

# Benzie County Prosecuting Attorney's Office

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Det./Sgt. Troy Lamerson  
Benzie County Sheriff's Department

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**Re: Kenneth Bonney**  
**Complaint No. 14-03019**

Dear Det./Sgt. Lamerson,

I have reviewed the report associated with this case and am declining to authorize criminal charges against Mr. Bonney. Larceny requires that I prove beyond a reasonable doubt that at the time the property was taken, the defendant intended to permanently deprive the owner of the property. Based on the information we have, I do not believe that I can meet this burden of proof. As you are aware, the standard of proof in a criminal matter is very high, and it is my opinion that we do not have enough evidence of intent to go forward with this case.

Sincerely,



Sara M. Swanson  
Prosecuting Attorney