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13 **IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
14 **FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**

15 DAVID E. KELLY,

16 Plaintiff,

17 vs.

18 THE MARICOPA COUNTY SHERIFF'S  
19 OFFICE and SHERIFF JOE ARPAIO,  
20 individually; and DOES I through XX,

21 Defendants.

Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

**COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES**  
[Copyright Infringement]

**JURY TRIAL DEMANDED**

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24 COMES NOW the Plaintiff, David E. Kelly (hereinafter, the "Plaintiff" and "Mr.  
25 Kelly"), by and through his attorneys of record, Manotti L. Jenkins of the Law Offices of  
26 Manotti L. Jenkins, LTD, and LaShawn D. Jenkins of the Jenkins Law Firm, and alleges as

1 follows:

2 **I. PARTIES, JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

3 1. At all times relevant to the allegations in this Complaint, Mr. Kelly resided in  
4 Maricopa County, Arizona, and was thus a citizen of the State of Arizona.

5 2. Defendant Maricopa County Sheriff's Office (hereinafter, "Defendant  
6 MCSO") is the Sheriff's Office of a county subdivision of the State of Arizona. Defendant  
7 MCSO is subject to suit for illegal acts of copyright infringement as alleged in this  
8 Complaint.

9 3. Defendant Sheriff Joe Arpaio (hereinafter "Defendant Arpaio"), on  
10 information and belief, at all relevant times hereto was the Sheriff of Maricopa County, did  
11 reside and does reside in said county, and thus was/is a citizen of the State of Arizona.  
12 Defendant Arpaio engaged in the individual acts of copyright infringement and the state  
13 law violation complained of herein both in accordance with and outside of the parameters  
14 and responsibilities of his official capacity as Sheriff.

15 4. The Court has subject matter jurisdiction over Plaintiff's claim for copyright  
16 infringement pursuant to 17 U.S.C. §§ 101, *et seq.*, and §§ 28 U.S.C. 1331 and 1338(a).

17 5. The Court has personal jurisdiction over the Defendants. Defendant MCSO  
18 is the Sheriff's Office of a county subdivision of the State of Arizona. Defendant Arpaio is  
19 the Sheriff of Maricopa County and a citizen of the State of Arizona. Both Defendants are  
20 doing business in the State of Arizona and have committed unlawful and tortious acts within  
21 the State of Arizona. Plaintiff's claims arise out of the conduct that gives rise to personal  
22 jurisdiction over the Defendants.

23 6. Venue for this matter is proper in the United States District Court for the  
24 District of Arizona, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(a), as a substantial part of the events or  
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1 omissions giving rise to the claims set forth herein occurred in this judicial district, and  
2 pursuant to §§ 1391(b)(2) and 1400(a).

3 7. The true names and capacities, whether individual, corporate, or otherwise,  
4 of Defendants sued herein as DOES I through XX are unknown to Plaintiff, who therefore  
5 sue said defendants by such fictitious name. Plaintiff alleges that each DOE defendant is,  
6 in some manner, legally responsible for some or all of damages described herein. When the  
7 identity of said Defendants is ascertained, Plaintiff will amend this complaint to reflect their  
8 true identities.

9 **II. FACTS COMMON TO ALL CLAIMS**

10 8. On September 11, 2001, our country was victimized by a terrorist attack that  
11 will forever be chronicled in the annals of U.S. and world history. Determined to proceed  
12 with our national past times, certain professional sporting events took place as scheduled,  
13 including the 2001 Major League Baseball World Series between the Arizona  
14 Diamondbacks and the New York Yankees.

15 9. The Plaintiff, Mr. Kelly, was then and still is a professional photographer and  
16 was then doing business under the name, "Big League Photos." Mr. Kelly attended the  
17 opening game of the 2001 World Series, which took place on October 27, 2001, in Phoenix.  
18 Before the ceremonial first pitch, Mr. Kelly was able to photographically capture a vivid  
19 and powerful image of the two teams lined up on the baseball diamond – the Diamondbacks  
20 extending along the third base line, from third base to home plate, and the Yankees  
21 extending along the first base line, from home plate to first base. On the left side of the  
22 photograph, between the second and third bases, the Phoenix Fire Department is captured  
23 symbolically raising the tattered American flag from the World Trade Center. In the  
24 foreground were fans seated just behind home plate and in the background was a massive  
25 American flag being held by a group of persons, slightly adjacent to a group of honor  
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1 guardsmen holding smaller versions of the flag. Entitled, “Remembering September 11th,  
2 2001,” the Plaintiff registered the photograph with the United States Copyright Office  
3 (hereinafter, the photograph is referred to as: the “Copyrighted Photograph”). Attached  
4 hereto as Ex. A is a true and correct copy of the Copyrighted Photograph. Attached hereto  
5 as Ex. B is a true and correct copy of Plaintiff’s U.S. Copyright, Reg. No. VA0001175518  
6 (hereinafter, the “Federal Copyright”).

7 10. On September 10, 2002, Plaintiff met Raymond Cedric Young (hereinafter,  
8 “Mr. Young”). Mr. Young represented himself to Plaintiff as an upstanding, former Major  
9 League baseball player who knew a lot of people and had many connections in professional  
10 baseball and among sports memorabilia dealers. Plaintiff considered a potential business  
11 arrangement with Mr. Young to be a superb way to proliferate on a mass scale the  
12 Copyrighted Photographs, to aid in the process of healing a severely wounded nation.

13 11. Unbeknownst to the Plaintiff, Mr. Young had served prison time under the  
14 authority of the Arizona Department of Corrections for at least two forgery convictions in  
15 the 1990’s, both crimes having occurred in Maricopa County during the tenure of Defendant  
16 Arpaio. Mr. Young had additional criminal bouts with the Arizona authorities throughout  
17 the 2000’s that occurred in Maricopa County during the tenure of Defendant Arpaio.

18 12. Totally unaware of Mr. Young’s deceitful history and criminal past, Plaintiff  
19 and his company, Big League Photos, entered into an agreement with Mr. Young on  
20 September 16, 2002 (the “Agreement”). Under the Agreement, Mr. Young was to serve as  
21 a sales agent for Big League Photos with respect to the wholesale distribution of posters  
22 bearing the image of the Copyrighted Photograph (hereinafter, the posters are referred to as  
23 the “Copyrighted Posters). For his services, Mr. Young was to receive compensation at a  
24 rate of forty percent (40%) commission on his sales to new customers and fifteen percent  
25 (15%) commission on customer reorders. Also under the Agreement, Big League Photos  
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1 was to retain exclusive rights to the worldwide distribution of the Copyrighted Posters.  
2 Further, the Agreement provided that Mr. Young was to submit any orders for sales of the  
3 Copyrighted Posters by fax or e-mail directly to the Plaintiff and Big League Photos for  
4 approval, and the exclusive responsibility to print and ship the Copyrighted Posters  
5 remained with the Plaintiff and Big League Photos.

6 13. In September 2002, shortly after entering into the Agreement with the  
7 Plaintiff, Mr. Young began executing his plans to violate the Agreement, and he  
8 subsequently did just that. First, Mr. Young mass produced a business card that illegally  
9 represented that he was the owner of Big League Photos, which was Plaintiff's company  
10 through which Plaintiff executed the Agreement and in association with which he obtained  
11 the Federal Copyright. Mr. Young used the phony business cards to deceive several  
12 copying companies to mass produce, on information and belief, in excess of 300,000  
13 counterfeit copies of the Copyrighted Posters.

14 14. From there, Mr. Young commenced to orchestrate a colossal scheme of  
15 distributing, for financial gain and at the Plaintiff's expense, massive amounts of the  
16 counterfeit Copyrighted Posters to over 100 vendors throughout the country – vendors who  
17 in turn made millions of dollars exploiting Plaintiff's intellectual property. Moreover, Mr.  
18 Young and at least one other person conspired to produce t-shirts bearing Plaintiff's  
19 Copyrighted Photograph, both fraudulently and criminally claiming ownership of the  
20 copyright on the t-shirts. In addition, Mr. Young had approximately 250 vinyl banners  
21 bearing the Copyrighted Photograph printed and sold.

22 15. In 2006, the Plaintiff, d/b/a Big League Photos, filed a lawsuit in Maricopa  
23 County Superior Court for breach of contract and other counts against Mr. Young and other  
24 parties. The Plaintiff successfully obtained monetary judgments against all the parties in  
25 2008, specifically in the amount of \$1.125 million against Mr. Young. The Plaintiff also  
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1 was successful in 2012 in opposing Mr. Young's attempt to discharge that monetary  
2 judgment in bankruptcy, which matter was pending in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the  
3 District of Arizona, in Phoenix.

4 16. But aside from the civil judgment against him, Mr. Young's conduct was so  
5 blatant, deliberate and pernicious as to constitute state and federal crimes, including but not  
6 limited to, criminal copyright infringement pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 506(a) ("Any person  
7 who infringes a copyright willfully and for purposes of commercial advantage or private  
8 financial gain" shall be punished as provided in §18 U.S.C. § 2319). In fact, the pernicious  
9 nature of Mr. Young's conduct perfectly illustrates the very reason the criminal copyright  
10 statute was drafted and enacted.

11 17. As soon as the Plaintiff learned about Mr. Young's criminal activities in 2002,  
12 the Plaintiff began contacting Arizona law enforcement authorities, and contacted  
13 Defendant MCSO and Defendant Arpaio for the first time in 2003. Plaintiff informed the  
14 Defendants of his contractual relationship with Mr. Young and Mr. Young's violation of  
15 that Agreement, as well as Mr. Young's criminal conduct in falsely claiming ownership of  
16 Plaintiff's business and producing and selling the counterfeit Copyrighted Posters. Despite  
17 the Plaintiff having contacted Defendant MCSO on many occasions since 2003, having  
18 spoken with MCSO sheriff deputies and others, informing them of Mr. Young's civil and  
19 criminal activities in derogation of his intellectual property rights, the Defendants refused  
20 to arrest Mr. Young or to even investigate the matter. Instead, the Defendants permitted  
21 Mr. Young's criminal activities to continue unabated; indeed, on information and belief,  
22 such criminal activities continue through the present time.

23 18. As stated above, the Plaintiff successfully opposed Mr. Young's attempt to  
24 have the civil judgment against him discharged in 2012. On information and belief, at some  
25 point during the pendency of the bankruptcy proceedings and after the Plaintiff continued  
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1 to inform the Defendants of Mr. Young's criminal activities against him, Defendant Arpaio  
2 and Mr. Young met and discussed Plaintiff's charges against Mr. Young. Plaintiff's best  
3 estimation is that such a meeting occurred in early 2012. On information and belief, Mr.  
4 Young and Defendant Arpaio agreed that Mr. Young would donate 3,000 copies of the  
5 counterfeit Copyrighted Posters to the MCSO in exchange for Defendant Arpaio's  
6 continuing to refrain from arresting Mr. Young for his state and federal criminal conduct  
7 against the Plaintiff. Plaintiff's belief in this regard is partially based on the photograph of  
8 Mr. Young and Defendant Arpaio, attached hereto as Ex. C, in which the two men are  
9 holding a copy of one of the counterfeit Copyrighted Posters. The photograph includes  
10 false language running across the top, on information and belief, created by Mr. Young, and  
11 states, in all caps and bold: **"RAY AND SHERIFF JOE POSE FOR RAYS DONATION  
12 OF 3000 POSTERS TO MARICOPA COUNTY SHERRIFS OFFICE. LIMITED  
13 EDITION PRINT OF THE 911 TRIBUTE AT DIAMONDBACK STADIUM THAT  
14 RAY OWNED THE COPYRIGHT"**.

15 19. In December 2012, Plaintiff learned that the Defendants were selling the  
16 counterfeit Copyrighted Posters that were donated to them by Mr. Young at Phoenix-based  
17 auctions and possibly other places. On information and belief, the Defendants have already  
18 sold all of the 3,000 donated counterfeit Copyrighted Posters. On information and belief,  
19 Defendants' actions have substantially contributed to the Plaintiff's injury over the past  
20 several years, including the Plaintiff's having been homeless in the Phoenix area and in the  
21 Pasadena, California area for approximately four (4) years.

22 20. On the afternoon of January 25, 2013, the Plaintiff had a chance meeting with  
23 Defendant Arpaio on a downtown Phoenix street. The two men spoke for approximately  
24 fifteen (15) minutes. They discussed the fact that Defendant Arpaio had obtained the 3,000  
25 counterfeit Copyrighted Posters from Mr. Young and Defendant Arpaio admitted to having  
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1 sold the counterfeit Copyrighted Posters. Defendant Arpaio also specifically recalled  
2 knowing that the Plaintiff had contacted his office and had spoken with his deputies and his  
3 secretary about the criminal activity perpetrated against him by Mr. Young. Having  
4 acknowledged those transgressions against the Plaintiff, Defendant Arpaio promised the  
5 Plaintiff that he would “make it up to you somehow.”

6 21. By making such a promise, Defendant Arpaio evinced personal responsibility  
7 to the defendant beyond his responsibility as the Sheriff of Maricopa County. Furthermore,  
8 Defendant Arpaio’s conduct in cutting a deal to have a known criminal, Mr. Young, donate  
9 3,000 copies of the counterfeit Copyrighted Posters to the MCSO in exchange for Defendant  
10 Arpaio’s continuing to refrain from arresting Mr. Young for his criminal conduct against  
11 the Plaintiff, exhibited conduct so beyond the scope and pale of his responsibilities as the  
12 chief county law enforcement officer as to require him to take personal responsibility for  
13 his egregious actions.

14 22. On November 21, 2014, one of the deputies of Defendant MCSO admitted to  
15 the Plaintiff that the Defendants had sold framed copies of the counterfeit Copyrighted  
16 Posters at their charity auctions, and that the Defendants had made money from the sales.  
17 Plaintiff reasonably believes the deputy’s admission indicated that such sales were very  
18 recent to the time period of November 21, 2014.

19 23. The Plaintiff has attempted on numerous occasions over the past twelve (12)  
20 years to get justice from the Defendants, including as recently as 2012 through August 2015.  
21 These attempts have included many communications with the MCSO, including attempts  
22 to obtain relevant information through the Federal and State of Arizona Freedom of  
23 Information Acts, attempts to obtain compensation without resorting to formal legal  
24 process, and, as discussed above, attempts to have Mr. Young arrested and his criminal  
25 activities against the Plaintiff curtailed. Plaintiff’s attempts have been rebuffed and  
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1 thwarted at every turn by the Defendants, despite Defendant Arpaio's admissions of  
2 liability. Plaintiff's attempts to obtain justice from the Defendants have put the Defendants  
3 on consistent notice of Plaintiff's intent to seek compensation for their wrongful acts and  
4 thus the Defendants are under no unfair prejudice in being forced to defend against this  
5 lawsuit.

6 24. Except with respect to the individual conduct complained of in Paragraph 21,  
7 above, by Defendant Arpaio, at all other relevant times that Defendant Arpaio and other  
8 employees of the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office were engaging in the offending conduct  
9 complained of herein, including but not limited to, the sales of the counterfeit Copyrighted  
10 Posters, they were acting within the scope of their responsibilities as agents of Defendant  
11 MCSO.

12 **III. CLAIMS FOR DAMAGES**

13 **COUNT I**

14 (Copyright Infringement – 17 U.S.C. §§ 106, 501, 504, 505 and 506 )

15 (Against Both Defendants)

16 25. Plaintiff repeats and incorporates by reference each and every allegation set  
17 forth in paragraphs 1 through 24, inclusive.

18 26. At all times relevant hereto, Plaintiff has been the creator and owner of the  
19 photographic work, entitled, "Remembering September 11th, 2001."

20 27. For the photographic work at issue in this matter, Plaintiff holds a copyright  
21 registration certificate from the United States Copyright Office – Reg. No. VA0001175518.

22 28. Without authorization, the Defendants distributed and sold Plaintiff's  
23 federally registered copyrighted photographic work.

24 29. The Defendants' conduct in unlawfully distributing and selling the Plaintiff's  
25 federally registered copyrighted work was willful, wanton and malicious, in that the  
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1 Defendants knew their conduct constituted copyright infringement and they proceeded to  
2 engage in the conduct anyway.

3 30. As a result of their wrongful conduct, the Defendants are liable to the Plaintiff  
4 for copyright infringement pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 501. Plaintiff has suffered substantial  
5 financial losses as a result of the Defendants' conduct.

6 31. Plaintiff is entitled to recover damages, which includes his losses and any and  
7 all profits Defendants have made as a result of their wrongful conduct. 17 U.S.C. § 504(b).  
8 Alternatively, Plaintiff is entitled to statutory damages under 17 U.S.C. § 504(c).

9 32. In addition, because Defendants' infringement was willful, the award of  
10 statutory damages should be enhanced in accordance with 17 U.S.C. § 504(c)(2).

11 33. Plaintiff is also entitled to recover his attorney's fees and costs of suit pursuant  
12 to 17 U.S.C. § 505.

13 34. Based on Plaintiff's reasonable belief that the admission by the MCSO deputy  
14 on November 21, 2014, that the Defendants had sold framed copies of the counterfeit  
15 Copyrighted Posters at their charity auctions, indicated that such sales had taken place  
16 recently from the date of such admission, Defendants' infringing conduct as claimed herein  
17 fall within the three-year statute of limitations for copyright infringement.

18 **JURY DEMAND**

19 35. Plaintiff hereby demands a jury trial in this case.

20 **PRAYER**

21 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff David E. Kelly respectfully requests judgment as follows:

- 22 (1) That the Court enter a judgment against Defendants that they have:  
23 a. Willfully infringed Plaintiff's rights in a federally registered copyright  
24 under 17 U.S.C. § 501;  
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b. Caused financial harm to the Plaintiff through the act of infringement complained of above.

(2) That the Court order Defendants to pay Plaintiff's general, special, actual and statutory damages as follows:

a. Plaintiff's damages and Defendants' profits pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 504(b), or, in the alternative, enhanced statutory damages pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 504(c)(2), for Defendants' willful infringement of Plaintiff's copyright;

(3) That the Court order Defendants to pay Plaintiff both the costs of this action and the reasonable attorney's fees he incurred in prosecuting this action pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 504.

(4) That the Court grant to Plaintiff such other and additional relief as is just and proper.

DATED: December 17, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

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**“Remembering September 11th, 2001”**



**Opening Game of 2001 World Series • Arizona Diamondbacks vs New York Yankees**

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**CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION**

**SHORT FORM VA**  
For a Work of the Visual Arts  
UNITED STATES COPYRIGHT OFFICE



OFFICIAL SEAL

This Certificate issued under the seal of the Copyright Office in accordance with title 17, United States Code, attests that registration has been made for the work identified below. The information on this certificate has been made a part of the Copyright Office records.

*Marybeth Peters*

REGISTER OF COPYRIGHTS  
United States of America

Registration Number

VA 1-175-518



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Effective Date of Registration

8-30-2001

Application Received

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TYPE OR PRINT IN BLACK INK. DO NOT WRITE ABOVE THIS LINE.

Title of This Work:

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"Remembering September 11, 2"

Alternative title or title of larger work in which this work was published:

Name and Address of Author and Owner of the Copyright:

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David E. Kelly - Big League Photo's (TM),  
125 S. Alma School Rd., #1256  
Chandler, AZ 85224 cell 480 215-003  
Phone (480) 664-7233 Fax ( )  
Email DBROWSER5@HOTMAIL.COM

Nationality or domicile: Phone, fax, and email:

Year of Creation:

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Type of Authorship in This Work:

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3-Dimensional sculpture  Photograph  Map  
 2-Dimensional artwork  Jewelry design  Text  
 Technical drawing

Signature:

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I certify that the statements made by me in this application are correct to the best of my knowledge. Check  
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X David E. Kelly 8/28/02

Registration cannot be completed without a signature.

Name and Address of Person to Contact for Rights and Permissions: Phone, fax, and email:

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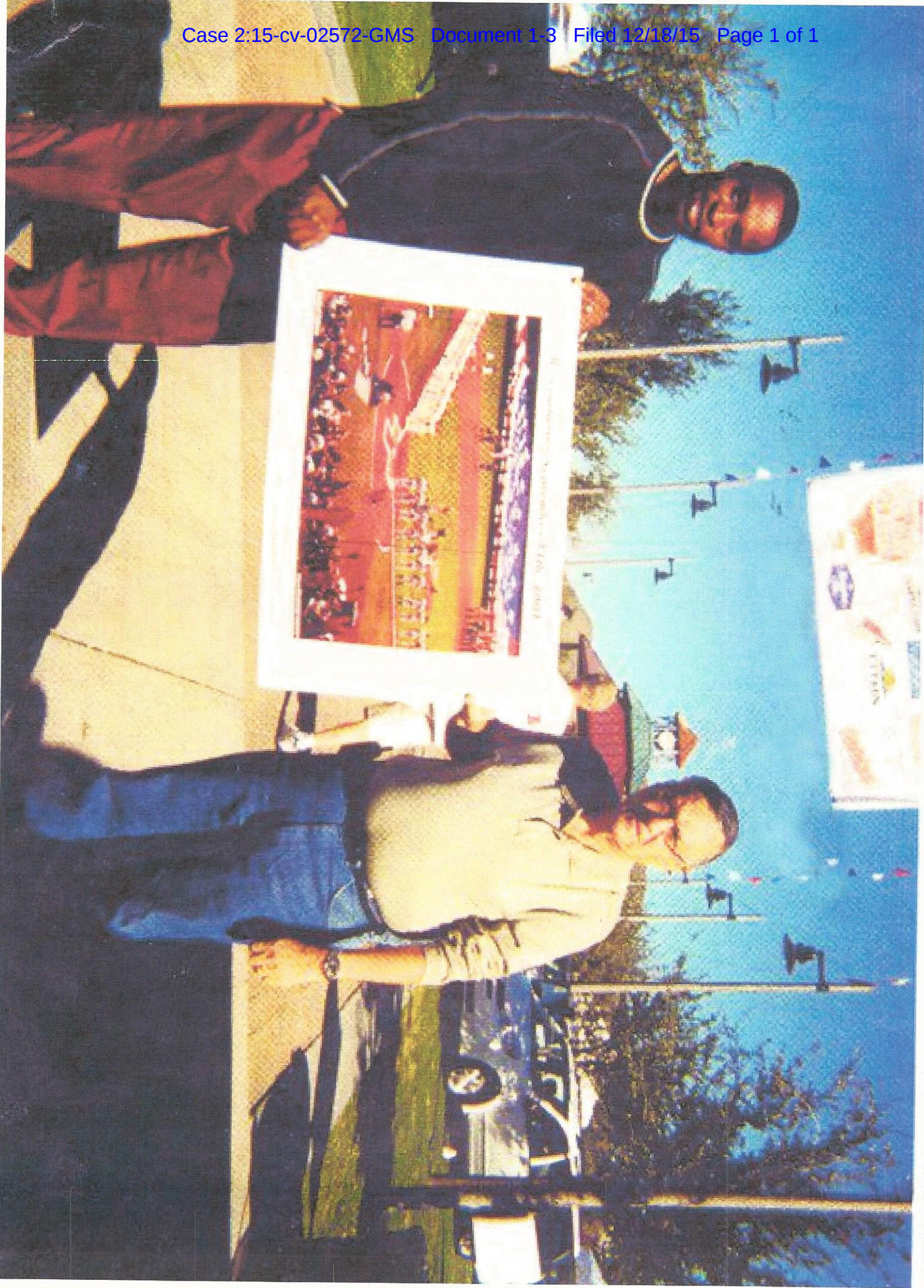
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I. (a) PLAINTIFFS

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff (EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)

DEFENDANTS

County of Residence of First Listed Defendant (IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

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Attorneys (If Known)

II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff, 2 U.S. Government Defendant, 3 Federal Question, 4 Diversity

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)

- Citizen of This State, Citizen of Another State, Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country, PTF DEF, Incorporated or Principal Place of Business In This State, Incorporated and Principal Place of Business In Another State, Foreign Nation

IV. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

Table with 5 columns: CONTRACT, REAL PROPERTY, TORTS, CIVIL RIGHTS, PRISONER PETITIONS, FORFEITURE/PENALTY, LABOR, IMMIGRATION, BANKRUPTCY, SOCIAL SECURITY, FEDERAL TAX SUITS, OTHER STATUTES. Contains various legal categories and checkboxes.

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VI. CAUSE OF ACTION

Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity):
Brief description of cause:

VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:

CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER RULE 23, F.R.Cv.P. DEMAND \$ CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint: JURY DEMAND: Yes No

VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY

(See instructions): JUDGE DOCKET NUMBER

DATE SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD

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- I.(a) Plaintiffs-Defendants.** Enter names (last, first, middle initial) of plaintiff and defendant. If the plaintiff or defendant is a government agency, use only the full name or standard abbreviations. If the plaintiff or defendant is an official within a government agency, identify first the agency and then the official, giving both name and title.
- (b) County of Residence.** For each civil case filed, except U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county where the first listed plaintiff resides at the time of filing. In U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county in which the first listed defendant resides at the time of filing. (NOTE: In land condemnation cases, the county of residence of the "defendant" is the location of the tract of land involved.)
- (c) Attorneys.** Enter the firm name, address, telephone number, and attorney of record. If there are several attorneys, list them on an attachment, noting in this section "(see attachment)".
- II. Jurisdiction.** The basis of jurisdiction is set forth under Rule 8(a), F.R.Cv.P., which requires that jurisdictions be shown in pleadings. Place an "X" in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, precedence is given in the order shown below.  
 United States plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction based on 28 U.S.C. 1345 and 1348. Suits by agencies and officers of the United States are included here.  
 United States defendant. (2) When the plaintiff is suing the United States, its officers or agencies, place an "X" in this box.  
 Federal question. (3) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1331, where jurisdiction arises under the Constitution of the United States, an amendment to the Constitution, an act of Congress or a treaty of the United States. In cases where the U.S. is a party, the U.S. plaintiff or defendant code takes precedence, and box 1 or 2 should be marked.  
 Diversity of citizenship. (4) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1332, where parties are citizens of different states. When Box 4 is checked, the citizenship of the different parties must be checked. (See Section III below; **NOTE: federal question actions take precedence over diversity cases.**)
- III. Residence (citizenship) of Principal Parties.** This section of the JS 44 is to be completed if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. Mark this section for each principal party.
- IV. Nature of Suit.** Place an "X" in the appropriate box. If the nature of suit cannot be determined, be sure the cause of action, in Section VI below, is sufficient to enable the deputy clerk or the statistical clerk(s) in the Administrative Office to determine the nature of suit. If the cause fits more than one nature of suit, select the most definitive.
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- VII. Requested in Complaint.** Class Action. Place an "X" in this box if you are filing a class action under Rule 23, F.R.Cv.P.  
 Demand. In this space enter the actual dollar amount being demanded or indicate other demand, such as a preliminary injunction.  
 Jury Demand. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether or not a jury is being demanded.
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