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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, EASTERN DIVISION

CHRISTINA TAFT,

Plaintiff,

vs.

Case No.: 5:24-cv-01930-TJH(DTB)

PAUL BARRESI, ADAM R WALDMAN,

AND DOES 1-10, INCLUSIVE,

Defendants.

VERIFIED COMPLAINT FOR:

- 1) Civil Conspiracy
- 2) Obstruction of Justice, Tampering with a Witness, Victim, or Informant, 18 U.S.C. § 1512(b)(1) and (2)
- 3) Invasion of Privacy, California Constitution, Article I, Section 1
- 4) Use of Name or Likeness, Civil Code, § 3344
- 5) Civil Harassment, California Code of Civil Procedure § 527.6
- 6) Negligence, Civil Rights
- 7) Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress (IIED)
- 8) Negligent Infliction of Emotional Distress (NIED)
- 9) Interstate Communications, 18 U.S. Code § 875
- 10) Interstate and Foreign Travel or Transportation in Aid of Racketeering Enterprises, 18 U.S.C. § 1952
- 11) Destruction, Alteration, or Falsification of Records, 18 U.S.C. § 1519
 12) Civil PICO Act. Packetoering Activity
- 12) Civil RICO Act, Racketeering Activity, 18 U.S. Code 1961 & 18 U.S.C. § 1962

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

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VERIFIED COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES AND DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Plaintiff, CHRISTINA TAFT, an individual, respectfully asserts her rights to file this complaint in this Court, seeking redress for a series of egregious violations perpetrated by the Defendants. This Verified Complaint encompasses Civil Conspiracy, Obstruction of Justice as outlined in 18 U.S.C. § 1512(b)(1) and (2) involving Witness Tampering Through Intimidation, Threats, and Corrupt Persuasion. Additionally, Plaintiff seeks relief for Invasion of Privacy under California Constitution, Article I, Section 1, Unauthorized Use of Name or Likeness in violation of CACI No. 1804A - Civil Code § 3344, Civil Harassment as per California Code of Civil Procedure § 527.6, and claims of Negligence impacting her Civil Rights.

In addition, this Verified Complaint includes Defendant's Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress (IIED) and Negligent Infliction of Emotional Distress (NIED) upon Plaintiff.

Furthermore, you will see that Defendants both have also violated the Federal Interstate Communications Law, 18 U.S. Code § 875, Interstate and Foreign Travel or Transportation in Aid of Racketeering Enterprises, 18 U.S.C. § 1952, Destruction, Alteration, or Falsification of Records, 18 U.S.C. § 1519 as well as the Civil RICO Act, Racketeering Activity, 18 U.S. Code 1961 & 18 U.S.C. § 1962.

Plaintiff hereby invokes the Court's jurisdiction to address these violations and seek appropriate remedies for the harm suffered, and hereby respectfully sets forth and alleges as follows:

I. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

Federal Violations - Interstate Violations of the Law - State Violations

- 1. Plaintiff asserts the following violations, Federal as well as State violations, which establish jurisdiction in this Federal Court.
- 2. Plaintiff Ms. Christina Taft is a citizen of the United States of America, and is a citizen of the
- State of Hawaii. Defendant Adam R. Waldman is a citizen of Washington DC, a resident of
- District of Columbia, and Defendant Paul Barresi is a citizen of San Bernardino, California.
- Therefore, there is complete diversity of citizenship between the parties. Both Defendants coconspired together across multiple state lines.
- 3. The amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000, exclusive of interest and costs.
- 4. Defendants violated multiple Federal Laws, Civil Laws, as well as State Laws, including but not limited to violating Plaintiff's rights.
- 5. Defendants actions included:

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- Tampering with a Witness, Victim, or Informant through Physical Force or Threat Tampering of Objects
- Witness Tampering Through Intimidation, Threats, or Corrupt Persuasion Obstruction of Justice
- Hindering Communication Through Physical Force or Threats of Physical Force Hindering Communication Through Intimidation, Threats, or Corrupt Persuasion
- Retaliating Against a Witness, Victim, or Informant,
- Interfering and Corrupting Interstate Communications
- Violating Civil Code § 3344 Use of Name or Likeness
- 6. This Court may exercise personal and subject matter jurisdiction over this lawsuit because of
- Federal Violations which include interstate, not only intrastate, being subject matter to all parties,
- all individuals, and also witnesses residing in the following states: Hawaii, Washington DC, New
- York, Illinois, South Carolina, Utah, Tennessee, Florida, New Mexico, Virginia, Michigan,
- Tennessee, Indiana, Connecticut, and California. VERIFIED COMPLAINT 3

Negligence under Civil Rights, Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress (IIED), Negligent Infliction of Emotional Distress (NIED), Federal Interstate Communications Law, 18 U.S. Code § 875, Interstate and Foreign Travel or Transportation in Aid of Racketeering Enterprises, 18 U.S.C. § 1952, Destruction, Alteration, or Falsification of Records, 18 U.S.C. § 1519, as well as the Civil RICO Act, Racketeering Activity, 18 U.S. Code 1961 & 18 U.S.C. § 1962. Jurisdiction is proper pursuant to 28 U.S. Code § 1331 - Federal Question Jurisdiction, as the claims arise under federal statutes and regulations. 12. Venue is proper in this district under 28 U.S. Code § 1391(b), as a substantial part of the events giving rise to the claim occurred within this district. 28 U.S. Code § 1332 - Diversity of citizenship, each party resides in a different state; and the amount in controversy is over \$75,000. 13. Defendants engaged in a scheme to corruptly persuade Plaintiff by continuous fraudulent conduct, making false representations, causing continuous harm and intimidation tactics to defraud and misrepresent purposively. Additionally, Defendants utilized interstate communications in furtherance of their fraudulent schemes, in violation of 18 U.S. Code § 875. 14. Defendants, in their "fixing" activities to benefit Mr. Depp, engaged in conduct to tamper with physical evidence relevant to investigations and potential investigations by the Police, Federal Authorities, and the FBI.

II. THE PARTIES

15. Plaintiff Christina Taft is an individual, a Citizen of the United States of America, and a resident of the State of Hawaii. Ms. Taft is a Humanitarian, Philanthropist, and Entrepreneur with 3 generations of family in the Film Business since the 1950s and the Golden Era of

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31. Mr. Barresi published one of his phone calls with Mr. Waldman, who rewarded Mr. Barresi with a call from Mr. Depp and published that he had spoken with and advised Mr. Depp.

- 32. These negotiations transpired to travel to Washington DC and a Chartered Private Jet as observed by JCB International and Security Consulting in July 2023.
- 33. Paul Barresi and Adam Waldman coerced perceived competitors, including Ms. Taft, for their private interests.
- 34. Plaintiff to this day was continuously threatened, harassed, and has a fear for her life.

V. FACTS COMMON TO ALL CAUSES OF ACTIONS

- 35. After losing her mother, former socialite and actress Victoria Taft, in a wildfire that destroyed the town of Paradise, California in 2018, Ms. Taft devoted her business and professional projects to solving, mitigating, and improving public safety and to motivate business partners to improve systems of rescue. This included, prevention and detection of disasters and crimes, through improving communications among citizens and responders.
- 36. In 2019 Ms. Taft was providing frameworks for "Victoria Project," to improve rescue and prevention operations, including presenting a comprehensive system proposed by Aedan Inc to politicians, e.g., Assemblyman James Gallagher and Congressman Doug LaMalfa, who Ms. Taft had briefly assisted.
- 37. In March to April 2019, Ms. Taft was contacted by a potential witness in a relationship with a former staff member of actor Depp who checked on his wife. The potential witness wrote that many would testify against Mr. Depp and they did not know his wife. They lamented about the

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missing co-owner of the Viper Room Anthony Fox and his daughter crying for justice,² harms to humanitarian work, Mr. Waldman as a persona non grata, refusing to sign a new NDA, and of people sent by Mr. Waldman asking questions. The potential witness specifically stated

"We are replying directly to you" to Ms. Taft. Having lost her mother, a former actress, recently in a disaster without alerts and being reached out to in this way, it drew Ms. Taft's concern. The potential witness obscured their identity. Ms. Taft referred to this jarring experience as a case example for improving public safety for victims and witnesses.

- 38. Ms. Taft became an investor of Aedan stocks in 2019. Wanting to confirm humanity, she briefly met Ms. Heard in October 2019 at an event for Richard Dawkins and Center of Inquiry in Arizona while on a birthday trip to see her uncle, Don Debaun in Sedona.
- 39. Remembering the potential witness, Ms. Taft stated to Ms. Heard that "Los Angeles is dangerous," to which Ms. Heard replied, "Hollywood is not liberal," without referencing the city's safety
- 40. In December 2019, Ms. Taft reached out to Mariana Dahan of World Identity Network which had Ms. Heard as an advocate.
- 41. Ms.Taft offered that Aedan wanted to donate stocks to World Identity Network, along with National Emergency Network Association, while working on projects to improve accuracy and speed of rescue. The Chairman once considered Taft a possible CEO for this security and technology company, once in negotiations to be bought by CryptoCompany for \$10 million. Ms. Taft eventually was voted onto the board. This company had wanted to sell to Elon Musk through an executive at Tesla and to build systems to save lives.

"Fox was scheduled to testify in court shortly after his disappearance." See, https://charleyproject.org/case/anthony-vivien-fox

² In direct messages to Ms. Taft the potential witness said that missing Mr. Fox of the Viper Room is a message that Mr. Depp's staff often receives. On April 8, 2019 the potential witness linked to Anthony Fox's missing person case at the Charley Project and stated, "Case background (ignore the donation-cold case)."
"Fox was scheduled to testify in court shortly after his disappearance." See, https://charleyproject.org/case/anthony-

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- events ranging from approximately 1991 to present.
- 60. The witness list includes numerous named individuals, see footnote for identified names.
- Claudia Jamison
- 5 Stacy Lee Lopez
- Jaylee Carter on Donna 6
 - Bruce Corkum
- 7 Faydra Corkum
- missing Big Ray O'Hagan
- 8 Bruce Witkin
- Tracy Jacobs
 - Cathy Duncan
- 10 Kurt Lush
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- Chuck Weis
- 14 Dean R Miller
- Sal Jenco 15
 - Seven McDonald
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- Kristen Mansen 17
- 'Death is Certain' Click
- Jim Jarmush 18
 - Gibby Hanes
- 19 Bill Carder
 - Sal Jenco
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- Big Ed Shaw 21
- Damien Echols
- 23 61. Later Mr. Albertini gave additional names to Mike Ferril, a former bouncer at the Viper 24
 - Room, Ina Ruxdana on James Franco, and Suzie Ariel, an artist.
- 62. Mario Nitrini, formally paid by Mr. Barresi, provided additional witness names to Ms. Taft 26
- given to him by Mr. Barresi to publish about and who only knew the actress: Joshua Cruz, Anna 27
- 28 Feliz Barrett, Ivan Klousia. Formerly the latter few were named by the infamous broker, VERIFIED COMPLAINT 12

American Media Inc. Publicly, Jennifer Howell and Laura Divenere had been known, who both further knew information related to Elon Musk, including alleged paternity. Neither of their names were given by Albertini or Nitrini.

- 63. Mr. Albertini reiterated that Mr. Barresi threatened him during the trial, and that he had wanted to testify as a witness about a woman assaulted with a cigarette burn in the Viper Room by Depp. He further stated that after Mr. Barresi's blackmailing coercion attempts, Mr. Waldman promised to pay him to lie for Depp. Mr. Albertini on May 19 stated he wanted to testify against Depp.
- 64. In June 2020, Ms. Taft received emails, files, and documents from Mr. Nitrini.
- 65. In the emails Ms. Taft received from Mr. Nitrini, the documentation shows Mr. Barresi sending information to Mr. Waldman and being an agent for Mr. Waldman.
- 66. In the emails Ms. Taft received from Mr. Nitrini, the emails show Mr. Waldman and Mr. Barresi conspiring for Mr. Depp.
 - 67. The documentations, which Mr. Barresi has repeatedly confirmed are his, contain edited statements from audio recordings, communications, photographs, and emails related to potential witnesses.
 - 68. The documentations from Mr. Barresi to Mr. Nitrini contain continued "fixing" of cases for Mr. Depp, inconsistencies, and interference with potential witnesses.
 - 69. Ms. Taft, upon receiving files of a tampered investigation of witnesses, feared retaliation.
 - 70. Mr. Barresi discovered that Ms. Taft was speaking to Mr. Nitrini and Mr. Albertini.
 - | 71. Mr. Barresi contacted Ms. Taft's friend Mr. Daniel Brummitt.

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Speaker 3 (Waldman): [00:00:07] Sorry, sorry. Yeah, I'm in the middle of a bunch of, a bunch of, like, client crises...

Speaker 3 (Waldman): [00:01:21] He's threatening you?...

Speaker 3 (Waldman): [00:02:08] Yep. And, and by the way, there's plenty of evidence that he has been investigating them because he's talked to a million witnesses.

Speaker 2 (Albertini): [00:02:15] I put him on, I put him. . .

Speaker 3 (Waldman): [00:02:16] Because those witnesses just called me.

Speaker 2 (Albertini): [00:02:17] I put him on to those witnesses.

Speaker 3 (Waldman): [00:02:20] Yeah. I'm-, I mean, yes, and then he found others too and some of them are from the newspapers, whatever. But he has dropped by their houses, left some notes, left them voicemails, whatever. I can see that he is investigating. But what worries me when I hear the podcast and he's, you know, bragging about or seeming to brag about some really, really creepy stuff, you know, my mind goes and wonders if he has some other purpose besides just. . .

Speaker 2 (Albertini): [00:02:45] I think. . .

³ California Penal Code Section 633.5 Sections 631, 632, 632.5, 632.6, and 632.7 do not prohibit one party to a confidential communication from recording the communication for the purpose of obtaining evidence reasonably believed to relate to the commission by another party to the communication of the crime of extortion, kidnapping, bribery, any felony involving violence against the person, including, but not limited to, human trafficking, as defined in Section 236.1, or a violation of Section 653m, or domestic violence as defined in Section 13700. Any felony involving violence against a person can be legally recorded in California. Mr. Albertini and his business partners, Mr. Robert Pfieffer and Mr. Nicherie were involved in the former private investigator Anthony Pellicano racketeering case that convicted some lawyers and imprisoned Mr. Pellicano. Using Mr. Barresi and accepting he can be seen as a hitman by witnesses could amount to Mr. Waldman aiding and abetting felonies against the person. See,"Pellicano, lawyer convicted of conspiracy" https://www.today.com/popculture/pellicano-lawyer-convicted-

"Speaker 2 (Albertini): [00:12:58] Um, look, I'm just going to put it out there and this is public information too. I've been fucked by so many lawyers in my life, you wouldn't even believe.

Speaker 3 (Waldman): [00:13:06] Yes.

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Speaker 2 (Albertini): [00:13:06] Lawyers that work for me fucked me in ways you wouldn't even believe. I tried..

Speaker 3 (Waldman): [00:13:11] Well, I've experienced this town, I could believe it.

Speaker 2 (Albertini): [00:13:13] All right. I trust you, I trust you. Even one of my attorneys told me, he said, "Don't ever think for a minute that these guys care about your interest, they only care about Johnny's," and I know that, that's how it works. I, I've been represented, I know, I know that. . .

Speaker 3 (Waldman): [00:13:28] Well, uh, no, I mean, by the way, your lawyer is exactly right. At the moment, um, you know, what I'm-, what I care about is Johnny's interest. That's true." VERIFIED COMPLAINT 16

Speaker 2 (Albertini): [00:02:48] Exactly. Well, that's my whole point. They know that **this guy** is basically a hitman and that they know that he worked for Pellicano, which I'm calling Anthony as soon as I can, I'm gonna get a hold of him and find out what his take is on all this shit.... What is he capable of? I don't know. Apparently, he's capable of pushing a transvestite out of a window.

Speaker 3 (Waldman): [00:03:25] Well, you know, assuming it's true. Like, the, the creepy way he says it in his podcast, if you listen to it, he denies it but he denies it in a very winking way. He's like, "I didn't do it, and if I. . ." Basically, "And if I did do it, I wouldn't tell you."

Speaker 2 (Albertini): [00:03:37] Let me read you. . .

Speaker 3 (Waldman): [00:03:37] He goes on to say, "I have, you know, all kinds of sources and methods, I'm the chameleon, I do whatever the situation warrants." I mean, what-, are you-, what is the takeaway? What is your interpretation of the things he's saying? I think he's trying to make you interpret, you know, the worst...

Speaker 3 (Waldman): [00:10:16] Um, but I asked him [Mr. Depp] about you and he said you were a nice kid and you were-, you know, he knew that you've been homeless and I told him that I've spoken with you. He said, "You know, we have to really take care of him, "which by the way, he says about everybody...

Mr. Waldman showed resistance to journalists interviewing Mr. Albertini as he called him 'a little piece of the evidence' instead of a witness.

Speaker 3 (Waldman): [00:14:45] Well, just let, let me do this. Let me see where this reporter is and I'll let you know too. If, if he's, you know, it's not, it's not only based on you, you're just a little piece of the evidence.

Speaker 2 (Albertini): [00:14:55] Absolutely.

Speaker 3 (Waldman): [00:14:55] Well, not little. I mean, you're, you're a piece of the evidence that goes along with all the evidence I've already given him.

Mr. Waldman discussed witness James Franco. "Oh, well, you know, James Franco lived in the building, that's why he was in the elevator," whatever works. And in the process, they confirmed that it's James Franco in the elevator."

⁴ Take care of him" turned into allegedly post-trial payments offered to Mr. Albertini and his former lawyer Magda Janicki while in negotiations with Mr. Waldman in January 2020. "Take care of it" to pay it off was witnessed by acting coach Kristina Sexton in a deposition video regarding the Hicksville Park incident. Bribery of witnesses was reported to California's Department of Consumer Affairs and these documents provided to the FBI. VERIFIED COMPLAINT 17

been forgotten by Ms. Taft. See, In Court Petition, Johnny Depp is Accused of Making Hush Money Payments to Witnesses https://thegeekbuzz.com/news/in-court-petition-johnny-depp-is-accused-of-making-hush-money-payments-to-witnesses.

⁶ Stephen Braga was the lawyer of Damien Echols, one of the men convicted of the West Memphis Three Murders of three boys. Mr. Depp was interested in them and created a documentary on them at Infinitum Nihil, See CBS

of three boys. Mr. Depp was interested in them and created a documentary on them at Infinitum Nihil, See CBS "'West Memphis Three' freed after 18 years," https://youtu.be/1fKdY6qB6hU?si=-vGiz8XFoJRMoxNoVERIFIED COMPLAINT 18

See, https://casetext.com/case/people-v-rademaker-1

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99. Ms. Taft and several others reported Mr. Barresi to the Department of Consumer Affairs for being unlicensed and working against previous clients to harm witnesses with misrepresentation "on the behalf of Mr. Waldman" for their interest in Mr. Depp. Ms. Taft, with documentation, showed the communication between Mr. Waldman and Mr. Barresi to silence Mr. Albertini that he had information and/or testimony that could be perceived as against Mr. Depp. 100. Ms. Taft advised witnesses that Mr. Barresi was wrongfully and intentionally harming witnesses and it was not on behalf of Ms. Heard or Mr. Musk through implication, which was part of Mr. Barresi and Mr. Waldman's larger misrepresentation scheme to benefit Mr. Depp. 101. Mr. Albertini went into further details to Ms. Taft. For instance, that Bruce Corkum, a former assistant now living in Canada, had items thrown at him by Mr. Depp. He repeatedly stated that Paul Schindler, despite helping Ms. Stacy Lopez from the assault in the Viper Room, had been knowingly violent, had been cash paid, and bragged about killing Mr. Anthony Fox, a co-owner of the Viper Room who had been friends with O'Hagen, a sponsor of Mr. Depp. They had to nearly obtain bullet proof jackets in the Viper Room due to danger of violence increasing including with Schindler. Schindler had a "JDTD" meaning "Johnny Depp Til Death" tattoo. 102. Mr. Albertini called Mr. Pat Harris, lawyer for Mr. Gregg "Rocky" Brooks, and he stated to Ms. Taft that the lawyer showed interest in him being a witness for his client who was injured by Mr. Depp on the set of the filming of City of Lies. The lawsuit settled days later on July 11th. 103. On July 11th, New York retired FBI agent Jin Kim from Daniel Ribacoff's International Investigative Group, Ltd. advised on a conference call with Ms. Taft that witnesses need to report intimidation. Ms. Taft relayed this advice by a retired FBI agent to Mr. Albertini.

104. On July 15, 2022, Ms. Jamison from New York spoke with Ms. Taft as well as gave additional potential witness names from the Viper Room, and indicated the following:⁸

"Very, I was a ballet dancer and I was very, very innocent and and um impressionable and I had no idea about the drug world or anything like that. And he, he [Albertini] hired me at the Viper Room and he protected me from seeing the the bad things..."

"Um Bruce Quark, I met through him, and he's one of the numbers I'm getting and he was friends with Johnny. But Bruce, Bruce I think like me and we hung out a few times and, but I just thought it wasn't, that he wasn't my type at the time..."

"Never once did I see see Richie do anything bad to anybody, but I did see him get very. . .he was very protective of Johnny at the time. But he told me things that he would do, like, he, I distinctly remember he said that Johnny put a cigarette out on a woman's forehead. I forget who it was, but he knows the name. Um he would tell me things once in a while how how abusive he got with his girlfriend. But he was, he was also very loyal to him at that point, so it was hard for him. He also asked me for Jack's number. Now, Jack and I was a lot closer too. Jack was um a bartender there. Humble and nice to me too."

105. Mr. Albertini, on July 28, 2022 from South Carolina with an authorized recording, told eye-witnessing testimony of an incident with assault in the Viper Room to Ms. Taft:

"The night that the cigarette was put out on Stacy Lee Lopez, it would've been...my best guess is it would've been a Wednesday night, because there were so many models in the club. And, generally speaking, the models were there for the punk rock pajama party. It was after hours, and, uh, you know, Kate was on the dance floor dancing with, uh, Stacy Lee Lopez.

Johnny was loaded. Johnny, I don't know what he was on. He was very drunk. I don't know what drugs he took that night. But he became very irate at the fact that Stacy was, I guess, kind of getting a little bit close to Kate, almost like a dirty dancing kind of thing. Johnny flew off into a rage, and he ran out into the dance floor, and he pushed Kate out of the way, and he grabbed Stacy Lee Lopez by her hair, and he put a cigarette out on her head.

Paul Schindler, interesting enough, was the one that ran in there and pulled Stacy Lee Lopez away from him. He took Stacy. He escorted her out of the club. Um, and then I can't remember who he kind of, like, turned her over to, but he made sure she was okay.

⁸ Ms. Jamison had other information about the Viper Room and social circles she enjoyed. However, she further expressed concerns about people being able to pay to kill others, which Ms. Taft assumed that if when related to the Viper Room, was connected to Paul Schindler.

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106. In the same recording, Mr. Albertini stated he said nothing to Mr. Barresi about Mr. Depp causing the death of Mr. Fox directly, and he eye-witnessed his friend Paul Schindler bragging about killing Mr. Fox.

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107. Mr. Barresi showed anger at Richard Albertini and Plaintiff Christina Taft discovering his agency to Adam Waldman, increasing his threats to make them recant that he had a financial arrangement with him to benefit actor Johnny Depp.

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108. On July 13th, 2022, Ms. Taft spoke with Ms. Ruxdana over the phone and over texts until October 2022. Over the phone, Ms. Ruxdana stated Mr. Franco was threatened with being killed and he had seen Ms. Heard with a bruise on her face as a potential witness. Ms. Ruxdana's car was broken into at an event.

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109. On July 8th, Mr. Barresi claimed with a subtle wish for death about Mr. Albertini,

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"His allegations against Johnny Depp are as baseless as he is. Not a more cowardly, weakling of a little man has ever breathed air."

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110. On July 11, 2022, Mr. Albertini texted more about the inner circles of Mr. Depp to Ms.

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Taft:

"Pfieffer was a Very Good Friend of Depp that is How I Met Him"... "Pfieffer tried to get Paul Schindler to kill her [his wife Maria Pfiefer from Prague]" and "Pfieffer was also Alice Cooper's Manager that Signed him to Hollywood Records."... "Pfeiffer Tried to Hire Johnnys bodyguard, My roommate. The guys in the News story telling Shafir he better have a Gun to Murder Maria. I found out and told Schindler if one hair on her head was Touched I would Bury him in the Dessert. He is the Guy Rumored to have killed Anthony Fox. He is the Guy Ed Shaw Said in the Recording Almost Got us all Killed."

Alerted to danger, Ms. Taft provided these texts to the FBI in October 2022 with Mr. Barresi's audio recordings with his texts about killing and 10 million.

111. On their own accord, on July 13th 2022, Mr. Albertini, Mr. Palomeres, and Mr. McKinney filed their own police report in South Carolina that stated Albertini was a witness for a retrial that was then given to FBI agents. The report listed Mr. Depp with Mr. Barresi as suspects. Included in this police report were allegations of Mr. Barresi being a hitman and financial transactions of Mr. Barresi with Mr. Waldman, citing their email.

112. Former employee Olivia Barash was reached out to by Mr. Palomeres and stated that she had wanted to do a documentary on the Viper Room, but Mr. Barresi was preventing her from doing it. Both Ms. Barash and Mr. Albertini stated Mr. Depp did not kill Mr. Fox, however, only Mr. Barresi could speak. Ms. Taft texted Ms. Barash.

113. On July 28, 2022, Mr. Barresi called Mr. McCormick, indicating it was originally a private dispute before exposures. He admitted the documents were his and that he paid Mr. Nitrini and Mr. Gonzales.

Mr. Barresi claimed, "And they love, they love posting stuff on Twitter and having arguments and fights on Twitter. Uh, certainly, as a professional courtesy to you, I have no intention of revealing any names or anything like that..."

"Speaker 1 (Mike): [00:02:25]: Well, I'll go over everything. So, if I have any...

Speaker 2 (Barresi): [00:02:29]: Mike, are you...

Speaker 1 (Mike): [00:02:29]: ...questions or anything, I'll give you a call.

Speaker 2 (Barresi): [00:02:30]: Yes, sir. Yeah, that's wha-...that's, you know, the facts

1 are in the documents. The documents were misleading... I paid Joey to house Mario for two weeks. And then when Mario had to leave his house, 2 I gave money to Mario to stay at a hotel for a week." 3 114. The same day Ms. Taft received dozens of emails Mr. Barresi had sent to retired LAPD and 4 5 licensed private investigator, Mr. McCormick. 6 115. In the email from Mr. Barresi to McCormick dated July 27, 2022 titled: 7 "YOUR INVESTIGATION RE, JOHNNY DEPP V. AMBER HEARD" 8 he wrote that he paid Nitrini, 9 10 "I gave him money, more than \$1,200." 11 116. In another email Mr. Barresi sent to Mr. McCormick that Ms. Taft read including in the 12 title, "Adam Waldman & You," there are text messages from October 2020 attached from Mr. 13 Albertini to Mr. Nitrini that state Mr. Waldman and Mr. Barresi have a financial arrangement. 14 117. Mr. Albertini states Mr. Barresi "played both ends against the middle" in context of this 15 16 arrangement with Mr. Waldman. Mr. Nitrini claimed on April 17, 2022 to Mr. Barresi that it's a 17 "criminal allegation towards [Mr. Barresi] and Adam Waldman." 18 118. Mr. Barresi forwarded an email to Ms. Taft's Private Investigator Mr. McCormick on July 19 27, 2022 - (that he sent to Mr. Nitrini on April 26, 2022) alleged there was a rumor that Mr. 20 Anthony Fox killed himself from financial woes. 21 22 119. An email from Mr. Barresi to Mr. McCormick that he sent to Mr. Nitrini on April 16, 2022 23 stated: 24 25 26

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⁹ "On May 15, 2020, Mr. Barresi commented to Joseph Gonzale's profile photo on Facebook, "AL CAPONE," and then a menacing quote by the infamous mobster, "I'm not a murderer, no matter what the undertaker says." Mr. Gonzales, a licensed PI, was reported to BSIS in December 2022 for Mr. Barresi, unlicensed, instructing him to gather information. Gonzales has never interacted with Ms. Taft, although he texted Mr. Nitrini, and Mr. Gonzales appeared to not travel with Mr. Barresi to Washington DC in July 2023. VERIFIED COMPLAINT 24

informant, received two calls from the FBI in South Carolina and North Carolina simultaneously,

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informing Ms. Taft that it was likely an undercover agent.

126. In August, Ms. Taft and Mr. Albertini discuss more potential witnesses from the Viper Room. Mr. Albertini describes a woman that he and his former roommate Jalee Carder, who Mr.

Barresi claims he interviewed, named Donna.

Speaker 2 (Albertini): [00:04:02.672] "She used to bring home some of these girls. She brought home this girl named Donna. Donna was...she was drop-dead gorgeous. She was from Kentucky, she talked like she was from Kentucky, and she was hot. She was very outgoing, and she was staying with us... Uh, she didn't know that I could introduce her, she...all she said is, "Richie, can I come to the club one night?" "Sure." She comes to the club, what do you know? Within minutes she knows Johnny Depp. And they're sitting downstairs, they're in the bar, they're getting to know each other, ... And she was only in town, she was only around for about three weeks,.. She said, "But Johnny, you're from Kentucky and I'm from Kentucky." And when she said that, he flipped the fuck out, and he pushed her, and he called Big Ed Shaw over, and Big Ed Shaw fucking mangled her up, and threw her out of the club. 10 She stjill lived with me. She was... So I'm like, holy fuck. So later on that night, I go home. She's all bruised up, she's telling me that she had to have sex with, with Ed, and I don't even remember who else, maybe Josh Richman, um, but this is what was going on. And it was like, this is a girl that got abused, not in a relationship with Johnny, just manipulated with...by Johnny. Or I'm not even going to say that, just obsessed with Johnny, that she was willing to do anything just to meet him, and it...when he was done with her, he was done with her. And her name was Donna. "

127. On August 23, 2022, Mr. McKinney showed Ms. Taft a voicemail from Mr. Barresi, voicemail from June 19, 2022; this was an audio tape Mr. Barresi kept of Mr. Albertini discussing witnessing a death plot against Carre Otis and Christian Slater by Otis's ex Mickey Rourke and Paul Schindler, taking the job of hitman. Ms. Taft became aware of evidence that Mr. Barresi keeps audio tapes of potential witnesses for intimidation and leverage. Mr. McKinney took this as a threat to him and he was called by Mr. Barresi repeatedly for months.

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¹⁰ In files from Mr. Barresi to Mr. Nitrini that were received by Ms. Taft in June 2022, the lawsuit Rocky Leonard George Jr vs Viper Room Inc, Johnny Depp, and Does 1-50 cited that "Plaintiff ROCKY LEONARD GEORGE, JR visited the Defendant SAFE IN HEAVEN DEAD INC. dba VIPER ROOM in West Hollywood, California, as a lawful invitee/patron" and "Defendant had received complaints of injuries inflicted by its security personnel from not less than nine (9) previous patrons."

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¹¹ The potential witness in: April 28, 2019, "Johnny Depp is fascinated by serial killers. He even owned a painting by the..."

128. Mr. Barresi recorded the following audio in a telephone call with a potential witness to violence, including hiring to kill, and that he replayed in an intimidating circumstance onto a voicemail after Ms. Taft spoke with that witness, Mr. Albertini:

"Speaker 2 (Albertini): [00:00:20] And we're out drinking, and we're drinking hard. We're drinking hard all night. We end up at this little kind of like, gangster/actor place in Hollywood, called the Three of Clubs. It's 4:00 in the morning, there's like a pound of blow sitting on the table, everyone's drinking, I'm drinking hardcore [inaudible 00:00:36] Um, Mickey Rourke is sitting there, trying to hire somebody to kill Carré Otis and Christian Slater. He wanted them both dead. Paul Schindler was stepping up, he was gonna take the job. I'm sitting there, and I'm like, what am I listening to? I'm a bad guy, but I'm no killer, and I don't get involved with this kind of shit. This isn't my problem. His family problems are not gangster problems."

129. Approximately August 25th, 2022, Ms. Taft met Mr. Albertini in-person in Los Angeles.

130. Mr. Albertini and Mr. McKinney inquired to West Fernando police and San Bernardino police about where to file a report about intimidation by Mr. Barresi et al, related to witness harms benefiting Mr. Depp and Mr. Waldman.

131. Ms. Taft introduced Mr. Albertini to Lori Mattix over the phone as he rattled off a number of names. Ms. Taft introduced him to friend Lauren Pena in-person. They watched "Stuff" short film with ruined property all over the room and mangled writings, including "kill pigs" on the walls produced by a small group of friends, Scarmonga brothers and Mr. Depp in the 1990s.

132. On August 31, 2022, while in Los Angeles, Mr. Albertini became more descriptive to Ms.

Taft about dark proclivities about Mr. Depp which scared Ms. Taft about the dangerousness of

this testimony and information to know. In Ms. Taft's phone notes, "Art of Serial Killers - John

Wayne Gaysey" and interest in Charles Manson corroborates the April 2019 potential witness

that reached out to Ms. Taft that Mr. Depp shows interest in serial killers. 11

Another serial killer in Depp's interest was Charles Manson, which relates to the "kill pigs" written on the walls in "Stuff." In 2000, an article stated that Mr. Depp was writing to him to meet him in prison while allegedly VERIFIED COMPLAINT 27

133. On September 8, 2022, Ms. Taft discovered a phone recording between Mr. Ben Chew from DC and Mr. Albertini. In that recording Mr. Albertini reported to Mr. Chew that Mr. Barresi is involved in bribery, extortion, blackmail, and even to 'causing death', when used by a lawyer to eliminate witness testimony. Mr. Barresi later edited a published version of the recording to remove the statement of his deal with Mr. Waldman (Concealing to potential witnesses that he is an agent for Mr. Waldman):

"And he's now alluding to the fact that he was playing both sides of the fence and he <u>had</u> a <u>deal with Adam Waldman</u>, and that's why he went on record saying that he found nothing dirty in the Johnny Depp case."

134. Taft assisted Albertini with documentation for a Temporary Restraining Order in Burbank, California to stop the threats from Mr. Barresi, the "PI working for Johnny Depp," on September 15, 2022. A transcript of audio of Mr. Barresi threatening to hit Mr. Albertini across the head was provided, supplementing the testimony that Mr. Barresi threatened to shoot him during the trial.

135. On September 16, 2022 Mr. Barresi wrote, "Yeah a crooked PI who makes a half a million a year," under commentary related to cases of Mr. Depp's and about Mr. Fox's daughter Samantha.

136. On September 22, 2022 the first complaint was submitted to the Department of Consumer Affairs Bureau of Security and Investigative Services with several contributors related to witness interference and "thwarting the judicial process."

researching a movie role. Mr. Albertini corroborated the unnamed witness from April 2019, adding that Johnathan Shaw and Johnny visited Charles Manson in prison.

Source, https://www.cinema.com/news/item/613/johnny-depp-writes-to-charles-manson.body VERIFIED COMPLAINT 28

1	137. Mr. Barresi discovers the police report in South Carolina and the TRO, this is evident
2	because on September 29, he emails the sheriff's office and publishes his email that included,
3	"On behalf of Johnny Depp, his general counsel Adam Waldman," that he requested Mr. Nitrini
5	to send the accounts of Albertini's posting on the arrangement between Mr. Waldman and Mr.
6	Barresi, as well as anything he stated against Johnny Depp.
7	138. Mr. Barresi escalated coercion tactics through pressuring people, including over the phone
8	and texts. This included fabricated implications before exposure.
9	139. While in Ms. Taft's Los Angeles apartment in September, Ms. Taft witnessed Mr. Albertini
10	call Faydra Corkum, Bruce Corkum's sister, on Facebook messenger to tell her that Mr. Depp
12	was using Mr. Barresi.
13	140. On September 19, 2022 in Ms. Taft and Mr. Albertini's last discussion about witnesses, Mr.
14	Albertini described a "kill list" that Mr. Schindler had to hire a hitman to kill people at his
15	funeral and a suicide pact Schindler had with Mr. Depp. Largely removed from the social circle,
16 17	only Ms. Allison went to his funeral.
18	141. Mr. Barresi breaches the Temporary Restraining Order by looking for Mr. Albertini and
19	Plaintiff Ms. Taft's location. This search by him included questioning her alleged sexuality. Mr.
20	Albertini and Ms. Berry report this to the police. On September 26, another "ever breathed air"
21	death threat showed from Mr. Barresi.
22 23	142. On September 27, 2022 a video surfaced that Mr. Waldman and Mr. Barresi intended to
24	"END" Ms. Heard on appeal, which Mr. Barresi retweeted with words from his audio recordings
25	of "Johnny Depp's consiglieri Adam Waldman" on vandalism, break-ins and interference
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¹² Mr. Albertini, in an authorized recording with Ms. Taft, alleged that Mr. Waldman told him about two of his well-known [dangerous] clients when Mr. Albertini told him of mob lawyers. Ms. Taft chose to focus on eye-witnessing. VERIFIED COMPLAINT 29

1 of Consumer Affairs Bureau of Security and Investigative Services and received Complaint 2 Number: 1202022007624. 3 149. Mr. Barresi obtained audio tapes of Ms. Taft and Mr. Albertini. 4 150. Along with repeatedly discussing Ms. Taft's finances to exploit. Mr. Barresi implicated \$10 5 million to Taft, which was reported to the FBI.¹³ 6 7 151. In said recording, the following was stated: 8 **Speaker 1** (Barresi) [00:01:03] The only difference between you and Christina Taft is you're not uh a multimillionaire, 9 are vou? 10 **Speaker 2** (Berry): [00:01:08] (Laughing) No. **Speaker 1** (Barresi) [00:01:09] Did you know that she's got almost 10 million?¹⁴ 11 Speaker 2 (Berry): [00:01:12] I know she got a lot of money, but. . . **Speaker 1** (Barresi) [00:01:15] Did you realize. . . did you hear she got 10 million? 12 **Speaker 2** (Berry): [00:01:20] Um, no, I didn't know it was that much. 13 **Speaker 1** (Barresi) [00:01:23] How much did you hear? **Speaker 2** (Berry): [00:01:24] I just knew it was over a million. 14 **Speaker 1** (Barresi) [00:01:28] Yeah, well, that's, that's 10 million is over a million. 15 16 152. Mr. Barresi claims in this audio recording that the women, Stacy Lee Lopez and Donna, 17 that Mr. Albertini saw assaulted by Mr. Depp in the Viper Room are irrelevant and may not 18 exist. Mr. Barresi asked potential witness Jalee Carder about Mr. Depp, not Donna. 19 20 21 ¹³ \$10 million is the judgment to appeal by Ms. Heard in both defendants' interest. Audio given in October 2022 to 22 the FBI. Reported as connected to Ms. Taft and actress to the FBI in timeline given in 2024. ¹⁴ Ms. Taft took this, including in context of the ongoing conduct and recordings removing witnesses, that this was 23 implication of Ms. Taft's funds to Ms. Heard's funds while in tandem threatening to take anything she had. Ms. Taft had minimal interactions to know of Ms. Heard's naivete to Mr. Barresi's conduct. Mr. Albertini had reached out to 24 Mr. Brandon Mcculloch, friend of Ms. Heard's of 20 years. Mr. Albertini and Ms. Taft before escalations of intimidation were to meet with Mr. Joe Dunn, previous Bar Association President and senator in California about 25 stopping harms to witnesses and people being harassed. On October 12, Ms. Taft introduced Mr. Mcculloch to Mr. Dunn in email. The same day, Mr. Mcculloch ominously canceled their meeting with the email, "We (incl me!) have 26 skeletons, but it doesn't help my friend." Mr. Mcculloch has never responded since. Ms. Taft was left to struggle on her own with some support from Mr. Dunn. Ms. Taft felt restricted and referenced without any answers what was 27 occurring vaguely on November 17, "creates risk of financial crimes masked by fraud on the court... Also, I'm not familiar very well with reporting financial crimes of large extent related overall to witness 28 interference/tampering..."

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1	153. In the same recording, Mr. Barresi offers money to Ms. Berry for audio recordings of Ms.
2	Taft and Mr. Albertini, while stating Ms. Berry won't be implicated if she complies. Mr. Barresi
3 4	claimed he spoke with "hundreds of people" and/or accessed their information over the years.
5	Mr. Barresi states, "Some people make \$250,000 a week." In another recording, Mr. Barresi
6	states he "mailed her a check." Ms. Berry is a nurse and occasionally an independent journalist.
7	154. Ms. Taft began to experience aspects of extortionary tactics similar to types of crimes with
8	little knowledge of what these are or of assistance.
9 10	155. With Mr. Waldman's directions and rewards, Mr. Barresi, seeing Ms. Taft as a competitor
11	clarifying communications, enacted invasion of privacy against Ms. Taft and others. Mr. Barresi
12	invaded private affairs into alleged relationships and matters with unauthorized access to data.
13	156. Approximately September to October 2022, Mr. Barresi obtained the audio recording of
14	Ms. Taft and Jane Doe. Ms. Taft did not want her audio accessed by Defendants for commercial
15	gain.
16 17	Ms. Taft to Jane Doe in the full recording reiterated
18 19	"it should never get out to anyone" except her legal members and an investigator on her behalf and it should never be posted because she did not want any danger to her. "I don't wanna put you in danger about any of that, so I would never want that posted."
20 21	"Speaker 1 (Jane Doe): "Yeah please, please, please. I'm like, trying not to cry right now because I, I can't. Just please don't post it, okay?
22 23	Speaker 2 (Taft): No, I won't post it. No, it won't be posted." Before Mr. Barresi's exploitation of the audio of Ms. Taft and Jane Doe, they had pleasant interactions.
24 25	157. Mr. Barresi edited their audio to force accusations in his interpretations, which he sent to
26	publicity agents and lawyers of the actor Mr. Depp, and sent to alarm his erstwhile client's
27	lawyers and security. Mr. Barresi privately texted Ms. Taft about sending it to alleged security
28	and did exposure. In his shortened edited audio, he implicated Mr. Denn and Mr. Waldman

§ Ms. Taft and Ms. Berry feared danger when Mr. Barresi obtained the recording	
2	Taft urgently reported to the Bureau of Security and Investigation Services the violations by Mr. Barresi.
3	§ In texts to Ms. Taft, Jane Doe asks if she should, "beg Barresi to stop" and it's a
5	private affair. Ms. Taft stated there is a restraining order hearing upcoming, to please not contact him, and that he would exploit any information he obtains. Mr. Barresi
6	obtained some text messages between Ms. Taft and Jane Doe. Mr. Barrest nad
7	158. In October 2022, former Atlanta police officer and paralegal Denise Newsome told Mr.
9	Baresi in email to stop his harassment of Ms. Taft.
0	159. Ms. Newsome obtains text messages from Mr. Barresi claiming he was present at
11	Shalimer's death who showed fear of him and he took a memento from her body that he later
12	claimed was in Italy. He was questioned by the LAPD and refused a lie detector test.
14	160. Texts of Mr. Barresi included him wanting people to think he could have caused the death
15	of one of his subjects, Ms. Seiuli. Texts between Mr. Barresi & Ms. Newsome from October 10,
16	2022 indicate the following:
17	Ms. Newsome: "So you're safe even if you did do it"
18	Mr. Barresi: "When she spotted me she got embarrassed and backed up to the roofs edge. She sat on the rail skirting the roof Not made for that Was flimsy. When she stood to
19	wrap herself in the towel she lost her balance Backed up and fell Dead" Ms. Newsome: "I do tend to believe you actually"
20	Mr. Barresi: "My only fault I took a momentous off her body and left the scene. That's when the LAPD took me in a few times to talk. I refused to take a lie detector test."
21	Ms. Newsome showed these texts to Ms. Taft, stating it was a confession and she was
22	shaking, then she called the LAPD to report Mr. Barresi.
23	161. This text frightened Ms. Taft because Mr. Waldman and Mr. Barresi focused on her,
24	specifically her location, and that they knew she lived in West Los Angeles. Defendants treated
25	Plaintiff as if she was a subject of theirs as well.
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162. Rebecca Berry obtained audio of Paul Barresi discussing the death of Shalimer Seiuli, admitting to telling witnesses to being present at her death, claiming to them to throw her off a roof, and to smother a comedian actor.

"Speaker 1(Barresi): [00:02:53] Yeah, you know those texts about me killing her? Yeah, because he called me so many times saying, I know you kill that 'tranny'. I know you kill that 'tranny'. He says, I know you threw her off the roof. One time he called again and said, I know you threw her off out of the window. I hear -, Hold on. I said, I uh and then I had a call coming in so I had to text him. I said I didn't throw that bitch off, out a window, I said I threw her off the roof."

About the death of the comedian actor Paul Lynde he stated he told, "He deserved it. He deserved a pillow over his head."

This was relayed to Taft with the \$10 million audio on October 28th and was alarming.

163. Ms. Taft submitted this audio to the assigned FBI agents and to BSIS Dept of Consumer Affairs.

164. On October 13th, 2022 Ms. Taft stayed the night at Ms. Pena's house on her birthday with paralyzing fear of the escalation of Defendants Mr. Barresi with Mr. Waldman and their influence on Mr. Albertini. Ms. Pena had witnessed harms increasing.

165. Between October 13th to 18th 2022, Mr. Ryan Gardner and Ms. Amanda Gilmore, as friends of Ms. Taft, emailed safety concerns for Ms. Taft including vandalism and break-ins to Mr. Barresi.

166. Ms. Taft was alarmed by Mr. Barresi's response to Ms. Gilmore implying he knew she lived in West Los Angeles.

167. On October 15, 2022, Mr. Barresi confirms Mr. Waldman told him words- from his phone calls with him, "He said the words word for word. And you can take that to the bank. That's all you need to know."

1	168. On October 25th, an audio surfaces of Ms. Taft speaking with Mr. Albertini as obtained by
2	Mr. Barresi for commercial purposes to pressure into no witnesses of assaults by Mr. Depp of
3	women, including Donna, known by Jaylee Carter.
5	169. Mr. Barresi wrote that Mr. Alberini after court on the restraining order hearing, where no
6	witnesses attended due to increasing pressure and no documentation available, was "dead silent."
7	170. On October 17, 2022, Mr. Barresi pressured Ms. Taft to be afraid of the FBI and to
8	withhold information from them.
9 10 11 12	"PLOT TO SABOTAGE JOHNNY DEPP'S DEFENSE WITH FABRICATED EVIDENCE & FALSE ALLEGATIONS. FBI INVESTIGATION UNDERWAY & THANKS TO SIMPLE-MINDED BATSHIT CRAZIES THE AQUAMAN STAR IS AT THE CENTER OF IT!" Attached was the photo of Ms. Taft and Ms. Heard from 2019. Ms. Taft did not know at the time that Mr. Barresi was quoting Mr. Waldman's direction of calling Ms. Taft
13 14	"batshit" in a recorded call. 171. On October 18, 2022, Ms. Taft applied for withdrawal from her Master's in Business
15	program at American University, citing lack of care for harassment, related to approved
16	harassment by defendants Mr. Waldman and Mr. Barresi.
17 18	172. On October 19, 2022, Mr. Barresi again refers to Mr. Albertini, "HAS EVER BREATHED
19	AIR."
20	173. On October 22, 2022, Ms. Taft saw Mr. Barresi proclaim,
21 22 23 24 25	"ANOTHER JOHNNY DEPP TARGETED ATTACK. The Criminal Plot to Takedown A Hollywood Fixer. Gambino family gathering. Paul Barresi & Victoria Gotti. Al incite va il bottino." Attached is a photo of Mr. Barresi and allegedly Ms. Gotti. Ms. Taft is alerte by this mafia family implication, 15 is intimidated by it, and sees it as a threat to her to "Incite Al Gambino" when read quickly by an English speaker. The same day, Mr. Barresi does a death threat about Ms. Taft, "HAS EVER BREATHED AIR," with an old photo of her attached.
26	¹⁵ Ori Spado communicated with witness Ian Herndon about witness Mr. Albertini and he was known by Ms. Jamison of the Viper Room. According to "The Accidental Gangster" his RICO indictment and interest by the FBI

Jamison of the Viper Room. According to "The Accidental Gangster" his RICO indictment and interest by the FBI was for his connections to an American mafia family, Columbo, although he had connections to actors and singers, e.g. Frank Sinatra and Naomi Campbell who visited the Viper Room. He was involved in debt collections and was called the "Mob boss of Hollywood" while implicated as a "Hollywood fixer."

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179. On November 2, 2022: Ms. Taft told Mr. Barresi to stop his harms with awareness of his hostility.

180. Ms. Taft tried to get the exploitation to stop. She wrote to Mr. Barresi to "stop harrass-racket-extorting" in email and text.

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1 2	disgusting burying of her during her trial - expecting post-trial payoffs. I think it's interesting that you think I FUND Amber Heard. How much money do you think her FUNDER(S) have?" and that he should stop as he was causing Ms. Taft to be "into		
3	grave danger."		
4	187. Mr. Barresi emails to Ms. Taft that Mr. Albertini is in "the gutters," alarmingly to "stop		
5	chasing ghosts," about her alleged father's age, and that he tried to speak with her PI "at least a		
6	half dozen times."		
8	188. Two hours later, Mr. Barresi sends Ms. Taft threatening text messages regarding her		
9	mother, Victoria Taft, and the Gotti mafia family. This included risks of exposure and about		
10	death.		
11	189. On November 2, in Mr. Barresi's first text to Ms. Taft, he claimed "Victoria Gotti told me		
12	your mother claimed she witnessed a mob hit." ¹⁷ Ms. Taft took this as a possible threat to her		
13 14	that she could be at risk of a possible mob murder. He "got 8mm tapes and recordings to your		
15	crazy bitch." Mr. Barresi claimed her mother did porn and was a stripper.		
16	190. Then hours later Mr. Barresi admitted he was not on the payroll of previous clients: "ended		
17	Sept 21 2019 where is your proof to the contrary" Unlike to Mr. McCormick, Mr. Brummitt, and		
18	to potential witnesses, Mr. Barresi admitted to Ms. Taft that he was no longer under lawyers of		
19	Ms. Heard's case.		
20 21	"Adam has a residence in DC He doesn't stay in hotels that I know of. I EMAILED you		
22	re the.package deal term you used What is that?" ¹⁸		

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¹⁷ "At his peak, Gotti was one of the most powerful and dangerous crime bosses in the United States... He was later given the nickname "The Teflon Don" after three high-profile trials in the 1980s resulted in acquittals, though it was later revealed that the trials had been tainted by jury tampering, juror misconduct and witness intimidation. Law enforcement continued gathering evidence against Gotti, who reportedly earned between \$5 million and \$20 million per year as Gambino boss.[4] ... In 1992, Gotti was convicted of five murders, conspiracy to commit murder, racketeering, obstruction of justice, tax evasion, illegal gambling, extortion and loansharking." See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John Gotti

¹⁸ Mr. Barresi knows Mr. Waldman resides in DC and these texts implicate a "deal." **VERIFIED COMPLAINT 38**

Mr. Barresi criticized her private investigator for not listening to only him with a

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financial reference. "He banked on the hearsay dished by brain dead idiot..."

191. On November 5, 2022, Mr. Barresi emailed Ms. Taft that he could not go to New York as he had planned, and tried to persuade Ms. Taft into a meeting in California, to which Ms. Taft resisted stating her favorite lounge is in the Hays Adams in DC. Mr. Barresi mentions in emails in addition to his texts about a "deal," which is a word Ms. Taft never used. "And what do you mean when you say, "package deal" like Waldman did in LA--"

192. Mr. Barresi sent quotes highlighting the audio tape he had of Ms. Taft speaking with Jane Doe referring to "report drop offs," as he linked it to Mr. Waldman, and reiterated "PACKAGE DEAL" in his title.

193. After highlighted audio tapes to pressure Ms. Taft, and forced to respond that "spun

'Deals'" to trap witnesses are not legitimate between private parties, Ms. Taft wrote to Mr. Barresi that she suspected that Mr. Albertini told numerous witnesses he was intimidating and he knew the director of the City of Lies. Mr. Barresi then wrote to Ms. Taft in email, "Brad Furman is the director of City of Lies. I have him on tape for an hour."

194. Mr. Barresi violated private affairs by forging "investigative findings" about Plaintiff's mother Victoria Taft's death, wealth transfer, alleged sexual activities, and coroner report to coerce Ms. Taft. Ms. Taft had no idea who Gotti was and her mother had no connection to them according to witnesses.

195. Ms. Taft's family friends, Joseph Triscari and Lori Mattix, state that what Mr. Barresi indicated about Victoria Taft and Gotti was falsified information. Ms. Mattix, who had worked for Mr. Depp's sister Christi Dembrowski prior as a fashion shopper, stated in text "no" on November 2, 2022 to Ms. Taft's mother ever talking to or knowing Victoria Gotti.

196. Ms. Taft had relayed to her daughter that she had to testify about an incident on a private jet, related to narcotics. Ms. Taft had an optimistic- although modest- and sometimes timid view on life that it was "better than it was." Ms. Taft had been in Malibu Hot Summer (an early Kevin Costner film), which she showed embarrassment of, among a number of films, TV shows, as well as Hollywood parties, mansions, and clubs like The Rainbow. ²⁰

197. November 5, 2022 Mr. Barresi texted Ms. Taft:

"I'm a direct source available to educate you but you like your PI listen to idiots rather than the primary source" Ms. Taft thought she listened to witnesses and eye-witnesses. "Email this cant read and telk me what you meant by 'package deal' ".... "O really What about you answering me on what a package deal is? O and Hay Adam's Hotel? Doubt it"

198. November 6, 2022 Ms. Taft asked,

"Is Joseph Gonzales working for Adam Waldman, since I am "DEAD wrong "?"

199. Mr. Barresi then continued to harass Ms. Taft and texted her:

"Who?? Did you fight with your mother before she died. What is the unexplained injury she sustained on her head? Let's talk REAL forensic evidence... What else Oh did you retrieve everything in your mom's safe before the fire or you took her life? Why did you care more about rescuing the contents of the safe than your poor mom? Few more questions later Oh! Did you get you mom's 9MM handgun? Where do you keep it? Not to overwhelm. You but Amber's security are instructed to keep you distanced from her. Any other STUPID questions for me dimwit? Hey Amber knows you filed a bogus complaint against your sister at DCS Amber has an entire profile on you." He continued "There is do much more That's only a snippet what the special agent in LA shared with me. I wouldn't show your face near Amber if I were you. And change your nasty clothes once in a while. That's all for now. Watching Sizzle Beach tonite about a whore and a midget"

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¹⁹ In her obituary in the Los Angeles Times, Victoria Taft "always thought the world was better than it was." https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/latimes/name/victoria-taft-obituary?id=8905961

for television. In the late 1960s, she was a publicity agent and rock groupie for The Doors."

²⁰ "Vicki was further involved with commercials and modeling, according to her brother, Donn... Vicki loved spending time socializing and partying in Beverly Hills, Laurel Canyon for the rock scene, Hollywood Hills, and Palm Springs with her friends – like Michelle Diamond and Lori Mattix. Vicki accompanied tennis star Roscoe Tanner on his tour in Europe, met rock stars, and was involved in the Hollywood scene. She traveled the world, went to Europe in the summers, and visited the South of France, Italy, England, Spain, Greece, Morocco, and Egypt. She attended Los Angeles Valley College, real estate school, and film training" and "she started acting at six-years-old in the play, "Gentleman Jane," with her real life dad, Larry, who was the male lead. Vicki grew up visiting her father, a cameraman, on sets for Paramount Pictures, Columbia Studios, MGM and later of the classic American television show "Happy Days." Additionally, "Her paternal grandfather, Everett Debaun, had been a screenwriter

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200. Mr. Barresi continued his harassment towards Ms. Taft, and stated:

"They wanted to know about your 'package deal' theory" now claiming it "sounds like police corruption."

Mr. Barresi claimed to be communicating with a special agent and sending information to security profiling Ms. Taft that "FRIGHTENS" the ex-wife of Mr. Depp, opposition to Mr. Waldman and the former client of Browne George Ross LLP.

201. Mr. Barresi texted to Ms. Taft:

"Also the special agent" that he claimed was "in touch with her security leader who I know very well," "Alerted about some correlation you posted on twitter to another thing you told [Jane Doe] about method acting"21 then "You've been warned Stay the fuck away from her"

202. On November 6, Mr. Palomares, former Rampart LAPD police officer and on the first police report against Mr. Barresi and Mr. Depp, met Ms. Taft and informed Ms. Taft that Mr. Barresi had called his daughter in New York about him. Mr. Palomeres had recommended other private investigators to Ms. Taft and he eye-witnessed, at a restaurant in Hermosa Beach, the intimidating texts Mr. Barresi was sending to Ms. Taft.

203. On November 7, 2022 Mr. Barresi sent to Ms. Taft "Stacey is your sister." Denying his false allegations from edited hearsay audio tapes, Ms. Taft wrote that if she had a half-sister, her in-laws are oil millionaires in Texas and avoided providing information to Mr. Barresi.

204. Mr. Barresi on November 7, 2022 claims there is a "psychological profile" of Ms. Taft, quoting an unconsented edited audio of a phone call of her alleged relative with a photo of her

²¹ Ms. Taft's facetious posting related to general method acting training that her mother Victoria Taft, with *Lee* Strasberg Institute on her resume, and others "#JamesFranco" "@sagaftra" did link a Modern Music Video with Sarah Walker from the Action-Comedy Television Show Chuck produced by Warner Bros. Two of Ms. Taft's friends knew Anna Strasberg, the wife of Lee Strasberg.

²² To cause intimidation to Ms. Taft by indicating he can contact all of her relatives and collect audio tapes. VERIFIED COMPLAINT 41

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with an umbrella, megaphone, and sign stating, "save a life" with scientific graphs. Mr. Barresi claims the profile was "turned over to the FBI" and that his former client is "scared to death." 205. On November 8, Mr. Barresi sent to Ms. Taft:

"You carried out belongings to your car but left your injured mother? Doesn't add up. I'm investigating. Killer. You couldn't alert someone to help you with your mom? NO it was more IMPOR- ENT, as you pronounce the word, to get your belongings and leave poor mom to SUFFER a HORRIBLE death. You cant live with yourself. No wonder you are so hateful. You always have been sources say."

206. Ms. Taft interpreted Mr. Barresi's messages as threats to her and referring to audio tapes.

207. On November 9, 2022 Ms. Taft communicated with Mr. Ian Herndon who had experienced harassment related to Mr. Barresi since 2021. Mr. Herndon knew of allegations that Mr. Barresi had paid Ms. Barash. Mr. Herndon had not requested Mr. Albertini to go into extensive details of what he eye-witnessed in the Viper Room or acts by Mr. Depp. Mr. Herndon asks Ms. Barash about \$20,000 offered to her for a "Depp documentary" role that never happened as seen in her texts to Mr. Albertini. The same day, Mr. Barresi calls Mr. Herndon, telling him to not contact her.

Mr. Herndon witnessed the harm Ms. Taft was experiencing from Defendants.

208. On Ms. Taft's mother's birthday on November 11, Mr. Barresi revealed an exploitative audio recording using Ms. Taft's former hyphenated legal name with the threats of "lawyers & publicists WARNED" and "FBI ON HIGH ALERT!"

209. Defendant Mr. Barresi invaded the alleged paternity and sexuality of Ms. Taft by contacting James Conner and audio recording that conversation. Mr. Conner is a licensed private investigator in New Mexico. Defendant Mr. Barresi edited interpretations to make it appear that Mr. Conner did worse implications to claim that he was an FBI agent.

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Constantino, which corresponds to that of New York's Gambino crime family boss whose life ended with a "hit" ordered by John Gotti.... Barresi used that name when, in a claimed effort to locate and served Shelton he repeatedly contacted Shelton, his father, his single mother who has advanced lymphoma, and a friend of his mother who has not seen Shelton since he was 15 years old." "... Barresi obtained Shelton's mobile number and called it several times. On one occasion Barresi left Shelton a voice mail messages in which he made blatant misrepresentations and actionable threats."" "Such threats constitute extortion..."

²⁴ However, it was ultimately too late for the civil lawsuits after years of witness interference conspiracy between Mr. Barresi and Mr. Waldman.

²⁵ Mr. Waldman's direction to Mr. Barresi that Ms. Taft is a "Bat" correlates to witnesses knowing of Mr. Depp's interests in Transylvania home decor, vampires, and general dark or gothic interests VERIFIED COMPLAINT 45

1	228. Ms. Taft discovers on December 5, 2022 that Defendant Mr. Waldman wrote "In		
2	memoriam" on June 14, 2020, about an email he received claiming Defendant Mr. Barresi was		
3 4	compiling "evidence against Johnny Depp for evidence to be used in court" including "violent		
5	behavior" and "ties" as well as no witnesses to say anything against him in another "In		
6	memoriam" writing. Nearly all names of potential witnesses were not included.		
7	229. In December, victim Ms. Taft and witness Denise Newsome, living in Alexandra, report to		
8	police in Virginia on Mr. Barresi, Mr. Waldman, and Mr. Albertini. Officer Bryan Smith is		
9 10	assigned and is amazed by the information Mr. Albertini knows. Ms. Taft states he knows		
11	information since he is a witness. Despite Mr. Barresi's shown intimidation in emails to lawyers,		
12	Officer Smith finds nothing wrong with Ms. Taft and Mr. Albertini talking with each other.		
13	230. Ms. Taft explained to the officer that she was the donor to the amicus brief of 29		
14	organizations and experts for due process.		
15	231. Throughout December 2022, Mr. Barresi emailed a series of intimidating, distressing, and		
16 17	outrageous emails to Ms. Taft.		
18	232. Mr. Barresi mockingly posted the song, "Mrs Grinch" referring to Ms. Heard in December		
19	2022 while sending Ms. Taft disturbing emails in the context that he was allegedly not paid yet.		
20	233. Mr. Barresi on December 12, 2022 showed a photo, while calling Ms. Taft "DEAD		
21	WRONG," of an email that Mr. Waldman sent to him to "come clean" about Mr. Depp and to		
22 23	"open a new avenue of discovery" against his "erstwhile client."		
24	234. On December 12, 2022 at 3:58pm Mr. Barresi sent to Ms. Taft:		
25	"INACT HEART, FRAGMENTED BONES & TEECH. ALL THAT WAS LEFT OF		
26	YOUR POOR MOM. BUT YOU MADE SURE YOU GOT AWAY WITH ALL YOUR BELOGINGS DIDN'T YOU WITCH? HOW CAN YOU LIVE WITH YOURSELF?"		

Taft's text message sent to Jane Doe that Mr. Barresi obtained: "Hi Angela, Barresi may be arrested tomorrow for breaking Richie's restraining order [stating Mr. Barresi works for Mr. Depp]. There's a warrant that will be issued... I also mailed in a report to consumer affairs/BSIS on Barresi yesterday Have a great night and sleep well!!" Other text messages are quoted between them with no dates.

- 237. On December 15, 2022, Mr. Barresi released an audio recording with Mr. Waldman.
- 238. The audio recording is only a portion of a telephone call which was within a video edit.
- 239. This audio was exposed by Mr. Barresi and Mr. Waldman themselves.
- 240. Mr. Barresi and Mr. Waldman both, in said audio recording, quoted items ranging from
- 16 September 2022 exposing their conspiracy agreement:

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Speaker 1 (Barresi) [00:00:08]: Do you remember our first conversation with respect to William Hazlitt, 26 and if you want to create an unfavorable impression, it's not even necessary that what is said to be true, you can damage someone just by saving it. And there's an open case now in South Carolina for criminal threats and harassment, that's number one that I have to fight. Number two a ridiculous uh, TRO against me, which is also false, claiming that uh, Johnny hired me to turn over all my findings to to you. . .

Speaker 2 (Waldman) [00:00:44]: Reality is anybody in the world, and you know this better than I do, anybody can file a police report about anything against them....

Speaker 1 (Barresi) [00:01:52]: He and Christina Taft are joined at the hip. She's just obsessed fan. She's a stalker. She pays these convicted felons, like Albertini, Mario Nitrini, Aaron

²⁶ William Hazlet, discussed in the telephone call between Adam Waldman and Paul Barresi about Ms. Taft and other witnesses, had an interest in the Art of Deception.

According to Mr. Hazlet, followed by Defendants, the Art of Deception must be habitual and uninterrupted for "blurring the line between reality and illusion."

See, https://www.socratic-method.com/quote-meanings-interpretations/william-hazlitt-life-is-the-art-of-being-welldeceived-and-in-order-that-the-deception-may-succeed-it-must-be-habitual-and-uninterrupted VERIFIED COMPLAINT 47

place, with a masked man, falsely claiming Ms. Taft is partially responsible.

243. Mr. Barresi has posted this audio with Mr. Waldman and video, with different titles and

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1 car, and falsely claimed Ms. Taft was implicated as "suspects" of it. Ms. Taft watched the 2 escalation from Hawaii. "Christina Taft got my new home address from the process server when 3 he served me bogus TRO." 4 249. Hours later, again, Mr. Barresi quoted Mr. Waldman's directions to him "Witnesses in the 5 case are getting harassed, [Paul] You didn't testify at trial but you were definitely a witness & 6 7 you were a player in all of this & people that went against her [Amber] are getting harassed 8 severely & in a variety of complex and simple ways.-Adam Waldman." 250. On or approximately December 30, 2022, Mr. Waldman rewarded Mr. Barresi with a call 10 from Mr. Depp before New Years. Ms. Taft saw the escalation from Lahaina, Maui. Mr. Barresi 11 wrote, "Johnny was gracious enough to confide that it was Adam Waldman who nudged him 12 13 suggesting that he reach out to me. 'Thanks Adam. What a way to bring into the New Year! 'He 14 [Adam] always has been one to give credit where credit is due,' Johnny said." 15 251. Ms. Taft's shock and fear intensified - that Mr. Depp called Mr. Barresi with Mr. 16 Waldman's support after months of attacks on her. Ms. Taft decided to stay in Hawaii. 17 252. EaglePoint Funding, with federal funding for public safety companies, continually asked 18 19 Ms. Taft for in-person meetings in Los Angeles. This was during the Defendants' schemes and 20 harms against Ms. Taft and case witnesses which made her unable to collaborate or respond. 21 253. Ms. Taft could not communicate with Mr. Sanchez of SaveMeNow for many months to 22 protect him and his company from "the Hollywood Fixer" and his connections to Mr. Waldman. 23 254. Ms. Taft was forced to relocate to Hawaii, and fear of Mr. Barresi based in California 24 25 searching for her while attaching himself to Mr. Waldman, makes this contract difficult. 26 255. On February 9, 2023, Ms. Taft's attorney Mr. Urban reached Ms. Bredehoft about Mr. 27 Barresi claiming that Ms. Taft is somehow dangerous to Ms. Heard. Ms. Bredehoft stated they 28 VERIFIED COMPLAINT 50

1	did not communicate with Mr. Barresi or give him a platform, although he contacted her office
2	on "various occasions."
3	256. On February 21, 2023, Mr. Urban received a response from Mr. Rottenborn about Mr.
5	Barresi. Mr. Rottenborn stated Mr. Barresi emailed him "with some regularity" and he "did not
6	email him back," but "I lately haven't read his emails closely."
7	257. On March 3, 2023, Mr. Jay Brown of Ballard Spahr replied in email that he "never
8	communicated with Mr. Barresi."
9 10	258. Mr. David Axelrod, who Mr. Barresi had emailed about Ms. Taft and Mr. Albertini - whil
11	threatening Ms. Heard, never responded.
12	259. On February 26. 2023, Mr. Barresi states he imitates hitmen. "Is life imitating art or is art
13	imitating life?" with a video titled "THE HITMAN'S VIOLIN." Underneath this, Mr. Barresi
14	wrote in Italian.
15 16	260. On March 11, 2023, Mr. Barresi stated Ms. Taft's location was in Hawaii. With Mr.
17	Barresi's location of Ms. Taft, above this declaration is a video of Ms. Heard at trial.
18	261. Days later on March 17, 2023, Mr. Waldman replies to Mr. Barresi using his name and
19	refers to a money laundering case "into Hollywood and to buy US policy at 2 White Houses."
20	262. Ms. Taft saw this as she was moving boxes out of her West Los Angeles Apartment by
21	Playa Vista. She was staying at a friend's guest house, fearing Mr. Barresi or Mr. Waldman
22 23	knowing her address. This caused fear to Ms. Taft.
24	263. During this time in March, Ms. Taft is pulled in for an interview in Ontario, California by
25	investigators for the Department of Consumer Affairs about Mr. Barresi and questions. She
26 27	provides printed documentations. Afterwards, she sees Ms. Howell is still worried about stalker

and threats,²⁷ and tired of this endless terror continuing, Ms. Taft messages her on Instagram that:

"So sorry this is happening... Professional tools for a Breakin is not a normal thing. Who do you think can do that?" and "As for the vandalism, check your security cameras and/or install some. 3 years of fear is wrong and sadly people are telling falsehoods of where it's coming from, which is wrong for well-being... I think it's great that you used to give character references and what a mess everything became. Hopefully you have a sunnier day." Ms. Taft had Instagram goofs posting a lighthearted video 5 times, that included former playboy model Pamela Bryant who had been a friend of her mother's, and later saw that Ms. Howell deleted her posts about stalkers.

264. On April 5, 2023, during his accelerating interest in Mr. Depp's family members, Mr.

Barresi writes that Mr. Depp is aware of everything he alleges, "Johnny tells me he reads everything I put out there. lol." Ms. Taft understood this would include the injuries by

Defendants against her.

265. On May 2, 2023, potential named witness Ms. Ariel and Ms. Taft had pleasant exchanges on LinkedIn until July 14, 2023 including that she rescues pets and about her paintings.

266. On May 5th, Ms. Taft asked Superior PI in New Mexico to re-interview Mr. Conner.

267. On May 12, Mr. Herndon spoke with the Department of Consumer Affairs Investigator Mr.

Jesse Adams about his report on Mr. Barresi. Mr. Herndon texts Ms. Taft that "a good society

has strangers who will redirect the individual to *anywhere* that would or could lead to action."

268. Sometime between May 24 to May 28, Ms. Taft who was still exploited by Mr. Barresi's

audio tape, showed fear in Colorado due to the fact that Mr. Barresi and Mr. Conner could work

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²⁷ Ms. Howell received a donation to her charity Art of Elysium from allegedly Mr. Musk as she believed. On October, 30, 2022, Mr. Barresi, proclaiming himself to witnesses, published that Mr. Musk paid "\$100,000" to find abuse by Mr. Depp. "With \$100,000 thanks to Elon Musk I found no evidence... I challenge anyone to produce proof to the contrary... bring it on or SHUT THE FUCK UP!" Lawyer Mr. Schwartz, at Mr. George's law firm, had told witnesses including Mr. Albertini, that billionaire Mr. Musk was paying for litigation as donations to Ms. Heard.

"Speaker 2 (James): [00:40:03] . . . to get information and try to sell it, personal or otherwise,

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and, uh, that's what it looks like.'

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1 "Speaker 2 (James): [00:54:36] . . . and, you know, they're going to check it. But the thing about it is, is some of these people like that guy, you can look him up on Wikipedia. 2 **Speaker 1** (Michael): [00:54:44] I will, I will. 3 4 Speaker 2 (James): [00:54:45] His name and everything, and I don't even know what's his last name. But I think he's dangerous." 5 **"Speaker 2** (James): [01:00:13] He's, he's, he's a loose cannon. 6 7 **Speaker 1** (Michael): [01:00:18] It really seems that way. 8 **Speaker 2** (James): [01:00:20] He's invading a lot of people's privacy." 9 "Speaker 2 (James): [01:01:22] That Amber Heard stuff and what's-, the guy, Johnny Depp and 10 all that, that, uh, that they're looking for a way out and other people they've probably infringed on to blame it on somebody else." 11 Speaker 2 (James): [01:02:04] And he was. . . The, the amount that he sent to me, 25,000 that 12 she owes to him. I don't know if that to be true. And that he's trying to find a way to somehow 13 collect and he's trying to get even with her because evidently, there's some complaints against him in the state of California. . . 14 **Speaker 1** (Michael): [01:02:26] Okay. 15 16 **Speaker 2** (James): [01:02:27] about his practices." 17 276. Mr. Conner stated to Mr. Kountz that he would be using an Alaska phone number. 18 277. Ms. Taft felt compelled to pay for security due to fears of Mr. Barresi and Mr. Waldman. 19 278. In June 2023, JCB International Training and Security Consulting sent texts to Ms. Taft 20 that Mr. Barresi was under "federal authority watch." 21 22 279. After months of focusing on Mr. Depp's cousins and family members, Mr. Barresi posts an 23 edited audio of a family member of missing co-owner of the Viper Room, Anthony Fox, to focus 24 on funds given to his daughter Constance and a "conspiracy theory" related to his death before 25 testifying. 26 280. June 20, 2023: "Mysterious Disappearance of Johnny Depp business partner Anthony Fox 27 28 The Unheard Tapes - Part I... The endangered missing persons case remains open with the

1	Ventura California Police Department. Three years ago, detectives reached out to Hollywood
2	sleuth Paul Barresi. What Barresi learned was information that changed completely what we
3	thought we knew about Anthony Fox's disappearance, and suggests that the circumstances of hi
5	disappearance was a cover up."
6	281. Ms. Taft becomes even more fearful of retaliation from Mr. Barresi, who was flying to
7	different states, and Mr. Waldman, in his ability to financially negotiate to pay Mr. Barresi.
8	282. Ms. Taft knew of the danger of Mr. Schindler's dedication to the actor from the Viper
9	Room witnesses and from the NGN Case about "how cheap and easy it would be to have
10	someone knocked off," as blocked testimony from Mr. Depp's ex-wife as a witness. ²⁸
12	283. After settlement payments given to charity from Depp v Heard, Mr. Barresi by July 6, 202
13	went to Washington DC where Mr. Waldman resides.
14	284. On July 12th, 2023, Mr. Barresi went on a chartered private jet from Dulles Airport
15	signature support in District of Columbia to New York.
16 17	285. A Crew member of the private jet confirmed to Licensed Private Investigator Mr. Brooks
18	that another man was onboard with a briefcase before Mr. Barresi boarded.
19	286. Juan Brooks and JCB International Training and Security Consulting interpreted the
20	chartered private jet and briefcase as part of a "payoff/transaction that happened on the plane" to
21	Mr. Barresi from Mr. Depp.
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²⁸ July 20, 2020, in witness testimony for NGN against Mr. Depp, Ms Heard stated, "He also said what he would do to others he didn't like or was threatened by, detailing how he wanted to have someone tortured or how cheap and easy it would be to have someone knocked off." See, https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/uknews/12174118/johnny-depp-raw-meat-amber-heard-neck-hostage VERIFIED COMPLAINT 55

1	287. Text Messages from Licensed Private Investigator Juan Brooks stated the activity of using				
2	the private jet from Washington DC to New York was related to Mr. Depp's funds being used for				
3	a financial transaction to Mr. Barresi.				
5	288. On July 12th, 2023, Aurelia Barajas, President/CEO of Superior Investigations and Mr.				
6	Kountz spoke with Jesse Adams at the Department of Consumer Affairs about Mr. Barresi and				
7	Mr. Conner.				
8	289. After the financial negotiations in Washington DC and Private Jet, on July 19, 2023 Mr.				
9	Barresi published a second edited audio tape, suggesting that Mr. Fox's death was not covered				
10	up. Before this second recording plays, there's music similar to what Mr. Barresi quoted Mr.				
11	Waldman as telling him that Mr. Depp said:				
13	"I wouldn't be surprised if Paul ended up being the hero at the end" from his 2022 notes				
14	referring to "sore losers" and "witnesses in the case are still getting harassed."				
15	290. On July 19, 2023 "Hollywood Fixer Paul Barresi, at the forefront of the Depp v. Heard trial				
16	has been assisting the Ventura Police Department in its Anthony Fox endangered missing				
17	persons case for 3 years. Barresi has uncovered new clues which suggest Fox may still be alive				
18	and well."				
19	291. Ms. Taft asked Mr. Brooks to interview Mr. Barresi after this, wanting no more harm and to				
20 21	continue with legal claims, including against Mr. Waldman in the District of Columbia, but he				
22	refused - choosing to watch Mr. Barresi.				
23	292. Mr. Brooks claimed Mr. Barresi was acting "erratic" and Ms. Taft witnessed the continuing				
24	escalation of pressure with audio tapes, financial transactions, death implications, and witness				
25	information. Ms. Taft was unable to be released.				
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27	293. On July 23, 2023, Defendant Paul Barresi states he had multiple talks with Defendant				
28	Waldman and on Isaac: VERIFIED COMPLAINT 56				

- July 23: "During one of my talks with Adam Waldman, he acknowledged that JD agreed Baruch is a career freeloader, but JD takes care of him." Mr. Barresi stated his interest in Italy while wanting to expose Mr. Depp's friend Mr. Baruch. "When you hear what Isaac Baruch's x wife Darcie had to say about how horribly he treated her during their short lived marriage... While I'm in Italy..."
- Later that day at 3:55pm he stated, "Baruch got hold of a lot of money only months before he testified."

294. On July 24th, 2023, Defendant Paul Barresi states Johnny Depp listens to him, including on donations and no more handouts. Defendant Paul Barresi also states Johnny Depp listens to his advice, 27 freeloaders he found, take to the bank. In addition, there is admission to the purpose of the conspiracy:

- July 24 8am: "With my encouragement, now he donates strictly to legitimate charities. As for those looking for an easy hand out, no more."
- 10:54 am: "Actually I uncovered 27 freeloaders. Baruch however was on the top of the list."
- July 24: "To this day Johnny is under siege by freeloaders. Because I protected him, Johnny has more respect and admiration for me than any of those bums who have insinuated their way into his life over the years with their own self interests at heart."
- 11am: "JD appreciates my advice & follows it with respect to freeloaders. You wont be seeing a Mooch like Baruch in his life ever again. And you can take that to the bank. As for testing the waters, I never test the waters. If my mind is made up to take the plunge I just do it."

298. Mr. Barresi searched for Ms. Taft and showed ghosted photos of her with the audio tapes of his call with Mr. Waldman.

299. In August 2023, Private Investigator Brooks indicated Barresi returned to California after DC, NY, Georgia, claimed Italy visitation as well.

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²⁹ Consigliere (/ k v n s 1 l i 'ε r i / KON-sil-ee-AIR-ee, Italian: [konsiʎ κε:re]; plural consiglieri) is a position within the leadership structure of the Sicilian, Calabrian, and Italian-American Mafia, *See Wikipedia*, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Consigliere. Consigliere can further mean: "The meaning of CONSIGLIERE is a person who serves as an adviser or counselor to the leader of a criminal organization" *See*, https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/consigliere

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1	since she was a witness. Ms. Taft reported this to the Dept of Consumer Affairs. This terrified
2	Ms. Taft.
3 4	315. On September 28th, 2023, Mr. Albertini was interviewed by the DCA as texted to Ms. Tat
5	on Sept 27th.
6	316. In 2023 to 2024, Barresi continued to release audio invading private affairs and email
7	threats to expose information about Ms. Taft and her deceased mother. Former boyfriends of
8	Victoria Taft denounced this. Mr. Kim Haynes, who had gone to Jack Ryan's Bel Air mansion
9 10	with Victoria when they were dating for 8 months, stated that 'Barresi's allegations of the type of
11	sexual activities he claimed Victoria engaged in were false.'
12	317. Mr. Barresi, while enabled by Mr. Waldman, started coercing Ms. Taft to flee the country.
13	318. In demands to Ms. Taft, Mr. Barresi published multiple times that "Taft has fled the countr
14	because the FBI is looking for her."
15	319. Ms. Taft had been afraid to provide more documentation or to call the FBI in relation to the
16 17	issue for nearly a year.
18	320. Ms. Taft, as she had about "leaving town," felt compelled to leave the country upon the
19	fixers' directions. She knew fixers like Mr. Barresi and Mr. Waldman were conspiring for Mr.
20	Depp and that can include making fear of a mafia hit.
21 22	321. On October 26, 2023, Mr. Barresi with Mr. Waldman's approval for false set ups,
23	"Christina Taft fled the country because the FBI is looking for her. "She attempted to frame
24	Johnny Depp's private investigator, all in the name of Amber Heard." The next statement
25	repeated about her mother Victoria's death.
26	322. Attached to the statements by Defendants that Ms. Taft has fled the country is the
27	unconsented use of Taft and Jane Doe's audio recorded phone call.
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1	323. These are false statements that caused Ms. Taft to "flee the country because the FBI is
2	looking for her" by extortionately connecting her to the 'erstwhile client' of Mr. Barresi.
3	324. Ms. Taft was under the assumption the FBI is truly looking for her due to Mr. Barresi's
5	threats along with co-conspiring with Mr. Waldman trying to set up Ms. Taft and others with the
6	FBI for a false arrest.
7	325. Ms. Taft is under constant harassment and distress due to false set-ups, death threats, and
8	the actions of Mr. Barresi and Mr. Waldman, with Ms. Taft still under the impression of them
9	attempting to set her up continually.
10	326. On November 2, 2023, Phenix Investigations' Andrew Simpson and Annie Grey in Indiana
12	began to assist Ms. Taft and Mr. Albertini. They expressed concerns about the California
13	investigators acting as "fixers" with fraud and misrepresentation.
14	327. Mr. Barresi, with Mr. Waldman's approval, continued infliction of emotional distress
15	centered around demise, "Christina taft is so evil she left her mother to burn alive in the biggest
16	fire in California history."
17 18	328. On November 8th, 2023, Ms. Taft ultimately decided to flee to escape coercion, threats, and
19	object and witness interference by Defendants as she bought a flight to Greece.
20	329. Before Ms. Taft left in November, she had two friends witness on November 22, 2023 her
21	in-person report to Honolulu police, who stated, as on surveillance video, she should go to the
22	FBI office in-person. They had watched the edited audio video that Mr. Barresi had been
23 24	releasing with approval of 'agent' Mr. Waldman.
25	330. Mr. Barresi sent intimidating emails to Ms. Taft again about fearing for her life, fleeing to
26	Hawaii, implicating Ms. Heard, and her mother which Ms. Taft logged to Honolulu police.
27	mpheating 1715. Heard, and her motive which 1715. Tall logged to Honorala police.
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Schindler, almost needing bulletproof jackets, and they're not mafia. Ms. Taft later provided this to the FBI-LA.

335. The coercion suppressed violence done to women in the Viper Room, violence from

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336. The Audio Tape of Mr. Ed Shaw and Mr. Albertini includes:

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Speaker 1 (Albertini): [00:05:31.575] Bob Pfeiffer was my business partner... he tried to get his wife killed. **He tried to hire a hitman to take his wife out**. And are you ready for who he tried to hire? And I can tell you this...

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³⁰ Ms. Taft reported to the FBI-Los Angeles agent about seeing Mr. Barresi post a screaming sideways thumbnail photo from a video of a *Silence of the Lambs* scene with words referring to "IT" and to this day still disturbs her with continuing re-traumation.

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Megan Fox in January played a recording of a phone call during the trial of Depp v Heard with Mr. Albertini. Originally Cooperating Witness Mr. Albertini wanted to testify and saw that Ms. Heard was a victim of extortion and blackmail by Mr. Barresi. He mistakenly believed that Ms. Taft was a representative of Ms. Heard. Ms. Fox admitted that Mr. Albertini had a lot to say about/against Mr. Depp and that she had hours of audio recordings of his calls. This was with Matthew Lewis who Mr. Albertini reported to law enforcement in 2022 for his intimidation of witnesses.

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interprets this as a demand to her to die.

³² Agent-Principle is a concept in business related to "action of the agent is binding upon the principle" i.e., who paid or directed the agent. Witness Mr. Albertini informed Ms. Taft of this concept. Ms. Taft believes Mr. Waldman and Mr. Barresi are aware of this meaning.

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³³ The "8th floor" threat to Ms. Taft is similar to Ms. Howell stating "she's on the 10th floor" with photos of a breakin of her apartment using tools. She alleged this started when she agreed to testify as a witness, while in collaboration with defendant Mr. Waldman. She wrote complaints on needing protection of witnesses and emailed alleging conspiracy fears. No articles were written about her complaints of vandalism or her wishes for witness protections.

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1	375. On January 12, 2024, Mr. Barresi writes to Ms. Taft:
2 3	"Amber: The biological father of Crazy Christina Taft told me she carries a 9MM handgun in her bag. Were you aware she was totting a weapon when this photo was
4	taken? I'm told by unimpeachable source you were."
5	Mr. Barresi continued to exploit the unconsented to altered quotes from an edited audio recording of Mr. Conner.
6 7	376. Mr. Barresi attached the unconsented use of the photo of Ms. Taft with Ms. Heard from
8	October 2019. This is directed to his "erstwhile" client.
9	377. From January 14th to the 17th, 2024, Leilani Gigena, an old friend of Ms. Taft's since
10	college, calls Barresi a "hitman" twice and that he is 'stalking, harassing, extorting, and
11	threatening Ms. Taft's life.' Ms. Gigena saw the recent escalations. Ms. Gigena had witnessed
12	the harm of Mr. Barresi and Mr. Waldman against Ms. Taft for years.
14	378. On January 17, Ms. Gigena calls into the Honolulu Police Department to try to help Ms.
15	Taft against Mr. Barresi and Mr. Waldman.
16	379. On January 23, Ms. Taft received an email from Mr. Brooks:
17 18	Re: Offer from BARRESI 01/23/2024: "I have been told by BARRESI that he has a proposal"
19	380. Approximately January 26, Mr. Barresi. in response to Ms. Taft stating Mr. Depp would be
20	sued, was manipulating Jane Doe to email Ms. Taft after a year and a half. Jane Doe wrote the
21 22	audio tape of her with Ms. Taft was "illegal" and she "had to pay for it." Ms. Taft emails Mr.
23	Barresi with Jane Doe copied:
24	"HOLLYWOOD FIXER: REMOVE THE AUDIOS OFF THE INTERNET IMMEDIATELY AND CEASE EDITING THEM FOR FABRICATIONS AND
25	COERCION. WE ARE NOT TO BE USED FOR YOUR COMMERCIAL GAINS."
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27	381. On January 26th, 2024 Ms. Taft reported to the FBI as he claimed he was accused of being
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389. Jan 29, 2:30 PM Mr. Barresi sent to Ms. Taft in response about a lawsuit including Mr.

Depp:

"Your life should be a living nightmare. You are pure EVIL. I'm traveling at the moment. So fuck off you raunchy dirt bag, and when you DIE, may you burn like your mother in hell for all eternity."

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390. In February 2024, Mr. Barresi continued his actions against Ms. Taft.

391. Ms. Taft managed to have a Cease & Desist letter for "Invasion of Privacy" sent to Mr.

Barresi.

392. Ms. Taft's attorney Jonathan Inciong, Esq. from Berver & Jones called her with complaints of the fixer's harassment, alleging obtaining his direct email and phone numbers. After Ms.

Taft's attorney was contacted and harassed by Mr. Barresi, the attorney stopped representing Ms.

Taft or helping her in any manner.

393. Ms. Taft does another Honolulu citizen police report including but not limited to, the continuing coercion of her momentary law firm. Instead of a court record, coercion commenced to get Ms. Taft into an agreement to recant about Mr. Barresi and his work for Mr. Waldman.

by the FBI including with documentation and in relation to "withhold testimony or information

394. From February to March 2024, Ms. Taft emails, speaks over the phone, and is interviewed

with respect to another's legal claim or defense."34 It included the private jet from Washington

DC payoff/financial transaction, and the extortionary tactics with blackmailing and coercion she

had been put through by Mr. Barresi and Mr. Waldman. At her interview in the Honolulu field

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³⁴ "Hawaii Law includes additional protections from extortionary tactics and protections of witness testimony than does California Law:

Hawai'i Revised Statutes, extortion (Section 707-764) (1) Obtains, or exerts control over, the property, labor, or services of another with intent to deprive another of property, labor, or services by threatening by word or conduct to: Concealment, Other substantial harm, Testimony

⁽e) Accuse some person of any offense or cause a penal charge to be instituted against some person;

⁽f) Expose a secret or publicize an asserted fact, whether true or false, tending to subject some person to hatred, contempt, or ridicule, or to impair the threatened person's credit or business repute;

⁽g) Reveal any information sought to be concealed by the person threatened or any other person;

⁽l) Do any other act that would not in itself substantially benefit the defendant but that is calculated to harm substantially some person with respect to the threatened person's health, safety, business, calling, career, financial condition, reputation, or personal relationships;

⁽h) Testify or provide information or withhold testimony or information with respect to another's legal claim or defense"

office, Ms. Taft was told that victim services may contact her. 35 1 2 395. In March 2024, Mr. Barresi continued to intimidate Ms. Taft, Mr. Nitrini, and Mr. Albertini. 3 396. After Mr. Barresi sees in email there was surveillance of him going onto a chartered private 4 jet and from District of Columbia, on March 7, 2024, Mr. Barresi posts a shadowy rat image to 5 represent Mr. Nitrini, who gave his files to Ms. Taft, that "he does look like a rat" and comments 6 7 "shoot a photo of that face." 8 397. Mr. Barresi continues to call Mr. Albertini in 2024. Mr. Albertini withholds testimony. 9 398. Ms. Taft sends a Cease & Desist email to both Mr. Waldman and Mr. Barresi. In response, 10 Mr. Barresi emails Ms. Taft on Victoria's death, and with intimidation. Mr. Barresi continues to 11 exploit audio tapes. 12 13 399. Mr. Barresi continues to wish for Ms. Taft's death for her to be the worst to have "ever 14 breathed air" in his writings attached to the exploited audio tapes implicating to the mafia 15 murder. 16 400. Defendant Mr. Waldman is known as being dangerously connected and Mr. Barresi has 17 photos connecting himself to the American mafia families Gambino and Gotti which he uses to 18 19 intimidate potential witnesses and possibly clients or former clients. 20 401. Ms. Taft sees that Mr. Barresi circled back to a witness that was silenced for 30 years and 21 who knew of surveillance by Hollywood Fixers.³⁶ 22

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³⁵ Victim Services of the FBI finds importance in witnesses. "VSD is responsible for ensuring that victims of crimes investigated by the FBI are given the opportunity to receive services and notification as required by Federal Law and the Attorney General Guidelines on Victim and Witness Assistance." See, https://www.fbi.gov/how-we-can-helpyou/victim-services

³⁶ Mr. Barresi posted below a video about Mr. Depp and investigations with this link. See, April 13, 2024 "OJ Simpson WAS at Nicole Brown and Ron Goldman's murder scene and watched as the Gambino gangsters he hired slaughtered the couple, claims witness who says he stayed silent for 30 years because he feared for his life" that further stated that John Dunton knew that investigator, indicted and imprisoned, Anthony Pellicano was surveilling Nicole Brown before OJ killed her and Goldman. Mr. Barresi worked with Mr. Pellicano for Mr. Simpson, the infamous athlete that had recently perished. https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-13303947/oj-simpson-nicole-VERIFIED COMPLAINT 73

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An email Ms. Taft saw that Mr. Barresi sent to Mr. McCormick stated from April 2022, "As for the Attached tape... I am not sure why Dunton claimed [according to Pellicano] he spotted my x boss in front of Nicole's house the night she was murdered, unless he happened to be stalking her... Is Dunton still alive?" VERIFIED COMPLAINT 74

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³⁷ The FBI agent, when initially responding to the report of Mr. Barresi, accused of being a "hitman" and murder of a woman by throwing her off a building interstate threat, at first noted "cyberstalking and exploitation." Hannu Huttunen had viewed Ms. Taft's profile before Mr. Barresi viewed her profile. Hannu had commented to Mr. Barresi that he wanted to do things to Ms. Taft and others with her. VERIFIED COMPLAINT 75

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414. On August 16, 2024, Mr. Barresi sent a threatening email to Ms. Taft with the words, "will be the death of you," intimidating her for her PI surveilling the July 2023 "private plane" transaction from Mr. Waldman in DC to him, to be "burning in hell" and that she will have death like her mother.

VI. CAUSES OF ACTION

415. Defendants engaged in a scheme to corruptly attempt to persuade Plaintiff by continuous coercive conduct, their intimidation tactics and continuous harm and to threaten life of Plaintiff as well as potential witnesses, and Plaintiff's friends and family, while making false representations to misrepresent purposively. Defendants' coercive conduct included Conspiracy violations, 18 U.S.C. § 241, Obstruction of Justice, Tampering with a Witness, Victim, or Informant, 18 U.S.C. § 1512(b)(1) and (2), Invasion of Privacy, California Constitution, Article I, Section 1, CACI No. 1804A. Use of Name or Likeness (Civ. Code, § 3344), Civil Harassment, California Code of Civil Procedure § 527.6, Negligence, Civil Rights, Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress (IIED), Negligent Infliction of Emotional Distress (NIED), Interfering and Corrupting Interstate Communications 18 U.S. Code § 875, Interstate and Foreign Travel or Transportation in Aid of Racketeering Enterprises 18 U.S.C. § 1952, and Destruction, Alteration, and Falsification of Records, 18 U.S.C. § 1519, and Racketeering Activity 18 U.S. Code 1961 & 18 U.S.C. § 1962. 416. Defendants Interfered with reports to FBI and with the witnesses to attempt to set up certain individuals, intentionally and negligently, to set up the wrong people, with an attempt to frame

417. Defendants utilized interstate communications in furtherance of their fraudulent scheme, in violation of 18 U.S. Code § 875.

them for wrongdoing, which is a direct violation of 18 U.S. Code § 1512.

418. Defendants engaged in conduct to tamper with physical evidence relevant to an ongoing investigation by the FBI and Bureau of Security and Investigation Services through the Department of Consumer Affairs, in violation of 18 U.S. Code § 1519.

419. Defendants engaged in conduct to tamper with multiple witnesses, as well as victims and informants, with the intent to hinder, delay, or prevent communication to law enforcement authorities, causing harm and damages, which is a direct violation of 18 U.S. Code § 1512 as well as 18 U.S.C. § 1512(b)(1) and (2). Defendants continue threatening the abuse of process and are continuous with extortionary tactics of interstate communications, including Defendants' private commercial interests to force their victims into demise, fear of object tampering, and to prevent communication.

420. Defendants conspired, co-conspired, including but not limited to conspired civilly, invaded privacy of, used name or likeness of, civilly harassed, acted with neglect, intentionally inflicted emotional distress, and negligently inflicted emotional distress upon Plaintiff, which are direct violations of Federal Code 18 U.S.C. § 241, CACI No. 1801 Invasion of Privacy—Intrusion Upon Seclusion, CACI No. 1802 Invasion of Privacy—Public Disclosure of Private Facts, 42 U.S.C. § 1983 Civil Rights Act, and 42 U.S.C. § 1985 Conspiracy to Interfere with Civil Rights.

421. Defendants intentional and negligent behavior towards Plaintiff are further listed in the following Causes of Action:

FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF Civil Conspiracy

- 422. Plaintiff Ms. Taft re-alleges all paragraphs within this lawsuit and incorporates the same by reference as if repeated herein in their entirety.
- 423. **Definition:** Civil Conspiracy in a legal context refers to an agreement between two or more parties to commit a wrongful act or to achieve a lawful end by unlawful means, causing harm to VERIFIED COMPLAINT 77

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must also be evidence of direct participation in the crime or other evidence that participation can
be fairly inferred. Defendants also were still part of the conspiracies, and had goals to further and
advance actions against Plaintiff to lead to criminal activity. In this case, Plaintiff has sufficient
evidence of both Defendants participating together, interfering and tampering of Plaintiffs
privacy and affairs, as well as witnesses, and continuous criminal activity towards Plaintiff. The
liability doctrine applies to both Defendants.
441. Under the Privacy Act, Ms. Taft is not required to prove that Mr. Waldman personally
committed a wrongful act or that he knew all the details of the agreement or the identities of all
the other participants.
442. Defendants had intrusion, in name of likeness of Plaintiff, with interstate threats.
443. Defendant's intent was to harm Plaintiff, which is negligent. They misrepresented, caused
coercion, edited audio tapes of Plaintiff, interfered with eye-witness accounts, and continue to
harm Plaintiff, plot and plan and discover her location, place of residency, interfere with her
social relationships, work, and threaten Plaintiff to where she has fear of her life, and continues
to suffer and feels no safety.
444. Defendant's intent was to also fabricate all information as to protect their continuous
behavior from being released to anyone, including but not limited to, the Police or FBI.
445. Both Defendants are liable for all acts done due to their conspiracy since they both
effectively adopted their actions as their own, therefore both Defendants should be held for
damages including treble damages and liability to torts, since they are responsible for violating
both Federal and State Laws of conspiracy and co-conspiring against Plaintiff, including but not

limited to Federal Code 18 U.S.C. § 241.

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446. Both Defendants should be charged with preceding acts in furtherance of the conspiracy against Plaintiff as they both had motive and intent which has been clearly outlined and are proven.

447. Therefore, Plaintiff asks this Court to hold Defendants liable for damages, both jointly and severally, as allowed by Law, in an amount to be proven at trial, currently estimated in excess of \$2,000,00 for the costs to Plaintiff, including corrections with investigations and security during an ongoing co-conspiracy between Defendants, and to temporarily and permanently enjoin Defendants from oppressing, threatening and intimidating Plaintiff and other persons associated with her across multiple states, and preventing Plaintiff from freely exercising and enjoying her rights and privileges as alleged herein. Plaintiff also asks the Court to enter an award of punitive damages against Defendants for their fraud, oppression and malice toward Plaintiff.

SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Obstruction of Justice

18 U.S.C. § 1512(b)(1) and (2) Obstruction of Justice Witness Tampering Through Intimidation, Threats, or Corrupt Persuasion

448. Plaintiff hereby reallages all paragraphs contained in the foregoing Verified Complaint and incorporates the same by reference as though fully set forth herein at length.

449. **Definition:** 18 U.S.C. § 1512(b)(1) and (2) Obstruction of Justice deals with the obstruction of justice, focusing on the crime of tampering with witnesses, victims, or informants making it a crime to knowingly use intimidation, threats, or corrupt persuasion, or to engage in misleading conduct, with the intent to influence, delay, or prevent the testimony of a witness or the production of evidence in an official proceeding. Section 2 criminalizes knowingly engaging in conduct that causes or attempts to cause a witness or informant to withhold testimony, fail to

provide information, or to refrain from cooperating with law enforcement or legal proceedings,

450. Defendants are mutually in direct violation of Federal Code 18 U.S.C. § 1512(b)(1) and (2)

Obstruction of Justice because of their coercion, threats and deceit they perpetuated against

information against Plaintiff in an attempt to deceive potential witnesses, as well as coercing

victims and witnesses from testify to Police or FBI. Defendants intentionally and knowingly and

abundantly caused Plaintiff's agents to have false information, including but not limited to, false

reports and recordings, false information, intentionally causing security and investigators to have

Plaintiff. Defendants continuously threatened Plaintiff and obstructed justice to falsify

through intimidation, threats, or corrupt persuasion.

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such false information including falsifying reports and recordings, causing agents and attorneys to over-charge and frighten Plaintiff, causing witnesses to change their testimony, causing victims to have continuous fear of Defendants, causing harassment of Plaintiff's attorneys and paralegals, and invading the private affairs of plaintiff's family relationships.

451. Defendants' falsifying recordings were not solely based on content in said recordings, but also for intended use of illegal purposes to further their goals and agendas against Plaintiff and to corrupt accurate information given to Police and FBI.

452. Defendants' tactics were to force their victims into demise by persuading, intimidating, and use of threats, which also included object tampering, and attempts to prevent communication for individuals, which is a direct violation of the law.

453. Defendants caused Ms. Taft and others' suffering, which does not end, to this day.

454. Defendants knowingly engaged in conduct to tamper with witnesses and victims, intending

to hinder, delay, or prevent communication to law enforcement authorities, causing harm and

incorporates the same by reference as though fully set forth herein at length.

establishes the inalienable rights of individuals within the state. It states:

460. **Definition:** California Constitution, Article I, Section 1 is a fundamental provision that

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"All people are by nature free and independent and have inalienable rights. Among these are enjoying and defending life and liberty, acquiring, possessing, and protecting property, and pursuing and obtaining safety, happiness, and privacy."

California Constitution Article I, Section 1 is a declaration of rights, affirming the principles of personal freedom and the protection of individual liberties. It underlines that these rights are inherent and cannot be surrendered or taken away, emphasizing the state's commitment to safeguarding the fundamental freedoms and well-being of its residents.

461. Defendants are in direct violation of California Constitution, Article I, Section 1 because

their actions directly violated Plaintiffs fundamental rights that she is entitled to. Plaintiff's rights are inherent and cannot be surrendered or taken away, and Plaintiff did not permit Defendant's to conduct themselves in such a manner, but rather, Plaintiff continuously asked Defendants to stop their behaviors and conduct such as their harassment and invasion of privacy, including but not limited to, sending them a Cease and Desist Notice. Defendants made false statements about the Plaintiff, linking her to criminal investigations, and used her private audio recordings without consent, further exacerbating the invasion of her privacy. Defendant's circumstances, including the nature of the acts done, the relationships between their acts against Plaintiff and their interests are a violation under California Constitution, Article I, Section 1.

Plaintiff's Invasion of Privacy:

462. Defendants intruded upon Plaintiff's private affairs, with plenty of evidence of them identifying Plaintiff's physical area, physical location, Plaintiff's sensibility, privacy and private data of Plaintiff. Defendant's continuously accessed Plaintiff's data and conversations, since approximately September 2022 with continuous invasion of her privacy up to present date, as of the date of the filing of this Complaint. Defendants systematically intruded upon Plaintiff's

1	private affairs by identifying her physical location, accessing sensitive personal data without
2	consent, and persistently monitoring her activities. These actions, conducted despite the
3	plaintiff's reasonable expectation of privacy and repeated requests to cease, demonstrate a
5	flagrant disregard for legal and ethical boundaries.
6	463. Plaintiff has a reasonable expectation of privacy under rule of law, specifically California
7	Constitution Article I, Section 1.
8	464. Defendant's invasion against Plaintiff was in a manner which is highly offensive towards
9	Plaintiff.
10 11	465. Defendants do not have consent from Plaintiff for all actions they perpetuated against
12	Plaintiff, to act in such a manner to invade her privacy.
13	466. Defendants were sent a Cease-and-Desist letter and reported multiple times to stop
14	invading the private affairs of Plaintiff.
15	467. Defendants don't have conditional privilege to Plaintiffs private affairs.
16 17	468. Defendants were not stating an opinion of Plaintiff, rather they had intent to threaten her,
18	and attempt to ruin her social affairs and her life, indefinitely.
19	469. Mr. Waldman was aware that Mr. Barresi did intrude upon Plaintiff's Privacy and planned
20	in accordance to and with Mr. Barresi to invade privacy of, harass, inflict emotional distress
21	upon Plaintiff.
22	470. Defendants continued their threatening abuse of process to invade privacy of Plaintiff with
23	extortionary tactics of interstate communications for Defendants' private commercial interests in
25	order to further their motives.
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1	which Plaintiff was in a private matter handling private affairs. Defendant's intrusions are
2	egregious breaches of social norms, and are highly offensive to an ordinary, reasonable
3	person. Defendant's actions have caused significant emotional harm, meeting the legal criteria
5	established in cases like Hernandez v. Hillside, Inc., Sanders v. Arn Broadcasting Corp., and
6	Marich v. MGMG/UA Telecommunications Inc. In summary, where the Plaintiff contends that
7	the Defendants' actions constitute unlawful intrusion upon her privacy, harassment, and
8	emotional distress, supported by evidence and legal precedents in California and Federal courts
9	478. Mr. Waldman, in collaboration with Mr. Barresi, knowingly planned and participated in
10	actions to invade the Plaintiff's privacy, harass her, and cause emotional distress, for the benefit
11 12	of Mr. Depp.
13	479. Moreover, the Defendants' collaboration and intent to harm the Plaintiff for purported gain
14	further underscore their culpability in this privacy infringement.
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	480. Through their persistent intrusion and dissemination of false information, the Defendants
16 17	have inflicted significant emotional distress and violated the Plaintiff's fundamental rights to
18	privacy and personal autonomy.
19	481. The Defendants' actions represent a clear violation of the Plaintiff's privacy rights under
20	California Constitution, Article I, Section 1.
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22	Plaintiff's Mother's Invasion of Privacy:
23	482. Defendants continuously invaded Plaintiffs privacy by emailing to Plaintiff her deceased
24	Mother Victoria's coroner report and body connected to title "THE HOLLYWOOD FIXER
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26	about Plaintiff's mother is extremely distressing to Plaintiff.
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483. Defendants negligently and intentionally published a photo of the coroner report.

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Private Affairs. Specifically, Section 1800 Intrusion into Private Affairs applies to the invasion

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of privacy for Plaintiff by Defendant's because Mr. Barresi and Mr. Waldman violated her right to privacy.

490. Ms. Taft had a reasonable expectation of privacy in private affairs related to mother's death and wealth inheritances, audio recordings of her conversations with Jane Doe, her location and address, alleged paternity, alleged sexual relations of her deceased mother, alleged half siblings, and alleged sexuality.

491. Mr. Barresi intentionally intruded in her mother's death and wealth inheritances, audio

alleged sexual relations of her deceased mother, alleged half siblings, and alleged sexuality.

492. Audio recordings of Plaintiff's conversations with Jane Doe were released by Defendants of Plaintiff's location and address, alleged paternity, alleged sexual relations of her deceased mother, alleged half siblings, and alleged sexuality, among other factors, the following are true:

recordings of her conversations with Jane Doe, her location and address, alleged paternity,

- (i) The identity of Mr. Barresi and Mr. Waldman is identified.
- (ii) The extent to which Defendant's had access to her mother's death and wealth inheritances, audio recordings of her conversations with Jane Doe, her location and address, alleged paternity, alleged sexual relations of her deceased mother, alleged half siblings, and alleged sexuality and could see or hear Ms. Taft are intrusive by nature; and
- (iii) The intrusion occurred unauthorized and unconsented to, including access to audio recordings and data.
- 493. Plaintiff's intrusion is highly offensive to any reasonable person. The extent of the intrusion has been continuous and still ongoing, and Mr. Barresi and Mr. Waldman's motives

501. Defendants were not stating an opinion.

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and goals were to harass and threaten and put Plaintiff in a state of panic at all times, and the setting in which the intrusion occurred was multiple locations on a daily basis.

494. The Defendants did not stop although receiving a Cease-and-Desist letter by Plaintiff.

495. The Defendants' actions against the Plaintiff starkly illustrate a severe invasion of privacy on multiple fronts. Defendants continued intentionally and negligently, to invade the Plaintiff's privacy by emailing her deceased mother's coroner report with a disturbing title and subsequently publishing a photo of the report. These acts caused extreme distress to the Plaintiff. By unlawfully obtaining and disseminating sensitive personal information—including her deceased mother's coroner report and intimate details about her family and personal life—the Defendants egregiously violated the Plaintiff's right to privacy. These intrusions were not only intentional and highly offensive but also caused profound emotional distress and harm to the Plaintiff.

Moreover, the Defendants' exploitation of private recordings and personal data for alleged commercial gain underscores the malicious nature of their actions. In sum, the continuous and unauthorized invasion into the Plaintiff's private affairs represents a clear and egregious breach of privacy, warranting accountability under the law.

496. Defendant's actions do constitute a clear violation of the Plaintiff's privacy rights and have caused significant emotional harm and distress to Plaintiff.

497. Mr. Barresi and Mr. Waldman's intrusion would be highly offensive to a reasonable person.

498. Ms. Taft was harmed.

499. Defendant's conduct was a substantial factor in causing Ms. Taft's harm.

500. Defendant's don't have conditional privilege.

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502. Defendants did not have consent of Plaintiff for all actions they perpetuated against Plaintiff.

503. Since Ms. Taft had a reasonable expectation of privacy in her mother's death and wealth inheritances, Defendants need to be held responsible.

504. Defendants should be held liable for violating Plaintiffs privacy, specifically California Constitution, Article I, Section 1, which provides a constitutional right to privacy to Plaintiff, protecting her from invasions of her personal space and information.

505. Due to Defendants unauthorized interception, recording of communications, and unauthorized surveillance, without Plaintiff's consent, Defendants should be held liable under California Penal Code Sections 630-638 and California Invasion of Privacy Act (CIPA), and California Civil Code Section 1708.8.

506. Plaintiff respectfully requests that this Court issue an injunction to prevent further invasion of Plaintiff's privacy by the Defendants. This request is made pursuant to Plaintiff's right to privacy as guaranteed under Article I, Section 1 of the California Constitution.

507. Plaintiff is entitled to remedies under California Penal Code Section 637.2, and reimbursement of legal costs and therefore Plaintiff asks this Court to hold Defendants liable for damages, both jointly and severally, as allowed by Law, in an amount to be proven at trial, currently estimated in excess of \$2,000,000 for the costs to Plaintiff, including corrections with investigations and security during an ongoing co-conspiracy between Defendants, and to temporarily and permanently enjoin Defendants from invading Plaintiff's privacy rights as alleged herein. Plaintiff also asks the Court to enter an award of punitive damages against Defendants for their fraud, oppression and malice toward Plaintiff.

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Use of Name or Likeness Civil Code § 3344

508. Plaintiff hereby reallages all paragraphs contained in the foregoing Verified Complaint and incorporates the same by reference as though fully set forth herein at length. 509. **Definition:** CACI No. 1804A pertains to a legal instruction used in California civil court cases involving claims under California Civil Code section 3344. This section deals with the unauthorized use of a person's name or likeness for commercial purposes and addresses the elements required to prove a claim for the unauthorized use of name or likeness including Defendants use, for commercial purpose, and not having consent. It prohibits the use of an individual's identity for commercial gain without their prior consent. The statute allows individuals to seek damages and other legal remedies if their name or likeness has been used without authorization, particularly if such use has resulted in financial gain to the Defendant. Civil Code § 3344 also covers situations where a person's identity is used in a misleading or damaging manner, potentially causing harm to their privacy. 510. Defendants are in direct violation of CACI No. 1804A. Use of Name or Likeness (Civ. Code, § 3344) because they used Plaintiff's name and likeness for falsifying her identity and for commercial purposes without Plaintiffs permission, and with no consent, and the Plaintiff suffered harm and damages as a result of Defendants unauthorized use. Specifically, Mr. Barresi knowingly utilized Ms. Taft's name, voice, and likeness in promotional materials profiling her as a "Hollywood Fixer," directly linking it to their commercial endeavors. 511. Mr. Barresi knowingly and without consent, express or implied, used Ms. Taft's name/voice/likeness on files to advertise and sell to Mr. Waldman and Mr. Depp, in which they purchased the entire content, in the amount of \$500,000 USD, as part of being profiled as a **VERIFIED COMPLAINT 93**

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suppressed person as for the role of "Hollywood Fixer." A minimum of one financial transaction took place in approximately July 2023, which was surveilled by a Private Investigator. 512. Defendant's Mr. Barresi and Mr. Waldman's use of Ms. Taft's name/voice/likeness was directly connected to Mr. Barresi and Mr. Waldman's commercial purpose causing Plaintiff loss of relationships and safety while profiling her directly linking it to their commercial endeavors. Defendants manipulated perception, including of their current and previous clients to retaliate against Ms. Taft, to cause witnesses and victims to spread fear to Ms. Taft, to cause retaliation from any investigation authorities, and to "fix" cases involving Mr. Depp, by disseminating these materials which further exacerbated the harm caused to Ms. Taft. 513. Defendant's Mr. Barresi and Mr. Waldman did not have Ms. Taft's consent, as Ms. Taft did not consent to her audio, including with potential witnesses or victims of assaults, being used for commercial purposes. Defendants had unauthorized use of audio recordings discussing sensitive personal matters. Mr. Barresi's and Mr. Waldman's intent of using Ms. Taft's likeness to manipulate perception, including of their current and previous clients to retaliate against Ms. Taft, to cause witnesses and victims to spread fear to Ms. Taft, to cause retaliation from any investigation authorities, and to "fix" cases involving Mr. Depp, by disseminating these materials further exacerbated the harm caused to Ms. Taft. 514. Defendant Mr. Barresi with intent of "fixing" sent the likeness of Ms. Taft to agents of Mr. Depp, including Defendant Mr. Waldman, publicists, security, and of items that contain the content of audios, to others for commercial use and to cause retaliation.

515. Ms. Taft was harmed by Defendants by causing fear of violence and retaliation towards

her. Defendants had commercial gain, without Plaintiff's consent and caused her detriment.

1	516. Defendant's Mr. Barresi and Mr. Waldman's conduct was a substantial factor in causing
2	Ms. Taft's harm.
3	517. Consequently, the Defendants' exploitation of Ms. Taft's identity for commercial gain
5	constitutes a clear violation of her privacy rights, causing substantial harm and distress.
6	518. Under CACI No. 1804A. Use of Name or Likeness (Civ. Code, § 3344), Plaintiff is entitle
7	to a right to control and protect her name, voice, signature, photograph, or likeness for her own
8	commercial purposes.
9	519. Under CACI No. 1804A. Use of Name or Likeness (Civ. Code, § 3344), Plaintiff has the
10	right to prohibit the use of her individual's identity for commercial gain without their prior
11	consent.
13	520. The content belonged to Plaintiff, solely.
14	521. The Defendants' use of Ms. Taft's name and likeness for commercial gain, without her
15	consent and to her detriment, clearly constitutes a violation of her rights under California law.
16	These actions underscore a breach of privacy and a disregard for her legal protections against
17	unauthorized commercial exploitation of her identity. Defendants should be held liable for
18 19	violating Plaintiffs rights.
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21	522. Defendants acted intentionally and negligently towards Plaintiff.
22	523. Defendants should be held liable for damages, both jointly and severally, as allowed by
23	Law, in an amount to be proven at trial, currently estimated in excess of \$2,000,000 for the cost
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25	conspiracy between Defendants, for violating Plaintiffs privacy, specifically CACI No. 1804A.
26 27	Use of Name or Likeness (Civ. Code, § 3344), as their actions were intentional and negligent by
28	nature, and they used Plaintiff's name, likeness, photographs and other materials for commercia
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purposes, without consent of Plaintiff, and the Court should temporarily and permanently enjoin Defendants from using Plaintiff's name and likeness as alleged herein. Plaintiff also asks this Court to enter an award of punitive damages against Defendants for their fraud, oppression and malice toward Plaintiff.

524. Plaintiff respectfully requests this Court issue an injunction against the Defendants, to prevent further unauthorized use of Plaintiff's name, likeness, and/or other personal attributes for commercial purposes. This request is made pursuant to Civil Code Section 3344, which protects individuals from the unauthorized commercial exploitation of their identity.

FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF Civil Harassment California Code of Civil Procedure § 527.6

525. Plaintiff hereby reallages all paragraphs contained in the foregoing Verified Complaint and incorporates the same by reference as though fully set forth herein at length.

526. **Definition:** "California Code of Civil Procedure § 527.6" defines "harassment" as unlawful violence, a credible threat of violence, or a pattern of conduct that seriously alarms, annoys, or harasses another person, and that serves no legitimate purpose. It is "an intentional or knowing course of conduct directed at an individual." The conduct must be such that it would cause a reasonable person to suffer substantial emotional distress. This statute allows individuals who are suffering from harassment to obtain a restraining order to prevent further contact from the harasser. The goal is to protect the victim from ongoing harassment that causes substantial emotional distress.

527. Defendants are in direct violation of California Code of Civil Procedure § 527.6 because from the moment Plaintiff spoke with and discovered witnesses of the Viper Room, she was declared as someone to suppress and has been subjected to a series of acts of harassment by VERIFIED COMPLAINT 96

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Defendants and Defendants' agents, as they employed private investigators to intimidate and invade Plaintiff's personal and professional spaces, as outlined comprehensively in preceding statements. Defendants also harass Plaintiff's friends, other victims, potential witnesses as well as invading the privacy of Plaintiff's content and her mother's privacy. Some examples of Defendants' harassment towards Plaintiff, her friends and coworkers and associates included being harassed and invaded by private investigators at the behest of Defendants. Defendants' course of conduct includes, but is not limited to, harassing Ms. Taft about her mother's death, locating Plaintiff and constantly searching to know her whereabouts, invading family information, sending harassing correspondence to Plaintiff and to others with threats, including business associates and possible partners of Plaintiff. The Defendants have also engaged in sending harassing communications to the Plaintiff and others associated with her professional and personal circles. The Plaintiff has endured threatening behaviors and implications of violence, instilling fear for her safety and that of her friends and associates. Despite lacking any 16 legitimate purpose, these actions have persisted for over two years, documented and ongoing, causing significant emotional distress and harm to the Plaintiff. Defendants continuously harass Plaintiff to this day. 528. Defendants' pattern of conduct was conducted with the intent to harass Plaintiff, and it was criminal in nature. 529. The harassing emails, invasions of privacy into private affairs by using unconsented audio recordings, and actions by Defendants would justify Ms. Taft in seeking and obtaining a 24 restraining order for harassment. Plaintiff was unable to file for a Temporary Restraining Order 26 (TRO) under California Code of Civil Procedure § 527.6 due to coercion and significant barriers placed by Defendants such as their harassing and threatening her potential attorney's, by first **VERIFIED COMPLAINT 97**

identifying who Plaintiff has been in communication with, and who Plaintiff was planning to

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retain for legal aid, and then wanting to file a CHRO from the Court. 530. Plaintiff also experienced scores of incidents of threats and implications of violence, placing Plaintiff in fear for her own safety and the safety of her friends and associates. Ms. Taft was 'to be' in fear for her life. These threats could not, and did not, serve any legitimate purpose. This conduct has alarmed, annoyed, and harassed Plaintiff, without any legitimate purpose other than to cause her harm. 531. The conduct by Defendants halted Plaintiff's career, work prospects, and educational studies due to their continuous harassment and retaliation, including towards wealthier individuals and potentially employers of Plaintiff, and the distress it caused Plaintiff. 532. The conduct of Defendants is at such a level as to cause a reasonable person to suffer substantial emotional distress as has been suffered by Ms. Taft. 533. The conduct has cost Plaintiff thousands of dollars to travel anytime she felt threatened, to flee her residence and her Country. 534. The Defendants' persistent harassment warrants legal intervention to protect her rights and safety. 535. Defendants should be held liable for violating Plaintiffs rights and for taking measures to ensure that not one attorney will aid Plaintiff in pursuing her legal rights and therefore Plaintiff asks this Court to hold Defendants liable for damages, both jointly and severally, as allowed by Law, in an amount to be proven at trial, currently estimated at an excess of \$2,000,000 for the costs to Plaintiff, including corrections with investigations and security during an ongoing co-

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harassing Plaintiff as alleged herein. Plaintiff also asks this Court to enter an award of punitive damages against Defendants for their fraud, oppression and malice toward Plaintiff. 536. Plaintiff respectfully requests that this Court issue an injunction against the Defendants, to protect her from ongoing civil harassment. This request is made pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure Section 527.6.

SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF Negligence, Civil Rights

537. Plaintiff hereby reallages all paragraphs contained in the foregoing Verified Complaint and incorporates the same by reference as though fully set forth herein at length.

538. **Definition:** Negligence in the context of civil rights violations refers to a legal claim where an individual or entity is alleged to have failed to exercise the level of care that a reasonable person would in similar circumstances, resulting in harm or deprivation of civil rights.

539. Defendants are in direct violation of Plaintiff's Civil Rights and are negligent, failing to exercise Duty of Care toward Plaintiff by infringing on her rights and rights of others. Defendants acted in multiple ways which fell short of a standard of care towards another human being. Defendants infringed on Plaintiff's rights in multiple ways including negligently continuously threatening her, violating her personal rights, and interfering with and tampering of evidence. Defendants failed to exercise Duty of Care, acted in a way that falls short of the standard of care expected, breached their duty, and are the direct cause of causing Plaintiff to suffer harm.

540. Defendant Mr. Waldman knew fully the liabilities of using Mr. Barresi as early as 2019. Mr. Waldman knew that Barresi can lie while he intimidates people, that he damages people, and death can result with his use. Defendant Mr. Wadman acted negligently by continuing to direct,

communicate with, and reward Mr. Barresi despite being aware of his propensity for dishonesty **VERIFIED COMPLAINT 99**

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factics as early as 2019. Mr. Waldman, fully aware of the risks associated with avior, ignored warnings and continued his association, even after specific Ir. Barresi's potential for criminal behavior and harmful intentions towards Ms. , witness Richard Albertini alerted Mr. Waldman's co-counsel in November arresi's tendencies towards blackmail and threats, which were apparently ubsequent actions in 2022 when Mr. Barresi obtained and edited an audio tape published it without consent. Mr. Barresi's statement indicating he works under lawyers further implies a level of oversight that, if negligent, could contribute d. As a result of these actions and omissions, Ms. Taft suffered harm, and Mr. Barresi's negligence is a significant factor in causing her distress and injury. Ir. Waldman continued to direct, communicate with, and reward Mr. Barresi is attacks towards Plaintiff Ms. Taft. Repeatedly, Defendant Mr. Barresi was arms to be perpetuated onto Ms. Taft. ndant Mr. Barresi harmed Plaintiff Ms. Taft, Mr. Waldman's co-counsel Mr. ld in November 2020 by witness Richard Albertini warnings that 'Barresi goes blackmail, extortion, and has tendencies to wish death upon his subjects'. Mr. Mr. Chew that he had a deal with Mr. Waldman. However, their conspiracy ontinued. Mr. Barresi obtained an audio tape, edited it, and published it. Ir. Barresi told Plaintiff Ms. Taft, in an email, that he "works directly for directly under their license - or another investigator's license, meaning he has to have some supervision capacity over him. 544. Plaintiff Ms. Taft asserts that she suffered harm due to the negligent actions of Defendants Mr. Waldman and Mr. Barresi.

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<u>SEVENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF</u> Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress (HED)

548. Plaintiff hereby reallages all paragraphs contained in the foregoing Verified Complaint and incorporates the same by reference as though fully set forth herein at length.549. **Definition:** Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress (IIED) is a legal claim in tort law

where a Plaintiff seeks damages for severe emotional suffering caused by the Defendant's extreme and outrageous conduct.

550. The Defendants had outrageous conduct towards Plaintiff, was exceeding the bounds of decency that society would tolerate, had intent and reckless nature of harassing Plaintiff to cause her severe emotional distress, and their actions were the direct cause of IIED towards Plaintiff.

Therefore, Defendants mutually are in direct violation of Intentional Infliction of Emotional

Distress (IIED) because not only were Defendants conduct harmful, but it shocks the conscience VERIFIED COMPLAINT 101

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and caused significant emotional suffering to Plaintiff. Plaintiff Ms. Taft asserts that Defendants Mr. Barresi and Mr. Waldman caused her significant emotional harm through their egregious conduct. Their actions included exploiting Ms. Taft and her deceased mother, using audio recordings to invade her privacy and likeness for profit, and making implied threats of harm and danger, including by criminal elements. They targeted Ms. Taft's associates and potential allies, attributing all negative consequences to her, thereby intimidating her social and professional relationships. This campaign of harassment and intimidation disrupted her daily life and personal relationships, instilling fear and preventing her from functioning normally. The conduct of Mr. Barresi, in particular, is described as outrageous and intended to inflict emotional distress upon Ms. Taft. Mr. Waldman's reckless disregard for the foreseeable emotional harm to Ms. Taft, coupled with his awareness of the ongoing distress caused by their actions, further supports the claim of severe emotional distress suffered by Ms. Taft. Ultimately, Ms. Taft contends that the conduct of both Defendants was a significant contributing factor in causing her severe emotional distress.

551. Defendant Waldman has a vested interest in conducting harm towards Plaintiff.

552. Plaintiff is harmed due to the brutal harms by Defendants exploiting her and her deceased mother Victoria.

553. The exploitation of audio tapes by Defendants was to invade private affairs and likeness of Plaintiff in order to sell, and to implicate to the death and danger including by the mob, which included their attacks on associates or potential associates of Plaintiff; while all harm is implicated to Ms. Taft, including but not limited to intimidating her friends, partners, and relations.

	554. Defendants Mr. Barresi and Mr. Waldman terrorized Ms. Taft and potential opposition (to
	Defendants) and terrorized Plaintiff's witnesses, preventing their testimony and preventing
	Plaintiff from having normal daily functioning and relationships.
	555. Defendant Mr. Barresi's conduct was outrageous and extreme, by nature.
	556. Defendant Mr. Waldman acted with reckless disregard of the probability that Ms. Taft
	would suffer emotional distress, knowing that Ms. Taft was present when the conduct occurred
	and that the conduct was towards Plaintiff with intent and negligence.
	557. Defendants collectively and intentionally caused infliction of emotional distress upon
	Plaintiff and both Defendants should be held liable for violating the Federal Laws and state of
	California, ensuring that Plaintiff can seek legal redress due to having suffered severe emotional
	distress due to the outrageous conduct of Defendants.
	558. Defendants Mr. Barresi and Mr. Waldman's direct conduct is what caused Plaintiff to suffer
	severe emotional distress.
	559. Plaintiff respectfully asks this Court to hold Defendants accountable, and therefore hold
	them liable for damages, both jointly and severally, as allowed by Law, in an amount to be
	proven at trial, due to them causing Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress (IIED) towards
	Plaintiff. Plaintiff also asks this Court to enter an award of punitive damages against Defendants
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Defendants is extreme and outrageous, in nature, and the distress Plaintiff suffers is severe. 560. Furthermore, Plaintiff respectfully requests this Court issue an injunction against the Defendants, to prevent further harm resulting from the Defendant's actions constituting

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EIGHT CLAIM FOR RELIEF
Negligent Infliction of Emotional Distress (NIED)

Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress (IIED). This request seeks to address and mitigate the

ongoing severe emotional distress caused by the Defendant's conduct.

561. Plaintiff hereby reallages all paragraphs contained in the foregoing Verified Complaint and incorporates the same by reference as though fully set forth herein at length.

562. **Definition:** Negligent Infliction of Emotional Distress (NIED) is a legal claim where a

Plaintiff seeks damages for emotional suffering caused by the Defendant's negligent conduct.

Unlike Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress (IIED), NIED does not require the

Defendant's conduct to be outrageous or intentional, but rather focuses on the Defendant's failure

to exercise reasonable care.

563. Defendants are in direct violation of Negligent Infliction of Emotional Distress (NIED)

because they caused Plaintiff to suffer significant emotional distress due to their negligent

conduct by continuous harassment, invading her privacy, and threatening her life. Defendants

failed to exercise duty of care, failed to act with the level of care that a reasonable person would

under similar circumstances towards another human being, are the direct cause of Plaintiff's

suffering, and Plaintiff has suffered severe emotional distress due to the Defendant's negligence.

564. Defendant Mr. Waldman hired Defendant Mr. Barresi to work for him with knowledge of

Mr. Barresi's prior work, with the intent of using Barresi's conduct to inflict harm upon

Plaintiff. Defendant Waldman knew and was well aware of the dangers posed by Defendant Mr.

Barresi's conduct due to prior actions towards other victims caused by Mr. Barresi.

565. Defendant Waldman has a vested interest in conducting harm towards Plaintiff.

566. Defendant Mr. Waldman directed and supervised Defendant Mr. Barresi how to inflict harm

and further such said infliction of harm upon victims including upon Plaintiff Ms. Taft. His VERIFIED COMPLAINT 104

1	intent was to direct and supervise Defendant Barresi to continue such behavior of NIED towards
2	Plaintiff, which was reckless by nature.
3	567. Defendant Mr. Waldman's behaviors included lack of proper direction and management in
5	actions towards Plaintiff. Therefore, Defendant Mr. Waldman's actions, as well as direct
6	supervision of Mr. Barresi's actions are what led to both Defendants being negligent towards
7	Plaintiff and causing NIED towards Plaintiff.
8	568. Plaintiff is informed and thereon alleges Defendant Mr. Waldman should have known that
9	his failure to exercise due care in hiring and using Defendant Mr. Barresi while supervising Mr.
10	Barresi, and lack of maintaining a safe environment, would put Plaintiff in danger.
12	569. Plaintiff Ms. Taft requested that Mr. Waldman stop his invasion of her privacy.
13	570. Defendant Mr. Waldman ignored Plaintiff's request to stop invading her privacy.
4	571. Mr. Waldman's directives and rewards to Mr. Barresi continued, with full knowledge of Mr.
15	Barresi's harmful conduct towards Plaintiff.
16 17	572. Defendants continued invading Plaintiffs privacy.
18	573. Defendants continued inflicting NIED upon Plaintiff.
19	574. Mr. Waldman's failure to control Mr. Barresi's conduct after April 2020 and after
20	September 2022, and with continuing conduct, caused Plaintiff to suffer pain, humiliation, sever
21	emotional distress, and mental suffering. Plaintiff's emotional distress was severe and a direct
22 23	result of the Defendant's negligence, and it was reasonably foreseeable given the circumstances.
24	575. Furthermore, Mr. Waldman's directions and rewards to Mr. Barresi persuaded him to
25	continue with said such behavior, with knowledge of his conduct causing Plaintiff to suffer more
26	so, including continuous humiliation, severe emotional distress and mental suffering.
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576. Plaintiff asserts that Mr. Waldman's negligent conduct was the proximate cause of her severe emotional distress, humiliation, and mental suffering.

577. Defendants have a duty to exercise care towards individuals, including Plaintiff, under California Civil Code Section 1714.

further actions from Defendants highlighted their failure to prevent the harm Plaintiff endured. 579. Defendants collectively and intentionally, were negligent and their actions were a direct cause of negligent infliction of emotional distress upon Plaintiff and both Defendants should be held liable for violating the Federal Laws and state of California, ensuring that Plaintiff can seek legal redress due to having suffered severe emotional distress due to the outrageous conduct of

580. Due to Defendants reckless behavior in causing Negligent intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress (NIED), and under California Civil Code Restatement (Second) of Torts, Section 313 and Section 436, Defendants should be held liable for emotional distress perpetuated upon Plaintiff, due to their conduct being negligent in nature, and Defendants actions resulted in emotional harm upon Plaintiff, and the distress Plaintiff suffers is severe.

581. Therefore, Plaintiff asks this Court to hold Defendants liable for damages, both jointly and severally, as allowed by Law, in an amount to be proven at trial.

582. Furthermore, Plaintiff respectfully requests this Court issue an injunction against the Defendants, to address and prevent further harm resulting from the Defendant's negligent conduct, which has caused Plaintiff significant emotional distress. This request is made pursuant to Plaintiff's claim of Negligent Infliction of Emotional Distress (NIED).

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NINTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

VERIFIED COMPLAINT 107

Interstate communications 18 U.S. Code § 875

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	583. Plaintiff hereby reallages all paragraphs contained in the foregoing Verified Complaint and
	incorporates the same by reference as though fully set forth herein at length.
	584. Definition: 18 U.S. Code § 875 - Interstate communications is defined as "whoever
	transmits in interstate or foreign commerce any communication containing any threat to kidnap
	any person or any threat to injure the person of another, shall be fined under this title or
	imprisoned not more than five years, or both."
	585. From February to March 2024, Plaintiff Ms. Taft emails, speaks over the phone, and is
	interviewed by the FBI including with documentation and in relation to "withhold testimony or
	information with respect to another's legal claim or defense." It included the private jet from
	Washington DC payoff/financial transaction, and the extortionary tactics with blackmailing and
	coercion she had been put through by Mr. Barresi and Mr. Waldman. At her interview in the
	Honolulu field office, Ms. Taft was told that victim services may contact her.
	586. In 2024, Plaintiff had to report to 5 FBI agents a detailed timeline report including files,
	these threats and travel by Defendants.
	587. The crimes perpetrated by Defendants, specifically the interstate threatening
	communications included both Defendants sending Plaintiff her address which was a way to
	inform her they know where she lives; and Defendant Mr. Barresi continuously discussing with
	Defendant Mr. Waldman their desires regarding break ins/vandalism against witnesses. Plaintiff
	feared it happening to her and she reported this evidence as part of her interviews for the
	'Timeline Report of blackmailing Ms. Taft' specifically under the FBI Tip for Violent Crimes
	Committed, including Interstate Threatening Communications.

1	588. Ms. Taft reported the threat, "accusing being a hitman & killing a woman by throwing her
2	off a roof. Now she says she lives in constant fear for her life" and exploitation in relation to
3 4	"withhold testimony or information with respect to another's legal claim or defense."
5	589. Defendants edited audio recordings to allege a mafia murder, edited emails on protection
6	fees, and of witnessing hiring to kill others.
7	590. Defendants conspired to make Plaintiff and potential witnesses be in fear of their lives from
8	hitmen and instead of stopping harassment related to the film business, fear of mafia hits.
9	591. Defendants altered audio and made threats to force this fear. Defendants connected \$10
10	million to Plaintiff and the worth of witnesses.
12	592. Defendants with their intimidation with death desired of her made Plaintiff afraid of
13	dangers to her safety when they obtained her address, including of break-ins, vandalism
14	discussed between Defendant 1 and Defendant 2. "Even to physical violence" was added to the
15	correlation by Defendants while using her ghosted image and cursing her with her family. This
16 17	was reported as part of the timeline given for FBI victim interviews.
18	593. Defendants have repeatedly threatened Ms. Taft, and said to her that she "should die" and
19	that "she's dead," and they acted with the intent to communicate said threats towards
20	Plaintiff. Said threats continued even when Plaintiff sent a Cease-and-Desist letter. Defendant's
21	communication was made with the purpose of causing fear and apprehension of harm to
22 23	Plaintiff.
24	594. Defendants made written, oral, verbal and electronic threats across multiple state lines,
25	against multiple victims and potential witnesses, and potential attorneys of Plaintiff, as well as
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595. Defendant's communication contained multiple threats, in excess. Their messages conveyed a threat of violence and harm to Plaintiff.

596. The Defendants' communication was made with intent to transmit the threat across state lines, and Plaintiff has valid proof that the communication was sent and received across state boundaries.

597. Defendant's interstate communication was not only a threat but also caused harm and damages towards Plaintiff and Plaintiff suffered as a result of the threatening communication, including but not limited to emotional distress and other damages.

598. Due to Defendants continuous threats against Plaintiff, which establish the violations by rule of Law, under 18 U.S. Code § 875 - Interstate communications and under California Civil Code Restatement (Second) of Torts, Section 313 and Section 436, Defendants should be held liable for what they perpetrated upon Plaintiff, due to their conduct being negligent in nature, and Defendants actions resulted in emotional harm upon Plaintiff, and the distress Plaintiff suffers is severe.

599. Therefore, Plaintiff asks this Court to hold Defendants liable for damages, both jointly and severally, as allowed by Law, in an amount to be proven at trial, currently estimated in excess of \$2,000,000 for the costs to Plaintiff, including corrections with investigations and security during an ongoing co-conspiracy between Defendants, and to temporarily and permanently enjoin Defendants from threatening Plaintiff through interstate communications as alleged herein.

600. Furthermore, Plaintiff also respectfully asks this Court to enter an award of punitive damages against Defendants for their fraud, oppression and malice toward Plaintiff.

TENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Interstate and Foreign Travel or 	Transportation in Aid of Racketeering Enterprises
_	18 U.S.C. § 1952
	The Travel Act

601. Plaintiff hereby reallages all paragraphs contained in the foregoing Verified Complaint and incorporates the same by reference as though fully set forth herein at length.

602. **Definition:** The Travel Act criminalizes the use of interstate or foreign travel or

transportation to facilitate or further illegal activities. The statute specifically targets activities related to racketeering, including organized crime. The statute covers the use of travel or transportation across state or international lines with the intent to promote or facilitate criminal activities. For Racketeering, the crimes covered include any offenses related to racketeering, which generally involves engaging in illegal business activities, such as bribery, extortion, and other forms of organized crime. The statute makes it a crime to use travel or transportation to promote or facilitate, engage in or facilitate criminal conduct that is punishable under State or Federal Laws, particularly crimes related to racketeering or organized crime or to conduct or operate a business that is in itself illegal or that is used to further illegal activities. The statute also criminalizes conspiracy to commit or attempt to commit offenses covered by the Travel Act. This means that even if the actual criminal activity has not occurred, planning or attempting to engage in such conduct is punishable.

603. Defendants utilized interstate travel and communications to cover up their agency through hiding financial transactions. Surveillance by private investigators with JCB International Security and consulting includes accounts by federal agents.

604. Defendants conspired to misrepresent the agency of a fixer to a billionaire and actress, and to force any witnesses to be afraid.

605. Defendants did so to benefit their Principle, Mr. Depp. VERIFIED COMPLAINT 110

1 606. Defendants Mr. Waldman and Mr. Barresi knew Mr. Barresi worked for indicted Mr. 2 Pellicano, as shown in evidence of telephone conversations, in a racketeering enterprise. Tactics 3 learned from these federal crimes, with 110 indictments against Mr. Pellicano, were exploited by 4 Mr. Waldman and Mr. Barresi. 5 607. The Defendants traveled and obscured services across state lines. 6 7 608. One of these tactics is hiding financial transactions and assets of the agency. 8 609. Defendant's behavior shows the extortionate tactics to implicate billionaire financing and financial transactions to threats. 10 610. Defendants directly obscured and fabricated evidence through crossing state lines to attempt 11 to implicate such said financing and financial transactions to further their threats against Plaintiff 12 13 as well as potential witnesses, and individuals in federal agencies. 14 611. Defendants had the specific intent to further or facilitate said unlawful activity as their 15 actions were aimed at aiding the illegal activities as well as furthering their tactics. 16 612. Defendant's travel was directly connected to the illegal activity. 17 613. The Defendants used and transported said funds across state lines to aid the illegal 18 19 activities. 20 614. Defendants' behavior was directly done with the intent to promote, manage, establish, and 21 carry on said unlawful activities, and to conceal and disguise the nature, location, source, 22 ownership, and control of their unlawful activities which include, but are not limited to, bribery, 23 and coercive tactics, as the money transfer was from the principle to Defendants. 24 25 615. Plaintiff was harmed directly for this conspiracy scheme across state lines. 26 616. Plaintiff has the full ability to provide evidence supporting each of these elements to prove 27 the Defendant's guilt under rule of Law. 28 VERIFIED COMPLAINT 111

617. Due to Defendants continuous illegal activities across state lines which establish the violations by rule of Law, under 18 U.S.C. § 1952, Interstate and Foreign Travel or Transportation in Aid of Racketeering Enterprises, as well as The Travel Act, Defendants should be held liable for what they perpetrated upon Plaintiff, due to their conduct being negligent in nature, and Defendants actions resulted in emotional harm upon Plaintiff, and the distress Plaintiff suffers is severe.

618. Therefore, Plaintiff respectfully asks this Court to hold Defendants liable for damages, both jointly and severally, as allowed by Law, in an amount to be proven at trial, currently estimated to be in excess of \$2,000,000 in costs to Plaintiff, including corrections with investigations and security during an ongoing co-conspiracy between Defendants, and to temporarily and permanently enjoin Defendants from engaging in criminal conduct against Plaintiff through interstate travel as alleged herein.

619. Furthermore, Plaintiff also respectfully asks this Court to enter an award of punitive

ELEVENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF Destruction, Alteration, or Falsification of Records 18 U.S.C. § 1519

damages against Defendants for their fraud, oppression and malice toward Plaintiff.

620. Plaintiff hereby reallages all paragraphs contained in the foregoing Verified Complaint and incorporates the same by reference as though fully set forth herein at length.

621. **Definition:** 18 U.S.C. § 1519 addresses the Destruction, Alteration, or Falsification of Records in Federal investigations and bankruptcy proceedings. The statute criminalizes the act of intentionally destroying records, intentionally modifying records, and intentionally creating false records.

1	622. Defendants altered audio tapes, emails, documents, statements of potential witnesses, and
2	records to harm Plaintiff and others in their scheme. Defendants' access to information and
3 4	people is inherently dangerous. Defendants admitted repeatedly their intent to obstruct
5	investigations and set up witnesses and Plaintiff to be arrested, injured, or flee jurisdictions.
6	Defendants openly discuss fabricating timelines of events for their illegal purposes to falsely set
7	up their targets. Defendants object tampering, specifically audio tapes and statements of people,
8	is directly linked to unlawful and illegal activity.
9 10	623. Defendants altered the purposes of financial transactions and contracts, and did so to
11	obscure their agency and illegal purposes.
12	624. Defendants' unlawful activities are beyond invasion of privacy and due to the issue of the
13	accessing private and sensitive information of individuals.
14	625. The Defendants acted with the intent to impede, obstruct, and influence the investigations
15 16	and proceeding.
17	626. Defendants destroyed, altered and falsified records with the purpose being intentional to
18	mislead, misguide and re-direct the investigation to protect themselves.
19	627. The destruction, alteration, and falsification of records was done by Defendants knowingly
20	and with purpose.
21 22	628. Under Actus Reus (Criminal Act), the Defendants engaged in one or more of these acts
23	concerning records and continuously and intentionally destroyed, altered, and falsified
24	documentary evidence.
25	629. The records involved are documentary in nature and material to a federal investigation.
26	630. Said records are physical documents, testimonies, and digital records.
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VERIFIED COMPLAINT 113

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1	631. Defendants acted with the specific intent to obstruct, impede, or influence the investigation
2	or proceeding and the destruction, alteration, or falsification was done knowingly and
3	deliberately to interfere with the process.
5	632. The records are material to the investigations and hold significance and relevance to the
6	matter being investigated and adjudicated.
7	633. Defendants both did know the records were being altered.
8	634. Due to Defendants continuous illegal activities by intentionally destroying records,
9	intentionally modifying records, and intentionally creating false records, and the
10	violations by rule of Law, under 18 U.S.C. § 1519, Destruction, Alteration, or Falsification of
11 12	Records Defendants should be held liable for what they perpetrated upon Plaintiff, due to their
13	conduct being negligent in nature, and Defendants actions resulted in emotional harm upon
14	Plaintiff, and the distress Plaintiff suffers is severe.
15	635. Therefore, Plaintiff respectfully asks this Court to hold Defendants liable for damages, both
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17	jointly and severally, as allowed by Law, in an amount to be proven at trial, and to temporarily
18	and permanently enjoin Defendants from destroying and falsifying records as alleged herein.
19	636. Furthermore, Plaintiff also respectfully asks this Court to enter an award of punitive
20	damages against Defendants for their fraud, oppression and malice toward Plaintiff.
21	TWELFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF
22	CIVIL RICO ACT Racketeering Activity
23	18 U.S. Code 1961 & 18 U.S.C. § 1962
24	637. Plaintiff hereby reallages all paragraphs contained in the foregoing Verified Complaint and
25 26	incorporates the same by reference as though fully set forth herein at length.
27	638. Definition: 18 U.S. Code § 1961 is part of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt
28	Organizations (RICO) Act, which is designed to combat organized crime in the United

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States. This includes a variety of criminal offenses that fall under State or Federal Laws, such as bribery, extortion, fraud, and certain violent crimes. 18 U.S.C. § 1962 outlines the prohibited activities under RICO, including the ways in which it is illegal to engage in racketeering activities or to conduct an enterprise through a pattern of racketeering activity. 18 U.S.C. § 1962(a) makes it unlawful for any person who has received income derived from a pattern of racketeering activity to use or invest that income in the operation of an enterprise engaged in or affecting interstate or foreign commerce. Essentially, it prohibits the investment of racketeering proceeds into the enterprise. 18 U.S.C. § 1962(b) prohibits any person from acquiring or maintaining an interest in or control of an enterprise through a pattern of racketeering activity. In other words, it makes it illegal to use racketeering activity to gain control over an enterprise. 18 U.S.C. § 1962(c) makes it unlawful for any person to conduct or participate, directly or indirectly, in the conduct of the affairs of an enterprise through a pattern of racketeering activity. It focuses on the operation of an enterprise and requires that the racketeering activity be used to conduct the enterprise's affairs. 18 U.S.C. § 1962(d) addresses conspiracy to commit any of the above violations. It makes it illegal to conspire to violate any of the provisions of § 1962(a), (b), or (c). 639. The Defendants have violated 18 U.S.C. § 1962 in multiple ways. First, they have unlawfully used and invested income derived from a pattern of racketeering activity in the operation of an enterprise engaged in or affecting interstate or foreign commerce, in violation of § 1962(a). This investment of racketeering proceeds into the enterprise is explicitly prohibited. Second, Defendants have acquired and maintained control of the enterprise through a pattern of racketeering activity, contrary to § 1962(b), which bars the use of such activity to gain or sustain control over an enterprise or an individual. Third, the Defendants have conducted and VERIFIED COMPLAINT 115

of § 1962(c), which prohibits the use of racketeering to direct the affairs of an enterprise. Additionally, the Defendants have conspired to commit these violations, as evidenced by their actions and agreements, in violation of § 1962(d), which criminalizes conspiracies to engage in any of the prohibited activities outlined in § 1962(a), (b), or (c). 640. Defendants' offenses included upon preponderance of the evidence, such as witness tampering, as Defendants continuously intimidated witnesses with being aggressive including multiple tactics and informing witnesses of their whereabouts or their trips; this included threats to witnesses. Defendant Mr. Barresi keeps audio tapes of potential witnesses for intimidation and leverage. Defendants' offenses also include interstate communications, bribery, fraud, tampering with official records by destruction, and alteration and falsification of records. Defendant's deliberately caused security and investigators to have false information by intentionally sabotaging and editing records, and tampering information and submitting it to said security and investigators. Defendants were well aware that this information was to be used by the Police and FBI. Defendant's other offenses include transportation in aid of racketeering. 641. Mr. Barresi has admitted that Mr. Waldman is the "Consigliere," as defined to be related to criminal enterprises, that he communicates with for these activities, including in direct relation to harm to Ms. Taft. Defendants in their association have repeated their racketeering activities, for their common purpose, for approximately five years, and two years to Ms. Taft. Therefore, Defendants are in direct violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1512, 18 U.S.C. § 875, 18 U.S.C. § 1952, 18 U.S.C. § 1519, 18 U.S.C. § 1961 and 18 U.S.C. § 1962.

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1	647. Defendants conduct is criminal in nature, as both Defendant Barresi and Defendant
2	Waldman have been involved in federal investigations as interested subjects; Defendant Barresi
3	with Pellicano from the 1990s onward, final conviction including racketeering victims in
5	Hollywood in the 2000s, admitted association with American mafia enterprises, and Defendant
6	Waldman with being an agent of suspected organized criminals, including in federal interest of
7	the select committee on election tampering and by congress as evidence will show Defendant
8	address and businesses are shown as a registered foreign agent, H.J., Inc., 492 U.S. at 242.
9	648. Defendants embraced their criminal conduct as they continued similar acts on purpose,
10	with anticipation to have the same results with different victims, and methods of commission ar
11 12	interrelated by distinguished characteristics and they are not isolated events, H.J., Inc., 492 U.S.
13	at 240.
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15	649. Defendant's relatedness of the conduct is proven, as they both conspired in the audio
16	recordings tampering and repeated actions, Medallion Television Enters., Inc. v. SelecTV of Cal
17	Inc., 833 F.2d 1360, 1363 (9th Cir. 1987).
18	650. Plaintiff has a substantial amount of evidence to prove Defendants conduct, and the
19	enterprise being through a pattern of racketeering activity.
20	651. Defendants caused injury to Plaintiff and her business and property by their conduct with
21	continuous violations, Living Designs, Inc. v. E.I. Dupont de Nemours & Co., 431 F.3d 353, 36
22	(9th Cir. 2005).
23 24	652. Plaintiff respectfully requests that this Court take the following actions to hold the
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	Defendants accountable and provide appropriate relief in this matter for violations of the Civil
26	RICO Act, since Defendants have violated federal statutes under 18 U.S.C. § 1961 and 18 U.S.C.
27 28	§ 1962, which addresses racketeering activities and unlawful enterprises.
20	VERIFIED COMPLAINT 118

address and prevent further harm resulting from the Defendant's negligent conduct, including but

not limited to, racketeering conduct, which has caused Plaintiff significant emotional distress and

654. Therefore, Plaintiff asks this Court to hold Defendants liable for damages, both jointly and

excess of \$2,000,000 in costs to Plaintiff, including corrections with investigations and security

enjoin Defendants from engaging in criminal conduct against Plaintiff through interstate travel as

severally, as allowed by Law, in an amount to be proven at trial, currently estimated to be in

during an ongoing co-conspiracy between Defendants, and to temporarily and permanently

653. Plaintiff respectfully requests this Court issue an injunction against the Defendants, to

alleged herein.

significant financial damages.

655. Furthermore, Plaintiff also respectfully asks this Court to enter an award of punitive damages against Defendants for their fraud, oppression and malice toward Plaintiff.

DAMAGES

Plaintiff hereby reallages all paragraphs contained in the foregoing Verified Complaint and incorporates the same by reference as though fully set forth herein at length.

General Damages: Plaintiff seeks General Damages from Defendants for their direct and continuous violation of multiple legal claims. Defendants' actions have caused Plaintiff significant harm, including severe emotional suffering and loss of enjoyment of life. The ongoing conspiracy against Plaintiff, threats to her safety, and persistent harassment have exacerbated this harm. Plaintiff requests this Court to award General Damages for the prolonged and ongoing nature of her emotional distress, which has persisted for several years and continues to this day. Defendants' conduct—encompassing conspiracy, obstruction of justice, witness tampering, intimidation, invasion of privacy, misuse of name or likeness, civil harassment, VERIFIED COMPLAINT 119

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VERIFIED COMPLAINT 120

Emotional Distress (NIED)—has had a profoundly detrimental impact on Plaintiff's life. Plaintiff seeks compensation for the actual losses suffered and requests this Court to hold Defendants jointly and severally liable for General Damages, including the costs incurred in bringing this claim. Specific Damages: Plaintiff also seeks Specific Damages for the direct economic losses caused by Defendants. These damages encompass the financial impact of Defendants' actions on Plaintiff's workplace and personal and business relationships. The harmful actions—comprising conspiracy, obstruction of justice, witness tampering, intimidation, invasion of privacy, misuse of name or likeness, civil harassment, negligence, IIED, and NIED—have resulted in substantial economic detriment to Plaintiff. The Court is requested to award Specific Damages for these actual losses, taking into account the significant impact on Plaintiff's life and the prolonged nature of her suffering. Plaintiff seeks compensation for the specific economic harm caused by Defendants and the costs incurred in pursuing this claim. Punitive Damages: Plaintiff seeks Punitive Damages against Defendants for their malicious, reckless, and harmful conduct. Defendants' actions—including conspiracy, privacy invasion, obstruction of justice, witness tampering, intimidation, misuse of name or likeness, civil harassment, negligence, IIED, and NIED—reflect a deliberate disregard for Plaintiff's rights and well-being. The Court is requested to award Punitive Damages to punish Defendants and deter similar future misconduct. This request is based on the egregious nature of Defendants' actions, which have caused prolonged emotional suffering and significant impact on Plaintiff's life. Plaintiff seeks Punitive Damages, to be awarded jointly and severally, and requests that the Court order Defendants to compensate her for the costs incurred in bringing this claim.

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Prayer for Relief

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff asks this Court to enter judgment as follows:

1. For Common Law:

- a. Civil Conspiracy: An award of compensatory and punitive damages, along with any other equitable relief that the Court deems appropriate, in an amount to be determined at trial, for the damages and losses incurred as a result of the Defendants' conspiracy to infringe upon the plaintiff's constitutional rights.
- 2. For the Federal Claims:
- a. Obstruction of Justice, (18 U.S.C. § 1512(b)(1) and (2)): An award of compensatory and punitive damages for the harm and injury sustained due to the Defendants' obstruction of justice, including witness tampering through intimidation, threats, or corrupt persuasion, in an amount to be proven at trial.
- **b. Interstate Communications, (18 U.S.C. § 875):** An award of compensatory and punitive damages in an amount to be proven at trial, for the harm and injury sustained as a result of the Defendant's violations.
- c. Interstate and Foreign Travel or Transportation in Aid of Racketeering Enterprises, (18
- U.S.C. § 1952): An award of compensatory and punitive damages in an amount to be proven at trial, for the harm and financial loss suffered as a result of the Defendant's violations.
- **d. Destruction, Alteration, or Falsification of Records, 18 U.S.C. § 1519:** An award of compensatory and punitive damages in an amount to be proven at trial, for the harm and financial loss suffered as a result of the Defendant's violations.

b. Negligent Infliction of Emotional Distress (NIED): An award of compensatory damages in

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an amount to be proven at trial for emotional distress resulting from the Defendants' negligent conduct.

- **5. Restraining Orders:** In addition to the relief requested above, Plaintiff further petitions the Court for temporary and permanent injunctive relief against Defendants as alleged herein.
- 6. Additional Relief on All Claims:
- a. Attorney's Fees and Costs: Plaintiff requests that the Court award legal costs and attorney's fees incurred in bringing this action. This relief is necessary to cover the expenses associated with pursuing justice and holding the Defendants accountable for their unlawful actions.
- b. Pre- and Post-Judgment Interest: An award of interest on any damages awarded, both before and after judgment, as permitted by law.
- c. Other Relief: Such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper, including equitable relief such as a restraining order or declaratory judgment.
- **7. On all Claims:** An award of compensatory damages in an amount to be proven at trial, in excess of \$2,000,000 for the costs to Plaintiff, including corrections with investigations and security during an ongoing co-conspiracy between Defendants, and treble damages as permitted by law.

Jury Demand

Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury on all issues so triable.

Christina Taft Plaintiff – Pro Se

VERIFICATION

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT }

CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, EASTERN DIVISION }

Christina Taft, being duley sworn, deposes and says:

I, Christina Taft, the Plaintiff and deponent in this matter, under the Laws of the United States of America, have read and reviewed this Verified Complaint and know the contents thereof; that the same is true upon the deponent's own knowledge except those matters therein stated to be alleged upon information and belief, and as to those matters, the deponent believes them to be true. I declare under the penalty of perjury that all facts stated are accurate, correct and true to my knowledge and information.

Christina Taft, Plaintiff

Sworn to before me this 31 Day of August, 2024

Notary Public

JAKE LOUIS ABRAMS

Notary Public, State of New York Registration No. 01AB0012732 Qualified in Nassau County Commission Expires Aug. 25, 2027

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PLAINTIFF(S)

5:24-cv-01930-TJH-DTB

v.

PAUL BARRESI, et al.

DEFENDANT(S).

NOTICE OF JUDGE ASSIGNMENT AND REFERENCE TO A UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

This case has been assigned to the calendar of the Honorable Judge Terry J. Hatter, Jr., U. S. District Judge, and referred to U. S. Magistrate Judge David T. Bristow, who is authorized to consider preliminary matters and conduct all further hearings as may be appropriate or necessary. Thereafter, unless the Magistrate Judge determines that a trial is required, the Magistrate Judge shall prepare and file a report and recommendation regarding the disposition of this case, which may include proposed findings of fact, conclusions of law, and proposed written order or judgment, which shall be served on all parties. If the Magistrate Judge concludes that a trial is required, the Magistrate Judge shall so report to the District Judge.

Pursuant to Local Rule 5-4.1, all subsequent documents in this case must be filed electronically, unless exempted by Local Rule 5-4.2. Documents exempt from electronic filing pursuant to Local Rule 5-4.2(b), or presented by filers exempt from electronic filing pursuant to Local Rule 5-4.2(a), must be filed with the Clerk in paper at the following location:

Eastern Division 3470 Twelfth Street, Rm. 134 Riverside, CA 92501

Please note that, pursuant to Local Rule 83-2.5, all matters must be called to the judge's attention by appropriate application or motion filed in compliance with the Court's Local Rules. Parties are not permitted to write letters to the judge.

Local Rule 83-2.4 requires that the Court must be notified within five (5) days of any address change. If mail directed by the clerk to your address of record is returned undelivered by the Post Office, and if the Court and opposing counsel are not notified in writting within five (5) days thereafter of your current address, the Court may dismiss the petition, with or without prejudice, for want of prosecution.

Clerk, U.S. District Court

September 12, 2024 Date

By <u>/s/ Luz Hernandez</u> Deputy Clerk

NOTICE TO COUNSEL / PRO SE LITIGANT

The party who filed the case-initiating document in this case <u>must serve a copy of this Notice</u> on all parties it serves with the case-initiating document.