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9 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
10 **FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

11 **CV08-05042 R (MANX)**  
12 CASE NO.

12 VERNE TROYER, an individual,  
13 Plaintiff,

14 v.

15 RANAE SHRIDER, an individual;  
16 HOLLY BANNON, an individual;  
17 OKORIE OKOROCHA, an individual;  
18 TWIN PALMS, an unknown business  
19 entity; and DOES 1-20, inclusive,  
20 Defendants.

**COMPLAINT FOR:**

- 1. COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT
- 2. VIOLATION OF LANHAM ACT
- 3. FRAUD
- 4. INVASION OF PRIVACY
- 5. VIOLATION OF RIGHT OF PUBLICITY
- 6. MISAPPROPRIATION OF NAME, VOICE, AND LIKENESS (C.C. §3344)
- 7. UNFAIR COMPETITION
- 8. ACCOUNTING
- 9. PRELIMINARY AND PERMANENT INJUNCTION
- 10. INTENTIONAL INFLICTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS
- 11. BATTERY
- 12. NEGLIGENCE

**DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

25 Plaintiff VERNE TROYER (hereinafter "Plaintiff") complains and alleges as

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1 Los Angeles. Plaintiff is informed and believes and, based upon such information and  
2 belief, alleges that Okorochoa is acting as a broker to exploit the Videotape.

3 6. Plaintiff is informed and believes and, based upon such information and  
4 belief, alleges that Defendant Twin Palms (hereinafter "Twin Palms") is, and at all times  
5 herein mentioned was, an unknown business entity, organized and existing under the  
6 laws of the United States, doing business in the State of California, County of Los  
7 Angeles. Plaintiff is informed and believes and, based upon such information and belief,  
8 alleges that Twin Palms intends to broadcast, distribute, or otherwise disseminate the  
9 Videotape.

10 7. Plaintiff is informed and believes and, based upon such information and  
11 belief, alleges that DOES 1 through 10 are, and at all times herein mentioned were,  
12 corporations, partnerships, or other business entities, which were and are legally  
13 responsible and liable for the acts, omissions, and events referred to in this Complaint.

14 8. Plaintiff is informed and believes and, based upon such information and  
15 belief, alleges that DOES 11 through 20 are, and at all times herein mentioned were,  
16 individuals, who were and are legally responsible and liable for the acts, omissions, and  
17 events referred to in this Complaint.

18 9. Plaintiff is ignorant of the true names and capacities of Defendants sued  
19 herein as DOES 1 through 20, inclusive, and therefore sues said Defendants under such  
20 fictitious names. Plaintiff will seek leave to amend this Complaint to allege their true  
21 names and capacities when the same have been ascertained.

22 10. Plaintiff is informed and believes and, based on such information and belief,  
23 alleges that Defendants, and each of them, are, and at all times herein mentioned were,  
24 the agents, employees, partners, joint-venturers, co-conspirators, owners, principals, and  
25 employers of the remaining Defendants, and each of them, and are, and at all times  
26 herein mentioned were, acting within the course and scope of that agency, employment,  
27 partnership, conspiracy, ownership, or joint-venture. Plaintiff is further informed and  
28 believes and, based upon such information and belief, alleges that the acts and conduct

1 herein alleged of each such Defendant were known to, authorized by, and/or ratified by  
2 the other Defendants, and each of them.

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4 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

5 11. This is an action for infringement under the Copyright laws of the United  
6 States and for a violation of the Lanham Act. Jurisdiction is conferred upon this Court  
7 pursuant to 17 U.S.C. Section 101, et seq., 28 U.S.C. Section 1331, 28 U.S.C. Section  
8 1332, 28 U.S.C. Section 1338, and pursuant to the supplemental, ancillary, and/or  
9 pendant jurisdiction of this Court.

10 12. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Section 1391(b) and  
11 1400.

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13 **GENERAL BACKGROUND**

14 13. Within the last year, at the insistence of Shrider, Plaintiff's girlfriend at the  
15 time, Plaintiff created and produced a videotape depicting Shrider and him engaged in  
16 various explicit sexual and intimate relations together (hereinafter the "Videotape").  
17 Plaintiff is readily identifiable on the Videotape.

18 14. The Videotape was never intended by Plaintiff to be shown to the public,  
19 and was always intended exclusively for Plaintiff's own personal, private use.

20 15. On or about June 25, 2008, Plaintiff was advised that one or more copies of  
21 the Videotape had somehow been obtained by TMZ Productions, Inc. (hereinafter  
22 "TMZ"), and that TMZ was advertising and displaying a portion the Videotape on the  
23 front page of its website, TMZ.com, throughout the world, and on its television show.

24 16. Shrider telephoned Plaintiff in tears, expressing her absolute horror that a  
25 portion of the Videotape was being broadcast on the internet, and advised Plaintiff that  
26 the Videotape must have been stolen from their house. She then gave interviews to any  
27 news agency and television outlet that would listen to her, claiming that: (a) she had no  
28 idea that Plaintiff had filmed her and him having sex; (b) she had no idea that the

1 Videotape existed; and (3) she had no idea how the Videotape had “gotten out.”

2 17. Plaintiff, persuaded by Shrider’s performance, sued TMZ (and others)  
3 (hereinafter the “Original Defendants”) in Case No. CV 08-04233 PSG, assuming that  
4 the Original Defendants had received the Videotape from the individuals who stole it  
5 from Plaintiff’s home.

6 18. After Plaintiff sought and received a Temporary Restraining Order against  
7 all of the Original Defendants, TMZ submitted a Declaration from Shrider, under oath,  
8 under penalty of perjury, indicating that (a) it was not Plaintiff that had filmed them  
9 having sex; it was her; (b) she used her own camera and equipment; (c) she therefore co-  
10 owned (with Plaintiff) the copyright in and to the Videotape; and (d) she was the one that  
11 brought the Videotape to TMZ, and granted TMZ a license to display a portion of the  
12 Videotape (presumably as a trailer for the entire Videotape, which she apparently  
13 intended to sell from the outset).

14 19. Plaintiff ultimately obtained a Permanent Injunction against Blatt and Sugar  
15 DVD, and dismissed TMZ pursuant to a settlement agreement that also restricted TMZ’s  
16 broadcast of the Videotape.

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18 **FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

19 **(For Copyright Infringement – Against All Defendants Except Ranae Shrider)**

20 20. Plaintiff adopts, realleges, and by this reference incorporates, Paragraphs 1  
21 through 19, inclusive, hereinabove.

22 21. Plaintiff is, and at all times herein mentioned was, the owner of all right,  
23 title and interest in and to the Videotape, including any and all of the images and sound  
24 derived therefrom, and is, and at all times mentioned was, entitled to the immediate and  
25 exclusive possession of the Videotape, and all of its derivative forms, including copies  
26 made therefrom.

27 22. Since the date of the Videotape’s creation, Plaintiff has never transferred or  
28 conveyed any rights whatsoever with respect to the Videotape to any third person for any

1 purpose.

2 23. Because Plaintiff does not have current possession of the Videotape, a  
3 sound recording of the same, or any still photographs from the Videotape, it was not  
4 possible to register the Videotape with the Register of Copyrights prior to filing this  
5 action.

6 24. Plaintiff has subpoenaed a copy of the Videotape from Shrider; however,  
7 she failed to respond to that subpoena, other than by hiring her own attorney to challenge  
8 the subpoena and to make absurd claims against Plaintiff, and she has not turned over the  
9 Videotape, any copies thereof, any portions thereof, or any still photographs therefrom,  
10 to Plaintiff. As soon as Plaintiff obtains possession of a copy of the Videotape, he will  
11 immediately register the Videotape with the Register of Copyrights.

12 25. Plaintiff is informed and believes and, based upon such information and  
13 belief, alleges that Defendants, and each of them, knowing that they have no right to do  
14 so, have made copies of the Videotape, and are in the process of attempting to distribute  
15 the Videotape, in violation of the Copyright Act, as well as constituting wilful copyright  
16 infringement within the meaning of 17 U.S.C. Section 504(c)(2)

17 26. As a direct and proximate result of the Defendants' infringement of  
18 Plaintiff's copyright in the Videotape, as alleged herein, Plaintiff has been damaged in an  
19 amount that has yet to be ascertained, including consequential and incidental damages,  
20 but which is at least Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000), together with interest  
21 thereon at the legal rate. When Plaintiff ascertains the exact amount of said damages, he  
22 will seek leave of Court to amend this Complaint to set forth said amount.

23 27. In accordance with 17 U.S.C. Section 504, as a further direct and proximate  
24 result of the foregoing copyright infringement by Defendants, and each of them, Plaintiff  
25 is also entitled to recover all profits earned by Defendants, and each of them, that are  
26 attributable to the infringement of the copyright of the Videotape, which profits Plaintiff  
27 expects to be in excess of Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00).

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1 28. As a further direct and proximate result of the foregoing copyright  
2 infringement by Defendants, and each of them, Plaintiff has been compelled to retain the  
3 services of an attorney in order to prosecute his rights under the Copyright Act. As a  
4 result, Plaintiff has incurred and will continue to incur substantial attorneys' fees. In  
5 accordance with 17 U.S.C. Section 505, Plaintiff is entitled to an award of his reasonable  
6 attorneys' fees.

7 29. In accordance with 17 U.S.C. Section 504(c)(2), as a further direct and  
8 proximate result of Defendant's wilful acts of copyright infringement, Plaintiff is  
9 alternatively entitled to an award of the maximum statutory damages under that Section,  
10 in the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) for each act of  
11 infringement.

## 12 **SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

### 13 **(For Violation of Lanham Act – Against All Defendants)**

14 30. Plaintiff adopts, realleges, and by this reference incorporates, Paragraphs 1  
15 through 19, inclusive, hereinabove.

16 31. The use and dissemination by Defendants, and each of them, along with  
17 their implied representation that they have the rights to own, copy, disseminate, and  
18 distribute the Videotape, constitute a willful and deliberate false designation of origin  
19 and a false representation, and are likely to cause confusion, mistake, or deception by  
20 inducing the impression among purchasers, potential purchasers, and the public in  
21 general that the dissemination of the Videotape was and is in some manner approved,  
22 licensed, or sponsored by Plaintiff.

23 32. Defendants, and each of them, by engaging in the foregoing acts, among  
24 others, have violated the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. Section 1125(a).

25 33. As a direct and proximate result of the aforementioned acts by Shrider, as  
26 alleged herein, Plaintiff has been damaged in an amount that has yet to be ascertained,  
27 including consequential and incidental damages, but which is at least Twenty Million  
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1 Dollars (\$20,000,000), together with interest thereon at the legal rate. When Plaintiff  
2 ascertains the exact amount of said damages, he will seek leave of Court to amend this  
3 Complaint to set forth said amount.

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5 **THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

6 **(For Fraud – Against Defendant Shrider Only)**

7 34. Plaintiff adopts, realleges, and by this reference incorporates, Paragraphs 1  
8 through 19, inclusive, hereinabove.

9 35. In or about 2008, Defendant Shrider asked Plaintiff, her then boyfriend, for  
10 his consent to videotape their intimate sexual relations. She represented to him, at the  
11 time, that the Videotape would be for their own, very private use, and that she would not  
12 release or show the Videotape to any third party.

13 36. Thereafter, when TMZ broadcast a portion of the Videotape on its website,  
14 Shrider represented to Plaintiff that she was shocked by the broadcast and shocked that  
15 the Videotape had “gotten out.” She also represented to Plaintiff that the Videotape was,  
16 or must have been, stolen from their house.

17 37. The true facts were that Shrider had no intention of keeping the Videotape  
18 private and, from the outset, intended to take unfair advantage of Plaintiff by trading on  
19 his celebrity, and selling the Videotape to the highest bidder.

20 38. In addition, there was no such theft from the house. Shrider took the  
21 Videotape directly to TMZ, and gave TMZ permission to broadcast a portion of the  
22 Videotape. She did this so that she could have TMZ release, in essence, a trailer or  
23 preview of the full Videotape, and therefore enhance her ability to make a tremendous  
24 profit from the sales of the full Videotape.

25 39. At the time that Shrider made such fraudulent misrepresentations, Plaintiff  
26 was ignorant of Shrider’s secret intentions.

27 40. Plaintiff, in the exercise of reasonable diligence, could not have discovered  
28 Defendants’ secret intentions, as aforementioned.

1 41. In justifiable reliance on the aforementioned representations of Defendants,  
2 and each of them, Plaintiff agreed to videotape their intimate relations, and ultimately,  
3 because of Shrider's representation that the Videotape was stolen, Plaintiff sued TMZ,  
4 and refrained from suing Shrider.

5 42. As a direct and proximate result of the aforementioned fraudulent  
6 misrepresentations by Shrider, as alleged herein, Plaintiff has been damaged in an  
7 amount that has yet to be ascertained, including consequential and incidental damages,  
8 but which is at least Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000), together with interest  
9 thereon at the legal rate. When Plaintiff ascertains the exact amount of said damages, he  
10 will seek leave of Court to amend this Complaint to set forth said amount.

11 43. The aforementioned acts and omissions, among others, of Shrider were done  
12 intentionally or with a conscious disregard of Plaintiff's rights, and with the intent to vex,  
13 injure or annoy Plaintiff such as to constitute oppression, fraud, or malice, thus entitling  
14 him to exemplary and punitive damages in an amount appropriate to punish or set an  
15 example of Shrider, and to deter such conduct in the future, which amount will be proved  
16 at trial.

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18 **FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

19 **(For Invasion of Privacy – Against All Defendants)**

20 44. Plaintiff adopts, realleges, and by this reference incorporates, Paragraphs 1  
21 through 19, inclusive, and 35 through 41, inclusive, hereinabove.

22 45. The broadcast/disclosure by Defendants, and each of them, of the images on  
23 the Videotape, and the distribution of actual copies of the Videotape, is offensive and  
24 objectionable to a reasonable person of ordinary sensibilities, including Plaintiff, in that  
25 it reveals the private lovemaking of boyfriend and girlfriend. No legitimate public  
26 interest is served by revealing, discussing, broadcasting, disseminating, or distributing  
27 the contents of the Videotape or the Videotape itself.

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1 46. The aforementioned conduct on the part of Defendants, and each of them,  
2 constitutes a violation, infringement, and invasion of Plaintiff's right of privacy, under  
3 the United States Constitution, the California Constitution, and common law.

4 47. As a direct and proximate result of the aforementioned acts by Defendants,  
5 and each of them, as alleged herein, Plaintiff has been damaged in an amount that has yet  
6 to be ascertained, including consequential and incidental damages, but which is at least  
7 Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000), together with interest thereon at the legal rate.  
8 When Plaintiff ascertains the exact amount of said damages, he will seek leave of Court  
9 to amend this Complaint to set forth said amount.

10 48. The aforementioned acts, among others, of Defendants, and each of them, of  
11 which an officer, director and/or managing agent had advance knowledge and/or ratified  
12 said wrongful conduct, were done intentionally or with a conscious disregard of  
13 Plaintiff's rights, and with the intent to vex, injure or annoy Plaintiff such as to constitute  
14 oppression, fraud, or malice, thus entitling him to exemplary and punitive damages in an  
15 amount appropriate to punish or set an example of Defendants, and each of them, and to  
16 deter such conduct in the future, which amount will be proved at trial.

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18 **FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

19 **(For Violation of Common Law Right of Publicity –**  
20 **Against All Defendants)**

21 49. Plaintiff adopts, realleges, and by this reference incorporates, Paragraphs 1  
22 through 19, inclusive, and 35 through 41, inclusive, hereinabove.

23 50. Plaintiff has worked diligently for several years, and has become a  
24 successful actor.

25 51. As a result, Plaintiff has created a general acceptance and good will for his  
26 name and likeness, the effect of which was to create an absolute, incorporeal, and  
27 transferable property right with a substantial commercial value in the eyes of the public.

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1           52. Accordingly, Plaintiff possesses a valuable right of publicity, a property  
2 right with substantial commercial value, which he has not agreed to transfer, in whole or  
3 in part, to Defendants, or any of them, for any purpose, at any time.

4           53. The aforementioned conduct on the part of Defendants, and each of them,  
5 constitutes a serious violation of Plaintiff's right of publicity, in that the appropriation by  
6 Defendants, and each of them, was for the purpose of promoting, advertising, and  
7 soliciting purchases of the Videotape, and for the purpose of obtaining substantial profits  
8 in connection therewith.

9           54. The appropriation was for Defendants' advantage, in that Plaintiff's name,  
10 voice, and likeness were used and intended by Defendants, and each of them, to create  
11 and enhance Defendants' pecuniary gain and profit resulting from the manufacture,  
12 distribution, dissemination, circulation, advertisement and/or other exploitation of the  
13 Videotape.

14           55. As a direct and proximate result of the aforementioned acts by Defendants,  
15 and each of them, as alleged herein, Plaintiff has been damaged in an amount that has yet  
16 to be ascertained, including consequential and incidental damages, but which is at least  
17 Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000), together with interest thereon at the legal rate.  
18 When Plaintiff ascertains the exact amount of said damages, he will seek leave of Court  
19 to amend this Complaint to set forth said amount.

20           56. As a direct and proximate result of the aforementioned acts by Defendants,  
21 and each of them, Defendants have earned profits from the exploitation of the Videotape,  
22 in an amount that has yet to be ascertained, but which is or will be in excess of Twenty  
23 Million Dollars (\$20,000,000). Plaintiff is entitled to recover all profits earned by  
24 Defendants, and each of them, as a result of Defendants' unauthorized use of Plaintiff's  
25 name, voice, and likeness for commercial purposes.

26           57. The aforementioned acts, among others, of Defendants, and each of them, of  
27 which an officer, director and/or managing agent had advance knowledge and/or ratified  
28 said wrongful conduct, were done intentionally or with a conscious disregard of

1 Plaintiff's rights, and with the intent to vex, injure or annoy Plaintiff such as to constitute  
2 oppression, fraud, or malice, thus entitling him to exemplary and punitive damages in an  
3 amount appropriate to punish or set an example of Defendants, and each of them, and to  
4 deter such conduct in the future, which amount will be proved at trial.

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6 **SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

7 **(For Misappropriation of Name, Voice, And Likeness/Violation of**  
8 **Civil Code Section 3344 – Against All Defendants)**

9 58. Plaintiff adopts, realleges, and by this reference incorporates, Paragraphs 1  
10 through 19, inclusive, 35 through 41, inclusive, and 50 through 52, hereinabove.

11 59. The aforementioned conduct of Defendants, and each of them, constitutes a  
12 violation of Section 3344 of the California Civil Code for unauthorized misappropriation  
13 of Plaintiff's name, voice, and likeness for commercial purposes.

14 60. As a direct and proximate result of the aforementioned acts by Defendants,  
15 and each of them, as alleged herein, Plaintiff has been damaged in an amount that has yet  
16 to be ascertained, including consequential and incidental damages, but which is at least  
17 Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000), together with interest thereon at the legal rate.  
18 When Plaintiff ascertains the exact amount of said damages, he will seek leave of Court  
19 to amend this Complaint to set forth said amount.

20 61. As a direct and proximate result of the aforementioned acts by Defendants,  
21 and each of them, Defendants have earned and will earn profits in connection with their  
22 use of Plaintiff's name, voice, and likeness, in an amount that has yet to be ascertained,  
23 but which is or will be at least Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000), together with  
24 interest thereon at the legal rate. Plaintiff is entitled to recover all profits earned by  
25 Defendants as a result of Defendants' unauthorized use of Plaintiff's name, voice, and  
26 likeness for commercial purposes.

27 62. As a further direct and proximate result of the aforementioned acts by  
28 Defendants, and each of them, Plaintiff has been compelled to retain the services of an

1 attorney in order to prosecute his rights. As a result, Plaintiff has incurred and will  
2 continue to incur substantial attorneys' fees. Plaintiff is further entitled to an award of  
3 his attorneys' fees and costs incurred in connection with this litigation pursuant to  
4 Section 3344 of the Civil Code.

5 63. The aforementioned acts, among others, of Defendants, and each of them, of  
6 which an officer, director and/or managing agent had advance knowledge and/or ratified  
7 said wrongful conduct, were done intentionally or with a conscious disregard of  
8 Plaintiff's rights, and with the intent to vex, injure or annoy Plaintiff, such as to  
9 constitute oppression, fraud, or malice, thus entitling him to exemplary and punitive  
10 damages in an amount appropriate to punish or set an example of Defendants, and each  
11 of them, and to deter such conduct in the future, which amount will be proved at trial.

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13 **SEVENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

14 **(For Unfair Competition – Against All Defendants)**

15 64. Plaintiff adopts, realleges, and by this reference incorporates, Paragraphs 1  
16 through 19, inclusive, 21 through 25, inclusive, 31 through 32, inclusive, 35 through 41  
17 inclusive, 45 through 46, inclusive, 50 through 52, inclusive, and 59, hereinabove.

18 65. The aforementioned acts of Defendants, and each of them, constitute unfair  
19 competition under common law and the provisions of California Business and  
20 Professions Code Section 17200. Said acts constitute a pattern of unlawful activity that  
21 was designed to and did perpetrate a fraud upon Plaintiff and many other consumers that  
22 were and are similarly situated, and was otherwise unfair.

23 66. As a direct and proximate result of the aforementioned acts, among others,  
24 Defendants, and each of them, have received and continue to receive profits that  
25 rightfully belong to Plaintiff. Plaintiff is therefore entitled to the profits of Defendants,  
26 and each of them, that have been and will be received as a result of the unlawful conduct  
27 of Defendants, and each of them, which amount has yet to be ascertained.

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1 undertaken the responsibility and duty to collect and report her earnings in connection  
2 therewith to Plaintiff.

3 73. The extent and nature of the failure of Shrider to account to Plaintiff for  
4 money due to Plaintiff, as well as the full extent of the acts of Shrider, as alleged by  
5 Plaintiff herein, are not known and cannot be ascertained by Plaintiff without an  
6 accounting.

7 74. An accounting of all of the books and records that are maintained by Shrider  
8 in connection with her exploitation of the Videotape is necessary in order for Plaintiff to  
9 ascertain the correct amount of money that is owed to him.

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11 **TENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

12 **(For Intentional Infliction Of Emotional Distress –**  
13 **Against Defendant Shrider Only)**

14 75. Plaintiff adopts, realleges, and by this reference incorporates, Paragraphs 1  
15 through 19, inclusive, hereinabove.

16 76. In or about June of 2008, Plaintiff, who had been involved in a romantic  
17 relationship with Shrider, ended his relationship with her. Commencing at that time,  
18 Shrider, who is approximately 5'5" tall, and 110 pounds, engaged in the following acts  
19 against Plaintiff, who is 2'8" tall, and 40 pounds:

20 (a) Shrider refused to move out of Plaintiff's home until he gave her  
21 money to move; when he gave her \$3,000 to move, she cashed the check, kept the  
22 money, and still refused to get out.

23 (b) After refusing to move out of Plaintiff's home, Shrider continued to  
24 come into his bedroom, uninvited, to harass and start arguments with Plaintiff. As a  
25 result, Plaintiff had to put a lock on his bedroom door.

26 (c) During numerous arguments, when Plaintiff attempted to close the  
27 door to his room, Shrider blocked the door with her body.

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1 (d) During one or more arguments, when Plaintiff attempted to walk  
2 away from her, Shrider grabbed him very forcefully by the arm, held him against his will,  
3 and did not let him get away from her.

4 (e) On many occasions, Plaintiff, in fear of his safety, did not want to go  
5 into his own home without having someone else accompanying him. On one such  
6 evening, he asked his manager to accompany him into his house. As soon as Plaintiff  
7 entered his bedroom, he locked the door, and moved his scooter in front of the door. He  
8 then told his manager that it was alright to go home. As soon as Plaintiff's manager left  
9 the house, Shrider picked the lock, pushed the (100 lb.) scooter out of the way, and  
10 locked Plaintiff in the room with her. Plaintiff was very afraid, and called his manager to  
11 come back to the house.

12 (f) When Plaintiff's manager returned, Shrider was sitting behind the  
13 door holding Plaintiff against his will. Plaintiff's manager ran to the back of the house,  
14 and broke into Plaintiff's room through the sliding glass door. When Shrider saw him,  
15 she threw Plaintiff to the floor, and then backed away, ultimately sitting down on the  
16 bed.

17 (g) At that point, Plaintiff and his manager started to pack some of  
18 Plaintiff's clothes so that he could leave the house and stay at his manager's house. As  
19 they were packing, they noticed that Plaintiff's medication was missing. Shrider first  
20 denied knowing where the medication was, at which point Plaintiff's manager called the  
21 police.

22 (h) Once the police were on their way to the house, Shrider took the  
23 medication from her purse, threw it on the bed, and announced that they could never  
24 prove that she had taken the medication or had hidden it.

25 (i) When the police arrived, although Shrider lied to them about  
26 attacking Plaintiff, throwing him to the floor, and taking his medication, the police  
27 nevertheless asked Plaintiff if he wanted to press charges; assuming that this behavior by  
28 Plaintiff would not continue, Plaintiff declined to press charges.

1 (j) At other times, Shrider has stood outside Plaintiff's bedroom door,  
2 knocking loudly and incessantly, while calling Plaintiff derogatory and hurtful names,  
3 until he opened the door.

4 (k) On these occasions in which Plaintiff has succumbed to Plaintiff's  
5 harassment by unlocking his bedroom door, Shrider has forced the door open, blocked  
6 the door from being closed, and pushed her way into the room, always taking advantage  
7 of Plaintiff's stature, and simply overpowering him.

8 (l) The only way that Plaintiff has been able to get Shrider out of his  
9 room has been to pick up his video camera and to start recording her hysterics.

10 (m) However, on one such occasion, Plaintiff left his bedroom and, as  
11 Plaintiff was attempting to lock his door, she burst back into his room, took his camera,  
12 ran to her own room, locked her door, and called her attorney.

13 (n) After Shrider's attorney told her to return the camera to Plaintiff, she  
14 came back to Plaintiff's room with Plaintiff's video camera and her own camera. She  
15 handed the video camera back to Plaintiff, took a photograph of the exchange and, as  
16 soon as the photograph was taken, grabbed the video camera out of Plaintiff's hands, and  
17 threw it accross the room, destroying it.

18 77. All of the aforementioned acts by Shrider were calculated and intended by  
19 her to cause Plaintiff severe emotional distress.

20 78. As a direct and proximate result of the aforementioned acts, among others,  
21 by Shrider, as alleged herein, Plaintiff has suffered severe emotional distress, the  
22 monetary damages for which have yet to be ascertained, but are in excess of Twenty  
23 Million Dollars (\$20,000,000), together with interest thereon at the legal rate. When  
24 Plaintiff ascertains the exact amount of said damages, he will seek leave of Court to  
25 amend this Complaint to set forth said amount.

26 79. The aforementioned acts and omissions, among others, of Shrider were done  
27 intentionally or with a conscious disregard of Plaintiff's rights, and with the intent to vex,  
28 injure or annoy Plaintiff such as to constitute oppression, fraud, or malice, thus entitling

1 him to exemplary and punitive damages in an amount appropriate to punish or set an  
2 example of Shrider, and to deter such conduct in the future, which amount will be proved  
3 at trial.

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5 **ELEVENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

6 **(For Battery – Against Defendant Shrider Only)**

7 80. Plaintiff adopts, realleges, and by this reference incorporates, Paragraphs 1  
8 through 19, inclusive, and 76, hereinabove.

9 81. The aforementioned acts of Shrider, among others, were committed  
10 intentionally and without the permission of Plaintiff.

11 82. As a direct and proximate result of the foregoing acts, among others, by  
12 Shrider, Plaintiff was injured in his health, strength and activity, sustaining injury to his  
13 body, and shock and injury to his nervous systems and person, all of which injuries have  
14 caused, and continue to cause, Plaintiff great mental, physical, and nervous pain and  
15 suffering, the monetary damages for which have yet to be ascertained, but are in excess  
16 of Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00).

17 83. The aforementioned acts and omissions, among others, of Shrider were done  
18 intentionally or with a conscious disregard of Plaintiff's rights, and with the intent to vex,  
19 injure or annoy Plaintiff such as to constitute oppression, fraud, or malice, thus entitling  
20 him to exemplary and punitive damages in an amount appropriate to punish or set an  
21 example of Shrider, and to deter such conduct in the future, which amount will be proved  
22 at trial.

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24 **TWELTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

25 **(For Negligence – Against Defendant Shrider Only)**

26 84. Plaintiff adopts, realleges, and by this reference incorporates, Paragraphs 1  
27 through 19, inclusive, and 76, hereinabove.

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1 85. Shrider owed Plaintiff a duty to exercise due care toward Plaintiff.

2 86. Shrider knew, or should have known, that her failure to exercise due care  
3 would cause Plaintiff bodily injury and severe emotional distress.

4 87. Nevertheless, Defendants, and each of them, negligently engaged in the  
5 aforementioned acts.

6 88. As a direct and proximate result of the aforementioned acts, among others,  
7 by Shrider, as alleged herein, Plaintiff has suffered bodily injury and severe emotional  
8 distress, the monetary damages for which have yet to be ascertained, but are in excess of  
9 Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000), together with interest thereon at the legal rate.  
10 When Plaintiff ascertains the exact amount of said damages, he will seek leave of Court  
11 to amend this Complaint to set forth said amount.

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13 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment against Defendants, and each of them,  
14 as follows:

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16 **AS TO THE FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF:**

17 1. For compensatory damages in an amount to be proved at trial, which  
18 Plaintiff has sustained as a consequence of Defendants' infringement of said copyright,  
19 which damages are in excess of \$20 Million, together with interest thereon at the  
20 maximum legal rate.

21 2. For an accounting by Defendants, and each of them, of all gains, profits and  
22 advantages derived by them, based upon their infringement of Plaintiff's copyright;

23 3. For all profits earned by Defendants, and each of them, that are attributable  
24 to the infringement of the copyright of the Videotape, which profits Plaintiff expects to  
25 be in excess of \$20 Million.

26 4. For an Order requiring Defendants, and each of them, to deliver up to be  
27 impounded during the pendency of this action, or to be destroyed, all copies of the  
28 Videotape, including any and all advertising or promotional material, posters, or

1 packaging which refer to the Videotape, any portions thereof, and any and all still  
2 photographs taken therefrom.

3 5. Alternatively, statutory damages for a willful infringement, in accordance  
4 with 17 U.S.C. Section 504(c)(2).

5 6. For reasonable attorneys' fees in an amount to be proved at trial, in  
6 accordance with 17 U.S.C. Section 505;

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8 **AS TO THE SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF:**

9 7. For compensatory damages in an amount to be proved at trial, which  
10 Plaintiff has sustained as a consequence of Defendants' violation of the Lanham Act,  
11 which damages are in excess of \$20 Million, together with interest thereon at the  
12 maximum legal rate;

13 8. For an accounting by Defendants, and each of them, of all gains, profits and  
14 advantages derived by them, based upon their violation of the Lanham Act.

15 9. For all profits earned by Defendants, and each of them, that are attributable  
16 to the violation of the Lanham Act, which profits Plaintiff expects to be in excess of \$20  
17 Million.

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19 **AS TO THE THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF:**

20 10. For compensatory damages in an amount to be proved at trial, which  
21 damages are in excess of \$20 Million, together with interest thereon at the maximum  
22 legal rate.

23 11. For exemplary and punitive damages in an amount sufficient to punish or  
24 set an example of Defendants, and each of them, which amount will be proved at trial.

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26 **AS TO THE FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF:**

27 12. For compensatory damages in an amount to be proved at trial, which  
28 Plaintiff has sustained as a consequence of Defendants' invasion of Plaintiff's privacy,

1 which damages are in excess of \$20 Million, together with interest thereon at the  
2 maximum legal rate.

3 13. For exemplary and punitive damages in an amount sufficient to punish or  
4 set an example of Defendants, and each of them, which amount will be proved at trial.

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6 **AS TO THE FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF:**

7 14. For compensatory damages in an amount to be proved at trial, which  
8 Plaintiff has sustained as a consequence of Defendants' violation of Plaintiff's right of  
9 publicity, which damages are in excess of \$20 Million, together with interest thereon at  
10 the maximum legal rate;

11 15. For an accounting by Defendants, and each of them, of all gains, profits and  
12 advantages derived by them, based upon their violation of Plaintiff's right of publicity;

13 16. For all profits earned by Defendants, and each of them, that are attributable  
14 to their violation of Plaintiff's right of publicity, which profits Plaintiff expects to be in  
15 excess of \$20 Million.

16 17. For exemplary and punitive damages in an amount sufficient to punish or  
17 set an example of Defendants, and each of them, which amount will be proved at trial.

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19 **AS TO THE SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF:**

20 18. For compensatory damages in an amount to be proved at trial, which  
21 Plaintiff has sustained as a consequence of Defendants' violation of Plaintiff's statutory  
22 rights, which damages are in excess of \$20 Million, together with interest thereon at the  
23 maximum legal rate;

24 19. For an accounting by Defendants, and each of them, of all gains, profits and  
25 advantages derived by them, based upon their violation of Civil Code Section 3344;

26 20. For all profits earned by Defendants, and each of them, that are attributable  
27 to their violation of Plaintiff's statutory rights, which profits Plaintiff expects to be in  
28 excess of \$20 Million.

1 21. For reasonable attorneys' fees in an amount to be proved at trial, in  
2 accordance with Civil Code Section 3344;

3 22. For exemplary and punitive damages in an amount sufficient to punish or  
4 set an example of Defendants, and each of them, which amount will be proved at trial.

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6 **AS TO THE SEVENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF:**

7 23. For an accounting by Defendants, and each of them, of all gains, profits and  
8 advantages derived by them, based upon their unfair business practices;

9 24. For all profits earned by Defendants, and each of them, that are attributable  
10 to their unfair business practices, which profits Plaintiff expects to be in excess of \$20  
11 Million;

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13 **AS TO THE EIGHTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF:**

14 25. For an accounting of all books and records maintained by Shrider in  
15 connection with her exploitation of the Videotape.

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17 **AS TO THE NINTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF:**

18 26. For a temporary, preliminary and permanent injunction precluding  
19 Defendants, and each of them, and their agents, servants, employees, subsidiaries,  
20 officers, directors, representatives, attorneys, successors, and assigns from:

21 (a) Selling, attempting to sell, causing to be sold, permitting any other  
22 individual or entity to sell, entering into any license or other agreement to exploit,  
23 copying, reproducing, preparing derivative works of, publishing, broadcasting,  
24 disseminating, distributing, circulating, displaying, describing the contents of,  
25 promoting, marketing, and advertising, any portion of the Videotape;

26 (b) Selling, attempting to sell, causing to be sold, permitting any other  
27 individual or entity to sell, entering into any license or other agreement to exploit,  
28 copying, reproducing, preparing derivative works of, publishing, broadcasting,

1 disseminating, distributing, circulating, displaying, describing the contents of,  
2 promoting, marketing, and advertising, still photographs from the Videotape, captured  
3 images from the Videotape displayed on the Internet and/or any downloaded hard copies  
4 of images from the Videotape;

5 (c) Selling, attempting to sell, causing to be sold, permitting any other  
6 individual or entity to sell, entering into any license or other agreement to exploit,  
7 copying, reproducing, preparing derivative works of, publishing, broadcasting,  
8 disseminating, distributing, circulating, displaying, describing the contents of,  
9 promoting, marketing, and advertising, any advertising, promotional material, or  
10 packaging referring to the Videotape;

11 (d) Taking orders for copies of the Videotape, any portions thereof, or  
12 any still photographs therefrom, through the Internet or any other means;

13 (e) Shipping copies of the Videotape, any portions thereof, or any still  
14 photographs therefrom, to those purchasers who already have placed orders for copies of  
15 the Videotape, or to anyone else and;

16 (f) Using Plaintiff's name, voice, likeness, or identity in any manner, on  
17 or in products, merchandise, goods, promotional materials or websites, or for purposes of  
18 advertising or selling, or soliciting purchases of, products, merchandise, goods, services,  
19 or subscriptions to websites.

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21 **AS TO THE TENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF:**

22 27. For compensatory damages in an amount to be proved at trial, which  
23 damages are in excess of \$20 Million, together with interest thereon at the maximum  
24 legal rate.

25 28. For exemplary and punitive damages in an amount sufficient to punish or  
26 set an example of Defendants, and each of them, which amount will be proved at trial.

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1 **AS TO THE ELEVENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF:**

2 29. For compensatory damages in an amount to be proved at trial, which  
3 damages are in excess of \$20 Million, together with interest thereon at the maximum  
4 legal rate.

5 30. For exemplary and punitive damages in an amount sufficient to punish or  
6 set an example of Defendants, and each of them, which amount will be proved at trial.

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8 **AS TO THE TWELFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF:**

9 31. For compensatory damages in an amount to be proved at trial, which  
10 damages are in excess of \$20 Million, together with interest thereon at the maximum  
11 legal rate.

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13 **AS TO ALL CLAIMS FOR RELIEF:**

14 32. For costs of suit herein incurred; and

15 33. For such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

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17 DATED: July 30, 2008

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**DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

Plaintiff VERNE TROYER hereby demands a trial by jury in this action.

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