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FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, SPRING STREET COURTHOUSE

JUAN ALCARAZ, an Individual, on behalf
of himself and all others similarly situated

Plaintiffs,

v.

WESTERN SHIELD ACQUISITIONS, LLC;
and DOES 1 through 100, Inclusive

Defendants.

CASE NO.: 20STCV01764

[Assigned for all purposes to the Hon. Elihu M.
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CLASS ACTION

FIRST AMENDED CLASS ACTION

COMPLAINT FOR:

1. FAILURE TO PAY OVERTIME WAGES;
2. FAILURE TO PAY MINIMUM WAGES;
3. FAILURE TO PAY OVERTIME WAGES
AT THE LEGAL OVERTIME PAY
RATE;
4. FAILURE TO PROVIDE MEAL PERIODS
OR COMPENSATION IN LIEU OF;
5. FAILURE TO PROVIDE PAID REST
PERIODS;
6. FAILURE TO TIMELY FURNISH
ACCURATE ITEMIZED WAGE
STATEMENTS;
7. VIOLATION OF LABOR CODE §203;
8. UNFAIR BUSINESS PRACTICES;
9. PENALTIES PURSUANT TO LABOR
CODE §2698 et seq.

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Plaintiff, an individual on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated (hereinafter

collectively referred to as "Plaintiffs"), hereby file this Complaint against Defendant WESTERN SHIELD ACQUISITIONS, LLC (hereinafter "WESTERN SHIELD"); and DOES 1 through 100, Inclusive (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Defendants"). Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and on the basis of that information and belief, allege as follows:

I. INTRODUCTION

1. This is Class Action, pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure §382 on behalf of plaintiff and other non-exempt current and former employees employed by Defendant WESTERN SHIELD ACQUISITIONS, LLC ; and DOES 1 through 100 who were joint employers of Plaintiffs in that they were operating as a joint enterprises and both suffered and permitted Plaintiffs to work for each and both of them; controlled Plaintiffs hours and working conditions; Controlled Plaintiffs wages; Both WESTERN SHIELD ACQUISITIONS, LLC and DOES 1 through 100 made the decision to hire Plaintiff and had control of termination of a Plaintiff's employment and therefore jointly employed Plaintiffs. These Defendants and DOES are collectively hereinafter referred to as "Defendants".

2. This is a civil action seeking recovery for Defendants' violations of California Labor Code ("Labor Code") §1194, et seq., §1197, §200 et seq., Labor Code §500 et seq., California Business and Professions Code ("B & PC") §17000 et seq. and §17200 , et seq., the applicable Wage Order(s) issued by the California Industrial Welfare Commission (hereinafter, the "TWC Wage Order(s)") and related common law principles.

3. Plaintiffs' action seeks monetary damages, including full restitution from Defendants as a result of Defendants' unlawful, fraudulent and/or unfair business practices.

4. The acts complained of herein occurred, occur and will occur, at least in part, within the time period from four (4) years preceding the filing of this complaint, up to and through the time of trial for this matter.

RELEVANT EMPLOYEES

5. The relevant employees are Defendants' non-exempt current and former employees, employed in California by Defendants.

6. Defendants' non-exempt current and former employees are paid by Defendants on an hourly pay basis and are California citizens.

7. The obligations and responsibilities of Defendants' current and former non-exempt, hourly paid employees employed in California by Defendants are virtually identical from location to location and employee to employee. Any differences in job activities between the different individuals in these positions were and are legal insignificant to the issues presented by this action.

SUMMARY OF CLAIMS

8. With regard to Defendants' California based non-exempt, hourly paid current and former employees Defendants have established a policy which does not compensate said employees for the time they actually worked as amongst other practices Defendants required employees to work off the clock. Defendants have failed to pay all wages due including overtime wages for all hours worked, failed to pay the required minimum wage for all hours worked, and failed pay overtime wages at the legal overtime pay rate for overtime work as Defendant failed to include non discretionary bonuses/shift differential pay in the regular rate for the purposes of calculating overtime pay. Further Defendants have failed to provide uninterrupted 30 minute meal periods; failed to provide timely paid rest periods; failed to timely furnish accurate itemized wage statements; violated Labor Code §203; and conducted unfair business practices.

II. PARTIES

PLAINTIFF JUAN ALCARAZ

9. Plaintiff Alcaraz (hereinafter “ALCARAZ” or “Plaintiff”) is an individual over the age of eighteen (18) and is now and/or at all times mentioned in this Complaint was a resident of California, county of Los Angeles.

10. Plaintiff ALCARAZ has worked for Defendants in Defendants' location in Los Angeles county as a non-exempt hourly employee. Plaintiff is a former employee of Defendants.

11. Plaintiff seeks unpaid wages, penalties and other compensation from Defendants for the relevant time period because Defendants have (Plaintiff himself was harmed by):

- a. Failed to pay all wages due including overtime wages for all hours worked;
- b. Failed to pay the required minimum wage for all hours worked;
- c. failed to pay the legal overtime pay rate for work over (8) hours in a day and/or forty (40) hours in a week, as non-discretionary bonuses/shift differential pay were not included in the

1 regular rate of pay for the purposes of calculating overtime pay;

2 d. failed to provide meal periods

3 e. failed to provide paid rest periods;

4 f. failed to timely furnish accurate itemized wage statements;

5 g. violated Labor Code §203; and

6 h. Conducted unfair business practices.

7 **DEFENDANT WESTERN SHIELD ACQUISITIONS, LLC**

8 12. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that, at all times herein
9 mentioned, defendant WESTERN SHIELD was and is a limited liability company duly organized,
10 authorized, and licensed to do business in the State of California, with their principal places of business,
11 in Los Angeles County , California. WESTERN SHIELD and the members of the limited liability
12 company are all residents of the state of California. WESTERN SHIELD and DOES 1 through 100
13 were joint employers of Plaintiffs in that they were operating as a joint enterprises and both suffered
14 and permitted Plaintiffs to work for each and both of them; controlled Plaintiffs hours and working
15 conditions; Controlled Plaintiffs wages; Both WESTERN SHIELD and DOES 1 through 100 made the
16 decision to hire Plaintiff and had control of termination of a Plaintiff's employment and therefore
17 jointly employed Plaintiffs. These Defendants and DOES are collectively hereinafter referred to as
18 "Defendants".

19 **DOES 1 TO 100, INCLUSIVE**

20 13. DOES 1 to 100, inclusive are not, and/or at all times mentioned in this Complaint were
21 doing business in the State of California.

22 14. Plaintiffs do not know the true names or capacities, whether individual, partner or
23 corporate, of DOES 1 to 100, inclusive and for that reason, DOES 1 to 100 are sued under such
24 fictitious names pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure ("CCP") §474.

25 15. Plaintiffs will seek leave of court to amend this Complaint to allege such names and
26 capacities as soon as they are ascertained.

27 **ALL DEFENDANTS**

28 16. Defendants, and each of them, are now and/or at all times mentioned in this Complaint

1 were in some manner legally responsible for the events, happenings and circumstances alleged in this
2 Complaint.

3 17. Defendants, and each of them, proximately subjected Plaintiffs to the unlawful practices,
4 wrongs, complaint, injuries and/or damages alleged in the Complaint.

5 18. Defendants, and each of them, are now and/or at all times mentioned in this Complaint
6 were the agents, servants and/or employees of some or all other Defendants, and vice versa, and in
7 doing the things alleged in this Complaint, Defendants are now and/or at all times mentioned in this
8 Complaint were acting within the course and scope of that agency, servitude and/or employment.

9 19. Defendants, and each of them, are now and/or at all times mentioned in this Complaint
10 were members of and/or engaged in a joint venture, partnership and common enterprise, and were
11 acting within the course and scope of, and in pursuance of said joint venture, partnership and common
12 enterprise.

13 20. Defendants, and each of them, at all times mentioned in this Complaint concurred and
14 contributed to the various acts and omissions of each and every one of the other Defendants in
15 proximately causing complaint, injuries and/or damages alleged in this Complaint.

16 21. Defendants, and each of them, at all times mentioned in this Complaint approved of,
17 condoned and/or otherwise ratified each and every one of the acts and/or omissions alleged in this
18 Complaint.

19 22. Defendants, and each of them, at all times mentioned in this Complaint aided and
20 abetted the acts and omissions of each and every one of the other Defendants thereby proximately
21 causing the damages alleged in this Complaint.

22 **III. JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

23 23. The California Superior Court has jurisdiction in this matter due to Defendants'
24 violations of Labor Code §201 et seq, Labor Code §500 et seq., Labor Code §1194, Business &
25 Professions Code §17200 et seq., the IWC Wage Order(s) and related common law principles.

26 24. The California Superior Court also has jurisdiction in this matter because both the
27 individual and aggregate monetary damages and restitution sought herein exceed the minimal
28 jurisdictional limits of the Superior court and will be established at trial according to proof.

1 employees, employed during the relevant time period to whom Defendants failed to pay the required
2 minimum wage (hereinafter, the “Minimum Wage Class”);

3 c. All of Defendants’ California based non-exempt, hourly-paid current and former
4 employees, employed during the relevant time period for worked over eight (8) hours in a day and/or
5 over forty (40) hours in a week and whose premium pay for this overtime work was not calculated to
6 include non-discretionary bonus pay (hereinafter “Overtime Rate Class”);

7 d. All of Defendants’ California based non-exempt, hourly paid current and former
8 employees, employed during the relevant time period (as defined, supra) to whom Defendants failed to
9 provide the legally requisite meal periods (hereinafter, the “Meal Period Class”);

10 e. All of Defendants’ California based non-exempt, hourly paid current and former
11 employees, employed during the relevant time period (as defined, supra) to whom Defendants’ failed
12 to provide the legally requisite rest periods (hereinafter, the “Rest Period Class”);

13 f. All of Defendants’ California based non-exempt, hourly paid current and former
14 employees, employed during the relevant time period (as defined, supra) to whom Defendants failed to
15 provide accurate itemized wage statements (hereinafter, the “Wage Statement Class”);

16 g. All of Defendants’ California-based non-exempt, hourly paid current and former
17 employees, employed during the relevant time period (as defined, supra) to whom Defendants’
18 willfully failed to pay and all wages (hereinafter, the “LC203 Class”).

19 h. All of Defendants’ California based non-exempt, hourly paid current and former
20 employees, employed during the relevant time period (as defined supra) to whom Defendants’ have
21 engaged in unlawful, unfair and/or fraudulent business acts or practices prohibited by B & PC Section
22 17200 (hereinafter, the “17200 Class”).

23 30. The Overtime Class, Minimum Wage Class, Overtime Rate Class, Meal Period Class,
24 Rest Period Class, Wage Statement Class, LC 203 Class and 17200 Class are hereinafter collectively
25 referred to as the “Classes.”

26 31. Throughout discovery in this litigation, Plaintiffs may find it appropriate and/or
27 necessary to amend the definition of the Classes. In any event, Plaintiffs will formally define and
28 designate a class definition at such time when Plaintiffs seek to certify the Classes alleged herein.

1 32. Numerosity (CCP §382):

- 2 a. The potential quantity of members of the Classes as defined is so numerous that joinder
3 of all members is unfeasible and impractical.
- 4 b. The disposition of the claims of the members of the Classes through this class action will
5 benefit both the parties and this Court.
- 6 c. The quantity of members of the Classes is unknown to Plaintiffs at this time; however, it
7 is estimated that the membership of the Classes numbers greater than 100 individuals.
- 8 d. The quantity and identity of such members is readily ascertainable via inspection of
9 Defendants' records.

10 33. Superiority (CCP §382): The nature of this action and the nature of the laws available to
11 Plaintiffs makes the use of the class action format particularly efficient and the appropriate procedure to
12 afford relief to Plaintiffs for the wrongs alleged herein, as follows:

- 13 a. California has a public policy which encourages the use of the class action device;
- 14 b. By establishing a technique whereby the claims of many individuals can be resolved at
15 the same time, the class suit both eliminate the possibility of repetitious litigation and
16 provides small claimants with a method of obtaining redress for claims which would
17 otherwise may be too small to warrant individual litigation;
- 18 c. This case involves large corporate Defendants and a large number of individual Class
19 Members with many relatively small claims and common issues of law and fact;
- 20 d. If each individual member of the Classes was required to file an individual lawsuit, the
21 large corporate Defendants would necessarily gain an advantage because Defendants
22 would be able to exploit and overwhelm the limited resources of each individual member
23 of the Classes with Defendants superior financial and legal resources;
- 24 e. Requiring each individual member of the Classes to pursue an individual remedy would
25 also discourage the assertion of lawful claims by the members of the Classes who would
26 be disinclined to pursue an action against Defendants because of an applicable and
27 justifiable fear of retaliation and permanent damage to their lives, careers and well-
28 being;

- 1 f. Proof of a common business practice or factual pattern, of which the members of the
2 Classes experienced, is representative of the Classes herein and will establish the rights
3 of each of the members of the Classes to recover on the causes of action alleged herein;
- 4 g. Absent class treatment, the prosecution of separate actions by the individual members of
5 the Classes, even if possible, would likely create:
- 6 i) a substantial risk of each individual plaintiff presenting in separate, duplicative
7 proceedings the same or essentially similar arguments and evidence, including
8 expert testimony;
- 9 ii) a multiplicity of trial conducted at enormous expense to both the judicial system
10 and the litigants;
- 11 iii) inconsistent or varying verdicts or adjudications with respect to the individual
12 members of the Classes against Defendants; and
- 13 iv) potentially incompatible standards of conduct for Defendants;
- 14 v) potentially incompatible legal determinations with respect to individual members
15 of the Classes which would, as a practical matter, be dispositive of the interest of
16 the other members of the Classes who are not parties to the adjudications or which
17 would substantially impair or impede the ability of the members of the Classes to
18 protect their interests.
- 19 h. The claims of the individual members of the Classes are not sufficiently large to warrant
20 vigorous individual prosecution considering all of the concomitant costs and expenses
21 attendant thereto;
- 22 i. Courts seeking to preserve efficiency and other benefits of class actions routinely
23 fashion methods to manage any individual questions; and
- 24 j. The Supreme Court of California urges trial courts, which have an obligation to consider
25 the use of innovative procedural tools to certify a manageable class, to be procedurally
26 innovative in managing class actions.

27 34. Well-defined Community of Interest: Plaintiffs also meet the established standards for
28 class certification (see, e.g. Lockheed Martin Corp. V. Superior Court (2003) 29 Cal. 4th 1096), as

1 follows:

2 a. Typicality: The claims of Plaintiff ALCARAZ are typical of the claims of all members
3 of the Classes Plaintiff seeks to represent because all members of the Classes sustained injuries and
4 damages arising out of Defendants' common course of conduct in violation of law and the injuries and
5 damages of all members of the Classes were caused by Defendants' wrongful conduct in violation of
6 law, as alleged herein.

7 b. Adequacy: Plaintiff ALCARAZ:

- 8 i) is an adequate representative of the Classes Plaintiff seeks to represent;
9 ii) will fairly protect the interests of the members of the Classes;
10 iii) has no interests antagonistic to the members of the Classes; and
11 iv) will vigorously pursue this suit via attorneys who are competent, skilled and
12 experienced in litigating matters of this type.

13 c. Predominate Common Questions of Law or Fact: There are common questions of law
14 and/or fact as to the members of the Classes which predominate over questions affecting only
15 individual members of the Classes, including with limitation:

16 i) whether Defendants failed to pay the legal and appropriate overtime compensation to the
17 members of the Overtime Class in violation of the Labor Code and the IWC Wage Order(s);

18 ii) whether Defendants failed to pay the legal and appropriate minimum wage to the members of
19 the Minimum Wage Class in violation of the Labor Code and the IWC Wage Order(s);

20 iii) whether Defendants failed to pay the legal and appropriate overtime compensation to the
21 members of the Overtime Rate Class in violation of the Labor Code and the IWC Wage Order(s);

22 iv) whether Defendants failed and continue to failed to provide meal periods to the members of
23 the Meal Period Class in violation of the Labor Code and the IWC Wage Orders;

24 v) whether Defendants failed and continue to fail to authorize and permit paid rest periods to the
25 members of the Rest Period Class in violation of the Labor Code and section 12 of the IWC Wage
26 Orders;

27 vi) whether Defendants failed to timely furnish accurate itemized statements to the members of
28 the Wage Statement Class;

vii) whether Defendants are liable pursuant to Labor Code §203;
viii) whether Defendants conduct conducts unfair competition within the meaning of B & PC §17200 et seq.
ix) whether Defendants' conduct constitutes unfair business practices within the meaning of B & PC §17200, et seq.;
x) whether the members of the Classes are entitled to compensatory damages, and if so, the means of measuring such damages;
xi) whether the members of the Classes are entitled to injunctive relief;
xii) whether the members of the Classes are entitled to restitution; and
xiii) whether Defendants are liable for attorneys' fees and costs.

35. Whether each member of the Classes might be required to ultimately justify an individual claim does not preclude maintenance of a class action (see, e.. Collins v. Rocha (1972) 7 Cal. 3d 232, 238).

V. CAUSES OF ACTION

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

FAILURE TO PAY OVERTIME WAGES

(On Behalf of the Overtime Class)

(Against All Defendants)

36. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference and reallege each and every one of the allegations contained in the preceding and foregoing paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

37. Labor Code §204 establishes the fundamental right of all employees in the State of California to be paid wages, including straight time and overtime, in a timely fashion for their work.

38. Labor Code §510(a) states in pertinent part: "Any work in excess of eight hours in one workday and any work in excess of 40 hours in any one workweek and the first eight hours worked on the seventh day of work in any one workweek shall be compensated at the rate of no less than one and one-half times the regular rate of pay for an employee."

39. Labor Code §510 (a) further provides that "Any work in excess of 12 hours in one day shall be compensated at the rate of no less than twice the regular rate of pay for an employee."

1 40. Pursuant to Labor Code §1198, it is unlawful to employ person for longer than the hours
2 set by the Industrial Welfare Commission or under conditions prohibited by the IWC Wage Order(s).

3 41. Defendants, as a matter of established company policy and procedure, at each and every
4 one of the individual facilities owned and/or operated by Defendants, consistently:

5 a. Administered a uniform company policy and practice regarding the payment of wage to the
6 member of the Overtime Class;

7 b. Scheduled to work and in fact required the members of the Overtime Class to work in excess
8 of eight (8) hours per workday and/or in excess of forty (40) hours per workweek without paying
9 overtime compensation for all such excess hours worked by requiring the Overtime Class to remain
10 under Defendant's control without paying them therefore which resulted in;

11 c. Failure to pay members of the Overtime Class overtime compensation for work in excess of
12 eight (8) hours per day and/or forty (40) hours per week;

13 d. Failure to pay members of the Overtime Class overtime compensation for work in excess of
14 12 hours per day;

15 e. Failure to pay members of the Overtime Class overtime compensation for the first eight hours
16 worked on the seventh day of work in any one workweek;

17 f. Did not employ the members of the Overtime Class using: i) an alternative workweek
18 schedule pursuant to Labor Code §511; and did not employ the members of the Overtime Class using
19 ii) an alternative workweek schedule adopted pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement.

20 g. Required that the members of the Overtime Class to spend more than fifty percent (50%) of
21 their work performing non-exempt tasks; and

22 h. Disseminated incorrect information throughout Defendant's facilities and amongst
23 Defendants' employees reciting that, under Defendants' labor policies and practices and under
24 California law, the members of the Overtime Class were not entitled to overtime compensation.

25 42. Defendants' pattern, practice and uniform administration of corporate policy regarding
26 illegal employee compensation as described herein is unlawful and creates as entitlement, pursuant to
27 Labor Code §218 and §1194(a), to recovery by the members of the Overtime Classes, in a civil action,
28 for the unpaid balance of the full amount of the overtime wages owing, including interest thereon,

1 reasonable attorneys' fees, and costs of suit.

2 43. That calculation of individual damages for the members of the Wage Class may at
3 some point be required does not foreclose the possibility of taking common evidence on questions
4 regarding their entitlement to overtime compensation (see, e.g. Collins v. Rocha (1972) 7 Cal. 3d 232;
5 Hypolite v. Carleson (1975) 52 Cal. App. 3d 566; Employment Development Dept. v. Superior Court
6 (1981) 30 Cal. 3d 256.

7 44. Pursuant to Labor Code §1194(a) and Civil Code §3287, the members of the Overtime
8 Class seek recovery of pre-judgment interest on all amounts recovered herein.

9 45. Pursuant to Labor Code §1194, the members of the Overtime Class request that the
10 Court award reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred by them in this action.

11 **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**

12 **FAILURE TO PAY MINIMUM WAGES**

13 (On Behalf of the Minimum Wage Class)

14 (Against All Defendants)

15 46. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference and reallege each and every one of the allegations
16 contained in the preceding and foregoing paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

17 47. Plaintiff incorporates by reference and reallege each and every one of the allegations
18 contained in the preceding and foregoing paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

19 48. Pursuant to Labor Code §1197, payment of less than the minimum wage fixed by the
20 Labor Commission is unlawful.

21 49. California Code of Regulations Title 8, §11000(s) and the IWC Wage Orders §4(A)
22 state: "Every employer shall pay to each employee... wages not less than eight dollars (\$8.00) per hour
23 for all hours worked, effective January 1, 2008... and not less than nine dollars (\$9.00) per hours for all
24 hours worked, effective July 1, 2014... and not less than ten dollars (\$10.00) per hour for all hours
25 worked, effective January 2016.

26 50. Defendants, as a matter of established company policy and procedure, at each and every
27 one of the individual facilities owned and/or operated by Defendants which resulted in the members of
28 the Minimum Wage Class earning less than the legal minimum wage in the State of California.

51. Defendants' pattern and practice in uniform administration of corporate policy regarding Defendants' failure to pay the legal minimum wage to the members of the Minimum Wage Class as described herein is unlawful and creates entitlement, pursuant to Labor Code §1194(a), to recovery by the members of the Minimum Wage Class, in a civil action, for the unpaid balance of the full amount of the unpaid minimum wages owed, calculated as the difference between the straight time compensation paid and the applicable minimum wage, including interest thereon.

52. Pursuant to Labor Code §1194.2(a) (which provides that in any action under Labor Code §1194, an employee shall be entitled to recover liquidated damages, the members of the Minimum Wage Class seek recovery of liquidated damages on the straight-time portion of uncompensated hours of work (not including the overtime portion thereof) in an amount equal to the wages unlawfully unpaid and interest thereon.

53. Pursuant to Labor Code §218.6, Labor Code §1194(a) and CC §3287, the members of the Minimum Wage Class seek recover of pre-judgment interest on all amount recovered herein.

54. Pursuant to Labor Code §1194(a), the members of the Minimum Wage Class request that the Court award reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred by them in this action.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

FAILURE TO PAY OVERTIME WAGES AT THE LEGAL OVERTIME PAY RATE

(On Behalf of the Overtime Rate Class)

(Against All Defendants)

55. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference and reallege each and every one of the allegations contained in the preceding and foregoing paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

56. Labor Code §204 establishes the fundamental right of all employees in the State of California to be paid wages in a timely fashion for their work, including overtime.

57. Labor Code §510(a) states in pertinent part: “Any work in excess of eight hours in one workday and any work in excess of 40 hours in any one workweek ... shall be compensated at the rate of no less than one and one-half times the regular rate of pay for any employee.”

1 58. The “regular rate of pay” includes “all [applicable] remuneration paid to, or on behalf of
2 the employee.” See, e.g., 29 U.S.C. §207(3). The California Industrial Welfare Commission applies this
3 standard for determining an employee’s regular rate of pay for overtime calculation purposes.

4 59. Labor Code §§1194(a) states: “Notwithstanding any agreement to work for a lesser
5 wage, any employee receiving less than the legal minimum wage or the legal overtime compensation
6 applicable to the employee is entitled to recover in a civil action the unpaid balance of the full amount
7 of this minimum wage or overtime compensation, including interest thereon, reasonable attorney’s fees,
8 and costs of suit.”

9 60. Defendants, as a matter of established company policy and procedure, at each and every
10 one of the individual facilities owned and/or operated by Defendants, consistently:

11 a. Administered a uniform company policy and practice regarding the payment of overtime wages
12 to the members of the Overtime Rate Class;

13 b. Scheduled and/or required the members of the Overtime Rate Class to work in excess of eight
14 (8) hours per workday and/or in excess of forty (40) hours per workweek; and

15 c. Failed to pay the members of the Overtime Rate Class for all work accomplished in excess of
16 forty (40) hours per week at the correct overtime rate as it failed to include non-discretionary bonus pay
17 due and owing.

18 61. Defendants’ pattern, practice and uniform administration of corporate policy regarding
19 illegal employee compensation as described herein is unlawful and creates an entitlement, pursuant to
20 Labor Code §218 and Labor Code §1194(a), to recovery by the members of the Overtime Rate Class, in
21 a civil action, for the unpaid balance of the full amount of the overtime premiums owing.

22 62. That calculation of individual damages for the members of the Overtime Rate Class may
23 at some point be required does not foreclose the possibility of taking common evidence on questions
24 regarding their entitlement to overtime compensation (see, e.g. Collins v. Rocha (1972) 7 Cal.3d 232;
25 Hypolite v. Carleson (1975) 52 Cal.App.3d 566; Employment Development Dept. v. Superior Court
26 (1981) 30 Cal.3d 256).

27 63. Pursuant to Labor Code §218.6, Labor Code §1194(a) and CC §3287, the members of
28 the Overtime Rate Class seek recovery of pre-judgment interest on all amounts recovered herein.

64. Pursuant to Labor Code §218.5 and/or Labor Code §1194, the members of the Overtime Rate Class request that the Court award reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred by them in this action.

FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION

FAILURE TO PROVIDE MEAL PERIODS OR COMPENSATION IN LIEU OF

(On Behalf of the Meal Period Class)

(Against All Defendants)

65. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference and reallege each and every one of the allegations contained in the preceding and foregoing paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

66. Labor Code §226.7(a) provides that "No employer shall require any employee to work during any meal or rest period mandated by an applicable order of the Industrial Welfare Commission."

67. Labor Code §512 provides that "An employer may not employ an employee for a work period of more than five hours per day without providing the employee with a meal period of not less than 30 minutes, except that if the total work period per day of the employee is no more than six hours, the meal period may be waived by mutual consent of both the employer and employee".

68. Labor Code §512 further provides that "An employer may not employ an employee for a work period of more than 10 hours per day without providing the employee with a second meal period of not less than 30 minutes, except that if the total hours worked is no more than 12 hours, the second meal period may be waived by mutual consent of the employer and the employer only if the first meal period was not waived."

69. Labor Code §516 provides that the Industrial Welfare Commission may adopt or amend working condition orders with respect to meal periods for any workers in California consistent with the health and welfare of those workers.

70. Section 11(A) of the IWC Wage Order(s) provides that "Unless the employee is relieved of all duty during a 30 minutes meal period, the meal period shall be considered an "on duty" meal period and counted as time worked. An "on duty" meal period shall be permitted only when the nature of the work prevents an employee from being relieved of all duty and when by written agreement

1 between the parties an on-the-job paid meal period is agreed to. The written agreement shall state that
2 the employee may, in writing, revoke the agreement at any time.”

3 71. Section 11(B) of the IWC Wage Orders(s) provides that “if an employer fails to provide
4 an employee a meal period in accordance with the applicable provision of this order, the employer shall
5 pay the employee one (1) hour of pay at the employee’s regular rate of compensation for each workday
6 that the meal period is not provided.”

7 72. The members of the Meal Period Class consistently worker over five (5) hours per shift
8 and therefore were entitled to a meal period of not less than thirty (30) minutes prior to exceeding five
9 (5) hours of employment.

10 73. Further, some members of the Meal Period Class consistently worked over ten (10)
11 hours per shift and therefore were entitled to a second meal period of not less than 30 minutes.

12 74. The members of the Meal Period Class did not validly or legally wavier their meal
13 periods, by mutual consent with Defendants or otherwise.

14 75. The members of the Meal Period Class did not enter into any written agreement with
15 Defendants agreeing to an on-the-job paid meal period.

16 76. As a matter of Defendants’ established company policy, Defendant failed to comply with
17 the meal period requirements established by Labor Code §226.7, Labor Code §512, Labor Code §516
18 and Section 11 of the IWC Wage Order(s).

19 77. Pursuant to Section 11(B) of the IWC Wages Order(s) and Labor Code §226.7(b) which
20 states “if an employer fails to provide an employee a meal or rest period in accordance with an
21 applicable order of the industrial Welfare Commission, the employer shall pay the employee one
22 additional hour of pay at the employee’s regular rate of compensation for each work day that the meal
23 or rest period is not provided,” the member of the Meal Period Class are entitled to damages in an
24 amount equal to one(1) additional hours of pay at each employee’s regular rate of compensation for
25 each work day that the meal period was not provided.

26 78. Pursuant to Civil Code §3287, the members of the Meal Period Class seek recovery of
27 pre-judgment interest on all amounts recovered herein.

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1 **FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

2 **FAILURE TO AUTHORIZE AND PERMIT PAID REST PERIODS**

3 (On Behalf of the Rest Period Class)

4 (Against All Defendants)

5 79. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference and reallege each and every one of the allegations
6 contained in the preceding and foregoing paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

7 80. Labor Code §226.7(a) states: "No employer shall require any employee to work during
8 any meal or rest period mandated by an applicable order of the Industrial Welfare Commission."

9 81. Labor Code §516 provides that the Industrial Welfare commission may adopt or amend
10 working conditions orders with respect to break periods for any workers in California consistent with
11 the health and welfare of those workers.

12 82. Section 12(A) of the IWC Wage Order(s) states: "Every employer shall authorize and
13 permit all employee to take rest periods, which insofar as practicable shall be in the middle of each
14 work period. The authorized rest period time shall be based on the total hours worked daily at the rate
15 of ten (10) minutes net rest time per four (4) hours or major fraction thereof. However, a rest period
16 need not be authorized for employees whose total daily work time is less than three and one-half (3 ½)
17 hours. Authorized rest period time shall be counted as hours worked for which there shall be no
18 deduction from wages."

19 83. Section 12(B) of the IWC Wage Order(s) states: "If an employer fails to provide an
20 employee a rest period in accordance with the applicable provisions of this order, the employer shall
21 pay the employee one (1) hour of pay at the employee's regular rate of compensation for each workday
22 that the rest period is not provided."

23 84. The members of the Rest Period Class consistently worked over four (4) hours per shift
24 and therefore were entitled to a rest period of not less than ten (10) minutes prior to exceeding four (4)
25 hours of employment.

26 85. As a matter of Defendants' established company policy, Defendants failed to authorize
27 and permit the required rest periods established by Labor Code § 226.7 and Labor Code § 516 and
28 Section 12 of the IWC Wage Order(s).

1 total daily hours worked shall also be recorded...(5) Total hours worked in the payroll period and
2 applicable rates of pay....”

3 92. Therefore, pursuant to Labor Code § 226(a) and the IWC Wage Orders § 7(A),
4 California employers are required to maintain accurate records pertaining to the total hours worked for
5 Defendants by the members of the Wage Statement Class, including but not limited to, beginning and
6 ending of each work period, meal period and split shift interval, the total daily hours worked, total
7 wages paid, and the total hours worked per pay period and applicable rates of pay,

8 93. As a pattern and practice, in violation of Labor Code § 226(a) and the IWC Wage Orders
9 § 7(A), Defendants did not and still do not furnish each of the members of the Wage Statement Class
10 with an accurate itemized statement in writing showing (1) gross wages earned, (2) total hours worked
11 by the employee, (3) all deductions, (4) net wages earned and/or (5) all applicable hourly rates in effect
12 during each respective pay period and the corresponding number of hours worked at each hourly rate by
13 each respective individual.

14 94. As a pattern and practice, in violation of Labor Code § 226(a) and the IWC Wage Orders
15 § 7(A), Defendants did not and do not maintain accurate records pertaining to the total hours worked
16 for Defendants by the members of the Wage Statement Class, including but not limited to, beginning
17 and ending of each work period, meal period and split shift interval, the total daily hours worked, and
18 the total hours worked per pay period and applicable rates of pay.

19 95. Plaintiffs and the members of the Wage Statement Class have suffered injury as a result
20 of Defendants’ failure to maintain accurate records for the members of the Wage Statement Class have
21 suffered injury as a result of Defendants’ failure to maintain accurate records for the members of the
22 Wage Statement Class in that the members of the Wage Statement Class were not timely provided
23 written accurate itemized statements showing all requisite information, including but not limited to total
24 hours worked by the employee, gross wages earned, net wages earned, all deductions, and all
25 applicable hourly rates in effect during the pay period and the corresponding number of hours worked
26 at each hourly at each hourly rate, in violation of Labor Code § 226 and the IWC Wage Orders § 7(A),
27 such that the members of the Wage Statement Class were misled by Defendants as to the correct
28 information regarding various items, including but not limited to total hours worked by the employee,

gross wages earned, net wages earned, all deductions, and all applicable hourly rates in effect during the pay period and the corresponding number of hours worked at each hourly rate.

96. Pursuant to Labor Code § 226(e), the members of the Wage Statement Class are entitled to fifty dollars (\$50.00) per employer for the initial pay period in which a violation hereunder occurs and one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per employer for each violation in a subsequent pay period, not exceeding an aggregate penalty of four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00).

97. Pursuant to Labor Code § 226(g), the currently-employed members of the Wage Statement Class are entitled to injunctive relief to ensure Defendants' compliance with Labor Code § 226.

98. Pursuant to Labor Code § 226(e) and/or § 226(g), the members of the Wage Statement Class are also entitled to an award of costs and reasonable attorneys' fees.

SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

VIOLATIONS OF LABOR CODE § 203

(On Behalf of the LC 203 Class Members)

(Against All Defendants)

99. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference and reallege each and every one of the allegations contained in the preceding and foregoing paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

100. Labor Code § 203 provides that if an employer willfully fails to pay, without abatement or reduction, in accordance with Labor Code §§ 201 and 202 any wages of an employee who is discharged or who quits, the wages of the employee shall continue at the same rate, for up to thirty (30) days from the due date thereof, until paid or until action therefore is commenced.

101. The members of the LC 203 Class are no longer employed by Defendants as they were either discharged from or quit Defendants' employ.

102. Defendants had a consistent and uniform policy, practice and procedure of willfully failing to pay the earned wages of Defendants' former employees, according to amendment or proof.

103. Defendants willfully failed to pay the members of the LC 203 Class their entire wages due and owing at the time of their termination or within seventy-two (72) hours of their resignation, and failed to pay those sums for thirty (30) days thereafter.

104. Defendants' willful failure to pay wages to the members of the LC 203 Class violates Labor Code § 203 because Defendants knew or should have known wages were due to the members of the LC 203 Class, but Defendants failed to pay them.

105. Thus, the members of the LC 203 Class are entitled to recovery pursuant to Labor Code § 203, in the amount of each LC 203 Class members' daily wage multiplied by thirty (30) days.

106. Pursuant to CC § 3287, the members of the LC 203 Class seek recovery of prejudgment interest on all amounts recovered herein.

EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION

UNFAIR BUSINESS PRACTICES

(On Behalf of the 17200 Class)

(Against All Defendants)

107. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference and reallege each and every one of the allegations contained in the preceding and foregoing paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

108. B&PC § 17200 provides in pertinent part "...[U]nfair competition shall mean and include any unlawful, unfair or fraudulent business act...."

109. B&PC § 17205 provides that unless otherwise expressly provided, the remedies or penalties provided for unfair competition "are cumulative to each other and to the remedies or penalties available under all other laws of this state."

110. B&PC § 17204 provides that an action for any relief from unfair competition may be prosecuted by any person who has suffered injury in fact and has lost money or property as a result of such unfair competition.

111. Defendants have engaged in unlawful, unfair and fraudulent business acts or practices prohibited by B&PC § 17200, including those set forth in the preceding and foregoing paragraphs of the complaint, thereby depriving Plaintiffs and all others similarly situated of the minimum working standards and conditions due to them under the Labor Code and/or the IWC Wage Orders, as specifically described herein.

112. Defendants have engaged in unfair business practices in California by practicing, employing and utilizing the employment practices outlined in the preceding paragraphs, specifically, by

1 requiring employees to perform the labor services complained of herein without the requisite
2 compensation.

3 113. Defendants' use of such practices constitutes an unfair business practice, unfair
4 competition and provides and unfair advantage over Defendants' competitors.

5 114. Plaintiffs have suffered injury in fact and have lost money or property as a result of such
6 unfair competition.

7 115. Plaintiffs seek full restitution from Defendants, as necessary and according to proof,
8 restore any and all monies withheld, acquired and/or converted by Defendants by means of the unfair
9 practices complained of herein.

10 116. Further, if Defendants are not enjoined set forth, above, Defendants will continue to
11 practice, employ and utilize the employment practices outlined in the preceding paragraphs.

12 117. Therefore, Plaintiffs request that the Court issue a preliminary and permanent injunction
13 prohibiting Defendants from engaging in the foregoing conduct.

14 118. Plaintiffs seek the appointment of a receiver, as necessary, to establish the total monetary
15 relief sought from Defendants.

16 **NINTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

17 **PENALTIES PURSUANT TO LABOR CODE §2698 et seq.**

18 **(On Behalf of All Classes)**

19 **(Against All Defendants)**

20 119. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference and reallege each and every one of the allegations
21 contained in the preceding and foregoing paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

22 120. Here, Defendants violated various provisions of the Labor Code and relevant portions of
23 the applicable Wage Order as referenced in the causes of action supra.

24 121. This cause of action and this representation is brought by Plaintiffs on behalf of
25 themselves and Defendants' current and former non-exempt hourly paid employees to whom
26 defendants violated the applicable California wage and hour laws as referenced supra.

1 122. As set forth supra Defendants consistently implemented, maintained and enforced unlawful
2 policies and practices regarding Plaintiffs and the aggrieved employees in violations of California wage
3 and hour laws and identified supra and Labor Code Sections 2698 et seq.

4 123. Such policies and practices, as described supra, violated the Labor Code, and therefore
5 trigger civil penalties insofar as the underlying provisions are enumerated in Labor Code Section
6 2699.5. Therefore, Plaintiffs on behalf of themselves and all aggrieved employees bring this
7 representative PAGA action pursuant to the violation of the Labor Code referenced supra seeking
8 penalties for the violations alleged herein, reasonable attorneys fees and costs, and other relief deemed
9 proper.

10 124. Pursuant to Labor Code Section 2699(a) (which provides that any provision of the Labor
11 Code that provides for a civil penalty to be assessed and collected by the Labor and Workforce
12 Development Agency, may as an alternative, be recovered through a civil action brought by an
13 aggrieved employees, on behalf of himself or herself and other current or former employees), the
14 members of all Classes seek recovery of applicable civil penalties.

15 125. Pursuant to Labor Code Section 2699(e) (which provides that for all provision of the
16 Labor Code except those for which a civil penalty is specifically provided, there is established a civil
17 penalty for a violation of these provisions), the members of all Classes seek recovery of the applicable
18 civil penalties pursuant to Labor Code §2699(e) (2) as follows:

19 a. One hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each aggrieved employee per pay period for the initial
20 violation; and

21 b. Two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for each aggrieved employee per pay period for each
22 subsequent violation.

23 c. Further for penalties under Labor Code Section 558, in addition to and entirely independent
24 and apart from any other penalty provided in the Labor Code in the amount of \$50 for each underpaid
25 aggrieved employee for each pay period the aggrieved was underpaid in addition to an amount
26 sufficient to recovery underpaid wages, and \$100 for each subsequent violation for each underpaid
27 employee for each pay period for which the employee was underpaid in addition to an amount
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1 sufficient to recovery underpaid wages, with all wage recovered pursuant to Labor Code Section 558
2 provided to the aggrieved employees.

3 d. In addition, Plaintiffs seek and are entitled to fifty percent (50%) of all penalties under Labor
4 Code §2699 to be allocated to the General Fund, and twenty five percent (25%) of all penalties obtained
5 to be allocated to the LWDA, for education of employers and employees about their rights and
6 responsibilities under the Labor Code, and twenty five (25%) to all aggrieved employees.

7 126. Further, Plaintiffs are entitled to recover reasonable attorneys fees and costs pursuant to
8 Labor Code §§2699(g)(1), 218.5 and any other applicable statutes.

9 127. Labor Code §§2699.3(a) states in pertinent part: “A civil action by an aggrieved employee
10 pursuant to subdivision(a) or (f) of Section 2699 alleging a violation of any provisions listed in Section
11 2699.5 shall commence only after the following requirement have been met: (1) the aggrieved
12 employee or representative shall give.. notice ...to the LWDA and the employer of the specific
13 provision of this code alleged to have been violated..”.

14 128. Here, Plaintiffs’ civil action alleged violation of provision listed in Labor Code §2699.5.
15 As such, Labor Code §2699.3(a) applies to this action.

16 129. Plaintiffs complied with Labor Code §2699.3(a) in that Plaintiffs gave proper notice to the
17 LWDA and Defendants to the specific provision of the Labor Code alleged to have been violated.

18 130. Labor Code §2699.3(a) further states in pertinent part: “(2)(A) The agency shall notify the
19 employer and the aggrieved employee or representative by certified mail that it does not intend to
20 investigated the alleged violation within 60 calendar days of the postmark date of the notice received
21 pursuant to paragraph (1) Upon receipt of that notice or if no notice is provided within 65 calendar days
22 of the postmark date of the notice give in pursuant to paragraph (1), the aggrieved employee my
23 commenced a civil action pursuant to section 2699.”

24 131. Plaintiffs have complied with Labor Code §2699.3(a) and have been given authorization
25 therefrom to commence a civil action which includes a cause of action pursuant to Labor Code §2699.

26 **VI. PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

27 WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray:
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1 a. That the Court issue an Order certifying the Classes herein, appointing all named
2 Plaintiffs as representative of all others similarly situated, and the law firm representing all named
3 Plaintiffs as counsel for the members of the Classes;

4 As to the First Cause of Action for Failure to Pay Overtime wages:

5 a. For recovery of the unpaid balance of the full amount of overtime compensation due and
6 owing, calculated at the appropriate rate and according to proof;

7 b. For pre-judgment interest as allowed by Labor Code § 218.6, Labor Code § 1194(a) and
8 CC § 3287;

9 c. For an award of reasonable attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to Labor Code § 1194(a);

10 As to the Second Cause of Action for Failure to Pay Minimum Wages

11 d. For recovery of liquidated damages, on the straight-time portion of uncompensated
12 hours of work (not including the overtime portion thereof) in an amount equal to the wages unlawfully
13 unpaid and interest thereon.

14 e. Pursuant to Labor Code §218.6, Labor Code §1194(a) and CC §3287, the members of
15 the Minimum Wage Class seek recover of pre-judgment interest on all amount recovered herein.

16 f. Pursuant to Labor Code §1194(a), the members of the Minimum Wage Class request
17 that the Court award reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred by them in this action

18 As to the Third Cause of Action for Failure to Pay Overtime Wages at the Legal Overtime Pay Rate:

19 g. For damages, as set forth in Labor Code §1194(a) and the IWC Wage Order(s) regarding
20 wages due and owing, according to proof

21 h. For pre-judgment interest as authorized by Labor Code § 218.6, Labor Code §1194(a),
22 and CC § 3287;

23 i. For an award of reasonable attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to Labor Code § 218.5
24 and/or Labor Code §1194(a);

25 As to the Fourth Cause of Action for Failure to Provide Meal Periods or Compensation in Lieu of:

26 j. For one (1) hour of pay at the regular rate of compensation for each member of the Meal
27 Period Class for each workday that a meal period was not provided;

28 k. For pre-judgment interest as authorized by Labor Code § 218.6 and CC § 3287;

1 As to the Fifth Cause of Action for Failure to Authorize and Permit Paid Rest Periods:

2 l For one (1) hour of pay at the regular rate of compensation for each member of the Rest
3 Period for each workday that a meal or rest period was not provided;

4 m. For pre-judgment interest as authorized by Labor Code § 218.6 and CC § 3287;

5 n. For an award of reasonable attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to Labor Code

6 As to the Sixth Cause of Action for Failure to Timely Furnish Accurate Itemized Wage Statements:

7 o. For recovery as authorized by Labor Code § 226(e);

8 p. For injunctive relief to ensure Defendants' compliance with Labor Code § 226 and the
9 IWC Wage Orders § 7(A) pursuant to Labor Code § 226(g);

10 q. For an award of costs and reasonable attorneys' fees pursuant to Labor Code § 226(e)
11 and/or § 226(g);

12 As to the Seventh Cause of Action for Violations of Labor Code §203:

13 r. For recovery as authorized by Labor Code § 203;

14 s. For pre-judgment interest as allowed CC § 3287;

15 As to the Eighth Cause of Action for Unfair Business Practices:

16 t. For an accounting, under administration of Plaintiffs and/or receiver and subject to Court
17 review, to determine the amount to be returned by Defendants, and the amounts to be refunded to
18 members of the Classes who are owed monies by Defendants;

19 u. For an Order requiring Defendants to identify each of the members of the Classes by
20 name, home address, and home telephone number;

21 v. For an Order requiring Defendants to make full restitution and payment pursuant to
22 California law;

23 w. For an Order for a preliminary and /or permanent injunction prohibiting Defendants
24 from engaging in the acts complained of herein;

25 x. For the creation of an administrative process wherein each injured member of the
26 Classes may submit a claim in order to receive his/her money;

27 y. For all other appropriate injunctive, declaratory and equitable relief;

28 z. For interest to the extent permitted by law;

1 aa. For an award of attorneys' fees and costs incurred in the investigation, filing and
2 prosecution of this action pursuant to CCP § 1021.5, B&PC § 17200, et. seq., Labor Code § 1194
3 and/or any other applicable provision of law;

4 As to the Ninth Cause of action:

- 5 bb. For penalties as authorized by Labor Code §2698 et seq;
6 cc. For civil penalties under Labor Code §558;
7 dd. For unpaid wages to be paid to the aggrieved employees;
8 ee. For an award of reasonable attorneys fees and costs incurred.

9 As to All Causes of Action:

- 10 ff. For such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and proper; and
11 gg. For reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred.

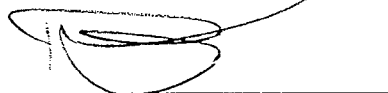
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13 **VII. DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

14 Plaintiffs hereby demand trial of their claims by jury to the extent authorized by law.

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16 DATED: July 6, 2020

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Alcaraz v. Western Shield Acquisitions, LLC

LASC Case No. 20STCV01764

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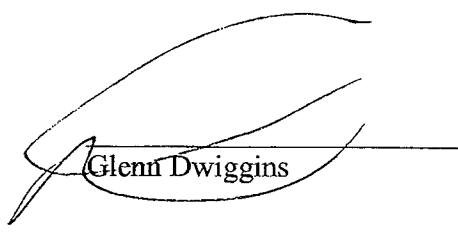
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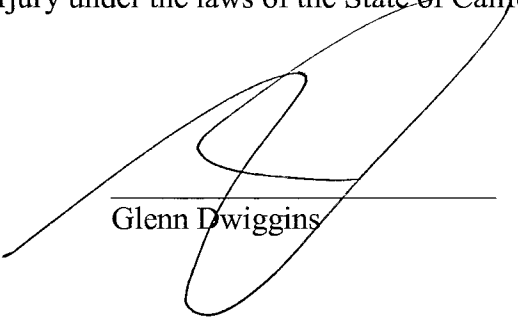
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