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CONTRACTOR'S SAFETY ENGINEER ON HOLLYWOOD TUNNEL CHARGED WITH FELONIES

A former safety engineer employed by contractor Shea-Kiewitt Kenny on duty in the Metro Red Line tunnel at the time of the sinkhole on Hollywood Boulevard last June, has been charged with forging State of California credentials.

John Kenneth Martin, 52, was charged today by the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office with falsifying Cal-OSHA licenses required to serve as a safety engineer in tunnel construction.

Specifically, he is accused of submitting falsified Cal-OSHA documents certifying him as having state qualifications in mining and tunneling, and as a gas tester, in violation of California Penal Code 132, and of possession of counterfeit State seals, in violation of Penal Code 472.

Each charge carries a maximum sentence of three years imprisonment and up to \$10,000 in fines.

Martin was employed with SKK until the company's contract was canceled following the collapse of a portion of Hollywood Boulevard, which created a 70-foot sinkhole.

The charges are the result of an investigation by the MTA Office of Inspector General.

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