

Ex-Placerville mayor faces more criminal charges

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Former Placerville Mayor David Machado's legal woes increased Monday.

A grand jury indictment unsealed in El Dorado County Superior Court adds a new felony conspiracy charge and two misdemeanor charges to allegations filed against Machado in a criminal complaint in August.

He now faces a total of three felony counts and two misdemeanor counts in an alleged cover-up of his property dealings in Placerville.

Machado, 53, was arrested Aug. 18 for investigation of felony perjury and conspiracy after the El Dorado County District Attorney's Office filed a criminal complaint accusing him of 30 "overt acts" of misconduct.

He did not enter a plea at an arraignment Monday, which was continued to Nov. 28. Machado's attorney, James S. Clark of Placerville, asked for the continuance, saying he has not received documents he had requested from the District Attorney's Office in August.

"I'm punching in the dark right now," Clark said following the brief court appearance.

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