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# IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF PIMA

JOHN DOE, an adult individual;

Plaintiff,

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15 ROBERT WOMACK a/k/a BOBBY
WOMAC and JANE DOE WOMACK,
husband and wife; CARLOS IRWIN

ESTEVEZ a/k/a CHARLIE SHEEN, an

adult individual; DON COLLIER a/k/a

HOLLY HIRE CASTING &

18 ASSOCIATES, an adult individual;

19 HOLLYWOOD PICTURES

CORPORATION d/b/a HOLLYWOOD

PICTURES, a Foreign Corporation;

POLYGRAM PICTURES, INC. d/b/a

INTERSCOPE COMMUNICATIONS, a

Foreign Corporation; POLYGRAM

PICTURES, LLC; a Foreign Limited

23 Liability Company; NOMURA BABCOCK & BROWN FILM ENTERTAINMENT

24 ONE, INC., a Foreign Corporation;

NOMURA BABCOCK & BROWN FILM

ENTERTAINMENT TWO, INC., a

Foreign Corporation; CINERGI FILM PRODUCTIONS CO. d/b/a CINERGI

Case No.

#### COMPLAINT

(Tort – Non-Motor Vehicle)

PICTURES ENTERTAINMENT, a
Foreign Corporation; LIBRA PICTURES,
a Foreign Corporation; RADISSON
HOSPITALITY INC., a Foreign
Corporation; UNIVERSAL CITY
STUDIOS, LLC., a Foreign Corporation;
XYZ FRANCHISEE.

Defendants.

Plaintiff, through undersigned counsel, alleges as follows:

#### **JURISDICTIONAL ALLEGATIONS**

- 1. The events detailed in Plaintiff's Complaint occurred in Pima County and exceed the court's minimum jurisdictional amount. Venue and Jurisdiction are proper.
- 2. Plaintiff alleges that due to the damages sought in this matter, under Rule 8(b) of the Arizona Rules of Civil Procedure, it should be placed under Tier 3.
- At all times material hereto, Plaintiff John Doe was a resident of Cochise County, Arizona.
- 4. Upon information and belief and at all times material hereto, Defendants Robert Womack a/k/a "Bobby Womac" and Jane Doe Womack were residents of California.
- 6. At all times material hereto, Defendants Robert Womack and Jane Doe Womack were acting on behalf of the marital community.
- 7. At all times material hereto, Defendant Carlos Irwin Estevez a/k/a Charlie Sheen ("Charlie Sheen") was a resident of California.

- 8. Upon information and belief and at all times material hereto, Defendant Don Collier was a resident of Pima County, Arizona.
- 9. Upon information and belief, Holly Hire-Collier was married to Defendant Don Collier prior to 1994.
- 10. At all times material hereto, Holly Hire-Collier was acting on behalf of the marital community.
- 11. Upon information and belief, Holly Hire Casting & Associates was an Arizona business owned and operated by Holly Hire-Collier.
- 12. Upon information and belief, Holly Hire Casting & Associates held a principal place of business in Pima County.
- 13. At all times material hereto, Defendant Hollywood Pictures Corporation d/b/a
  Hollywood Pictures ("Hollywood Pictures") was a foreign corporation with a
  principal place of business in California.
- 14. Upon information and belief and at all times material hereto, Defendant Polygram Pictures, Inc. d/b/a Interscope Communications ("Interscope") was a foreign corporation with a principal place of business in California.
- 15. Defendant Polygram Pictures, LLC is a Delaware Limited Liability Company with a principal place of business in California.
- 16. At all times material hereto, Defendant PolyGram Filmed Entertainment

  Productions, Inc. d/b/a Polygram Filmed Entertainment ("PolyGram") was a

  foreign corporation with a principal place of business in Delaware.

- 17. At all times material hereto, Defendant Nomura Babcock & Brown Film

  Entertainment One, Inc. was a foreign corporation with a principal place of business in California.
- 18. At all times material hereto, Defendant Nomura Babcock & Brown Film Entertainment Two, Inc. is a foreign corporation with a principal place of business in California.
- 19. At all times material hereto, Defendant Cinergy Film Productions Co. d/b/a Cinergi Pictures Entertainment ("Cinergi") was a foreign corporation with a principal place of business in California.
- 20. Upon information and belief and at all times material hereto, Defendant Libra

  Pictures ("Libra") was a foreign corporation with a principal place of business in

  California.
- 21. At all times material hereto, Defendant Radisson Hospitality, Inc., is a foreign corporation with a principal place of business in Minnesota.
- 22. Defendant Universal City Studios, LLC is a Delaware Limited Liability Company with a principal place of business in California.
- 23. Upon information and belief, XYZ Franchisee is an Arizona business with a principal place of business in Arizona.

### **GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

24. Plaintiff reasserts and readopts the allegations in paragraphs 1-23 of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

- 25. Upon information and belief and at all times material hereto, Radisson Hospitality, Inc., and/or XYZ Franchisee, operated the hotel located at 6555 East Speedway Blvd ("Radisson Tucson").
- 26. Upon information and belief and at all times material hereto, Radisson
  Hospitality, Inc., and/or XYZ Franchisee, were acting in concert (collectively,
  "Radisson Tucson Defendants").
- 27. Upon information and belief and at all times material hereto, XYZ Franchisee was acting as an agent or servant of Radisson Hospitality, Inc.
- 28. Upon information and belief, Defendant Universal City Studios, LLC is a successor organization of Defendants Interscope, Polygram, and Polygram Pictures, LLC.
- 29. Upon information and belief and at all times material hereto, Defendants Don Collier d/b/a Holly Hire Casting & Associates, and/or Hollywood Picture, and/or Interscope, and/or Polygram Pictures, LLC, and/or Polygram, and/or Nomura Babcock & Brown Filmed Entertainment One, Inc., and/or Nomura Babcock & Brown Filmed Entertainment Two, Inc., and/or Cinergi, and/or Libra, and/or agents (collectively Production Company Defendants) were acting in concert.
- 30. Upon information and belief and at all times material hereto, Defendant Robert Womack was Defendant Charlie Sheen's personal driver. Upon information and belief, Robert Womack's duties included driving Defendant Charlie Sheen's trailer and other vehicles.

- 31. Upon information and belief, Defendant Robert Womack was an agent or servant and/or employee of the Production Company Defendants and/or agents of Production Company Defendants and/or Defendant Charlie Sheen.
- 32. Upon information and belief, Production Company Defendants and/or agents acted in concert in developing and filming the movie *Terminal Velocity*, released in 1994.
- 33. Upon information and belief, Production Company Defendants, and/or agents, and/or employees were responsible for the selection and hiring of employees and/or independent contractors to conduct the business of filming a movie during the production of *Terminal Velocity* in 1994.
- 34. Upon information and belief, *Terminal Velocity* was filmed between January 17, 1994, and April 6, 1994.
- 34. Plaintiff John Doe was born in 1977.
- 36. Plaintiff was an avid fan of Defendant Charlie Sheen and his films.
- 37. Plaintiff was 16 in 1977.
- 38. In approximately mid-to-late January 1994 on the last day of shooting in Douglas, Arizona, Plaintiff decided to wait outside of Defendant Charlie Sheen's hotel to get Defendant Charlie Sheen's autograph.
- 39. Plaintiff waited outside of the hotel on and off for a couple of days.
- 40. On the second day, Defendant Robert Womack and Defendant Charlie Sheen's stunt man, Eddie Braun, spotted Plaintiff waiting outside the hotel and

- approached Plaintiff. Defendant Robert Womack and Eddie Braun invited

  Plaintiff in the hotel lobby for the purpose of meeting Defendant Charlie Sheen.
- 41. In the hotel lobby, Plaintiff met Defendant Charlie Sheen, obtained his autograph, and took a photograph with him.
- 42. Later that day, Defendant Robert Womack asked Plaintiff if he would like to accompany him to Tucson to be his assistant for the remainder of the filming of *Terminal Velocity*. The filming would take place over the next three to four weeks. Plaintiff accepted Defendant Robert Womack's offer.
- 43. Plaintiff told Defendant Robert Womack he was 16 years old.
- 44. Plaintiff then returned home to Sierra Vista to pack for the trip to Tucson and obtained parental approval to be Defendant Robert Womack's assistant.
  Plaintiff's mother and aunt then drove Plaintiff to the Wal Mart parking lot in Sierra Vista, where Defendant Robert Womack met them in Defendant Charlie Sheen's trailer. Defendant Charlie Sheen was in the back of the trailer sleeping.
- 45. Defendant Robert Womack then drove Plaintiff to Tucson, where they went to Radisson Tucson Defendant's hotel, the Radisson Tucson.
- 46. When Defendant Robert Womack and Plaintiff arrived at the Radisson Tucson to check in, Defendant Robert Womack and Plaintiff went to the front desk.
  Defendant Robert Womack first checked Defendant Charlie Sheen into a room under a pseudonym. Defendant Robert Womack, however, made it clear to the hotel staff at the front desk that the guest was Defendant Charlie Sheen.

- 47. Defendant Robert Womack, with Plaintiff standing next to him, then checked in to his room. The hotel staff clearly saw Plaintiff, and by his appearance knew that Plaintiff could have been a minor. The hotel staff, however, never spoke to Plaintiff upon check-in and never asked Plaintiff for his age, identification, or his relationship with Defendant Robert Womack.
- 48. The hotel staff at Radisson Tucson Defendant's hotel knew that Plaintiff was staying in Defendant Robert Womack's room, which was a single-bed room with a minibar containing alcoholic beverages.
- 49. Although Plaintiff was originally under the impression that he would be staying in a separate room from Defendant Robert Womack, he did not voice any objections to staying in the same room out of fear of losing his position as Defendant Robert Womack's assistant.
- 50. Defendant Robert Womack and Plaintiff stayed in the same room at Radisson Tucson Defendant's hotel for the entirety of the filming of *Terminal Velocity* in Tucson, Arizona, which was approximately three to four weeks. Numerous members of the production crew saw Plaintiff exit Defendant Robert Womack's room on different occasions.
- Upon information and belief, Defendant Robert Womack and/or the ProductionCompany Defendants paid for the hotel room at the Radisson Tucson.
- 52. Upon information and belief, Defendant Robert Womack was acting in the course and scope of his employment by getting a room at the Radisson Tucson.

He stayed at that room during the course of the production of *Terminal Velocity* in Tucson.

- 53. Later that night, as Plaintiff was attempting to sleep, Defendant Robert Womack laid down on the bed with him, put his hand down Plaintiff's pants and fondled Plaintiff's genitalia while masturbating. After that first night, Defendant Robert Womack continued to sexually assault Plaintiff by having sexual conduct and contact with Plaintiff nightly during the approximately three to four week production of *Terminal Velocity* in Tucson.
- 54. From the first day of production of *Terminal Velocity* in Tucson, Defendant Robert Womack would take Plaintiff to the set. Plaintiff was known on the set as Defendant Robert Womack's assistant. Upon information and belief, the Production Company Defendants provided Plaintiff with a badge stating Plaintiff was "Terminal Velocity staff."
- 55. While on the set, Defendant Robert Womack would make extremely sexual comments about Plaintiff to other individuals, including actors and the production crew, on the set of *Terminal Velocity*. Defendant Womack and Plaintiff were often alone in Defendant Charlie Sheen's trailer while the trailer was parked on set.
- Defendants knew that Plaintiff was a minor, knew that Defendant Womack and Plaintiff were often alone in Defendant Charlie Sheen's trailer while the trailer was parked on set, and knew that Plaintiff was staying in Defendant Womack's hotel room.

- 57. Upon information and belief, Defendant Charlie Sheen knew Plaintiff was a minor. During the course of the filming in Tucson, Defendant Charlie Sheen signed a happy birthday message stating "Happy 18th," indicating he knew Plaintiff was a minor at the time he first met Plaintiff.
- 58. Upon information and belief, Defendant Charlie Sheen knew Plaintiff, a minor, was staying in Defendant Robert Womack's hotel room.
- 59. Defendant Robert Womack facilitated Plaintiff being cast as an extra during the filming of *Terminal Velocity* in Tucson.
- 60. Upon information and belief, Holly Hire Casting & Associates was responsible for managing casting of extras in Tucson and Douglas for the film *Terminal Velocity*. Plaintiff was cast as an extra in *Terminal Velocity*.
- 61. Plaintiff received a paycheck for his role as an extra in *Terminal Velocity*.
- 62. Upon information and belief, Holly Hire Casting and Associates knew that Plaintiff was a minor, knew Defendant Womack and Plaintiff were often alone in Defendant Charlie Sheen's trailer while the trailer was parked on set, and knew Plaintiff, a minor, was staying in Defendant Robert Womack's hotel room.
- 63. After the completion of the filming of *Terminal Velocity* in Tucson, Defendant Robert Womack offered for Plaintiff to come with Defendant Robert Womack to complete filming for *Terminal Velocity* in locations outside of Arizona. Plaintiff, however, refused to go with him and stayed in Arizona.

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#### **COUNT I**

## (Sexual conduct or contact pursuant to House Bill 2466, Chapter 529) (Defendants Robert Womack a/k/a Bobby Womac and Jane Doe Womack)

- 64. Plaintiff reasserts and readopts the allegations in paragraphs 1-63 of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.
- 65. House Bill 2466, Chapter 529 §3(B), passed by the Arizona Legislature and signed into law as an emergency enactment by the Governor of the State of Arizona, states, in relevant part, as follows:

Notwithstanding any other law, a cause of action for damages described in section A, paragraph 1 of this section that involves sexual conduct or sexual contact and that would be time barred under section 12-514... or that would otherwise be time barred because of an applicable statute of limitations, a claim presentation deadline or the expiration of any other time limit is revived and may be commenced before December 31, 2020.

- 66. Defendant Robert Womack had a duty to exercise reasonable care to Plaintiff.
- 67. Defendant Robert Womack breached that duty when he had sexual contact and sexual conduct with Plaintiff on numerous occasions.
- 68. As a direct and proximate result, Plaintiff sustained injuries that have caused pain, suffering, mental and emotional anguish, and a general decrease in the quality of life.

#### **COUNT II**

### (Negligence pursuant to House Bill 2466, Chapter 529) (Defendant Charlie Sheen and Production Company Defendants)

69. Plaintiff reasserts and readopts the allegations in paragraphs 1-68 of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

70. House Bill 2466, Chapter 529 §3(B), passed by the Arizona Legislature and signed into law as an emergency enactment by the Governor of the State of Arizona, states, in relevant part, as follows:

Notwithstanding any other law, a cause of action for damages described in section A, paragraph 1 of this section that involves sexual conduct or sexual contact and that would be time barred under section 12-514... or that would otherwise be time barred because of an applicable statute of limitations, a claim presentation deadline or the expiration of any other time limit is revived and may be commenced before December 31, 2020.

71. House Bill 2466, Chapter 529 §3(C), passed by the Arizona Legislature and signed into law as an emergency enactment by the Governor of the State of Arizona, states, in relevant part, as follows:

A cause of action... may be brought against a person who was not the perpetrator of the sexual conduct or sexual contact if that person knew or otherwise had actual notice of any misconduct that creates an unreasonable risk of sexual conduct or sexual contact with a minor by an employee, a volunteer, a representative or an agent.

- 72. House Bill 2466, Chapter 529 §1(B)(1) codified as A.R.S. 12-514(B)(1) defines a "person" as "an individual, the United States, this state or a public or private corporation, local government unit, public agency, partnership, association, firm, trust or estate or any other legal entity."
- 73. Defendant Charlie Sheen and the Production Company Defendants owed a duty to take reasonable steps to protect Plaintiff from foreseeable harm and injuries.

  Defendant Charlie Sheen and the Production Company Defendants had a duty to warn, safeguard, and/or protect Plaintiff, a minor, from sexual contact and sexual conduct with Defendant Robert Womack.

- 74. Defendant Charlie Sheen and the Production Company Defendants breached their duty of care to Plaintiff as they knew or otherwise had actual notice of misconduct by Defendant Robert Womack that created an unreasonable risk of sexual conduct or sexual contact with Plaintiff and negligently failed to protect Plaintiff while a minor from sexual contact and sexual conduct with Defendant Robert Womack
- 75. As a direct and proximate result, Plaintiff sustained injuries that have caused pain, suffering, mental and emotional anguish, and a general decrease in the quality of life.

### COUNT III

# (Negligence hiring, supervision, retention pursuant to House Bill 2466, Chapter 529) (Defendant Charlie Sheen and Production Company Defendants)

76. Plaintiff reasserts and readopt the allegations in paragraphs 1-75 of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

77. House Bill 2466, Chapter 529 §3(B), passed by the Arizona Legislature and signed into law as an emergency enactment by the Governor of the State of Arizona, states, in relevant part, as follows:

Notwithstanding any other law, a cause of action for damages described in section A, paragraph 1 of this section that involves sexual conduct or sexual contact and that would be time barred under section 12-514... or that would otherwise be time barred because of an applicable statute of limitations, a claim presentation deadline or the expiration of any other time limit is revived and may be commenced before December 31, 2020.

78. House Bill 2466, Chapter 529 §3(C), passed by the Arizona Legislature and signed into law as an emergency enactment by the Governor of the State of Arizona, states, in relevant part, as follows:

A cause of action... may be brought against a person who was not the perpetrator of the sexual conduct or sexual contact if that person knew or otherwise had actual notice of any misconduct that creates an unreasonable risk of sexual conduct or sexual contact with a minor by an employee, a volunteer, a representative or an agent.

- 79. House Bill 2466, Chapter 529 §1(B)(1) codified as A.R.S. 12-514(B)(1) defines a "person" as "an individual, the United States, this state or a public or private corporation, local government unit, public agency, partnership, association, firm, trust or estate or any other legal entity."
- 80. Defendant Charlie Sheen and Production Company Defendants had a duty to exercise reasonable care in the authorization, selection, investigation, approval, hiring, training, supervision, retention, assignment, and/or discharge of its employees, agents, representatives, or servants.
- 81. Upon information and belief, Defendant Charlie Sheen and Production Company
  Defendants owed a duty to train and educate leaders to establish adequate and
  effective policies and procedures calculated to detect, prevent, and address
  sexual abuse.
- 82. Defendant Charlie Sheen and Production Company Defendants breached that duty and failed to exercise reasonable care in the hiring, retention and supervision of their employee, Defendant Robert Womack.

- 83. Defendant Charlie Sheen and Production Company Defendants breached that duty by permitting, or failing to prevent, the negligent conduct of Defendant Robert Womack.
- 84. As a direct and proximate result, Plaintiffs sustained injuries that have caused pain, suffering, mental and emotional anguish, and a general decrease in the quality of life.

# COUNT IV (Negligence pursuant to House Bill 2466, Chapter 529) (Radisson Tucson Defendants)

- 84. Plaintiff reasserts and readopts the allegations in paragraphs 1-83 of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.
- 85. House Bill 2466, Chapter 529 §3(B), passed by the Arizona Legislature and signed into law as an emergency enactment by the Governor of the State of Arizona, states, in relevant part, as follows:

Notwithstanding any other law, a cause of action for damages described in section A, paragraph 1 of this section that involves sexual conduct or sexual contact and that would be time barred under section 12-514... or that would otherwise be time barred because of an applicable statute of limitations, a claim presentation deadline or the expiration of any other time limit is revived and may be commenced before December 31, 2020.

86. House Bill 2466, Chapter 529 §3(C), passed by the Arizona Legislature and signed into law as an emergency enactment by the Governor of the State of Arizona, states, in relevant part, as follows:

A cause of action... may be brought against a person who was not the perpetrator of the sexual conduct or sexual contact if that person knew or otherwise had actual notice of any misconduct that creates

an unreasonable risk of sexual conduct or sexual contact with a minor by an employee, a volunteer, a representative or an agent.

- 87. House Bill 2466, Chapter 529 §1(B)(1) codified as A.R.S. 12-514(B)(1) defines a "person" as "an individual, the United States, this state or a public or private corporation, local government unit, public agency, partnership, association, firm, trust or estate or any other legal entity."
- 88. Under Arizona law, Radisson Tucson Defendants owed a duty to Plaintiff, because Plaintiff was a registered hotel guest and/or a guest of a registered hotel guests, and an invitee of the innkeeper.
- 89. Under Arizona law, Radisson Tucson Defendants owed a nondelegable affirmative duty of care to Plaintiff to maintain the premises in a reasonably safe condition and to protect Plaintiff against another's foreseeable criminal acts.
- 90. Radisson Tucson Defendants had a duty to take reasonable precautions for the safety of Plaintiff.
- 91. Upon information and belief and at all times material hereto, Radisson Tucson

  Defendants had policies in place to ensure registered guests of the premises

  were above the age of majority or had parental permission.
- 92. Upon information and belief and at all times material hereto, Radisson Tucson Defendants did not verify the age or parental permission of Plaintiff.
- 93. Upon information and belief, Radisson Tucson Defendants breached their duty of care to Plaintiff as they knew or otherwise had actual notice of misconduct by Defendant Robert Womack that created an unreasonable risk of sexual conduct

or sexual contact with Plaintiff and negligently failed to protect Plaintiff while a minor from sexual contact and sexual conduct with Defendant Robert Womack.

94. As a direct and proximate result, Plaintiff sustained injuries that have caused pain, suffering, mental and emotional anguish, and a general decrease in the quality of life.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment against Defendants, as follows:

- (1) For general and compensatory damages in an amount to be proven at trial:
- (2) For Plaintiff's costs incurred herein;
- (3) For such other relief as the court deems proper.

DATED this 30th day of December, 2020.

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