR - 0077 JAM

18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1) – Felon in Possession of
Firearm; 18 U.S.C. § 924(d)(1) and 28 U.S.C. §
2461(c) – Criminal Forfeiture

16 INDICTMENT
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18 The Grand Jury charges: T H A T

19 CHRISTOPHER OWEN BALLEZ,

20 defendant herein, on or about January 15, 2019, in the County of Butte, State and Eastern District of
21 California, having been convicted of a crime punishable by a term of imprisonment exceeding one year,
22 specifically:

- 23 (1) Possession of a Controlled Substance, in violation of California Health & Safety Code
24 Section 11377(a), on or about June 22, 2006, in Butte County, California;
- 25 (2) Carrying a Loaded Firearm in Public, in violation of California Penal Code
26 Section 12031(a)(1), on or about June 22, 2006, in Butte County, California;
- 27 (3) Prisoner Manufacturing a Weapon, in violation of Penal Code Section 4502(b), on or about
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1 October 6, 2009, in Butte County, California;

2 (4) Manufacture, Sale, or Possession of a Shuriken, in violation of California Penal Code Section
3 22410, on or about May 28, 2014, in Butte County, California;

4 (5) Carrying a Concealed Dirk or Dagger, in violation of California Penal Code Section 21310,
5 on or about December 14, 2016, in Butte County, California;

6 (6) Failure to Appear on a Felony Charge, in violation of California Penal Code Section 1320(b),
7 on or about December 14, 2016, in Butte County, California;

8 did knowingly possess a firearm, specifically, a Sig Sauer P229 .40 caliber handgun, with serial number
9 AM43330, in and affecting commerce, in that said firearm had previously been transported in interstate
10 and foreign commerce, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(1).

11 FORFEITURE ALLEGATION: [18 U.S.C. § 924(d)(1) and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c) – Criminal Forfeiture]

12 1. Upon conviction of the offense alleged in this Indictment, defendant CHRISTOPHER
13 OWEN BALLEZ, shall forfeit to the United States pursuant to Title 18, United States Code,
14 Section 924(d)(1) and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), any firearms and ammunition
15 involved in or used in the knowing commission of the offense.

16 2. If any property subject to forfeiture, as a result of the offense alleged in this Indictment,
17 for which defendant is convicted:

- 18 a. cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
- 19 b. has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third party;
- 20 c. has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the Court;
- 21 d. has been substantially diminished in value; or
- 22 e. has been commingled with other property which cannot be divided without
23 difficulty;

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1 it is the intent of the United States, pursuant to Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), as
2 incorporated by Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), to seek forfeiture of any other property of
3 defendant, up to the value of the property subject to forfeiture.

4 A TRUE BILL.

5 **/s/ Signature on file w/AUSA**

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

Eastern District of California

Criminal Division

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

vs.

CHRISTOPHER OWEN BALLEZ

INDICTMENT

VIOLATION(S): 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1) – Felon in Possession of Firearm;
18 U.S.C. § 924(d)(1) and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c) – Criminal Forfeiture

A true bill,

/s/ Signature on file w/AUSA

Foreman.

Filed in open court this 25 day

of April, A.D. 20 19

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Bail, \$

NO PROCESS NECESSARY

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United States v. Christopher Owen BALLEZ
Penalties for Indictment

Defendant

Christopher Owen BALLEZ

COUNT ONE: 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1) – Felon in possession of a firearm

Maximum Penalties: Up to 10 years incarceration; or
Fine of up to \$250,000; or both fine and incarceration
Term of Supervised Release of up to 3 years

Special Assessment: \$100 (mandatory on each count)

FORFEITURE ALLEGATION:

Violation: 18 U.S.C. § 924(d)(1) and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c) - Criminal Forfeiture

Penalties: As stated in the charging document