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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

STEVEN A. DURAN and ELAINE DURAN
as Successors in Interest of JOSEPH
DURAN,; STEVEN DURAN, Individually;
and ELAINE DURAN, Individually,

NO. 2:14-cv-2048 TLN CKD

Plaintiffs,

vs.

**FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT
FOR VIOLATIONS OF CIVIL
RIGHTS AND STATE LAW**

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

CDCR Correctional Officer ROY C.
CHAVEZ; CDCR Correctional Officer
TIMOTHY NELSON; CDCR Correctional
Officer JASON R. STRONGMAN; CDCR
Correctional Sergeant MARK SHEPARD;
CDCR Correctional Sergeant JUAN C.
CARRILLO; CDCR Correctional Lieutenant
BRYAN D. McCLOUGHAN; CDCR
Licensed Vocational Nurse MICHAEL;
CDCR Clinical Psychologist RICHARD E.
ORTIGO, Psy. D.; CDCR Staff Psychiatrist
KARUNA ANAND, M.D.; CDCR Physician
and Surgeon JANET YU, M.D.; Mule Creek
State Prison Chief Medical Executive SCOTT
A. HEATLEY, M.D.; Mule Creek State
Prison Chief Executive Officer (Medical)
DAVID SMILEY; Mule Creek State Prison
Warden and Chief Executive Officer
WILLIAM W. KNIPP; Amador County
Sheriff-Coroner MARTIN A. RYAN; CASA
BONITA, INC.; and Does 1 through 20.

Defendants.

Plaintiffs complain and allege as follows:

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

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2 1. This complaint seeks damages and attorneys' fees pursuant to Title 42 U.S.C.
3 sections 1983 and 1988 for violations of decedent's and survivor's civil rights and violations
4 of California State law. Jurisdiction is founded upon Title 28 U.S.C. sections 1331 and 1343.
5 This Court has supplemental jurisdiction over Plaintiffs' state law claims pursuant to 28
6 U.S.C. § 1367.

7 2. Plaintiffs' claims arose in the County of Amador, California. Venue lies in
8 the Eastern District of California pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1291(b)(2).

INTRODUCTION

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10 3. This action arises out of the untimely and avoidable death of Joseph Damien
11 Duran ("Duran") at Mule Creek State Prison ("MCSP") on September 7, 2013. At the time
12 of his death, Duran had been at Mule Creek State Prison for just three days. After re-
13 entering the CDCR system days earlier on August 30, 2013, CDCR staff recognized that he
14 was severely mentally ill as well as suicidal. As a result, Duran was transferred to MCSP to
15 be housed in a Mental Health Crisis Bed. Unfortunately, that transfer did not help as Duran
16 died three days later. The circumstances of his death are as follows.

17 4. Duran, having undergone a surgical tracheostomy in 2007, breathed through
18 a tracheostomy tube in his throat. On the morning of September 6, 2013, Duran's
19 psychiatrist, inexplicably and for no apparent clinical reason, removed Duran from suicide
20 prevention protocols just as his paranoia and overall mental health were significantly
21 worsening. Among other things, Duran claimed he was being poisoned and was refusing his
22 necessary psychotropic medications because he believed they had been switched. During the
23 September 6, 2013 evening round of medications, Duran held open the food port, which is a
24 small rectangular hinged slot in the cell door. The response by correctional staff was to blast
25 him with chemically propelled aerosol OC pepper spray. The predictable painful and
26 immediate effects of the OC pepper spray were magnified a hundred fold in this case due to
27 the spray entering Duran's tracheal tube and going directly into his throat. Desperately
28 seeking pain relief, Duran ripped out his tracheostomy tube, causing him to spit up blood.

1 Several nurses sought medical intervention which resulted in medical orders from two
2 doctors to remove Duran from his cell, decontaminate him from the OC pepper spray, and
3 intravenously administer desperately needed anti-psychotic medication.

4 5. Hardened by an institutional culture of callousness, the correctional officers,
5 sergeants and a lieutenant chose to ignore the doctors' orders as well as CDCR policies and
6 decided, instead, to leave Duran in his cell suffering from the after effects of the OC pepper
7 spray, which was synergistically interacting with his uncontrolled mental illness. Duran
8 received no medical attention and only infrequent observation as he was kept through the
9 night in his contaminated cell. The level of observation was so low that it is impossible to
10 determine the time at which Duran, attempting to alleviate his pain, packed the burning hole
11 in his throat with spaghetti, and possibly feces, as one might pack a wound. Unfortunately,
12 the direct result was his death as these pain relief measures also had the effect of cutting off
13 his oxygen. There was an attempt to cover up the cause of and to conceal the fact of Duran's
14 death. This cover up was motivated by a desire to influence the perpetually pending class
15 action lawsuit *Coleman v. Brown*, 2:90-cv-0520 LKK DAD, involving the treatment of
16 mentally ill inmates. Contrary to Duran's wishes and the Catholic beliefs of Duran and his
17 parents, and before his parents were even notified of his death, Duran was cremated and his
18 ashes were scattered at sea.

19 **PARTIES**

20 6. Born September 3, 1978, Joseph Duran was a 35 year old citizen of the
21 United States at the time of his death.

22 7. Plaintiff Steven Duran was decedent's father.

23 8. Plaintiff Elaine Duran was decedent's mother.

24 9. Plaintiffs Steven Duran and Elaine Duran are Joseph Duran's successors in
25 interest. (See Exhibit A - Declaration by Persons Bringing this Action as decedent's
26 Successors in Interest.) Plaintiffs Steven Duran and Elaine Duran are also decedent's next
27 of kin for purposes of intestate succession.
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1 10. California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Correctional Officer
2 Roy C. Chavez was at all times mentioned herein a correctional officer working at MCSP.
3 Officer Chavez was acting under color of state law.

4 11. California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Correctional Officer
5 Timothy Nelson was at all times mentioned herein a correctional officer working at MCSP.
6 Officer Nelson was acting under color of state law.

7 12. California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Correctional Officer
8 Jason R. Strongman was at all times mentioned herein a correctional officer working at
9 MCSP. Officer Strongman was acting under color of state law.

10 13. California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Correctional
11 Sergeant Mark Shepard was at all times mentioned herein a correctional sergeant working at
12 MCSP. Sergeant Shepard was acting under color of state law.

13 14. California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Sergeant Juan C.
14 Carrillo was at all times mentioned herein a correctional sergeant working at MCSP.
15 Sergeant Carrillo was acting under color of state law.

16 15. California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Correctional
17 Lieutenant Bryan D. McCloughan was at all times mentioned herein a correctional
18 lieutenant working at MCSP. Lieutenant McCloughan was acting under color of state law.

19 16. California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Licensed Vocational
20 Nurse (LVN) Michael was at all times mentioned herein a nurse working at MCSP. LVN
21 Michael was acting under color of state law.

22 17. California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Clinical
23 Psychologist Richard E. Ortigo, Psy. D., was at all times mentioned herein a doctor of
24 psychology and a clinical psychologist working at MCSP. Dr. Ortigo was acting under color
25 of state law.

26 18. California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Staff Psychologist
27 Karuna Anand, M.D., was at all times mentioned herein a doctor of psychiatry and a staff
28 psychiatrist working at MCSP. Dr. Anand was acting under color of state law.

1 19. California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Physician and
2 Surgeon Dr. Janet Yu, M.D., was at all times mentioned herein a physician and surgeon
3 working at MCSP. Dr. Yu was acting under color of state law.

4 20. Dr. Scott A. Heatley was at all times mentioned herein the Chief Medical
5 Officer Executive (CME) at MCSP. Dr. Heatley was acting under color of state law. As
6 CME, Dr. Heatley was responsible for overseeing the examination, diagnoses, prescriptions
7 and treatment of all inmate patients at MCSP.

8 21. David Smiley was at all times mentioned herein the Chief Executive Officer
9 (CEO) for health care at MCSP. CEO Smiley was acting under color of state law. The CEO
10 is the highest-ranking health care authority within an adult CDCR institution. CEO Smiley
11 was responsible for all aspects of delivering health care at MCSP to ensure adequate medical
12 and mental health care for all inmates at MCSP.

13 22. William W. Knipp was at all times mentioned herein the Warden and CEO of
14 MCSP. Warden Knipp was acting under color of state law. Warden Knipp was responsible
15 for the custody and treatment of all inmates and for the training and discipline of all
16 employees under his charge. Warden Knipp was also responsible for establishing such
17 operational plans and procedures as required by MCSP to provide for the custody and
18 treatment of inmates at MCSP.

19 23. Martin A. Ryan was at all times mentioned herein the Sheriff-Coroner of
20 Amador County. Sheriff-Coroner Ryan was acting under color of state law.

21 24. Casa Bonita, INC., a corporation doing business as Casa Bonita Funeral
22 Home, was at all times mentioned herein a Funeral Home in Stockton, California. Casa
23 Bonita Funeral home was acting under color of state law.

24 25. Upon information and belief, Defendant Doe 1, the Sergeant on Duty at
25 MCSP at or about 11:00 p.m. on September 6, 2013 (if different from Sergeant Shepard),
26 was at all times mentioned herein a correctional sergeant working at MCSP who was acting
27 under color of state law. The true name and identity of defendant Doe 1, the Sergeant on
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1 Duty, is presently unknown to Plaintiff. Plaintiff will seek to amend this complaint as soon
2 as the true name and identity of Doe 1 is ascertained.

3 26. Upon information and belief, Defendant Doe 2, the Administrative Officer-
4 of-the-Day for MCSP on duty at or about 11:00 p.m. on September 6, 2013, was at all times
5 mentioned herein an administrative officer working at MCSP who was acting under color of
6 state law. The true name and identity of defendant Doe 2, the Administrative Officer-of-the-
7 Day, is presently unknown to Plaintiff. Plaintiff will seek to amend this complaint as soon as
8 the true name and identity of Doe 2 is ascertained.

9 27. Upon information and belief, Defendant Does 3, 4 and 5 were at all times
10 mentioned herein individuals working at North Kern State Prison who were acting under
11 color of state law. Defendant Does 3, 4 and 5 were responsible for negligently failing to scan
12 or negligently failing to ensure that a copy of Joseph Duran's note expressing suicidal
13 ideation was scanned into his medical records. This omission caused Duran's treatment team
14 at MCSP to be deprived of critical information in the hours and days prior to his death. The
15 true names and identities of Does 3, 4 and 5 are presently unknown to Plaintiff. Plaintiff will
16 seek to amend this complaint as soon as the true names and identities of Does 3, 4 and 5 are
17 ascertained.

18 28. Upon information and belief, Defendant Does 6 through 10 were at all times
19 mentioned herein individuals working at MCSP who were acting under color of state law.
20 Defendant Does 6 through 10 were additional members of the custody staff who were
21 deliberately indifferent to Duran's serious medical needs either by deliberately disobeying
22 doctors' orders, or otherwise by ignoring known obvious risks to Duran's health and safety
23 during September 5-7, 2013, or by failing to investigate, supervise, and discipline other
24 individuals or by failing to implement and/or maintain constitutionally adequate policies and
25 procedures for inmates at MCSP to obtain medical and mental health care. The true names
26 and identities of Does 6 through 10 are presently unknown to Plaintiff. Plaintiff will seek to
27 amend this complaint as soon as the true names and identities of Does 6 through 10 are
28 ascertained.

1 29. Upon information and belief, Defendant Does 11 through 15 were at all times
2 mentioned herein individual medical or mental health staff members working at MCSP
3 during September 5-7, 2013 who were acting under color of state law. Defendant Does 11
4 through 15 were deliberately indifferent to Duran's serious medical needs when they
5 ignored known serious risks to his health and safety by either denying treatment or by failing
6 to investigate, supervise, and discipline other individuals in regard to Duran's medical and
7 mental health treatment or by failing to implement and/or maintain constitutionally adequate
8 policies and procedures in regard to medical and mental health care for inmates at MCSP.
9 The true names and identities of Doe 11 through Doe 15 are presently unknown to Plaintiff.
10 Plaintiff will seek to amend this complaint as soon as the true names and identities of Does
11 11 through 15 are ascertained.

12 30. Upon information and belief, Defendant Does 16 through 20 were at all times
13 mentioned herein individuals working for CDCR during September 5-7, 2013 who were
14 acting under color of state law, or individuals working for the Amador County Sheriff-
15 Coroner's Office and acting under color of state law. Defendant Does 16 through 20 were
16 involved the investigation and cover up of Duran's death and were responsible for covering
17 up the unlawful conduct of the other Doe defendants and the named defendants identified
18 herein, or knowingly and actively participated in the failure to notify Duran's next of kin of
19 his death.

20 **COMPLIANCE WITH GOVERNMENT TORT CLAIM PROCEDURES**

21 31. As a pre-requisite to the state law claims alleged herein against State of
22 California employees/agents, Plaintiffs Steven and Elaine Duran filed governmental claims
23 with the Victims Compensation and Government Claims Board on February 13, 2014.

24 32. By correspondence from the California Victims Compensation and
25 Government Claims Board dated March 28, 2014, these claims were rejected.

26 33. This action has been filed within six months of the rejection by the California
27 Victims Compensation and Government Claims Board rejection, as required by law.
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1 34. As a pre-requisite to the state law claims alleged herein against the County of
2 Amador and its employees/agents, Plaintiffs Steven Duran and Elaine Duran filed
3 governmental tort claims with the County of Amador on June 9, 2014.

4 35. By correspondence from the County of Amador dated July 17, 2014, the
5 claims have been acknowledged but not acted upon.

6 36. Since more than forty-five days have passed since Plaintiffs filed their claims
7 with the County of Amador, those claims may be deemed rejected by operation of law.

8 **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

9 **Factual Background**

10 37. At the time of his death, the decedent, Joseph Damien Duran ("Duran"), was
11 thirty-five years of age. He was five feet, eight inches tall and weighed approximately one
12 hundred and seventy pounds.

13 38. Duran's parents, Steven and Elaine Duran, raised him from the age of five,
14 when they adopted him. They called him Joey. The Durans were a typical, loving middle
15 class family. When Duran was a young boy, his father regularly took him fishing and
16 coached him in Little League. Steven and Elaine Duran maintained a loving relationship
17 with Duran into his adulthood in spite of the complications posed by Duran's mental health
18 issues.

19 39. Since his teen years, Duran suffered from significant mental health problems.
20 His diagnoses included bipolar disorder, depression, psychotic disorder not otherwise
21 specified (NOS) and antisocial personality disorder. He also suffered from a seizure disorder
22 and hallucinations, particularly auditory hallucinations.

23 40. Duran's mental health issues caused significant behavioral problems and
24 problems with authority. As a result, he had various interactions with the law and with the
25 criminal justice system. On multiple previous occasions beginning in 1997, Duran was in the
26 custody of the California Department of Corrections.

27 41. Other manifestations of Duran's mental health problems included
28 aggrandized notions of self, delusional thinking, self-medicating with illegal drugs and

1 reluctance to take prescribed drugs. On a handful of previous occasions, Duran had been
2 hospitalized in psychiatric inpatient hospitals.

3 42. CDCR recognized Duran as a mentally ill inmate. During previous
4 incarcerations, Duran received treatment through the Mental Health Services Delivery
5 System. His CDCR records show his treatment providers' knowledge of his previous
6 diagnoses, psychiatric hospitalizations and suicidality. Duran's previous psychiatric
7 inpatient hospitalizations were referenced in his medical and mental health records that were
8 maintained by CDCR. Duran also had a seizure disorder, of which his treatment team at
9 CDCR was aware, and had previously suffered head traumas which appeared to contribute
10 to his mental health problems.

11 43. Duran had been treated with a cornucopia of psychotropic medications,
12 including Thorazine, Neurontin, Prolixin, Artane, Seroquel, Remerin and Carbamazepine.

13 44. Duran had a known history of suicidality, suicide attempts, suicidal ideation
14 and self-harming behavior. While previously CDCR's custody, Duran had been placed on
15 suicide watch. Almost all of the previous suicidal scenarios envisioned or communicated by
16 Duran, including those on which he acted while in CDCR custody, involved cutting himself;
17 none involved his stoma.

18 45. In July 2007, as a result of a throat injury, Duran underwent a tracheal
19 stenosis surgical procedure. As a result, he breathed through a tracheostomy tube in his
20 throat. The tracheostomy site was an ongoing source of pain, discomfort, medical
21 complications and communication problems, among other issues. In 2012, Duran underwent
22 a follow up surgical procedure at the site of his stoma.

23 46. The tracheostomy caused communication problems and limited Duran's
24 ability to communicate orally. However, Duran was able to manipulate his tracheostomy
25 tube so that he could speak in a soft whispery voice. He needed to supplement his speech
26 with the use of non-verbal communication tactics including hand gestures and written notes,
27 particularly when having any problem with his tracheostomy tube.

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1 47. It was known that inmates with tracheotomies, particularly those with mental
2 health and/or behavioral issues, had a physical condition which required consideration in the
3 decision to use force, or other coercive measures.

4 48. MCSP lacked established protocols and consistent practices for the
5 documentation of on-call activities by medical and mental health staff. Adequate
6 documentation is a necessary component of adequate care. This failure was known to and
7 the result of inadequate supervision by Knipp, Dr. Heatley and Smiley and does 11-15.

8 49. MCSP lacked established protocols and consistent practices for the
9 contemporaneous and complete documentation of treatment notes by medical and mental
10 health staff. Adequate contemporaneous documentation is a necessary component of
11 adequate care. This failure was known to and the result of inadequate supervision by Knipp,
12 Dr. Heatley and Smiley and does 11-15.

13 50. The correctional staff routinely ignored or refused to effectuate medical
14 orders resulting in inmates suffering physical harm and gratuitous suffering. This was
15 known to and the result of poor supervision by Knipp and does 1-2, and 6-10.

16 51. The CDCR, as a result of the class action suit filed in 1990, *Coleman v.*
17 *Brown, et al.*, 2:90-cv-0520 which is pending in the United States District Court for the
18 Eastern District of California, was obligated to effect a great deal of change in CDCR's
19 treatment of mentally ill inmates. As a part of that action, the CDCR policy regarding the
20 use of force against mentally ill inmates, including the use of chemical agents and
21 specifically OC pepper spray against mentally ill inmates, as well as the issue of preventable
22 suicide by mentally ill inmates, was under active Court scrutiny. Because of *Coleman*, the
23 defendants were aware that the use of force policy (including the use of chemical agents) at
24 MCSP had to factor in an inmate's mental illness. Additionally *Coleman* put them on notice
25 that suicide precautions and preventative steps had to be clearly delineated and followed by
26 staff. It also put the defendants on actual notice about the importance and consequences of
27 having inadequate communications between correctional and medical/mental health staff.
28 *Coleman* also resulted in numerous reporting and investigative obligations which were

1 triggered by various specific incidents, including what were potentially inmate suicides.
2 Despite these reviews and legal obligations, Defendants Knipp, Dr. Heatley and Smiley
3 failed to take appropriate actions as alleged herein.

4 **2013: Duran Re-enters CDCR**

5 52. On August 30, 2013, Duran re-entered CDCR at the North Kern State Prison
6 (NKSP) reception center and underwent an initial health screening. A nurse documented his
7 physical and mental health conditions, including his tracheostomy stoma, history of seizures
8 and mental illness. Daily tracheostomy suctioning was ordered. Duran reported that he was
9 hearing voices in his head and that he had thoughts of hurting himself. He was referred for
10 additional mental health evaluation.

11 53. A staff psychiatrist again placed Duran in the Mental Health Services
12 Delivery System at the Correctional Clinical Case Management System level of care. Duran
13 reported visual hallucinations. He was prescribed Prozac, Thorazine and Hydroxyzine.

14 54. On or about September 2, 2013, Duran gave a note to correctional staff at
15 NKSP which read: "I need 2 speak 2 a phyciatrist [*sic*]. I am not doing 2 good. I'll go
16 downstairs if I got to [*sic*]. My head is not clear right now. I'm in pain. I AM SUICIDAL"
17 (emphasis in original).

18 55. Subsequent CDCR reviews of this incident claim that Duran's note
19 expressing suicidal ideation was not scanned into "eUHR" or "SRE" until September 10,
20 2013 and that this omission resulted in a lack of vital information for his treatment team in
21 the critical days and hours preceding his death.

22 56. On September 2, 2013, Duran was placed in a holding cell under suicide
23 watch.

24 57. According to CDCR's Mental Health Services Delivery System Program
25 Guide, an inmate is placed on suicide watch when the inmate is at risk of suicide and is in
26 immediate danger of self-injurious behavior.

27 58. Under a clinician-ordered suicide watch, an inmate wears a safety (no-tear)
28 smock/gown with no ID band on the wrist. All furniture is removed from the cell aside from

1 a safety no-tear mattress and the inmate is to be either continuously observed or monitored
2 under intervals not to exceed 15 minutes.

3 59. On September 3, 2013, Duran underwent another suicide risk evaluation. The
4 evaluation specifically noted that Duran reported both a desire to die and a plan to kill
5 himself. Accordingly, he was recognized to pose both a long term and immediate risk of
6 suicide (described as high chronic risk and high acute risk).

7 60. Because of Duran's condition, the decision was made to send Duran to
8 MCSP where he could be housed in a Mental Health Crisis Bed. Duran was cleared for
9 transport to a Mental Health Crisis Bed at MCSP. On or about September 4, 2013, he was
10 transferred to MCSP.

11 61. Upon arrival at MCSP, and specifically based on his previous suicidal
12 ideation, Duran was admitted to the Correctional Treatment Center where he was assigned
13 to a Mental Health Crisis Bed in a single-occupant cell. MCSP documentation reflected that
14 Duran was being placed in a Mental Health Crisis Bed specifically because of both the high
15 chronic risk and high acute risk of suicide that he posed.

16 62. On September 5, 2013, Duran was seen by a nurse-practitioner, a
17 psychologist and a psychiatrist. Duran specifically told the nurse that he wanted to commit
18 suicide. The nurse recorded the suicidal ideation in Duran's medical records and Duran was
19 placed on suicide precautions.

20 63. According to CDCR's Mental Health Services Delivery System Program
21 Guide, an inmate is placed on suicide precautions when the inmate is at high risk of
22 attempting self-injurious behavior but is not in immediate danger. An inmate's placement on
23 suicide precaution, like suicide watch, calls for visual behavioral checks by nurses at
24 staggered intervals not to exceed 15 minutes in length.

25 64. Also on September 5, 2013, Duran was assessed by Psychiatrist Dr. Anand.
26 Dr. Anand diagnosed Duran with Psychotic Disorder not otherwise specified (NOS); Mood
27 Disorder; Polysubstance Disorder in remission; and Adjustment Disorder with disturbance
28 of emotions and conduct. Noting Duran's recent suicide threat and history of mental illness,

1 Dr. Anand renewed Duran's suicide precautions for the next 24 hours, beginning at 3:00
2 p.m. that day. Dr. Anand apparently recognized the need to review Duran's C-file for
3 diagnostic clarification and memorialized in Duran's records her intent to do so, but failed to
4 do so prior to Duran's death, which occurred less than two days later.

5 65. Dr. Anand noted that Duran was receiving sub-therapeutic levels of his
6 psychotropic medication yet took no action to correct the dosage or ameliorate the
7 consequences of under-medication, despite Duran's obviously deteriorating mental state.

8 66. Also on September 5, 2013, Duran was assessed by Psychologist Dr. Richard
9 Ortigo. Dr. Ortigo noted that Duran met the criteria for inclusion in the Mental Health
10 Services Delivery System and assignment to a Mental Health Crisis Bed.

11 67. At approximately 7:00 p.m. on September 5, 2013, Duran requested his
12 psychotropic medications but was told it was not yet medication time. At approximately
13 9:00 p.m., when offered his medications he refused them, delusionally stating "I don't
14 believe those are my meds."

15 **Duran's Death on September 6, 2014**

16 68. The next morning, on September 6, 2013, Duran similarly refused his
17 scheduled morning medications. He further refused to voluntarily be handcuffed and leave
18 his cell ("cuff up") in order to attend his treatment team meeting. The meeting was held in
19 his absence.

20 69. Dr. Ortigo prepared Duran's mental health treatment plan on September 6,
21 2013. In that treatment plan, Dr. Ortigo identified himself as the Interdisciplinary Treatment
22 Team leader and Case Manager/ Primary Clinician and Dr. Anand as Duran's Psychiatrist.

23 70. According to Dr. Anand, when the IDTT met, a team which included at least
24 one representative from the correctional side, a Sgt. Cooper, it was specifically discussed
25 and agreed upon that because of his tracheotomy and precarious mental state that OC spray
26 would not be used on Duran. This was never memorialized in writing nor and the
27 defendants involved in the use of force deny having heard this from Sgt. Cooper or being
28 aware of the IDTT determination in this regard. This failure to communicate and document

1 was the foreseeable consequence of the inadequate supervision by Knipp, Dr. Heatley and
2 Smiley and does 1, 2, and 6-15.

3 71. Dr. Ortigo ordered that Duran remain in Mental Health Crisis Bed placement
4 for ongoing evaluation and treatment. Dr. Ortigo specifically noted that although Duran had
5 been relatively calm, compliant and communicative in his interviews the previous day, he
6 was currently "much worse, anxious, agitated, restless, frantic, refusing to cuff up in order to
7 be removed from his cell for morning rounds.... He has also been refusing his meds and
8 refusing to eat, communicating his belief that his food and medication are poisoned. Keyhea
9 watch was initiated this date."

10 72. Dr. Ortigo's order for Duran to be monitored on "Keyhea" watch from that
11 point forward indicated that Dr. Ortigo was considering initiating a petition to involuntarily
12 medicate Duran pursuant to Penal Code section 2602. However, this order was meaningless
13 since MCSP lacked protocols for monitoring inmates for Keyhea criteria due to a failure by
14 CEO Smiley, Dr. Heatley, Warden Knipp and does 6-15, to implement such protocols at
15 MCSP. The need for these protocols should have been obvious to any reasonable
16 administrator.

17 73. Dr. Ortigo recognized that Duran required highly structured in-patient
18 psychiatric care and 24-hour nursing supervision. However, while he specifically noted
19 Duran's risk factors for self-injurious and assaultive behavior, he failed to note Duran's
20 obvious risk of suicide.

21 74. Similarly, while Dr. Ortigo recognized that Duran was actually in a worse
22 state than he was when he was originally put on suicide precautions, Dr. Ortigo only ordered
23 that Duran be monitored for "Keyhea" criteria and did not otherwise address Duran's
24 declining state of mental health.

25 75. Upon information and belief, neither Dr. Anand nor anyone on the nursing
26 staff followed through with Dr. Ortigo's order for "Keyhea monitoring" in regard to Duran
27 or even seemed to be aware of the fact that such monitoring had been ordered.
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1 76. At 12:35 p.m. on September 6, 2013, a nurse observed Duran remove his
2 tracheostomy tube and reinsert it approximately two minutes later. This observation was
3 recorded in Duran's medical records. Dr. Anand was notified that Duran had removed and
4 reinserted his tracheostomy tube.

5 77. It is universally known by health care professionals that the removal and
6 reinsertion of a tracheostomy tube creates an immediate risk of infection and greatly
7 increases the risk of injury to the area around the stoma.

8 78. At 3:30 p.m., Dr. Anand memorialized a progress note indicating that Duran
9 was verbalizing paranoia and fear of correctional officers and that, per the nursing staff, he
10 had been up all night using the call light "with some demands or other." Dr. Anand ordered
11 that Duran's suicide precautions be continued for the next 24 hours and ordered that Duran
12 be "monitor[ed] for violence towards others due to his paranoia."

13 79. However, Dr. Anand countermanded that order approximately half an hour
14 later, before it even went into effect. Despite the obvious signs that Duran's existing mental
15 and physical condition put him at significant risk of harming himself and/or committing
16 suicide, Dr. Anand discontinued the order for suicide precautions and instead placed Duran
17 on purported "violence precautions."

18 80. This was the second time at MCSP that Duran was given a doctor's order for
19 non-existent protocols. Placing an inmate on "violence precautions" neither a term nor
20 protocol appearing in either MCSP or CDCR sanctioned policies or procedures. Dr. Anand
21 apparently used a term which had meaning in her former pre-CDCR employment situation.

22 81. Further evidencing the endemic lack of communication between MCSP staff,
23 no one asked what it was Dr. Anand meant by "violence precautions."

24 82. Dr. Anand did not document any clinical rationale for discontinuing suicide
25 precautions for Duran, who had shown himself to be at a high risk of both chronic and acute
26 risk for suicide. Dr. Anand discontinued Duran's suicide precautions without adequately
27 determining whether they were no longer required. Dr. Anand did not clinically examine
28 Duran before removing him from suicide precautions. She had not received any reports from

1 medical, mental health or correctional staff suggesting that Duran's condition had in any
2 way improved or changed. She did not even bother to review Duran's C-file (something that
3 she recognized just the day prior that needed to be done) before removing Duran from
4 suicide precautions and placing him on non-existent "violence precautions."

5 83. Dr. Anand failed to document a psychiatric assessment of the *Keyhea* criteria
6 for involuntary medication as ordered by Dr. Ortigo.

7 84. Under suicide precautions, Duran was being checked every 15 minutes.
8 However, once Duran was switched over to non-existent "violence precautions," these
9 welfare checks ceased.

10 85. It was obvious to any psychiatrist working in a correctional setting that Duran
11 needed to be either continuously observed or at the least checked every 15 minutes under
12 suicide precautions. Dr. Anand should have, at a minimum, maintained the frequent
13 observation of Duran, rather than removing him from suicide precautions and thereby
14 ordering the 15 minute welfare checks to cease.

15 86. At 5:00 p.m. on September 6, 2013, Duran pounded on his cell door and
16 pleaded for his medication. He was told he would have to wait until the next round of
17 medications, at 9:00 p.m.

18 87. At approximately 8:30 p.m., Officer Nelson, Officer Chavez and LVN
19 Michael began the evening medication rounds. During medication rounds, a nurse
20 accompanied by one or more correctional officers distributes scheduled medications to
21 inmates in their cells.

22 88. When Officer Nelson, Officer Chavez and LVN Michael reached Duran's
23 cell, Duran initially agreed to take his medication and placed his hands through the open
24 food port in his cell door.

25 89. According to MCSP documentation, Duran then reportedly refused to cuff up
26 and refused to remove his hands from the food port, which is an approximate 12 inch by 4.5
27 inch rectangular, hinged slot through which meals are passed to inmates and through which
28 inmates place their hands in order to be cuffed up.

1 90. Sergeant Shepard was called to the scene and arrived prior to the use of force
2 against Duran.

3 91. After receiving Sergeant Shepard's non-verbal approval (a nod), but without
4 giving Duran any warning, Officer Chavez inexplicably unloaded his oversized MK-9 can of
5 Oleoresin Capsicum pepper spray ("OC pepper spray") by spraying it directly at Duran's
6 face and neck, which were pressed up against the open food port on his cell door. An MK-9
7 is a 16.9 ounce nitrogen propelled aerosol delivery device which is trigger operated and
8 which is fully effective at up to 12 feet. A significant amount of OC pepper spray went
9 directly into Duran's throat through his tracheostomy tube.

10 92. OC pepper spray is a potent inflammatory agent. It irritates and damages the
11 eyes, membranes, bronchial airways, and the stomach lining. It works by causing pain at the
12 sites that it touches.

13 93. Inhalation of OC pepper spray creates an immediate known health risk. It
14 inflames the airways, causing swelling and restriction. No training or product use guides
15 would have suggested that it was appropriate to apply OC pepper spray directly into a
16 person's tracheostomy tube. CDCR has no written protocol for decontaminating OC pepper
17 spray from a tracheostomy stoma.

18 94. There were no discussions about alternate or lesser uses of force or whether
19 there was even any need to use force prior to Officer Chavez deploying the pepper spray.

20 95. After Duran was blasted with pepper spray, he recoiled and Officer Chavez
21 closed the food port.

22 96. Duran immediately began to exhibit the expected signs of physical distress
23 from the OC pepper spray, including reacting to intense pain at his tracheostomy site and
24 having difficulty breathing and further difficulty communicating. Based on these signs of
25 distress, it was obvious that Duran was in need of immediate and emergent medical
26 treatment. Officer Chavez, Officer Nelson and LVN Michael saw Duran in obvious distress
27 following the deployment of OC pepper spray and knew that he was in need of immediate
28 medical treatment.

1 97. Although it was obvious that Duran needed immediate medical treatment due
2 to pepper spray going directly into his throat through his tracheostomy tube, Officer Chavez,
3 Officer Nelson and LVN Michael did not take necessary steps to secure medical treatment
4 for Duran. The failure to obtain medical assistance for Duran was not only inhumane, but
5 was also contrary to pertinent and clearly written CDCR rules regarding the use of OC
6 pepper spray.

7 98. Sergeant Shepard, who was present and witnessed Officer Chavez spray
8 Duran in the face and throat with OC pepper spray, failed to take control of the situation by
9 intervening and rationally assessing the situation, including considering alternative courses
10 of action.

11 99. Duran was rendered unable to effectively communicate due to the pain and
12 burning at the site of his stoma and the fact that no one gave him any paper to communicate
13 in writing. Accordingly, he was left with no means of effectively communicating with either
14 correctional officers or medical staff during the ensuing medical emergency. Duran had no
15 means of explaining himself and could only visibly demonstrate the pain and physical
16 distress that he was suffering.

17 100. According to MCSP documentation, Duran reportedly refused to cuff up and
18 leave his cell for decontamination outside of the cell.

19 101. The usual method for decontamination of OC pepper spray to an inmate in
20 his cell would be to remove him from the cell and take him to a decontamination station (a
21 shower or cage) and rinse, flush, or otherwise treat the affected area with copious amounts
22 of water. However, these decontamination procedures obviously do not envision a person
23 having been sprayed with OC pepper spray directly into his stoma. Given the obvious
24 difficulty of removing OC pepper spray from an open tracheostomy stoma site without
25 drowning the person who has been sprayed, the use of OC pepper spray at such a location
26 poses clear and obvious danger. It was, in this case, an inexplicable choice.

27 102. Sergeant Shepard called Lieutenant McCloughan, who was the on-duty
28 Watch Commander, to the scene. Lieutenant McCloughan arrived and, contrary to CDCR's

1 rules regarding OC pepper spray decontamination, did not direct his subordinates to
2 decontaminate Duran or to have him be medically treated.

3 103. Instead, the decision was made to leave Duran in his cell and let him deal
4 with the effects of the OC pepper spray himself.

5 104. In the immediate aftermath of Duran being OC pepper sprayed, various staff
6 observed Duran coughing up blood and attempting to alleviate the searing pain at his
7 tracheostomy stoma site caused by the OC pepper spray. Specifically, they observed Duran
8 removing his tracheostomy tube, placing his finger in the stoma, and rubbing the area
9 vigorously. These observations put Officer Chavez, Officer Nelson, Sergeant Shepard,
10 Lieutenant McCloughan and LVN Michael, who were all present, on direct notice that
11 Duran was experiencing a medical emergency and needed immediate medical care.
12 However, Officer Chavez, Officer Nelson, Sergeant Shepard, Lieutenant McCloughan and
13 LVN Michael each failed to secure or provide necessary medical care for Duran.

14 105. At 10:10 p.m., approximately an hour and a half after Duran was sprayed
15 with OC pepper spray, a nurse finally called Dr. Yu, who was serving as the Medical Officer
16 of the Day on September 6, 2013, to notify her of the situation.

17 106. After receiving the nurse's call, Dr. Yu in turn contacted her superior, the
18 chief medical officer, Dr. Heatley, to assist her in medically assessing and addressing
19 Duran's situation.

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21 107. Dr. Heatley chastised Dr. Yu for even calling him concerning Duran's
22 medical condition and directed her to, if the stoma was more than a month old, have
23 nursing staff simply clean it out and reinsert the tube. On information and belief, Dr. Heatley
24 made it clear to Dr. Yu that he was not to be bothered again with Duran's problems, even
25 though under the institutional protocol it would have been Dr. Heatley's responsibility to
26 contact correctional staff management regarding a failure to implement medical directives.
27 Further, Dr. Heatley made it clear to Dr. Yu, who was a relative newcomer to MCSP, that
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1 this was not a situation for her to be concerned with. On information and belief Dr. Heatley
2 did not document his discussion with Dr. Yu as required by CDCR regulations.

3 108. After consulting with Dr. Heatley by telephone, Dr. Yu ordered the nursing
4 staff to have Duran evacuated from the cell, to remove and clean his tracheostomy tube, to
5 clean the stoma site, and to reinsert the tracheostomy tube. Dr. Yu ordered that Duran be
6 monitored for respiratory distress.

7 109. Dr. Yu did not properly document these or any of her subsequent telephonic
8 interactions regarding Duran, as mandated by the CDCR, on a 2229 form. Neither Dr.
9 Heatley (not surprisingly given the allegations of paragraph 107 above), Smiley, Knipp or
10 does 11-15 faulted Yu for these omissions.

11 110. At 10:35 p.m., a nurse called Dr. Anand, Duran's treating psychiatrist, who
12 likewise ordered that Duran be removed from his cell for decontamination. Dr. Anand
13 further ordered that Duran be placed in a holding cell and administered 10 mg of Zyprexa
14 intramuscularly. Zyprexa is an anti-psychotic medication.

15 111. A nurse relayed to custody staff the doctors' orders that Duran be removed
16 from his cell, medicated intramuscularly and decontaminated from the OC pepper spray.

17 112. Custody staff became argumentative with the nurses and dismissive of the
18 doctors' orders and refused to comply with the orders. Specifically, a nurse or nurses
19 approached and relayed the doctors' orders to each of the following individuals: (1) Officer
20 Strongman; (2) the Sergeant on Duty (Doe 1); and (3) Lieutenant McCloughan.

21 113. At the same time the nurse was relaying the doctors' orders to custody staff,
22 Officer Strongman, the Sergeant on Duty (Doe 1) and Lieutenant McCloughan each
23 observed Duran to be showing signs of physical distress including difficulty breathing and
24 spitting up blood. They also observed Duran having difficulty communicating. Based on
25 their observations of Duran's physical distress it was obvious that he needed immediate
26 medical treatment.

27 114. Officer Strongman, the Sergeant on Duty (Doe 1) and Lieutenant
28 McCloughan each refused, individually and collectively, to comply with the orders given by

1 Duran's doctors to evacuate him from the contaminated cell for decontamination and
2 medication. Specifically, upon information and belief, Officer Strongman verbalized a
3 decision to leave Duran in the cell and the Sergeant on Duty and Lieutenant McCloughan,
4 each knowingly acquiesced to Officer Strongman's verbalized decision.

5 115. The Administrative Officer-of-the-Day (Doe 2) was also consulted and
6 briefed on Duran's deteriorating physical and mental condition, including his respiratory
7 distress and the fact that he was spitting up blood after being sprayed with OC pepper spray
8 at the site of his tracheostomy stoma. The Administrative Officer-of-the-Day (Doe 2) was
9 notified of the two doctors' orders that Duran be evacuated from the cell and
10 decontaminated and medicated. This information directly put the Administrative Officer-of-
11 the-Day on notice and with direct knowledge that Duran needed immediate medical care.
12 Despite having such knowledge, the Administrative Officer-of-the-Day ratified the
13 correctional staff's disregard of the doctors' orders and their refusal to remove Duran from
14 the cell for medical treatment.

15 116. Despite the doctors' orders to evacuate Duran from his cell and
16 decontaminate him, Sergeant Shepard, who has no medical training, arbitrarily decided that
17 Duran had sufficiently decontaminated himself and that custody staff should ignore the
18 doctors' orders. Lieutenant McCloughan and the Administrative Officer-of-the-Day
19 acquiesced to this decision made by Sergeant Shepard.

20 117. Custody staff's refusal to evacuate Duran from his cell for decontamination
21 was reported to nursing staff. However, at MCSP there existed no written or unwritten
22 policies or guidelines for medical staff to take upon learning that correctional staff was
23 choosing to ignore the doctors' orders.

24 118. No member of the correctional staff, including Officer Strongman, Sergeant
25 Shepard or Lieutenant McCloughman, attempted to speak with either physician whose
26 orders they were blatantly disregarding about Duran's situation or the reasons why they
27 were choosing to ignore the doctor's orders.

1 119. Correctional staff and medical staff observed Duran remove his tracheostomy
2 tube for a second time that day, and observed him put his finger and foreign objects,
3 including food, into his stoma as if to pack a wound. Staff actually observed food protruding
4 from the stoma opening. Both medical staff and correctional staff had to be aware of the
5 inherent danger of Duran's placing foreign objects into his stoma and thereby obstructing his
6 airway. Still, no one from the correctional staff did anything to secure or permit badly
7 needed proper medical or psychiatric treatment.

8 120. Thereafter, a nurse called Dr. Yu, the Medical Officer-of-the-Day, to report
9 that custody staff had refused to comply with the doctors' orders and that Duran was still in
10 his cell and having obvious difficulty breathing. Dr. Yu, who was a relative newcomer to
11 MCSP, showed her rapid inoculation to institutionalized indifference when she responded
12 "If the inmate is walking around, how can he be in distress?" Dr. Yu instructed the nurse not
13 to call again unless it was important, and she was not contacted again regarding Joseph
14 Duran until after his death.

15 121. Although Dr. Yu was specifically advised that her earlier orders were not
16 being followed by custody staff and that Duran was having difficulty breathing in his cell,
17 she inexplicably took no action. Although she had obviously recognized her previous orders
18 as being necessary for Duran's health and safety, she failed to take any steps toward putting
19 these previous orders into effect once notified that they were not being followed. Instead,
20 despite the fact that she was serving as the Medical Officer-of-the-Day, she consciously
21 removed herself from her role as a medical professional obligated to provide care for Duran
22 during this emergency situation.

23 122. Over the next several hours, Duran was monitored without sufficient
24 frequency or regularity. Regardless, both correctional staff and medical staff continued to be
25 aware that Duran was exhibiting symptoms indicating that he was suffering pain in and
26 around the site of his tracheostomy stoma as well as respiratory and other physical distress.
27 Additionally, Duran continued to exhibit signs that he was obviously suffering from severe,
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1 unchecked mental illness. Inexplicably, all staff present continued to ignore his obvious
2 need for medical treatment and psychiatric intervention.

3 123. During morning medication distribution at 5:07 a.m. on September 7, 2013, a
4 nurse and a correctional officer noticed Duran unresponsive and not breathing on the floor in
5 his cell.

6 124. It appeared to responding medical personnel that Duran, who was naked, had
7 been dead for a significant period of time suggesting that the required monitoring of Duran
8 in his cell had not occurred.

9 125. Staff members including Officer Strongman donned Personal Protective
10 Equipment and entered the cell.

11 126. Correctional officers began Cardiopulmonary resuscitation ("CPR") on
12 Duran at 5:17 a.m. after being requested to do so by nurses. These resuscitation efforts
13 continued for several minutes, but were obviously fruitless from the point of inception due
14 to the significant length of time that had already passed. These already fruitless efforts were
15 further frustrated by nursing staff's fumbling attempts to locate misplaced or absent items
16 such as a CPR backboard and a replacement tracheostomy tube.

17 127. Duran was pronounced dead at approximately 5:40 a.m. on September 7,
18 2013.

19 Aftermath and Cover-Up

20 128. In connection with both internal and external reports and investigations
21 generated in the aftermath of Duran's death, several individuals deliberately gave false or
22 incomplete statements. This was done in an attempt to avert or deny responsibility on the
23 part of the involved persons for Duran's death.

24 129. Dr. Janet Yu authored "MCSP-Initial Inmate Death Report" on September
25 10, 2013. In this report, Dr. Yu failed to honestly and accurately report the events and
26 circumstances leading up to Duran's death.

27 130. The result of Dr. Anand's central role in Duran's death coming out in the
28 report was not termination or discipline, not a report to the medical board, but instead her

1 promotion to the position of chief psychiatrist. On information and belief this promotion
2 required and was only obtained with the approval of Knipp, Heatley and Smiley.

3 131. As MCSP sits in Amador County, it fell upon the Amador County Sheriff-
4 Coroner to determine the cause of Duran's death. MCSP employees including Dr. Yu,
5 Sergeant Carrillo, Dr. Heatley and/or CEO Smiley, deliberately reported false information to
6 the Amador County Sheriff-Coroner's Office for use in the official reporting of Duran's
7 death. In particular the defendants sought to minimize the role that the pepper spraying of
8 Duran played in his death. Their short run goal was to avert, deny and minimize
9 responsibility for Duran's unnecessary death.

10 132. The Amador County Sheriff-Coroner's Office initially determined the cause
11 of death to be "Asphyxia" and classified the death as a suicide. These determinations were
12 based in large part on deliberately misleading information provided by MCSP staff and in
13 particular Sgt. Carrillo and Dr. Heatley.

14 133. A copy of the revised and inclusive death certificate is attached hereto as a
15 part of Exhibit A.

16 134. Subsequently, however, Warden Knipp, Dr. Heatley, CEO Smiley and other
17 higher-ranking officials, including Does 16-20, adopted a more convenient characterization
18 of Duran's death- that it was not really a suicide, and not the result of the OC pepper spray,
19 but rather, the psychiatric equivalent of an accident.

20 135. In a desperate attempt to obfuscate the facts concerning Duran's death
21 defendants Warden Knipp, Dr. Heatley, CEO Smiley and other higher-ranking officials,
22 including does 16-20 refused to allow any of the MCSP staff (correction, medical or mental
23 health) to be interviewed by any of the staff of the Division of Healthcare Services (DHCS)
24 conducting the *Coleman* Court mandated review of Duran's death, triggered by it initially
25 being reported as a quasi-suicide. This is and was unprecedented in the history of those
26 suicide reviews. The reason for this lack of cooperation is easy to understand in that the
27 initial finding of the DHCS' suicide investigation concluded that this was in fact more likely
28 a homicide committed by CDCR staff. On information and belief, defendants Warden

1 Knipp, Dr. Heatley, CEO Smiley and other higher-ranking officials, including does 16-20
2 forced, using all resources available, caused significant changes to be made in the report
3 finally submitted to the Court, to either minimize or eliminate any reference to the use of
4 force (OC spray) as a cause and to eliminate the suggestion that Duran's death was a
5 homicide.

6 136. Duran's death occurred at a particularly inconvenient time for the CDCR and
7 its administrators, coinciding with evidentiary hearings in the long-running and bitterly
8 contested *Coleman* action, *Coleman v. Brown, et al.*, 2:90-cv-0520, pending in the United
9 States District Court for the Eastern District of California. *Coleman* is a class-action lawsuit
10 originally filed in 1990 which has successfully challenged and effected a great deal of
11 change in CDCR's treatment of mentally ill inmates. At the time of Duran's death, CDCR
12 officials including CEO Smiley, Dr. Heatley, Warden Knipp and Does 16-20 were acutely
13 aware that the incident had the potential to directly affect the then ongoing *Coleman*
14 proceedings. The circumstances surrounding Duran's death implicated CDCR's policies
15 regarding the use of force (including chemical agents and specifically OC pepper spray)
16 against mentally ill inmates, as well as the issue of preventable suicide by mentally ill
17 inmates, both of which were hotly contested issues in *Coleman*. If it became known that
18 Duran's death was the result of gratuitous use of OC pepper spray against a severely
19 mentally ill inmate, then that would dramatically underscore CDCR's problems with its use
20 of force policy as it relates to mentally ill inmates. If the death was also classified as a
21 suicide, then that would, in addition to implicating the use of force policies, highlight the
22 department's woefully inadequate policies in regard to suicide prevention for mentally ill
23 inmates. For these reasons, it would have been particularly troublesome for the details of
24 Duran's death to break at this particular time, and there was a fear that Duran would become
25 the face associated with its tragically systemic failures in regard to the treatment of mentally
26 ill inmates.

27 137. In an attempt to avoid these potential problems, Warden Knipp, Dr. Heatley
28 and CEO Smiley and Does 16-20 used at least two specific strategies in an attempt to cover

1 up and delay the breaking news of the details of Duran's death. First, various internally
2 generated and intentionally obscure MCSP investigations and reports were created and/or
3 altered in manners so as to cover up what really happened. Second, said officials
4 consciously avoided finding and notifying Duran's next of kin, his parents Steven and
5 Elaine Duran, of his death. Needless to say, the family would not be asking any questions
6 regarding their son's death if they were not even aware of it.

7 138. In September of 2013, the contact information of Steven and Elaine Duran,
8 including their telephone number, was easily obtainable online or using the telephone book.
9 CDCR additionally had access to confidential databases.

10 139. No one at CDCR made an adequate, reasonable, or diligent attempt as
11 required by California law to locate Duran's next of kin.

12 140. The Amador County Sheriff-Coroner's Office took custody of Duran's
13 remains from CDCR on or about September 7, 2013. Defendant Martin A. Ryan, Amador
14 County Sheriff-Coroner, also failed to make an adequate, reasonable, or diligent attempt as
15 required by California law to locate Duran's next of kin.

16 141. Duran's body was eventually transported to Casa Bonita Funeral Home in
17 Stockton, California. The Casa Bonita Funeral home did not make any attempt to locate
18 Duran's next of kin. On September 24, 2013, the Casa Bonita Funeral Home cremated his
19 remains, without having attempted to make contact with a single family member. Duran's
20 ashes were scattered at sea off the coast of Marin County, California.

21 142. Warden Knipp, Dr. Heatley and Does 16-20 falsely represented in reports
22 that Duran's next of kin could not be located. These officials then, on information and belief
23 enlisted the help of and conspired with officials of the Amador County Sheriff-Coroner's
24 Office, including Sheriff-Coroner Ryan, and with the Casa Bonita Funeral Home, to avoid
25 notifying Duran's family of his death. The reason for the plan to delay or totally avoid
26 having Duran's family notified was to avoid the family's inquiring into the circumstances of
27 Duran's death - a frequent occurrence once the family becomes aware of a death involving
28 both excessive force and negligence and indifference to medical care. Upon information and

1 belief it was also clear to the co-conspirators that there was a strong possibility that
2 questions regarding the circumstances of the death would lead to the possibility of Duran's
3 death being more properly categorized as a homicide rather than a suicide, leading to
4 adverse professional, political and potential criminal consequences for all of the co-
5 conspirators. Warden Knipp and Does 16-20, along with the Amador County Sheriff-
6 Coroner's Office and the Casa Bonita Funeral Home each individually and collectively
7 failed to make any attempts to locate Steven and Elaine Duran. Due to its income-generating
8 contract with CDCR, Casa Bonita Funeral Home had an obvious interest in going along with
9 CDCR officials' cover up of this incident and in purposefully avoiding the location and
10 notification of Steven and Elaine Duran of their son's death.

11 143. Duran was Catholic. Steven and Elaine Duran are also Catholic. Had Steven
12 and Elaine Duran been notified of Duran's death as required by law prior to the cremation of
13 his body and disposal of his remains, they would have arranged for a proper Catholic burial
14 with funeral and mass services for Duran. The cremation of Duran's body and scattering of
15 his ashes at sea was not in accord with their Catholic beliefs which were likewise held by
16 Duran. In particular, the scattering of his ashes was directly contrary to the tenets of the
17 Catholic Church. The Durans were also deprived of their familial rights and religious
18 obligations to hold funeral services and observe the sacraments relating to death, including
19 mass services, a funeral liturgy, the rite of committal, and the final commendation
20 (absolution).

21 144. In addition, had Steven and Elaine Duran been notified of Duran's death as
22 required by law prior to the cremation of his body and disposal of his remains, they could
23 have and would have arranged for a second autopsy to be performed. Because Steven and
24 Elaine Duran did not learn of their son's death until after his body had already been
25 cremated, they were denied this important opportunity to obtain forensic evidence in support
26 of their wrongful death action which they were entitled to bring under California state law.

27 145. Steven and Elaine Duran only learned about their son's death when they were
28 contacted on January 8, 2014 by a reporter from the Sacramento Bee who had learned of

1 Duran's death through confidential sources. The Bee reporter was able to find and contact
2 Steven and Elaine Duran, whose names were on their son's death certificate, by the simple
3 expedient of telephoning people in the Los Angeles area named Steven Duran.

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5 **CLAIMS FOR RELIEF**

6 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

7 **Excessive Force**

8 **(Violation of the Eighth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution:**

9 **Survival Action- 42 U.S.C. §1983)**

10 *(Against Officer Chavez and Sergeant Shepard)*

11 146. On behalf of decedent Duran, Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate by
12 reference paragraphs 1 through 145, as though fully set forth herein.

13 147. The actions of Officer Chavez, in conjunction with those of Sergeant
14 Shepard, in deploying OC pepper spray directly into decedent Duran's tracheostomy stoma
15 without any warning and without any consideration or discussion of reasonably available
16 alternate uses of force was malicious and sadistic and was done for the purpose of causing
17 harm.

18 148. The actions of Officer Chavez and Sergeant Shepard as alleged herein
19 interfered with the enjoyment of decedent Duran's civil rights as guaranteed by the Eighth
20 Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

21 149. As a direct and proximate result of said acts by Officer Chavez, decedent
22 Duran suffered the damages alleged herein, including but not limited to unreasonable
23 interference with his personal liberty, physical pain and suffering, emotional distress, mental
24 anguish, and loss of his life

25 150. The aforementioned acts by Officer Chavez were willful, intentional, wanton,
26 reckless, and/or accomplished with a conscious disregard of decedent Duran's rights
27 entitling Plaintiffs to an award of exemplary and punitive damages.

28 **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**

Excessive Force

(Violation of the Cal. Constitution Art. I §§ 1, 13 and Cal. Civil Code § 43:

Actionable under Cal. Civil Code § 52.1(b)/Bane Act)

(Against Officer Chavez and Sergeant Shepard)

151. On behalf of decedent Duran, Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate by reference paragraphs 1 through 150, as though fully set forth herein.

152. The actions of Officer Chavez and Sergeant Shepard, as alleged herein, interfered with the exercise and enjoyment of Joseph Duran's civil rights guaranteed by Article I, §§ 1 and 13 of the California Constitution. Specifically, Defendants Officer Chavez and Sergeant Shepard interfered with Joseph Duran's rights using threats, intimidation and coercion when Officer Chavez, acting with Sergeant Shepard's acquiescence and approval, blasted Duran's face and neck with OC pepper spray.

153. Defendants' actions constituted an excessive use of force, a violation of Joseph Duran's right to bodily integrity, and further interfered with Joseph Duran's personal rights as guaranteed by California Civil Code § 43.

154. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' actions and/or omissions, Joseph Duran suffered unreasonable interference with his personal liberty, physical injury, pain and suffering, humiliation, emotional distress and other injuries.

155. Defendants' violations of decedent's rights as guaranteed by California Civil Code § 52.1 (Bane Act) entitles Plaintiffs to compensatory and punitive damages and attorneys' fees as provided for in §§ 52.1(b) and 52 and requested herein.

156. The aforementioned acts and/or omissions of said Defendants were willful, intentional, wanton, reckless and/or accomplished with a conscious disregard for decedent's rights as secured by Civil Code § 52.1, thereby entitling Plaintiffs to an award of punitive damages under § 52(b)(1).

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

**Deliberate Indifference to Serious Medical Needs, Health and Safety
(Violation of the Eighth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution:**

Survival Action- 42 U.S.C. §1983)

(Against Chavez, Nelson, LVN Michael, Strongman, Sergeant Shepard, Lieutenant McCloughan, Dr. Anand, Dr. Heatley Dr. Yu and Does 1thru15.)

157. On behalf of decedent Duran, Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate by reference paragraphs 1 through 156, as though fully set forth herein.

1 158. Defendants Officer Chavez, Officer Nelson, LVN Michael, Officer
2 Strongman, Sergeant Shepard, Lieutenant McCloughan, Dr. Anand, Dr. Heatley, Dr. Yu
3 and Does 1 through 15 knew that decedent Duran was in danger of serious harm to his
4 health and safety, including being at obvious risk of committing suicide, due to (1) his
5 transfer from NKSP to MCSP for placement in a Mental Health Crisis Bed for ideating
6 suicide; (2) various documentation in both his medical records and C-file, including, but not
7 limited to, a September 3, 2013 suicide evaluation, which specifically noted that he had
8 reported both a desire to die and a plan to kill himself, and that he was estimated to pose
9 both a high chronic risk of suicide and a high acute risk of suicide; and (4) the physical and
10 mental distress described herein that he was obviously suffering from following the
11 deployment of OC pepper spray directly into his tracheostomy stoma, including the fact that
12 he had ripped out his tracheostomy tube, coughed up blood, packed his stoma as one would
13 pack a wound, and the fact that he had not been decontaminated from the OC pepper spray.
14 Defendants Officer Strongman, Sergeant Shepard and Lieutenant McCloughan additionally
15 knew that Duran was in danger of serious harm based on the doctors' orders that they
16 ignored.

17 159. The medical and psychiatric symptoms and reported suicidal impulses by
18 decedent Duran that Defendants ignored were obvious and immediate threats to his health
19 and safety.

20 160. Despite knowing that Joseph Duran was in danger of serious harm to his
21 health and safety, Defendants failed to provide him with necessary evaluation and treatment
22 or failed to take action to provide him with necessary evaluation and treatment.

23 161. Defendants' acts and/or omissions as alleged herein, including but not limited
24 to the failure to provide Joseph Duran with timely and adequate medical care, psychiatric
25 care and/or take other measures to protect him from serious harm, constituted deliberate
26 indifference to Joseph Duran's serious medical needs, health and safety.

162. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' conduct, decedent Joseph Duran experienced the damages alleged herein, including but not limited to physical pain and suffering, emotional distress, mental anguish, and loss of his life.

163. The aforementioned acts and/or omissions of the individually named Defendants were malicious, reckless and/or accomplished with a conscious disregard of decedent's rights thereby entitling Plaintiffs to an award of exemplary and punitive damages according to proof to punish the wrongful conduct alleged herein and to deter such conduct in the future.

FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION

**Supervisory Liability based on Customs, Practices or Policies
(Survival Action- 42 U.S.C. §1983)**

(Against Dr. Heatley, CEO Smiley, Warden Knipp and Does 6 through 15)

164. On behalf of decedent Duran, Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate by reference paragraphs 1 through 163, as though fully set forth herein.

165. The aforementioned acts and/or omissions of Defendants in being deliberately indifferent to Joseph Duran's serious medical needs, health and safety and in violating decedent's civil rights were the direct and proximate result of customs, practices or policies, or the lack thereof, of Dr. Heatley, CEO Smiley Warden Knipp and Does 6 through

166. Such customs, practices, policies and/or procedures include, but are not limited to, an ongoing pattern of deliberate indifference to the serious medical needs and health and safety of MCSP inmates, including the following: a failure to ensure implementation of appropriate medical and emergency treatment plans; a failure to act upon clearly life-threatening symptoms and reports and/or clear suicidal impulses or gestures; a failure to provide appropriate staffing and training at MCSP for providing inmates with adequate medical and psychiatric treatment; a failure to implement a policy to ensure that staff would contact and summon emergency medical and/or psychiatric treatment in a timely manner; a failure to create and/or implement guidelines that must be followed to remove inmates from existing suicide precautions; a failure to create and/or implement protocols for Keyhea monitoring; a failure to create, implement and/or ensure that staff follow policies,

1 guidelines or steps to be taken when medical staff observe custody staff choosing to ignore
2 orders given by an inmate's medical doctors; a failure to adequately train and supervise
3 employees and/or agents to prevent the occurrence of the constitutional violations alleged
4 herein; and a failure to promulgate appropriate policies or procedures or take other measures
5 to prevent the constitutional violations alleged herein.

6 167. As a direct and proximate result of the aforementioned customs, practices,
7 policies and/or procedures of said Defendants, or as a result of Defendants' failure to
8 promulgate appropriate policies or procedures, decedent Joseph Duran suffered the damages
9 alleged herein, including but not limited to physical pain and suffering, emotional distress,
10 mental anguish, and loss of his life.

11 **FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

12 **Failure to Supervise, Investigate and Discipline**
13 **(Survival Action- 42 U.S.C. §1983)**

14 *(Against Sergeant Carrillo, Lieutenant McCloughan, Dr. Yu, Dr. Heatley,*
15 *CEO Smiley, Warden Knipp and Does 1, 2 and 6 through 20)*

16 168. On behalf of decedent Duran, Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate by
17 reference paragraphs 1 through 167, as though fully set forth herein.

18 169. The constitutional violations by Defendants as alleged herein occurred as a
19 result of the failure of Defendants Sergeant Carrillo, Lieutenant McCloughan, Dr. Yu, Dr.
20 Heatley, CEO Smiley, Warden Knipp and Does 1, 2 and 6 through 20 to adequately
21 supervise, investigate and discipline employee conduct.

22 170. Defendants Sergeant Carrillo, Lieutenant McCloughan, Dr. Yu, Dr. Heatley,
23 CEO Smiley, Warden Knipp and Does 1, 2 and 6 through 20 failed to adequately supervise,
24 investigate and discipline subordinate employees in regard to preventing deliberate
25 indifference to the serious medical needs, health and safety of inmates at MCSP. Said
26 Defendants' failure to supervise, investigate and discipline employees amounted to
27 deliberate indifference to inmates' right to be free of deliberate indifference to their serious
28 medical needs, health and safety.

171. As a direct and proximate result of the aforementioned failure to supervise,
investigate and/or discipline, decedent Duran suffered the damages alleged herein, including

1 but not limited to physical pain and suffering, emotional distress, mental anguish, and loss of
2 his life.

3 **SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

4 **Substantive Due Process- Loss of Parent/Child Relationship**
5 **(Violation of the Fourteenth Amendment**
6 **to the U.S. Constitution: 42 U.S.C. §1983)**

7 *(Against Defendants Officer Chavez, Officer Nelson, LVN Michael, Officer Strongman,*
8 *Sergeant Shepard, Sergeant Carrillo, Lieutenant McCloughan, Dr. Anand, Dr. Heatley,*
9 *CEO Smiley, Dr. Yu, Warden Knipp and Does 1, 2 and 6 through 20)*

10 172. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate by reference paragraphs 1 through 171, as
11 though fully set forth herein.

12 173. The acts and/or omissions of Defendants Officer Chavez, Officer Nelson,
13 LVN Michael, Officer Strongman, Sergeant Shepard, Sergeant Carrillo, Lieutenant
14 McCloughan, Dr. Anand, Dr. Heatley, Dr. Yu and Does 1, 2 and 6 through 20 as alleged
15 herein, in using excessive force and/or being deliberately indifferent to the serious medical
16 needs of decedent Duran by failing to summon or provide Joseph Duran with medical care,
17 psychiatric care and/or take other measures to prevent his death after noticing his suicidal
18 impulses, suicidal condition and/or need for medical attention, resulted in Duran's suicide
19 and/or death, which deprived Plaintiffs Steven Duran and Elaine Duran of their liberty
20 interest in the parent-child relationship in violation of their substantive due process rights as
21 defined by the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution.

22 174. Such conduct by said Defendants "shocks the conscience."

23 175. As a direct and proximate result of said Defendants' conduct, Plaintiffs
24 suffered injuries and damages as alleged herein including pain and suffering and emotional
25 distress.

26 176. The aforementioned acts and/or omissions of the individually named
27 Defendants were willful, wanton, malicious, reckless, and oppressive, thereby justifying an
28 award of exemplary and punitive damages to punish the wrongful conduct alleged herein
and to deter such conduct in the future.

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SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

Wrongful Death

(Cal. Code of Civil Procedure § 377.60 et seq.)

(Against Defendants Officer Chavez, Officer Nelson, LVN Michael, Officer Strongman, Sergeant Shepard, Lieutenant McCloughan, Dr. Anand, Dr. Heatley, Dr. Ortigo and Dr. Yu and Does 1 through 15)

177. On behalf of decedent Duran, Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate by reference paragraphs 1 through 176, as though fully set forth herein.

178. Plaintiffs Steven Duran and Elaine Duran are the parents of the decedent Joseph Duran, who has no surviving spouse or surviving children or issue of children.

179. The acts and/or omissions by Defendants Officer Chavez, Officer Nelson, LVN Michael, Officer Strongman, Sergeant Shepard, Lieutenant McCloughan, Dr. Anand, Dr. Ortigo, Dr. Heatley, Dr. Yu and Does 1 through 15 as detailed below directly and proximately caused the wrongful death of Joseph Duran and were the direct and proximate cause of Plaintiffs' injuries entitling Plaintiffs to recover damages pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 377.60 et seq.

**a. Wrongful Death: Professional Negligence/ Medical Malpractice
(Survival Action- Cal. Code Civ. Proc. § 377.60 et seq.)**
(Against Defendants Dr. Ortigo, Dr. Anand, Dr. Heatley Dr. Yu, and Does 3 through 5 and 11 through 15)

180. The medical and/or psychiatric care rendered by Dr. Anand, Dr. Ortigo, Dr. Heatley and Dr. Yu and Does 3 through 5 and 11 through 15 was at a minimum negligent and did not comply with professional standards of care for such treatment, proximately causing Plaintiffs' injuries.

181. The acts and/or omissions by Dr. Anand, Dr. Ortigo, Dr. Heatley Dr. Yu and Does 3 through 5 and 11 through 15 as described herein directly and proximately caused decedent Duran to suffer the damages alleged herein, including but not limited to physical pain and suffering, emotional distress, mental anguish, and loss of his life.

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b. **Failure to Summon Medical Care- Cal. Govt. Code § 845.6
(Survival Action- Cal. Code Civ. Proc. § 377.60 et seq.)**
*(Against Defendants Officer Chavez, Officer Nelson, Officer
Strongman, Sergeant Shepard, Lieutenant McCloughan, LVN
Michael and Does 1, 2 and 6 through 15)*

182. Defendants Officer Chavez, Officer Nelson, Officer Strongman, Sergeant Shepard, Lieutenant McCloughan, LVN Michael, and Does 1, 2 and 6 through 15 owed Joseph Duran a duty to summon medical care.

183. Said defendants breached that duty when they had actual and constructive knowledge that Joseph Duran was in obvious physical distress following the deployment of OC pepper spray directly into his tracheostomy stoma. Based on, at a minimum, the signs that Duran was having trouble breathing and spitting up blood it was obvious to said Defendants that Joseph Duran in need of immediate medical care and yet said Defendants failed to timely respond and failed to take reasonable action to summon such care, as alleged herein, resulting in a violation of Cal. Govt. Code sections 844.6 and 845.6 and Joseph Duran's loss of life.

184. Said conduct was committed in the course and scope of said Defendants' employment.

185. As a direct and proximate cause of said Defendants' breach, decedent Joseph Duran suffered the damages alleged herein, including but not limited to physical pain and suffering, emotional distress, mental anguish, and loss of his life.

186. The actions by Defendants Officer Chavez, Officer Strongman, Sergeant Shepard, Lieutenant McCloughan and Dr. Anand were willful, wanton, malicious and oppressive, thereby justifying an award of exemplary and punitive damages to punish the wrongful conduct alleged herein and to deter such conduct in the future. Plaintiff seeks exemplary and punitive damages only against Defendants Officer Chavez, Officer Strongman, Sergeant Shepard, Lieutenant McCloughan and Dr. Anand as to this cause of action.

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EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION

**Failure to Discharge Duty to Locate and Notify Decedent's Next of Kin
(Cal. Govt. Code §§ 815.6, 27471; Cal. Pen. Code §§ 5022, 5061;
Cal. Health and Saf. Code §§ 7104, 7104.1)**

(Against Warden Knipp, Sheriff-Coroner Ryan and Does 16 through 20)

187. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate by reference paragraphs 1 through 186, as though fully set forth herein.

188. Defendants Sheriff-Coroner Ryan, Warden Knipp and Does 16 through 20 owed Plaintiffs a mandatory duty under section 27471(a) of the California Government Code and sections 7104 and 7104.1 of the California Health and Safety Code to make reasonable efforts to locate Joseph Duran's next of kin before his remains were cremated.

189. Said Defendants breached this duty by failing to act with reasonable diligence in locating a family member before cremating Joseph Duran's remains.

190. As a direct and proximate cause of said Defendants' breach, Plaintiffs suffered harm and injuries described herein including emotional distress.

NINTH CAUSE OF ACTION

Negligence

(Cal. State law)

(Against Casa Bonita Funeral Home)

191. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate by reference paragraphs 1 through 190, as though fully set forth herein.

192. Defendant Casa Bonita Funeral Home owed Plaintiffs a duty to make reasonable efforts to locate Joseph Duran's next of kin before cremating his remains.

193. Defendant Casa Bonita Funeral Home breached this duty by failing to act with reasonable diligence in locating Duran's next of kin or any family member before cremating Joseph Duran's remains.

194. As a direct and proximate cause of said Defendants' breach, Plaintiffs suffered harm and injuries described herein including emotional distress.

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TENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

**Substantive Due Process- Notification and Burial
(Violation of the Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution:
Actionable under- 42 U.S.C. §1983)
(Against Warden Knipp, Sheriff-Coroner Ryan,
Casa Bonita Funeral Home and Does 16 through 20)**

195. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate by reference paragraphs 1 through 194, as though fully set forth herein.

196. There exists a familial right and obligation to attend to the circumstances of final rest for one's kin. This duty to properly bury one's family members is recognized as the final and ultimate familial obligation and falls within the penumbra of rights guaranteed by the Fourteenth Amendment.

197. Steven and Elaine Duran had a familial right and obligation to bury their son, Joseph Duran, and a right to do so in accordance with the Catholic beliefs held by them as well as by Joseph Duran.

198. The conduct of Defendants Warden Knipp, Sheriff-Coroner Ryan, Casa Bonita Funeral home and Does 16 through 20 in actively and willfully concealing the fact of Duran's death and/or in failing to act with reasonable diligence to locate Duran's next of kin or any family member before cremating his body and disposing of his remains deprived Steven and Elaine Duran of their familial right to bury their son.

199. Said conduct shocks the conscience.

200. As a direct and proximate result of said Defendants' conduct, Plaintiffs suffered injuries and damages as alleged herein including pain and suffering and emotional distress.

201. The aforementioned acts and/or omissions of the individually named Defendants were willful, wanton, malicious, reckless, and oppressive, thereby justifying an award of exemplary and punitive damages to punish the wrongful conduct alleged herein and to deter such conduct in the future.

VIII. PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for the following relief:

1 1. For compensatory, general and special damages against each Defendant, jointly
2 and severally, in the amount proven at trial;

3 2. For punitive and exemplary damages against each individually named Defendant
4 in an amount appropriate to punish Defendants and deter others from engaging in similar
5 misconduct;

6 3. For costs and reasonable attorneys' fees pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1988 and as
7 otherwise authorized by statute or law;

8 4. For such other relief, including injunctive and/or declaratory relief, as the Court
9 may deem proper.

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11 DATED: December 28, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

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13 /s/ Stewart Katz
14 Stewart Katz,
15 Attorney for Plaintiff

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17 **DEMAND FOR TRIAL BY JURY**

18 Plaintiffs demand trial by jury.

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20 Dated: December 28, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

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22 /s/ Stewart Katz
23 Stewart Katz,
24 Attorney for Plaintiff

Exhibit A

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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

STEVEN A. DURAN and ELAINE DURAN
as Successors in Interest of JOSEPH
DURAN; STEVEN DURAN, Individually;
and ELAINE DURAN, Individually,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

CDCR Correctional Officer ROY C.
CHAVEZ, et al.,

Defendants.

NO. 2:14-cv-2048 TLN CKD

**DECLARATION BY PERSONS
BRINGING THIS ACTION AS
DECEDENT'S SUCCESSORS IN
INTEREST**

Cal. Code Civ. Proc. § 377.32

Pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure section 377.32 and this Court's order of December 7, 2015, Plaintiffs submit this declaration in support of bringing this action as decedent's successors in interest.

I, Steven A. Duran, and I, Elaine Duran, declare as follows:

1. The claims in this action arise out of the death of the decedent, Joseph Duran.
2. Decedent Joseph Duran died on September 7, 2013, at Mule Creek State Prison in Ione, California, in the County of Amador.
3. No proceeding is now pending in California for administration of the decedent's estate.
4. There was no administration of the decedent's estate.
5. The declarants Steven A. Duran and Elaine Duran are the parents of decedent, Joseph Duran, and are his next of kin. The declarants Steven A. Duran and Elaine

Duran- Declaration pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure § 377.32

1 Duran are the decedent's successors in interest as defined in section 377.11 of the California
2 Code of Civil Procedure and succeed to the decedent's interest in this action.

3 6. No other person has a superior right to commence the action or proceeding or
4 to be substituted for the decedent in the pending action or proceeding.

5 7. A certified copy of the decedent's death certificate is attached hereto.
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9 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct of my own
10 knowledge, and if called to do so, I could and would competently testify to the matters set
11 forth herein. Executed this 22nd day of December, 2015, at Whittier, California.

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13 /s/ Steven A. Duran
14 Steven A. Duran, Declarant

15 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct of my own
16 knowledge, and if called to do so, I could and would competently testify to the matters set
17 forth herein. Executed this 22nd day of December, 2015, at Whittier, California.

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19 /s/ Elaine Duran
20 Elaine Duran, Declarant
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CERTIFICATION OF VITAL RECORD

COUNTY OF AMADOR

JACKSON, CALIFORNIA 95642

STATE FILE NUMBER		3201303000314	
1 NAME OF DECEDENT - FIRST (Given)		2 MIDDLE	
Joseph		Damien	
3 LAST (Family)		Duran	
AKA ALSO KNOWN AS - Include full AKA (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST)			
4 DATE OF BIRTH mm/dd/yyyy		5 AGE Yrs	
[REDACTED] 978		35	
6 SEX		7 DATE OF DEATH mm/dd/yyyy	
M		09/07/2013	
8 HOUR (24 Hours)		0540	
9 BIRTH STATE/FOREIGN COUNTRY		10 SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	
California		[REDACTED]	
11 EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES?		12 MARITAL STATUS/SPD* (at Time of Death)	
<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		Never Married	
13 EDUCATION - Highest Level/Degree (Last completed on back)		14/15 WAS DECEDENT HISPANIC/LATINO/SPANISH? (If yes, see worksheet on back)	
Unknown		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES Mexican	
16 DECEDENT'S RACE - Up to 3 races may be listed (see worksheet on back)		17 USUAL OCCUPATION - Type of work for most of life. DO NOT USE RETIRED	
Mexican American		Unknown	
18 YEARS IN OCCUPATION		19 KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY (e.g., grocery store, road construction, employment agency, etc.)	
Unknown		Unknown	
20 DECEDENT'S RESIDENCE (Street and number, or location)		21 CITY	
4001 Highway 104		Ione	
22 COUNTY/PROVINCE		23 ZIP CODE	
Amador		95640	
24 YEARS IN COUNTY		25 STATE/FOREIGN COUNTRY	
0		California	
26 INFORMANT'S NAME, RELATIONSHIP		27 INFORMANT'S MAILING ADDRESS (Street and number, or rural route number, city or town, state and zip)	
Tami Somara-Correctional Manager		4001 Highway 104, Ione, CA 95640	
28 NAME OF SURVIVING SPOUSE/SPD - FIRST		29 MIDDLE	
-		-	
30 LAST (BIRTH NAME)		31 NAME OF FATHER/PARENT - FIRST	
-		Steven	
32 MIDDLE		33 LAST	
-		Duran	
34 BIRTH STATE		35 NAME OF MOTHER/PARENT - FIRST	
Unknown		Elaine	
36 BIRTH STATE		37 LAST (BIRTH NAME)	
Unknown		Unknown	
38 BIRTH STATE		39 MIDDLE	
Unknown		-	
40 PLACE OF FINAL DISPOSITION		41 TYPE OF DISPOSITION(S)	
Scattering at Sea off the coast of Marin County, CA		CR/SEA	
42 SIGNATURE OF EMBALMER		43 LICENSE NUMBER	
Not Embalmed		-	
44 NAME OF FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENT		45 LICENSE NUMBER	
Casa Bonita Funeral Home		FD2107	
46 SIGNATURE OF LOCAL REGISTRAR		47 DATE mm/dd/yyyy	
Kimberly L. Grady		09/23/2013	
48 PLACE OF DEATH		49 IF HOSPITAL, SPECIFY ONE	
Mule Creek State Prison		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
50 COUNTY		51 IF OTHER THAN HOSPITAL, SPECIFY ONE	
Amador		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
52 FACILITY ADDRESS OR LOCATION WHERE FOUND (Street and number, or location)		53 CITY	
4001 Highway 104		Ione	
54 CAUSE OF DEATH		55 TIME INTERVAL BETWEEN Onset and Death	
IMMEDIATE CAUSE (Final disease or condition resulting in death)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
Pending		56 DEATH REPORTED TO CORONER?	
57 SEQUENTIALLY LIST conditions, if any, leading to cause on Line A. Enter UNDERLYING CAUSE (disease or injury that initiated the events resulting in death) LAST		58 CORONER'S NUMBER	
-		C2013-080	
59 OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RESULTING IN THE UNDERLYING CAUSE GIVEN IN 107		60 BIOPSY PERFORMED?	
-		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
61 WAS OPERATION PERFORMED FOR ANY CONDITION IN ITEM 107 OR 112? (If yes, list type of operation and date)		62 AUTOPSY PERFORMED?	
-		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
63 IF FEMALE, PREGNANT IN LAST YEAR?		64 USED IN DETERMINING CAUSE?	
<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> UNK		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
65 I CERTIFY THAT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE DEATH OCCURRED AT THE HOUR, DATE AND PLACE STATED FROM THE CAUSES STATED		66 SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF CERTIFIER	
Decedent Attended Since		-	
Decedent Last Seen Alive		-	
67 TYPE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN'S NAME, MAILING ADDRESS, ZIP CODE		68 LICENSE NUMBER	
-		-	
69 I CERTIFY THAT IN MY OPINION DEATH OCCURRED AT THE HOUR, DATE AND PLACE STATED FROM THE CAUSES STATED		70 INJURED AT WORK?	
MANNER OF DEATH <input type="checkbox"/> Natural <input type="checkbox"/> Accidental <input type="checkbox"/> Homocidal <input type="checkbox"/> Suicide <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pending investigation <input type="checkbox"/> Could not be determined		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> UNK	
71 PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., home, construction site, wooded area, etc.)		72 INJURY DATE mm/dd/yyyy	
-		-	
73 DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED (Events which resulted in injury)		74 INJURY HOUR (24 Hours)	
-		-	
75 LOCATION OF INJURY (Street and number, or location, and city, and zip)		76 SIGNATURE OF CORONER / DEPUTY CORONER	
-		Michael T. Rice	
77 DATE mm/dd/yyyy		78 TYPE NAME, TITLE OF CORONER / DEPUTY CORONER	
09/20/2013		Michael T. Rice, Deputy Coroner	
79 STATE REGISTRAR		80 FAX AUTH.#	
A B C D E		CENSUS TRACT	

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CERTIFICATION OF VITAL RECORD

COUNTY OF AMADOR

JACKSON, CALIFORNIA 95642

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PHYSICIAN/CORONER'S AMENDMENT

NO ERASURES, WHITEOUTS, PHOTOCOPIES,
OR ALTERATIONS

3201303000314

LOCAL REGISTRATION NUMBER

☐ BIRTH☒ DEATH☐ FETAL DEATH

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PART I INFORMATION TO LOCATE RECORD

INFORMATION AS IT APPEARS ON ORIGINAL RECORD	1A. NAME--FIRST JOSEPH	1B. MIDDLE Damien	1C. LAST DURAN	2. SEX MALE
	3. DATE OF EVENT--MM/DD/CCYY 09/07/2013	4. CITY OF EVENT IONE	5. COUNTY OF EVENT AMADOR	

PART II STATEMENT OF CORRECTIONS

6. CERTIFICATE ITEM NUMBER	7. INFORMATION AS IT APPEARS ON ORIGINAL RECORD	8. INFORMATION AS IT SHOULD APPEAR
107 (A)	PENDING	ASPHYXIA
107 (AT)		MINUTES
107 (B)		FOOD AND FECAL MATERIAL IN STOMA
107 (BT)		MINUTES
107 (C)		CLINICAL HISTORY OF BIPOLAR DISORDER,
		MIXED ANTI-SOCIAL AND BORDERLINE
		PERSONALITY DISORDERS AND DEPRESSION.
107 (CT)		YEARS
112		TRACHEAL STENOSIS SECONDARY TO GUNSHOT
		WOUND, LEFT CONCENTRIC VENTRICULAR
		HYPERTROPHY, MODERATE SPLENOMEGALY.
113		NO
119	PENDING INVESTIGATION	SUICIDE
120		NO
121		09/07/2013
122		0518
123		MULE CREEK STATE PRISON
124		DECEDENT TORE TRACHEOSTOMY TUBE OUT AND
		STUFFED FOOD/FECAL MATERIAL IN THE STOMA
125		4001 HIGHWAY 104, IONE CA. 95640

DECLARATION
OF
CERTIFYING
PHYSICIAN OR
CORONERI HEREBY DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE
BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

9. SIGNATURE OF CERTIFYING PHYSICIAN OR CORONER

Brandon Cone

10. DATE SIGNED--MM/DD/CCYY

11/19/2013

11. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME AND TITLE/DEGREE OF CERTIFIER

BRANDON CONE, DEPUTY CORONER

12. ADDRESS--STREET AND NUMBER

700 COURT STREET

13. CITY

JACKSON

14. STATE

CA

15. ZIP CODE

95642

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STATE REGISTRAR - OFFICE OF VITAL RECORDS

17. DATE ACCEPTED FOR REGISTRATION--MM/DD/CCYY

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