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5	IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR KING COUNTY	
6	ERIC RACHNER, an individual, and	No.
7	DAVID HULTON, an individual,	
8	Plaintiffs,	COMPLAINT FOR FALSE ARREST, MALICIOUS
9	vs.	PROSECUTION, CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATIONS
10	SEATTLE POLICE DEPARTMENT and CITY OF SEATTLE, a Washington	AND SPOLIATION OF VIDEO EVIDENCE
11	municipal corporation; MICHELE LETIZIA and JANE DOE LETIZIA and the marital	
12	community composed thereof; BRETT SCHOENBERG and JANE DOE	
13	SCHOENBERG, and the marital community composed thereof; and SETH DIETRICH	
14	and JANE DOE DIETRICH and the marital community composed thereof;	
15	Defendants.	
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17	COME NOW plaintiffs and through counsel, allege as follows:	
18	INTRODUCTION1. This is a complaint for false arrest, malicious prosecution, and civil rightsviolations under 42 USC 1983, arising from individual defendants' October 18, 2008 illegal stop,search and arrest of plaintiffs, later malicious prosecution of plaintiffs, and fabrication ofevidence and loss or concealment of video showing the truth, all facilitated and caused by the	
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23	policy and custom of the City of Seattle ("City"), through its Seattle Police Department (SPD), to	
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abuse citizen rights and to fail to properly discipline and supervise officers, including through various SPD policy and customs to conceal videos showing officer misconduct, to falsely tell people videos do not exist when they do, and to conceal logs about videos and other information needed by citizens seeking to challenge officer versions of events by getting the SPD videos of the encounter.

2. SPD has a policy and custom of ensuring its existing in-car video system is not used to show officer misconduct, including through allowing officers to not take video of most encounters, and allowing a 80% violation rate of the regulations requiring officers to take video; policy to conceal video, and make false statements that SPD has no video, when it does; SPD policy to conceal in nearly every case since 2001 the activity logs for video, that show the existence of video or acts of concealment or loss of video, or spoliation of video evidence; SPD policy to conceal that its system often loses video suddenly, and it has had multiple sudden losses of video, including a loss of some 14,221 videos in December 2008; and other policies to ensure the video system is used to conceal officer misconduct rather than reveal it.

3. Such policies and customs turned the video system into a system of nondisclosure and concealment of misconduct, violating clear promises to the public that the in-car video system would be used to assure proper conduct by officers. Rarely since 2001 have notable events of officer misconduct been revealed through the SPD's in car video system; most were only revealed because third parties happened to get video. The policies and customs challenged in this suit are a massive failure to discipline and supervise, resulting from the institutional and high level subversion of the video system, that turned it into a means of hiding and concealing officer misconduct, rather than a way to reveal it and remedy it.

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4. SPD also operates its Office of Professional Accountability in the same way: to
 facilitate and allow misconduct through wrongful exonerations, or not finding a citizen
 complaint is sustained (the term exoneration will be used herein to refer both to actual
 exoneration and OPA findings of not sustained); keeping exoneration files secret, and using OPA
 to officially legitimate wrongful conduct, as OPA did in plaintiff Rachner's case.
 SPD accordingly has turned the two systems needed for effective officer

discipline into systems that promote misconduct. Misconduct is promoted when officers know the video showing it will not come to light, or can be concealed, or only rarely will come to light; and OPA will exonerate, despite video showing wrongful conduct; as happened here.

6. OPA and the video system promoted misconduct by keeping it in the dark, instead of bringing it to light.

7. This suit seeks damages for plaintiffs, and injunctive relief to change these policies and customs and ensure that the video and OPA systems work as they are supposed to work: to reveal and remedy officer misconduct, rather than to conceal it.

PARTIES, JURISDICTION AND VENUE

8. Plaintiffs Eric Rachner and David Hulton are each owners of computer security firms, and each separately resides in King County Washington.

9. Each plaintiff was falsely arrested on October 18, 2008 by defendant officers,
then maliciously prosecuted due to efforts of defendants, until months later the City dismissed
charges against plaintiffs in 2009.

10. During their prosecution and later, SPD repeatedly denied plaintiffs videos of their arrests, which show the officers' wrongful conduct and the fabrication of false versions of events on the incident report.

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1 11. Today, SPD is still concealing one or two videos of the arrest incidents, despite
 2 plaintiffs' numerous requests.

12. Defendant City is a municipal corporation; SPD is a department thereof and the City and SPD legally "reside" in King County being located and doing business there.

13. Defendant officers Michele Letizia, Brett Schoenberg and Sergeant Seth Dietrich were or are at all relevant times employed by the SPD as police officers; at all relevant times they acted under color of law; on information and belief they reside in King County, Washington; and they falsely arrested plaintiffs on the night in question then maliciously procured their prosecution.

14. Letizia falsely arrested Rachner for obstruction, when Rachner lawfully refused to give his identification. Schoenberg falsely arrested Hulton, for assault, when there was no probable cause for said arrest, and the officers obtained a description that did not match Hulton.

15. Dietrich on information and belief screened and approved both arrests and falsely arrested both plaintiffs.

16. The three officers conspired to effect such false arrests, violate plaintiffs' rights, fabricate evidence including on the incident report, and hide and conceal video; and to procure the malicious prosecution of plaintiffs, acting intentionally and maliciously, secure in the belief that SPD policies and customs would assure video showing the truth would not come to light, giving the officer freedom to violate rights and fabricate evidence.

17. The wrongs complained of arose or were in King County Washington and concern public officers there, and jurisdiction and venue are appropriate in King County under RCW 4.24.020 and .025 based on parties' residence or place where the torts arose.

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18. Plaintiffs have filed claim notices and waited 60 days prior to filing suit. Plaintiffs have waited until nearly three years from the false arrests because SPD has continuously hidden and concealed from plaintiffs videos of their arrest and other evidence of policy and custom which plaintiff Rachner has had to work to obtain, for years, overcoming SPD resistance at every stage.

FACTS

SPD Policy and Custom To Violate Rights

19. SPD has had a policy and custom to violate citizen rights, including false arrest, arrest for not giving identification, excessive force, and misuse of the obstruction statute, facilitated and maintained through policies making it difficult for the arrestee and others to obtain video of the events or remedy them through complaints to OPA. The policies and customs challenged in this suit were in place prior to 2008 and continue to the present, and allowed and caused the officers sued herein to violate plaintiffs' rights.

20. SPD had a policy and custom to violate a citizens' right to not give identification. 21. Since 1982 in Washington State an officer cannot lawfully arrest a citizen not driving a vehicle for his or her refusal to give identification; this was clearly established in Miranda v. Arizona, 384 U.S. 436 (1966); Terry v. Ohio, 392 U.S. 1 (1968) ("refusal to answer furnishes no basis for an arrest") and particularly in *State v. White*, 97 Wn.2d 92 (1982) ("detainee's refusal to disclose his name, address, and other information cannot be the basis of an arrest"); then again in State v. Hoffman, 35 Wn.App. 13 (1983) (refusal to produce identification after lawful Terry stop is not obstructing); and other cases including *State v. Biegel*, 57 Wn.App.192 (1990) (right to silence includes being silent as to one's identity).

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22. SPD has had a policy and custom to violate *State v. White*; to fail to properly teach officers about the right to not give identification; and to fail to discipline officers who violate said rights; and to wrongfully exonerate said officers in OPA investigations in such cases when citizens complain, even where video shows the officer misconduct, thus officially implementing the illegal policy to arrest for not giving identification.

23. The SPD officer manual and training is and was improper and defective, failing to give officers the *White* case rule, or discuss the right to not give identification.

24. The portion on "Social Contacts, Terry Stops, and Arrests" is only 4 pages and was so in 2008; it states in section 6.220 entitled "Social Contacts, Terry Stops, and Arrests" that "If the individual being questioned fails to accurately identify themselves or if information is gathered to further validate the officer's suspicion, the detention may be extended," without discussion of the right to not give identification; and this is an official policy that officers may arrest and detain for refusal to give identification.

25. SPD has had a policy and custom of allowing officers to misuse the obstruction statute, including interpreting at their discretion, making false arrests, arresting for not giving identification, and arresting people for lawful speech to officers including protest of illegal officer actions or misconduct or questioning same a/k/a "contempt of cop."

26. Sergeant Sean Whitcomb is a policy maker for SPD when speaking for the department to the media and officers may take his statements as official policy. In April 2010, Whitcomb stated to reporter Eric Nalder that SPD officers are allowed to interpret obstruction statutes according to their own "point of view"; this was official policy that officers may abuse the obstruction statute.

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27. On information and belief, SPD has often arrested persons for refusing to give their identification in years prior to 2008, then SPD has exonerated or failed to properly discipline such officers or teach them the rule of *White*.

28. In 13 months prior to and including October 2008, this happened repeatedly including the following on incident reports and known to SPD leaders: (a) 07-409252, Angelo Peterson when picking up a jacket on the street, arrested for not giving identification ; (b) 07-441371, unknown person near suspicious persons, arrested for not giving identification; (c) no. 07-466197, process server arrested for not giving identification; (d) no. 08-290457, Jeremy Peck, arrested for not giving identification; (e) no. 08-335821, Howard Mulvihill, arrested for not giving identification; (f) 08-341044 SPD accosts man then arrests for not giving identification; and (g) 08-392375, arrests of Rachner and non-party Adam Currie for not giving identification.

29. On information and belief, wrongful arrests for not giving identification occurred at similar or higher rates and were shown on incident reports for years prior to October 2008 and were known to SPD leaders.

30. SPD officers illegally threatened citizens with arrest for not giving identification in many other cases; with SPD then exonerating or failing to properly discipline such officers; this is shown on incident reports and known to SPD leaders.

31. SPD has had a policy and custom of allowing and facilitating excessive force; this is part of and causes the policy and custom of wrongful arrests without excessive force, too.

32. In 397 excessive force complaints to OPA, from January 1, 2008 to about May 2011, OPA found no misconduct or exonerated the officer 100% of the time. On information and belief, many such findings were wrongful, and a 100% rate of non-sustained findings is "too good to be true," and indicates the OPA system was dysfunctional and covering up misconduct.

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SPD Policy and Custom to Use Video System to Conceal Misconduct

33. SPD has had a policy to allow and foster such abuses of citizens through policies, practices and misfeasance concerning the in car video system, including allowing massive failure to take video by officers, concealing video, losing or spoliating tens of thousands of videos, and hiding and concealing activity logs in nearly every case since 2001, where such logs show acts of concealment, loss or spoliation of video or other facts SPD should have disclosed.

34. SPD knew, and told the public, the in car video system was needed for and would operate to ensure officers did not commit misconduct. SPD leaders knew for this to happen,
SPD would have to overcome officer resistance to videos; and ensure videos were taken, and then disclosed, to persons challenging officer versions of events.

35. SPD then implemented the system and related practices to ensure videos are not made, or kept, or are concealed and not disclosed to persons claiming video will prove officer misconduct. SPD subverted the purpose of the in car video system and turned it from a system to disclose and remedy misconduct, into a system that operated to conceal and promote misconduct.

36. SPD since 2001 has spent millions of dollars on the video system.

37. SPD told the public the system would help assure officers behave properly many times, including the following: (a) On February 25, 2002 Deputy Chief John Diaz, then commander for the new video system, told the public that the video system was "a way to increase community confidence in the department" (see

http://www.seattlegov/mayor/newsdetail.asp?ID=2462\$dept=40); (b) Mayor Nickels stated in a
 press release of July 18, 2002 that the video system was a "strategy to enhance police
 accountability and improve police-community relations; he stressed video in "ALL patrol cars"

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was to "improve public confidence and trust in our police"; "The goal is simple: increased accountability" (see http://www.cityofseattle.net/mayor/newsdetail.asp?ID=2784&dept=40); (c) elsewhere this release stated a goal of the project was to "Ensure accountability"; (d) the SPD Manual for officers in section 17.260 captioned "In-Car Video" stated an official purpose of the system is "To establish video data accountability"; and (e) on August 20, 2007, chief Gil Kerlikowske wrote a memo to the Mayor's Police Accountability Review Panel, stating in response to citizen complaints about officer misconduct, "In-car video cameras were installed."

38. Prior to installation SPD command knew, and it was true that many officers had opposed installation of the video system fearing it would work as intended; and officers knew if they were allowed to not take video or could hide it, or if the system did not disclose video to persons challenging officer versions of events, the system would not work as intended to disclose officer misconduct.

39. Since 2001, officers have resisted attempts to have greater disclosure and SPD has had until 2011, a policy to bar disclosure of video to supervisors absent a formal discipline charge; in normal practice a supervisory officer was by policy not permitted to review videos made by a subordinate.

40. SPD has had a policy and custom that allows officers to simply not take video.
41. The SPD officer manual required video to be made in most encounters with
citizens, and required officers to note existence of video in incident reports. Section 17.260
thereof states "Officers will activate the video equipment, including microphone, prior to
making citizen contacts"; "If reasonable to do so, they [officers] will record their approach to
crime scenes"; "Before starting patrol, the video camera will be positioned to properly record
traffic stops, and the wireless microphone will be synced to that camera unit and attached to the

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officer's person in a manner suitable for its most effective use"; "the officer with the operational microphone will be primary, whenever feasible" and "When a custodial arrest is made, the General Offense report will indicate the contact was recorded." In practice, though, SPD has had a policy and custom of allowing officers to *not* take video, or if it is taken to not upload it, or to not report it on incident reports, all to facilitate officers to avoid taking video, or to hide video, and defeating the purpose of video to show officer misconduct.

42. SPD created this policy and custom by allowing massive failure to take or note video, and not imposing significant discipline in response to violations of such regulations. After 2001 SPD often allowed up to one third or one quarter of officers in patrol cars to simply not take video on the ground they did not have video training.

43. This and the failure to enforce regulations requiring video told all officers that video is optional; this allows officers committing abuses to either not take video or to conceal it if they took it and it would show misconduct.

44. There are at SPD 229 incident reports for all obstruction arrests in the periodOctober 2007 to January 2008. In these reports there are 131 reports by officers in patrol cars,that is, with video; and in this subset, some 109 reports do not state there was video.

45. This is an 83.9% violation rate of the above mentioned regulations.

46. This was known to SPD leaders who did not take proper action in response.

47. On information and belief, the same or similar 84% violation rate took place and was evident to leaders, in other periods since installation of the video system.

48. Obstruction like many other crimes happens in the presence of an officer.

49. Under the video regulations the vast majority of obstruction arrest reports should indicate there is video; yet most indicate there is not; and SPD leaders knew this.

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50. SPD leaders in allowing 84% of all obstruction arrest reports to not note video, created a policy giving officers the option to not take video, allowing officer abuses, and contrary to the promise to citizens.

51. In October 2007 SPD leaders changed the incident report form by removing a box for noting existence of video on the form. This helped officers to not take video, or to not note it on the form. That video is not noted on the form leads citizens to not seek video even if it exists.

52. When video is made, SPD has had a set of policies and customs to conceal, lose, destroy or hide video and facts about video, and to not disclose video or to hinder and burden attempts to get video; to ensure the system does not reveal misconduct.

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Policy & Custom to Conceal Video, Activity Logs and Loss of Thousands of Videos

53. SPD has had a policy and custom to falsely conceal video when it is requested, including without limitation failing to provide video and stating video does not exist, when it does; refusing to disclose the activity logs for video in most cases since 2001 including where such logs would show video does exist when SPD said it does not exist; failing to disclose copies of video given to OPA or city attorneys; falsely or incorrectly stating there is no video when SPD does have video on the hard drive or in a copy; failing to have proper policies to look for video; not allowing public records officers or attorneys look on the activity logs; improperly disclosing some but not all video; failing to tell citizens the SPD system lost thousands of videos; falsely using signatures of policy makers such as John Diaz to bolster credibility of false statements there is no longer any video; or similar acts of concealment, false and incorrect statements and nondisclosure of video or activity logs.

54. The activity logs are the electronic files showing if a video is on the system or not or if it was lost or removed. They thus are key to acts of concealment or loss or spoliation of

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video by SPD. They show SPD had video previously or when it was requested and thus are the key item of evidence to show SPD wrongfully failed to disclose or concealed video, or video was removed or lost.

55. The logs also show data such as dates of video creation, when officers viewed video, if they were copied ("exported") and to whom (e.g, to OPA or city attorneys) (thus showing where the City has copies) and information about a case useful to a defendant.

56. SPD since 2001 has had a policy and custom to not disclose and to hide the existence of activity logs from the public, the media and persons challenging officer versions of disputed events. This was, to help ensure the video system is not used to show officer misconduct, in particular, by hiding and concealing SPD's concealing or nondisclosure of videos and loss and spoliation events.

57. Activity logs were requested in thousands of cases wherever a request is made for all information or electronic information about an arrest, yet SPD routinely did not disclose activity logs.

58. The logs show existence of a video, badge number of the officer creating the video; removal or loss or corruption of video; retention command; badge numbers of officers reviewing videos and when; and a notes or narrative field containing individualized data or comments about the incident by the officer creating the video.

59. Oftentimes disclosure of logs was required when SPD did not disclose them in thousands of cases.

60. This policy of not disclosing logs and concealing them frequently operated to deprive defendants or citizens of information needed to show officer misconduct or defend a

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charge, and violated disclosure obligations or obligations under Brady v. Maryland, 373 U.S. 83 (1963).

61. On information and belief, SPD has not disciplined any officer for the failure and refusal to disclose activity logs.

62. SPD has had on information and belief a policy and custom to keep videos and the logs concealed from city attorneys and public records officers, who do not even review logs to see if videos exist or were copied.

SPD has had a policy to have only a small handful of video unit officers look at 63. logs. This allows SPD to frequently say there is no video when there is, because public records officers or attorneys and others not wearing a uniform are not allowed to look at the logs. Alternatively, SPD only has allowed such people to look at logs recently.

64. SPD has lost tens of thousands of videos from its system. SPD has concealed this type of spoliation of evidence event from the public, the media and persons seeking video.

65. Since installation, SPD's video system has often experienced sudden non-routine loss, or willful destruction, of video, each year. Since 2001 SPD has suddenly lost or had removed tens of thousands of video and has failed to tell the public this.

66. At the end of December 2008, the SPD video system lost 14,221 videos suddenly or they were on information and belief removed improperly from the system.

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67. At that time 14,221 videos were 22% of the videos extant on the system.

68. SPD has hidden this fact from the public and defendants who might need those videos to prove what happened in their encounter with officers, or who might be able to point to the fact SPD lost the video, as an exculpating circumstance or evidence that the City was required to disclose under Brady.

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69. In April 2009, the system lost 32,502 videos suddenly or they were improperly removed. These were later restored; and SPD on information and belief concealed these facts from the public or defendants.

70. Other events of sudden video loss in the period July 2008 to July 2011 included: in December 2010 the system lost 1,008 videos or they were improperly removed; on January 13, 14, 18, 19 and 22, in the year 2011, the system lost or there was improper removal of 78, 51, 14, 29 and 39 videos respectively; and on June 24, 2011 the system lost or there was improper removal of 89 videos; and SPD has hidden these facts from defendants and the public.

71. On information and belief, SPD lost videos or they were improperly removed at other times since 2001; at the same rates and frequency as in the July 2008-July 2011 period.

72. SPD's concealment of logs that show loss or removal or concealment of video violated legal duties in many criminal cases; and was to cover up SPD's unlawful responses to citizen or defendant requests for video, violations of Brady obligations. Many persons would or could use such loss or concealment or spoliation events, to challenge officer versions of events, show their innocence, or after being convicted or in jail could still use such loss or spoliation events to overturn convictions or get out of jail.

73. On information and belief, SPD has not properly disciplined and has not disciplined anyone for these massive loss or removal events or concealment of same.

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74. SPD has many other policies and customs to lose, or remove, video.

75. SPD routinely destroys and purges log entries and corresponding videos three years after creation when it could easily keep such evidence; it does so to hide officer misconduct.

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76. By this practice, SPD routinely destroys evidence of prior concealment, loss or spoliation of video evidence; and that this is a policy or custom.

77. SPD's policy to keep these video losses or removals concealed continues to the present despite SPD leaders being told by Rachner in 2010 that SPD has wrongfully concealed or failed to disclose video in other cases, and the logs are needed to audit this; SPD's continued purging of video and log entries is daily removing evidence that persons could use to show SPD wrongdoing.

78. SPD has and is concealing and purging the log entries as part of the policy to cover up and conceal wrongdoing; this helps conceal prior violations of public disclosure laws or *Brady v. Maryland* obligations.

79. SPD through purging log and video data that could be cheaply retained has had and today has a policy at the highest level, to conceal officer misconduct, conceal videos and conceal the concealment or loss of videos, all to prevent the system from being used to show wrongdoing by officers.

80. In addition to loss or removal events and purging, SPD has had other routine and official policies to conceal or not disclose video or hinder those seeking it.

81. SPD has had a policy and custom to not look at activity logs or for exported copies to see if video exists.

SPD Policy to Not Disclose Video

82. SPD by policy or custom simply tries to deny access to video as much as possible, citing generic policies such as a policy that videos are only kept 90 days in denying requests for video, without looking for the video on the log; or by citing any potentially applicable exemption to disclosure on a blanket basis without individualized review; or wrongfully.

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83. For example, SPD routinely and by custom or policy denies any request for video about a third party. This helps ensure the media or citizens acting as watchdogs do not get hold of video showing officer misconduct.

84. In this context where someone seeks video about someone else, SPD cites privacy reasons. But in fact often there is no privacy at stake as in the vast majority of cases, the video concerns non-private and public interactions between the citizen and the officer. SPD also cites effective to law enforcement without particularized review or other exemptions without proper basis.

85. SPD has not properly funded nor trained its public records staff to make the system function as needed.

86. On information and belief, the public records staff was not aware of the sudden loss of video when it happened, and was not even aware of the logs until Rachner discovered them then requested certain logs from public records staff in 2009.

87. SPD also removes or destroys video as per routine practices including removal after three years and also eliminating all video 90 days after creation unless there is a pending criminal, civil, or administrative case.

88. This deprives many people of video following suspected officer abuse. If the citizen is not charged and fails to demand video quickly, or is unaware or without means to pay a lawyer, or simply fails to hire a lawyer immediately, the 90 day rule works to ensure video is no longer available.

89. SPD does not have a policy to honor where a citizen's demand video be kept.SPD has a policy to ignore and deny a citizen's demand that video be kept.

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90. SPD continuously destroys extant video located in the in car unit; the in car units continuously record video when the car is in use, and keep the video until overwritten which is sometimes days later. SPD policy and custom is to both not look for video in this location, and to let this video be lost or spoliated routinely.

91. Officer Benjamin Kelly's in car unit took video of his encounter with Maurice Clemmons on December 1, 2009. SPD commanders later recovered that video from the unit in the vehicle using nonroutine efforts, because it had not yet been overwritten. There was no system in place to look for this kind of video record, in the car.

92. When a citizen complains about an officer and demands video, SPD policy and practice is to not look for video on the in car unit.

93. The foregoing policies, practices and customs are part of the general policy and custom to prevent video from showing officer misconduct.

94. SPD has not fired a single officer or imposed any serious discipline for documented cases of SPD or officer failure to take video, concealment of video, misstatements about video, concealment of logs, or loss of thousands of video, or concealment of said events from defendants or the public.

95. On information and belief, SPD has a secret back up system that came into operation in or before April 2009 and that has not been disclosed to the public nor used to find video to respond to requests for video. On information and belief in two days following the loss of 32,502 videos in April 2009, SPD was able to and did restore some 46,009 videos, including those suddenly lost in April and others that had been deleted under the 90 day policy. SPD has kept these facts concealed to hide the backup system and to continue to conceal the recurrent

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losses of video. Said restorations are shown in data given to Rachner discussed below and could not happen unless there was some backup system.

96. On information and belief, SPD has not properly used such duplicate backup system to look for videos or disclose same.

SPD Policy and Custom to Misuse OPA and Wrongfully Exonerate

97. SPD has had a policy or custom to misuse OPA to wrongfully exonerate officers, set policy allowing illegal acts and keep exonerations files secret from the public, to ensure officer conduct is validated wrongfully or keep misconduct from coming to light.

98. In 2001, SPD created the Office of Professional Accountability to help assure officers would act properly to citizens.

99. SPD and the City at that time set an official policy to not let OPA files leading to exonerations be disclosed, and such files have not been disclosed.

100. The City and SPD have an official policy and custom including under SMC3.28.800 and otherwise, to keep files leading to exonerations concealed; and even that OPA must maintain confidentiality of files as if OPA were in an attorney client relationship with the officers.

101. This and other practices deprive OPA of independence and put the focus on keeping OPA in the function of serving officers, not the public, and keeping exonerations secret including wrongful exonerations.

102. SPD has kept OPA work or as much of it as possible secret and does not disclose to citizens or the media, OPA files exonerating officers.

103. OPA as official source of discipline officially sets policy at SPD.

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104. On information and belief, OPA wrongfully has exonerated many officers or imposed slight discipline; and legitimated misconduct, by declaring it is in accord with policy.

105. Such policies and customs facilitate and protect officer misconduct and sets policy to allow wrongful acts.

106. OPA investigated complaints about arrest for not giving identification many times prior to October 2008, and since, and on information and belief, has rejected the citizen's complaint, exonerated, or failed to reach a finding of "sustained," in all or nearly all cases, setting an official policy to allow such unlawful arrests.

107. By making the OPA disciplinary function largely secret and not independent, SPD has created a culture of secrecy that allows misconduct to flourish in the dark, and a defective and improper system of discipline.

Illegal and Malicious Stops, Arrests and Prosecution of Rachner, Hulton, Currie

108. The above policies and customs caused the wrongful acts directed at plaintiffs.

109. On October 18, 2008, on Boylston Avenue, in Seattle's Capitol Hill neighborhood, plaintiffs Rachner and Hulton, and non-party Adam Currie were falsely arrested by the individual defendant officers.

110. That night, plaintiffs and others were participating in Urban Golf, a group activity in which plaintiffs and others peacefully assembled, many in expressive retro attire, and walked from bar to bar, in small teams of about four or five, putting toy foam balls short distances, on a marked course on sidewalks. This conduct and attire expressed countercultural values or values of Capitol Hill urban life, active use of urban space, as compared to commercial or passive entertainment. Plaintiffs engaging in this activity with this group were engaged in expressive

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conduct protected under the First Amendment and the due process liberty interest of walking about the city in which they lived.

111. The conduct was not dangerous or disruptive, nor criminal. The toy balls rolled on the sidewalk and any occasional lift given to a ball did not create appreciable danger. The balls used were the kind sold to children for them to shoot at each other.

112. One Marcus Johnson gave his ball some lift and it lightly impacted Gabriel Clark without injuring him nor assaulting him, comparable to a negligent bump given on the shoulder by a passerby. Gabriel Clark spoke with Johnson and was angry as apology was not made.
Clark called 911 and complained about the group in general without claiming assault or identifying any "suspect." The SPD person taking the call did not even ask for an identification of any suspect.

SPD's officers Letizia, Emily Clark, and Schoenberg arrived. Then, officer JoseSilva arrived a few minutes later, followed by officers Benjamin Archer and Dietrich.

114. On information and belief, officers arriving first, that is, Letizia, Clark and Schoenberg, started off by violating the video regulations in failing to activate the retain function on their in car units so as to record their conversation and events from the start. Their videos were turned on after they arrived at the scene.

115. The officers spoke to Gabriel Clark but did not get any identification of any suspect at that time.

116. At 8:05:54 pm (all indications of time are taken from videos later obtained) they unlawfully stopped and seized by show of force a group of Urban Golfers including Rachner and Hulton. This was illegal and lacking reasonable suspicion or probable cause; and said officers

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were acting intentionally and maliciously to violate clearly established liberty and speech rights to punish Urban Golf and its expressive speech activity.

117. The detention came with the officers driving up to the group with overhead lights on (indicating the video was only then turned on) and other show of force.

118. At 8:06:38 pm, Officer Clark told Letizia that Rachner would not answerquestions and Letizia said, "Cool, that means we get to arrest him and let him go before a judge."By this Clark and Letizia violated his right to silence; silence is not a crime.

119. Letizia then said to Rachner, "Today is Saturday, you won't see a judge 'til Monday." This was a threat to arrest Rachner for not speaking and violated his clearly established right to silence.

120. At 8:11:57 p.m., Schoenberg told the group, "I don't know why you guys come to Capitol Hill to do this, I understand it's part of the Capitol Hill experience, however it's not going to be any more." This comment is audible on the videos made by Letizia and Clark. This was an illegal order to the group to stay out of Capitol Hill and was unlawful suppression of their First Amendment rights and procedural and substantive due process rights.

121. Schoenberg's direction was backed by the other officers' show of force, and by doing so they joined in his unlawful acts. Each knew that Schoenberg's order violated the group's clearly established rights and failing to stop such violations, joined in, thereby violating said rights and agreeing and helping do so.

122. Subsequent wrongful actions of the officers were to implement the order to stay off Capitol Hill to punish the expressive acts of Urban Golf and create some kind of criminal guilt to discredit plaintiffs should they speak up about this.

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123. After this seizure, and at 8:08:50 pm, officers Letizia, Schoenberg and Emily Clark talked to Gabriel Clark, who described the person whose ball had impacted him, saying, "He's a little bit thicker [than me], like my height, with a stocking cap"; this description is shown on the tape made by officer Clark.

124. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a true and correct copy by screen shot from the officer Emily Clark video at the time that Gabriel Clark gave the description (8:08:50 pm).

125. Exhibit A is a fair and accurate depiction of the scene at that time and place, and correctly shows Letizia, Rachner, Schoenberg, Emily Clark, and Gabriel Clark (in that order, from left to right) at 8:08:50 pm; and the audio on this video indicates at this time Gabriel Clark is giving the description mentioned above.

126. Officers did not seek out a suspect matching that description at any time nor get Gabriel Clark to identify Hulton or anyone else. At the time of the description, Rachner was standing near Letizia as shown in Exhibit A. At this moment, while Gabriel Clark is describing the alleged suspect, Gabriel Clark could see Rachner yet did not point to Rachner nor say he was the suspect, nor describe anyone matching Rachner. Letizia at this time had no basis to restrain Rachner.

127. The description given by Gabriel Clark did not match Rachner or Hulton or Currie, objectively. Gabriel Clark's height was 5' 7" and he weighed about 180 lbs. Rachner's height was 6'1", and his weight was 155 pounds. Rachner was half a foot taller, and some 25 pounds less than, the person described by Clark; Hulton was about 5'11", and weighed 140 pounds; and was four inches taller, and some 40 pounds less than, the person described by Clark. Both Rachner and Hulton had no cap or hat and Hulton also was Asian American and wore glasses. Clark did not say the "suspect" was Asian or Asian American or wore glasses.

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128. The mismatch between the description and Rachner or Hulton is shown on the videos of the incident.

129. The unlawful detention continued even after Letizia, Schoenberg and Clark had the description.

130.The description constituted additional objective information precluding anyprobable cause or reasonable suspicion.

131. At 8:09 pm, Letizia furthered the illegal conduct, saying to Schoenberg and Clark, "You can just ID everyone and report them all as suspects." Schoenberg said "We really want to get all their ID's, get 'em, want to help me collect them?" These orders violated plaintiffs' and the group's rights under the First, Fourth, Fourteenth and Fifth Amendments. The officers knew they were violating such clearly established rights and their colloquy recorded on the video reflected the violation, their knowledge and their joint agreement to violate rights by illegally getting identifications and illegally reporting them all as suspects without individualized probable cause. The officers acted in concert and by agreement to violate plaintiffs' rights, and knew the video showed this.

132. At 8:09:46 pm Letizia told Rachner, "Let me see your ID, go ahead and take yourID out of your pocket." This was an unlawful search and order to produce the wallet contrary to*State v White*.

133. Rachner lawfully refused, saying Letizia had no legal right to get identification.
134. Letizia repeatedly unlawfully ordered Rachner to present his identification,
saying, "I do have a legal basis, so go ahead and remove your ID from your pocket" and "You have to remove it"; Rachner repeatedly refused saying, "No," and "I refuse," and "I will do no such thing."

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135. Rachner was courteous, and did not obstruct any officer nor consent to any search. Rachner's speech was First Amendment protest, petition and expression. It angered Letizia who viewed it as contempt of cop and who then acted maliciously to punish Rachner for this speech.

136. At 8:10:05 pm, officer Emily Clark observed this and said "I love it, I love it" approving and ratifying Letizia's unlawful acts and failing to stop them. She thereby joined in violating Rachner's clearly established rights by agreement with Letizia and in a concert of action and conspiracy to violate his rights.

137. Letizia said "if you refuse to give me your ID, then we will arrest you for obstructing," then unlawfully searched Rachner by taking his wallet out. Letizia then falsely arrested Rachner at 8:11:27 pm. Said acts were an unlawful search and seizure and arrest, done maliciously to punish Rachner for his verbal assertions of rights, and being part of Urban Golf.

138. Letizia and the other officers all knew of the clearly established right to remain silent, and not give identification, to not be subject to unreasonable searches and seizures, the liberty right to go about the City without being ghettoized or limited as to place, or based on expressive activity, and the right to speak up to an officer with correct statements of the law; each acted intentionally and maliciously to violate plaintiffs' clearly established rights.

139. At 8:11:27 pm, Schoenberg saw Letizia's arrest of Rachner and said "hey we can always take him down, and he can go to the fingerprints section [for us to get his identification]." With this approving comment and failure to stop the violation of Rachner's rights, he joined in and agreed with Letizia to violate Rachner's rights widening the conspiracy.

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140. At about 8:17:05 pm, Letizia told officer Jose Silva that Letizia had arrested Rachner because Rachner had acted "edjumicated." Letizia knew this was on the video and showed his improper motive to retaliate against Rachner and unlawful arrest of Rachner.

141. Silva by failing to stop the violation of Rachner's rights joined in and ratified said violations joining the agreement and conspiracy to violate rights.

142. At 8:18 pm Schoenberg told Letizia "I got the one guy who was actually, did the assaulting." Letizia replied, "Oh, you found him?" and Schoenberg said, "Mr. Hulton, yeah."

143. The above comments are shown on video Rachner has obtained but he has not obtained the Schoenberg video.

144. The Schoenberg video on information and belief shows Schoenberg's lack of probable cause for arresting Hulton, and that the real reason for the arrest was Hulton's speaking up to Schoenberg, and Schoenberg's and the other officers' animus towards urban golf, and said video has information and commentary by Schoenberg indicating his motivations were malicious and to punish Hulton for not admitting guilt and to expel urban golf from Capitol Hill.

145. Schoenberg's unit was recording audio and video and his overhead lights were on. The Schoenberg video was on information and belief spoliated, lost or concealed by SPD, although it was on the server or the in car unit; or it was not uploaded to the server or Schoenberg uploaded said video with an identification number of another officer, and/or the officers sued herein conspired to conceal said video.

146. Schoenberg was primary officer at the scene.

147. As shown on other video obtained, Schoenberg approached Hulton, accusing him of assault, saying "we know you did it." Schoenberg detained him by putting him on the squad

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car then at 8:25:55 pm Schoenberg falsely arrested Hulton for assault without probable cause and put him in the squad car.

148. Schoenberg acted intentionally and with malice, motivated by animosity to the group's expressive conduct, and in violation of what he knew were Hulton's clearly established rights under the First, Fourth, Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments.

149. Dietrich arrived at 8:20:15 pm. At 8:21:53 pm, Letizia told Dietrich that Rachner
"here is educating me on the legal system" and "challenging the detainment, doing all that stuff."
Dietrich thus knew the basis of the arrest was Rachner's refusal to identify himself. At 8:23:38
pm Letizia told Dietrich, "they have actually been able to identify the one that launched the ball
into the guy's face."

150. Dietrich screened and approved Letizia's arrest of Rachner, despite being told it was for refusal to give identification and despite being told by Letizia Rachner's misdeed was informing Letizia about the legal system.

151. Dietrich said at 8:24:44 pm, "We can ID him at the precinct, he's going to go to the precinct." Dietrich knew the arrest of Rachner violated his clearly established rights and by approving this arrest, and not stopping it, Dietrich joined in the concert of action and conspiracy to violate rights and suppress Rachner's speech.

152. Dietrich at 8:26 pm, detained a smaller group of Urban Golfers standing nearby that included Adam Currie. This was unlawful lacking reasonable suspicion as among other things, Dietrich had been told and believed the "suspect" (Hulton) was in hand; thus there was no suspect to be looking for any longer. He acted out of malice to suppress the expressive conduct of Urban Golf and back up the prior order to stay out of Capitol Hill.

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153. Dietrich unlawfully demanded identification from Currie, knowing this was in violation of his clearly established rights. Currie refused, asserting he did not have to give identification. Dietrich unlawfully arrested Currie for obstructing an officer, at about 8:29 pm; lacking probable cause and intentionally and maliciously punishing Currie for speaking up, and thus he joined with other officer's in abusing these citizens in a concert of action and conspiracy to violate rights of plaintiffs, and the group.

154. At about 8:36:12 Letizia told an officer he had arrested Rachner for not giving identification and for Rachner's expressions to Letizia. The other officer said, "Well, you get what you ask for." Letizia thereby widened the circle of officers who knew the arrest violated the clearly established right to silence, and was for Rachner's speaking out.

155. At about 8:37 pm, Schoenberg spoke to Dietrich about Hulton. Dietrich said, "He doesn't seem to understand? Hook him up and take him to the station. Maybe that way he'll understand."

156. This was coercion of Hulton to "make him understand" that is, confess. This is a violation of what Dietrich knew was his clearly established right to silence, and to protest officer misconduct. Dietrich assisted in the arrest of Hulton joining in the illegal agreement to violate rights, motivated because the arrestees had the temerity to oppose officer misconduct.

157. Dietrich on information and belief approved the arrest of Hulton.

158. Dietrich failed to obtain a positive identification by Gabriel Clark of Hulton and lacked any probable cause to arrest Hulton.

159. Rachner, Hulton and Currie were put in handcuffs, taken to the precinct, and put in cells; the City later maliciously prosecuted each of them based on information and false information provided by defendant officers including a fabricated incident report.

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160. The officers knew their illegal conduct and comments showing illegal motivations were on several videos; on information and belief, the officers sued herein conspired and acted in concert to conceal such video evidence, and to fabricate false version of events for the incident report, agreeing to not disclose the truth, so as to not undercut each other or the incident report; and by misinforming prosecutors they jointly procured the prosecution of plaintiffs, maliciously.

161. Urban Golf has ceased to function due to fear of additional illegal repression or false arrests by SPD.

162. At 8:54:00 pm, Letizia told another officer in the station house Rachner had been a "brainiac." The officer responded, "Fine" and "We can play that game." Letizia continued to widen the circle of approving officers, building and relying on the policy and custom of officers to abuse citizen rights, to punish citizens who speak up lawfully to protest officer misconduct.

Conspiracy to Fabricate and Conceal Evidence

163. Letizia knew these many facts and his own comments revealing his illegal motivations, were on video. He resolved to cover up the false arrest and misconduct through concealing video, and with other officers sued herein agreed illegally to jointly fabricate and conceal evidence of their illegal conduct, conceal videos, or not disclose them, and to support or write a false incident report, and wrongfully procure malicious prosecution of plaintiffs.

164. The officers knew they all had to join together in this conspiracy or else it would come undone. None could tell the truth, if some were fabricating a version of events to tell. They acted jointly and in concert, and in a conspiracy to fabricate evidence; and they thought they could get away with it because the policies and customs described above would ensure video would not come to light exposing the truth. They also knew OPA would exonerate even if video showed misconduct.

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165. Letizia wrote incident report no. 08-392375 concerning these three arrests and intentionally made false statements therein to conceal or tamper with material evidence, as per the agreement with other officers sued herein.

166. Attached hereto as Exhibit B is a true and correct copy of the narrative section of the incident report signed and prepared by Letizia, which is contradicted by the videos of the arrest Rachner later obtained.

167. Letizia falsely did not note in his report that there was video of the arrests. This violated the above mentioned regulations. He knew that he and others made video including Clark, Dietrich, Silva, Schoenberg, and Archer and he knew it exposed his and other officers' unlawful arrests, dialogue between Letizia and Rachner, the timing and contents of the officers' getting a description from Gabriel Clark, comments about staying out of Capitol Hill, and the "edjumicated" and "brainiac" comments, and other comments and acts tending to show officer misconduct, conspiracy to violate civil rights and the gross violations of civil rights described above.

168. Letizia knew SPD did not punish or did not seriously punish a complete omission to record video, or a failure to note its existence, as per the above mentioned policies.

169. Letizia wrote on the incident report that, "After officers had collected I.D. cards from the group, [Gabriel] Clark responded to our location" and "Clark positively identified Hulton within the group as the golfer who had actually swung the golf club and struck him in the face with the ball. Hulton was arrested for assault."

170. This was sequence and version of events was false.

171. Gabriel Clark did not positively identify Hulton at any time. Instead, he gave a description of a suspect but that description did not match Hulton's appearance or dress. The

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video and audio shows this, including the audio associated with the screen shot at 8:08:50 pm on the Letizia video, in Exhibit A.

172. All officers sued herein on information and belief knew of this fabrication on the incident report and acted in concert to keep this fabrication concealed.

173. Letizia omitted from the report the description Gabriel Clark gave, to conceal the fact his claim Gabriel Clark identified Hulton was false. Letizia omitted the conversation in which Gabriel Clark gave the description from the report because it shows there was no probable cause to arrest Hulton (or Rachner). Each other officer knew this, and knew video would show this fabrication and their wrongdoing .

174. Letizia wrote about the the stop of the smaller group containing Currie, as follows: "While officers were collecting I.D. cards from the initial group, a smaller group of people similarly dressed or carrying golf clubs walked to our location. Since officers had not yet identified if they had a suspect, officer(s) (including Sgt. Dietrich) called out to this group and asked them to walk over."

175. This statement was false and video shows this was false, because in fact when officers including Dietrich stopped the smaller group (which included Currie), they had not "not yet identified if they had a suspect" because in fact by then they already had identified and detained a suspect, that is, Hulton.

176. Schoenberg had told Letizia that the suspect (Hulton) was already detained; Letizia told this to Dietrich four minutes before Dietrich and the officers stopped the smaller group containing Currie; this is shown on the videos later obtained; the officers knew this and this is why they worked together to fabricate evidence and conceal video.

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177. Letizia's falsehoods about officers not having a suspect when they stopped the smaller group were an attempt to fabricate a basis for that stop and for the subsequent arrest of Currie, when there was none as each officer knew.

178. Letizia wrote in the report that he believed that Rachner "was asking for permission to get his wallet (a common occurrence with intoxicated persons)."

179. This was false. The video later obtained correctly shows Rachner *never asked for permission to get his wallet*. Each officer sued herein knew that this fabrication would come to light unless they acted in concert to back up the fabricated stories and acted to conceal video or keep video out of the hands of anyone who would use it against them.

180. Letizia wrote in the report that "Rachner told me if I wanted his I.D., I would have to get it myself." In fact, Rachner did not make the statement alleged and Rachner did not consent to Letizia's search. Letizia wrote this to fabricate some defense for his wrongful actions.

181. Letizia and other officers sued herein on information and belief presented the fabricated version of events to city attorneys to get charges filed against plaintiffs and thus wrongfully and maliciously procured their malicious prosecution.

182. On information and belief, city attorneys never reviewed video of the arrests of plaintiffs before filing charges; the officers knew they would not as per a general custom of SPD to not give video in many cases and as per the policy and custom to hide video by not noting it on the incident report.

183. On information and belief, until recently SPD just gave city attorneys a case file without video in many cases.

184. The officers sued violated many regulations about video including not taking it, losing it, concealing it, conspiring to conceal it or lose it, not noting it on the incident report.

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Schoenberg on information and belief did not upload or save his video to the video storage server. Letizia, Schoenberg and Clark did not record their approach or initial contact. Letizia did not record his first contacts with Rachner. Dietrich did not record his approach or contact with Currie that led to Currie's arrest. No superior at SPD reviewed the videos then took any action against the officers. They violated regulations and fabricated evidence freely.

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185. On information and belief SPD has not disciplined any of these violations.

186. On information and belief, SPD had a custom or policy to allow officers to not record the first approach to the scene or talk with the citizen.

OPA Complaint Causes Malicious Prosecution

187. On October 28, 2008, Rachner complained his arrest was illegal in a letter to OPA citing *White*. On information and belief, the officers learned this and conspired to fabricate and conceal evidence; procured the prosecution of plaintiffs in response, to retaliate for this protest to OPA when said officers knew that it was clearly established right under the First Amendment.

188. The City filed obstruction charges against Rachner on December 4, 2009, and the City filed charges against Hulton at about the same time.

189. The City's prosecutions of plaintiffs was malicious; said prosecutions ended favorably for plaintiffs in 2009 when the City dropped charges.

190. As a proximate result of the false arrests and malicious prosecution and other wrongdoing complained of plaintiffs suffered insult, indignity, humiliation, emotional distress, economic loss and other damages, including spending money on defense fees and costs, and Rachner lost substantial business revenue, due to said wrongful conduct.

191. The wrongs against plaintiffs sued on in this complaint, were intentional and they are allowed to recover emotional distress damages.

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192. The wrongs against plaintiffs sued on in this complaint were malicious and they are allowed to recover punitive and compensatory damages as allowed by law.

Plaintiffs Work 2009-2011 to Overcome SPD Concealment of Video, False Statements about Video, and Loss or Spoliation of Video Evidence

193. During plaintiffs' arrests, six officers made video including Letizia, Dietrich, Silva, Clark, Archer and Schoenberg.

194. SPD repeatedly failed to disclose and concealed said video from plaintiffs.

195. After charges were filed against Rachner, he wrote to SPD asking that all video be preserved as it would prove the true facts about what happened. His lawyer also requested all material related to his arrest. SPD thereafter did not provide to him the videos of his arrest, nor the activity logs related to such video.

196. Plaintiffs finally obtained some video of the incident leading to their arrest only after they worked years using extraordinarily unforeseeable efforts and skill to finally discover activity logs exist, which forced SPD to disgorge some of said videos. To date SPD has only disclosed the Letizia, Dietrich, Silva and Clark videos and SPD is still today concealing the Archer video and on information and belief, a Schoenberg video.

197. Many of the detailed facts, quotes and the times shown above, are taken from the videos plaintiffs later obtained.

198. Plaintiffs initially requested all video or all information about their arrests during their criminal cases, and SPD wrongfully failed and refused to give them videos, or logs, even though SPD had activity logs clearly showing the videos existed.

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199. The Clark, Dietrich and Archer videos were lost or removed from the system in the loss event on about December 31, 2008 but SPD had exported copies, as shown on the logs for said videos; and SPD concealed said copies from plaintiffs during their cases.

200. SPD also concealed the activity logs that showed both the loss events and the copying events, during plaintiffs' criminal cases.

201. SPD also wrongfully concealed from plaintiffs the facts that the SPD server lost some of the video, and that the system could lose video.

202. SPD violated *Brady* obligations to plaintiffs by not disclosing to them the videos, or that SPD had video or the loss events.

203. In April 2009, Letizia told Heidi Sargent, one of the assistant city attorneys prosecuting Rachner, that officers had not yet identified a suspect when Rachner was unlawfully detained, and that Rachner had acted "belligerent." Letizia told Eric Nalder, a reporter, that Rachner was arrested for more than merely refusing to show identification. These were false statements. Letizia by this continued to propound the falsehoods on the incident report and a version of events that was false, and which would have been shown false if plaintiffs had been given the video of their arrests.

204. This was to continue to procure wrongful prosecutions of plaintiffs and on information and belief Letizia continued to conspire with the other officers sued herein to mislead others and procure a malicious prosecution, fabricating events and probable cause, and concealing video.

205. On April 17, 2009, OPA exonerated Letizia in an official ruling by policy maker Captain Thomas "Tag" Gleason, who said the conduct of Letizia "was appropriate and consistent with policies and practices of the" SPD.

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206. The OPA exoneration further set the policy that arrest for not giving ID is allowed, and reinforcing the general policy to abuse citizens, even where OPA has video disproving the officer version of events.

207. In May 2009, OPA associate director and policy maker John Fowler wrote, in the May 2009 OPA Commendations and Complaints Report, that Rachner's arrest was lawful and proper and approved by the supervisor, again ratifying and setting policy officers may arrest for not giving identification and may abuse citizens.

208. Rachner wrote to OPA on July 15, 2009 asking "what policy, practice or custom of SPD permits officers to arrest a detainee who fails to accurately identify themselves?"

209. About July 2009 Captain Gleason responded that the SPD, OPA and the City Attorney office reviewed Rachner's complaint and the response of the officers was proper, for a third time ratifying and declaring in effect, the policy that officers may abuse citizens, arrest for not giving identification, and arrest for contempt of cop, even when the citizen complains and cites the relevant case law to OPA, tells OPA to look on the video, and the video supports the citizens' version of events, and disproves officer versions of events and shows the incident report is false.

210. The OPA whitewashed the officers' wrongdoing directed at plaintiffs and also apparent fabrications and concealment of evidence committed by these officers.

211. No one at OPA has been disciplined for this wrongful conduct. OPA misconduct is hidden by the general policy of concealing exoneration files.

212. The OPA also exonerated Dietrich for falsely arresting Currie and other misconduct even though as in Rachner's case, it had the videos showing false arrest and misconduct.

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213. OPA exonerated Dietrich for another complaint made that he scared Currie with a threat of exposing him to a cell containing the spit of a prior detainee who had hepatitis, even after Dietrich admitted to OPA that he made the comment to "scare" Currie. OPA's exoneration in this case further set the policy that officers may in general abuse citizens and OPA will whitewash it, relying on concealment of exoneration files and video.

214. Meanwhile, on May 7, 2009, Rachner again requested video of his arrest made by officer Letizia.

215. SPD responded by sending Rachner a letter on June 9, 2009 (mistakenly dated April 9, 2009) signed by acting chief John Diaz, a policy maker at SPD, who by policy or custom frequently allowed his name to be used to conceal video. The letter stated, falsely and incorrectly, that, "These recordings are both past our retention period [referring to the normal 90 day retention period] and can no longer be obtained. "

216. This was false because in fact SPD had the Letizia video on its server. SPD also had copies given to Letizia and OPA.

217. The falsehood of the Diaz statement was easily discernible at SPD; the activity log for this video at SPD clearly showed the server had the video, and the copies were made for OPA and Letizia.

218. Attached hereto as Exhibit C are true and correct copies of the June 9, 2009 (mistakenly dated April 9, 2009) letter from SPD mentioned above and also two other letters from SPD to Rachner, one dated June 30, 2009 and one dated January 25, 2010 which also have false statements that video related to Rachner's arrest does not exist at SPD.

219. On information and belief, defendant officers conspired to suppress the videos and have the statements in Exhibit C issued to Rachner concealing videos.

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220. On information and belief, public records officers did not look on the logs to see if there was Letizia video or in responding to Rachner's request, per the general policy that they relied on video officers to find video; nor did they ask the officer involved or OPA for any copies of video; and/or in this case on information and belief Letizia concealed his video from them.

221. Rachner in mid-2009 concluded there was no longer any video, and was concerned that SPD had not kept it and would be engaged in further wrongdoing in destroying or losing evidence, despite his specific request that the video evidence be preserved.

222. In late 2009 Rachner decided to find out who deleted video of his arrest and when. This led to his discovery of activity logs, the existence of which SPD had concealed from the public and defendants for years.

223. He researched the SPD system vendor and learned there are activity logs for each video containing things such as dates of creation, and dates of removal from the system.

224. In November 2009 he demanded activity logs for all video relevant to his incident.

225. On information and belief, this was the first time any citizen asked for logs.226. On information and belief, this caused the SPD public records staff to look at the logs for the first time, to respond to Rachner's requests.

227. On January 25, 2010 SPD produced to Rachner the log for the Letizia video, and the Letizia video. SPD also told Rachner in writing that this was the only video related to his arrest, and that neither Clark nor Schoenberg made video. Such statements were not true, because there was video by Dietrich, Clark, Silva, and Archer if not Schoenberg. SPD also put on the Letizia video container, a notice saying "This copy was prepared by the Seattle Police Department and may not be revealed to any other individual and/or agency or used for any other

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purpose that stated without the consent of the Seattle Police Department, " and on information
and belief SPD commonly puts such notices on videos it releases, violating person's liberty and
free speech rights as part of the general policy and custom to ensure videos are not used to
remedy officer misconduct.

228. A copy of the activity log for the Letizia video that Rachner received in January 2010 is included in Exhibit D hereto, discussed below.

229. On information and belief, even in January 2010 defendant officers or some of them conspired to keep videos concealed from Rachner by misinforming public records officers and/or by 2010 public records officers still had no proper way to search for video; the existence of the Dietrich, Clark, Silva, and Archer videos is apparent on the server activity logs and either public records officers were fooled into saying there was no video other than that by Letizia, or had no system to look at activity logs and took the officers' words at face value.

230. Rachner reviewed the Letizia video and learned there was a Dietrich video; he requested such video, and then on March 9, 2010, SPD gave him the Dietrich video and log. A copy of the log for the Dietrich video is included in Exhibit D discussed below.

231. SPD still concealed the other video from Rachner. Still unaware other video existed, being misled by SPD's statements, Rachner filed a public records suit in April 2010 concerning the delays in producing the video that had been disclosed. This led to disclosure of more videos.

232. Hulton had requested all video related to his arrest in 2010 and in mid 2010 SPD sent him the Letizia, Dietrich, Silva and Clark videos, which Hulton shared with Rachner.

233. SPD never sent Rachner the Silva or Clark videos despite his longstanding request for all related videos.

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234. Only after his public records suit was filed did SPD send Rachner logs for the Silva video and a Clark video, but still concealed from him the Archer video.

235. Exhibit D hereto contains true and correct copies of the logs for the Silva and Clark videos as well as the Letizia and Dietrich video logs that were sent to Rachner in 2010. On said logs, Rachner made handwritten notes as he learned what the information on the logs means.

236. These logs were extant and easily viewable on the SPD system since creation of the videos in October 2008 and had they been checked would have disproved the repeated assertions there was no video.

237. The logs in Exhibit D are typical of activity logs indicating badge numbers, creation dates, loss events, playback events, copying events, and other data including things such as "IIS" which means a copy was made for OPA.

238. The logs in Exhibit D correctly indicate the history or events concerning the video relevant to plaintiffs' arrests.

239. The logs in Exhibit D correctly indicate that SPD had video relevant to plaintiff's arrest when Diaz and others at SPD repeatedly told Rachner there was no longer any video or that the only video was the Letizia video. Either defendants and SPD fraudulently made those statements or SPD systemically allowed itself to make such incorrect statements by not giving public records officers access to the logs.

240. The logs in Exhibit D correctly show that various videos related to arrest of plaintiffs had been copied and replayed at SPD. The statements there was no video were fraudulent or SPD systemically had no process for checking with officers involved or OPA, in responding to requests for video.

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241. The handwritten notes by Rachner in Exhibit D are true and correct descriptions of the events they describe.

242. The logs in Exhibit D were all easily discernible at SPD at all relevant times.

243. Rachner's experiences with getting video are not unique and there is a policy and custom at SPD to defeat requests for video in the same manner that Rachner's requests for video were defeated: those responding to requests did not have access to the logs. In general, SPD set up the system to conceal video, conceal logs, not look at logs, and does not even link video or otherwise properly respond to requests.

244. Rachner communicated with SPD about the logs he had received.

245. In June 2010, SPD legal advisor Shawna Skjonsberg-Fotopolous told Rachner, regarding a log sent to him, that it showed the corresponding video had been deleted from the system in December 2008 ("Video Log shows that video file was deleted from the server on 12- on 12-31-08 referring to a change from zero to two on the file for integrity status in the logs, and she thus confirmed this change from zero to two means there was a loss or deletion event.

246. At this time, SPD concealed and did not tell Rachner the loss event that took out those videos from the server was a massive loss of some 14,221 videos, something Rachner learned only in 2011 as discussed below.

247. In media write ups relating to Rachner's public records suit, SPD's Sean Whitcomb had falsely told Nalder in April 2010 that the Letizia tape had been temporarily lost from the system.

248. This was an attempt by an SPD policy maker to conceal the large loss of video event; to falsify evidence because in fact the Letizia video never was lost from the server; this

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was continued falsification of evidence or reflected defendants' ongoing misinformation and/orSPD practice of hiding former events of concealment of video.

249. Whitcomb also told Nalder that the lost data was eventually recovered.

250. This was false because the Letizia video had not been lost nor recovered.

251. The log for the Letizia video in Exhibit D correctly shows that the Letizia video was not lost in the loss event in December 2008, nor recovered, contrary to Whitcomb's official statements to Nalder. Either defendants deceived Whitcomb or there was no proper system at SPD for retrieval of video or responding to requests about video.

252. Whitcomb's statement was also false because the 14,221 videos lost from the server in December 2008 were not recovered; SPD desired to conceal the massive loss events and the fact they are recurrent and often times video is not recovered after such spoliation.

253. In November 2010, Rachner discussed with SPD Assistant Chief Dick Reed video concealment issues, and the loss event SPD had told him affected some of the video of his arrest.

254. Reed concealed from Rachner that the loss event involved 14,221 videos, and concealed that there was still an Archer video SPD had not given to Rachner, or Hulton, and that there were other loss events.

255. Rachner told Reed it was unlikely the only person to whom SPD had wrongfully denied video was himself, Rachner, that is, one with computer security skills able to go and learn about activity logs and request same; and that if he had been wrongfully denied video, likely others had been too. Rachner said if the reason for being denied video was some negligent loss event as claimed, then likely this happened to other people, too. Rachner told Reed that others could be wrongfully convicted or sitting in jail today, where they had asked for video and not

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gotten it the way Rachner had not gotten video. Rachner said SPD should come forward and audit itself for prior wrongful denials of video to find out such cases and do the right thing.

256. Rachner offered to help SPD do the audit, and gave Reed an 8 point method involving looking in paper files for requests for video that had been denied, then looking on activity logs to see if in fact there was video at the time (that is, following the method Rachner used to uncover concealment of video of his own arrest) by using the logs.

257. Rachner suggested it was easy to write a software application to check the data base of activity logs to assist in this audit.

258. Reed and SPD politely yet firmly declined those suggestions.

259. SPD on information and belief has not conducted any audit or publicized audit to find other cases of persons wrongfully denied video, or prior acts of concealment or spoliation of video evidence, even after Rachner's efforts told top leadership there had been massive loss events and ongoing concealment of logs.

260. This is because the general policy since 2001 and to date is to not let the video system or server be used to show misconduct, whether misconduct on the street, or misconduct by high SPD officials in operating the video system to hide concealment loss or video spoliation events.

261. In the meeting, Rachner told SPD he would conduct such audit himself, and he has taken steps to be able to do so in part despite SPD resistance and concealment that has continued into 2011.

262. Rachner in 2010, began requesting denials of request for video and related logs from SPD. SPD failed to give Rachner the records sought in timely manner, and indicated it would take years for Rachner to get the information needed in this way. This slow and partial

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response was in furtherance of SPD policy to cover up the loss events and other concealment or spoliation of video evidence.

263. In February 2011, Rachner decided to deprive SPD of the ability to falsely claim it took a great deal of time to respond to partial requests, so in February 2011 he requested in essence, all activity logs for all videos on the SPD server.

264. In response, SPD delayed for months, falsely asserting that for technical reasons it could only respond in batches and it was not easy to respond.

265. Rachner forced SPD to respond more fully when he wrote SPD truthfully telling them the electronic nature of the data meant SPD could easily respond to his request, and indicated he would sue to get the log data.

266. SPD delivered some 714,659 logs about July 2011 (the data was still incomplete; it lacked time of day information useful to search for video).

267. The data only included three years of log entries, because SPD purges videos and log entries after three years.

268. The logs showed the specific sudden loss events mentioned above, by showing the change from zero to two in the integrity field, including for the loss of 14,221 logs in December 2008 and other loss events identified above. This was the first time Rachner realized the loss event SPD had claimed affected his video, actually involved 14,221 videos; SPD had never told him during his criminal trial it had lost some of the video related to his arrest.

269. On information and belief the disclosure of many logs to Rachner in July 2011 was the first time SPD has been forced to reveal the magnitude of the video loss events mentioned in this complaint.

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270. In the logs Rachner obtained in July 2011, there are some 65,690 videos extant on December 29, 2008.

271. The loss of 14,221 videos at the end of December 2008 was thus a loss of some 22% of the video on the system at that time.

272. Attached hereto as Exhibit E is a true and correct print out of one page out of 59 pages in a print-out listing the identifying numbers of the 14,221 videos lost in December 2008 that are included in the data given to Rachner in 2011. The page included in Exhibit E is page 51 of the entire print out and this page has the identifying numbers of the Clark, Archer and Dietrich videos: 7405@20081018200500, 6938@20081018201905, and 4901@20081018203109. In these identifying numbers the officer's badge number is the first four digits, followed by "@"; followed by digits for the year, month, date and time the video was made. Exhibit E correctly indicates those videos were lost in that event. (Rachner only obtained the Clark and Dietrich videos because copies had been exported and Rachner still has not been given the Archer video by SPD.)

273. SPD continues to purge or delete log entries today. SPD deletes log entries after three years.

274. Every day SPD is deleting entries that would help shows acts of priorconcealment of video, by showing that a video existed at the time a request for video was made,or during the time a criminal charge was pending and SPD failed to deliver video. Every daySPD deleting entries that would show it violated disclosure obligations, improperly responded torecords requests or violated Brady obligations.

275. On information and belief, on or about January 1, 2012, the records of the loss event of December 2008 concerning some 14,221 videos will be purged from the SPD system;

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and on other three year anniversaries of the loss events mentioned above, SPD will purge or delete evidence of such loss events.

276. The logs given to Rachner in July 2011 indicated to him for the first time there is an "Archer video" concerning his arrest.

277. SPD previously concealed from Rachner and Hulton the Archer video, repeatedly, and still is concealing said video from Rachner and Hulton.

278. The data Rachner obtained in July 2011 correctly shows SPD deletes log entries after three years.

279. There were 143 days between Rachner's request on February 21, 2011, and July 14, 2011, when SPD copied the database for Rachner.

280. In said 143 day period SPD continued to delete videos, activity logs and log entries, thus actively deleting records Rachner had requested, while knowing of his efforts and plan to audit SPD for prior acts of concealment of video.

281. In this 143 day period, on information and belief, SPD deleted about 70,000 activity logs before giving the data set to Rachner, including some 350,000 log entries, to conceal and hide SPD's prior concealments and nondisclosure of video and loss or other spoliation events.

282. This ongoing concealment and spoliation of video evidence is part of the ongoing policy and custom by SPD since 2001 to ensure video evidence is not used to show officer wrongdoing; to operate the video system to conceal wrongdoing; and to operate the system including through decisions at the highest level, to ensure that prior acts of concealment and nondisclosure of video evidence are not disclosed, and to destroy evidence of loss or spoliation of video evidence.

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283. SPD on information and belief knows that certain civil claims expire after certain periods of time, including sometimes a three year statute of limitations. SPD delayed responding to Rachner's requests to let more information be deleted, trying to let statute of limitations barriers arise to prevent civil claims that might reveal officer misconduct.

284. Instead of self auditing, SPD has by high level policy, continued to conceal video and events of concealment, loss or spoliation of video evidence, and has continued to fail to disclose same and to destroy evidence, as part of the overall policy and custom since 2001 to use and operate the system to hide rather than reveal misconduct.

285. If Rachner had not obtained the logs he obtained in July 2011, SPD would have deleted more evidence.

286. After obtaining the logs, Rachner studied them. The logs given to Rachner show a policy at SPD to prevent video from reaching prosecutors.

287. The logs given to Rachner correctly show and it is true that on average, over the period covered in the data set, SPD exports 7 videos a day to city and county prosecutors.

288. SPD refers some 60 cases a day to city or county prosecutors. SPD has a policy and practice of concealing and withholding video from prosecutors, who commonly do not review video. By this policy and custom, SPD seeks to ensure SPD video is not used against officers; is not used to exonerate innocent defendants such as Rachner, Hulton and Currie, who challenge officer misconduct; and is not presented to attorneys who might use the video to believe such persons or to find there was officer misconduct.

289. SPD leaders have known of this very low rate at which attorneys are given video and has promoted a system in which non-uniformed persons such as attorneys, do not normally view video.

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294. These 89 officers accounted for 52.7% of all 999 videos exported to OPA.

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290. The logs given to Rachner in July 2011 show SPD had a policy to let many officers not take video. The logs given to Rachner correctly show that as of August 2008 there were some 422 officers who made video (that is, video from that many officers, remained in the SPD system then was later given to Rachner). On information and belief, 422 officers was as of August 2008 only some 70% or 80% of all street officers in patrol cars. SPD by policy and custom allowed 20% or 30% of all officers in patrol cars to routinely not take video implementing the policy that it was proper for officers to not make video, to defeat the purpose of the system to show officer misconduct through video.

291. The logs given to Rachner show SPD fails to use video data to properly supervise. The logs given to Rachner correctly show that in the three-year period included, there were exports of some 999 videos to OPA. There are 841 officers who created video shown in the logs given to Rachner. (Gradually this number increased from 2008 going forward). An export to OPA occurs if a citizen complains to OPA and the OPA's initial screening does not indicate the complaint is meritless. The 999 videos exported to OPA each show the officer (badge number) who created the video, that is, who was involved in the situation leading to the complaint to OPA.

292. The 999 videos shown in the logs have a lopsided distribution pattern: relatively few officers are involved in most of the exports to OPA.

293. Half of all officers making video as shown in the logs, had no OPA exports; some 294 officers out of the 841 officers had 1-3 exports to OPA each, or a total of 472 exports; 88 officers had 4 to 18 video exports to OPA each; and one officer had 19 exports to OPA such that these 89 officers with the most OPA video exports had a total of 527 exports to OPA. 295. 89 officers is 10.5% of 841 officers.

296. Roughly 11 percent of officers are shown in the logs, to be associated with half of all OPA complaints .

297. SPD leaders failed to properly use the video data to supervise, train or discipline officers who generate most complaints; SPD has not used the data to find or review videos, to ensure videos of such officers are disclosed and reviewed, nor has SPD focused supervision or training on this 10 percent of officers causing half the complaints to OPA.

298. SPD on information and belief, has failed to cross check or audit for video not disclosed, or incident reports not noting video, associated with the 89 officers generating the most OPA complaints.

299. SPD generally has not used the video system and log data at its disposal to properly supervise officers; the purpose of the system in practice is to conceal and not reveal or remedy misconduct.

300. On August 18, 2011 the Washington State Supreme Court ruled that police discipline files leading to exoneration of an officer may not be concealed from persons requesting same on a blanket basis but on information and belief, since this ruling, SPD has generally continued to deny to Rachner, the media and others the OPA exoneration files requested previously.

301. Rachner also worked to monitor SPD officer compliance with video regulations after his criminal case was terminated; in 2009, Rachner had obtained all of the SPD's 229 incident reports for all obstruction arrests in the period October 2007 to January 2008 and analyzed them; and this is the source of information for the allegations above that video is not noted in some 83% of obstruction arrests in this period.

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302. SPD officers have continued to resist proper use of the video system since 2001 and to the present. SPD leaders know this and have operated the system so that it does not show officer misconduct.

303. Recently, in September 2011, SPD officers complained about changes in a prior policy, under which captains were not allowed to review videos concerning the subordinate officers in their charge. This prior policy prevented video from being used to monitor and supervise officers. SPD leaders know of this ongoing resistance to review of videos, and at all times knew officers were resistant to using video to show their misconduct, and SPD leaders ignored this and nonetheless implemented the video system so that it would hide and conceal misconduct rather than reveal it.

304. In September 2011 Sean Whitcomb told KOMO TV that SPD often does not disclose videos about third party citizens because the rules concerning same are "complex" and involve "labor law." In fact, the vast majority of video involving a third party involves incidents in public and in on-street encounters, do not involve salacious facts or some kind of confidential informant or other information the disclosure of which would not raise privacy issues nor harm or threaten investigations or law enforcement; and labor law does not mandate anything that SPD did not agree to by its choice.

LEGAL CLAIMS

False Arrest

305. Plaintiffs restate and incorporate in this section all other allegations in this complaint.

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306. Letizia, Dietrich and Schoenberg lacked proper basis or probable cause for stopping, seizing, searching and arresting Rachner and Hulton and are individually liable for false arrest to plaintiffs.

307. There was no probable cause or basis to stop and seize or arrest the group through show of force, nor was there probable cause to believe a crime had been committed by Rachner and no basis to search him lawfully, as the refusal to give identification was lawful; nor was there probable cause to arrest Hulton for assault.

308. There was no reasonably objective basis for the defendant officers' actions.

309. Said officers intentionally and maliciously falsely arrested plaintiffs to suppress their speech and expressive conduct and violate what officers knew to be their clearly established rights of assembly, liberty, speech, expression, the right to be free of unlawful search and seizure and the right to silence and to not give identification.

310. The false arrests caused and proximately caused plaintiffs to suffer insult, indignity, humiliation, embarrassment and emotional distress; economic loss; minor physical pain and suffering; and they are entitled to recover from individual defendants for all such losses and injuries in an amount to be shown at trial.

311. The individual defendants agreed to carry out said illegal acts and each participated in such agreement, helped carry it out through the aforesaid acts and comments and failures to stop the unlawful acts, and through fabricating evidence as aforesaid, and each thus conspired to violate rights and fabricate evidence and each is jointly and severally liable to each plaintiff for any liability of the others, under acting in concert and conspiracy theories of liability.

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312. By acting maliciously and intentionally, said individual defendants are liable for emotional distress damages.

313. The City of Seattle is vicariously liable for said unlawful seizure and search and false arrest liability and conspiracy liability because at all relevant times the City employed Letizia, Dietrich and Schoenberg who were acting in furtherance of City business and within the scope of employment when the said tortious acts occurred.

Malicious Prosecution

314. Plaintiffs restate and incorporate in this section all other allegations in this complaint.

315. Letizia, Dietrich and Schoenberg are liable to plaintiffs for malicious prosecution of plaintiffs; they caused criminal proceedings to be initiated or continued against plaintiffs without probable cause; with malice; and said proceedings terminated in favor of plaintiffs or were abandoned when the City dismissed charges in 2009; and said prosecutions caused plaintiffs to suffer injury or damages.

316. Plaintiffs are entitled to recover from Letizia, Dietrich and Schoenberg all such damages, including general damages, economic loss and mental and emotional distress.

317. The individual defendants acted in concert and conspired to effect and procure said malicious prosecutions including through fabricated evidence and concealment of facts with each agreeing thereto and taking acts in furtherance thereof as aforesaid, including but not limited to coordinating fabrication of evidence and agreeing to not reveal that the incident report contained falsehoods; and each is jointly and severally liable based on acting in concert and conspiracy theories of liability.

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318. The City of Seattle is vicariously liable to plaintiffs for malicious prosecution, because at all relevant times the City employed individual defendants and prosecutors who were acting in furtherance of City business and within the scope of employment when the said tortious acts occurred.

319. The City is also liable for malicious prosecution as it maliciously prosecuted plaintiffs and is not immune.

320. City prosecutors are not being sued for this tort due to their legal immunity; should facts develop showing they acted outside the prosecutor role plaintiffs reserve the right to add them as defendants.

Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress

321. Plaintiffs restate and incorporate in this section all other allegations in this complaint.

322. Plaintiffs may recover against Letizia, Dietrich and Schoenberg for the tort of intentional infliction of emotional distress.

323. Said defendants engaged in extreme and outrageous conduct in falsely arresting Rachner for speaking up about his rights lawfully and prosecuting him for filing an OPA complaint; and for joining in his arrest and not stopping it when the stated basis was he was acting "edjumicated" and like a "Brainiac" when this merely meant he correctly told Letizia the law; they acted with extreme and outrageous conduct including false arresting Hulton without having any identification of him and when the identification given did not match him; and by fabricating and concealing evidence as aforesaid and jointly agreeing to back each other up in any OPA or other investigation including not disclosing that the statements on the incident report were false or that there was video.

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324. Plaintiffs suffered severe emotional distress as a direct result of this wrongdoing.325. The individual defendants are liable for such damages.

326. Each jointly agreed to commit the tort of outrageous infliction of emotional distress and violate plaintiffs rights, and fabricate evidence, and conceal video, to allow the others to do so without telling, and each acted in furtherance of said agreement and each is jointly and severally liable to each plaintiff based on conspiracy and acting in concert theories.

327. Their actions were outrageous projections of raw police power to abuse citizens with impunity, knowing the video and OPA systems would let them do so, simply because Rachner was educated and spoke up or Hulton was part of Urban Golf that officers disliked in part for its expressive conduct.

328. The actions of defendants were extreme as they involved fabrication and concealment of evidence, which is a crime.

329. Their acts to back up the order that Urban Golfers could not come back to Capitol Hill also were extreme and outrageous.

330. Because this was intentional, plaintiffs may recover for emotional distress.

331. As result of this extreme and outrageous conduct, plaintiffs suffered insult, indignity, and economic and emotional distress damages and may recover same from the individual defendants.

332. The City of Seattle is vicariously liable to plaintiffs for said misconduct for intentional infliction of emotional distress, because at all relevant times the City employed individual defendants who are liable and they were acting in furtherance of City business and within the scope of employment when the said tortious acts occurred.

Federal Civil Rights Claims – Compensatory and Punitive Damages

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333. Plaintiffs restate and incorporate in this section all other allegations in this complaint.

334. 42 USC §1983 provides that one may recover from any person or entity acting under color of state law who causes damages through violations of rights under the federal constitution and federal laws.

At relevant times, individual defendants acted under color of law and in uniform. 335. 336. Letizia, Dietrich and Schoenberg violated the following federal rights of plaintiffs: (a) the right Rachner had to free speech and protest in speaking up to Letizia, in filing the OPA complaint, and in his expressive conduct, under the First Amendment; (b) the right Hulton had to free speech in his expressive conduct and his protesting his arrest; (c) the right to assemble as Urban Golfers under the First Amendment and the substantive right to due process liberty in the Fourteenth Amendment; including the right to walk about Capitol Hill and be free of malicious prosecution; (d) the Fourth Amendment rights of Rachner and Hulton to be free of unreasonable or unlawful searches and seizures or stops, including illegal assaults on them when arrested and seized, their battery, false arrest and malicious prosecution; (e) the Fifth Amendment rights of Rachner and Hulton to remain silent, violated when Rachner was arrested 16 for failure to give identification and when Hulton was arrested for not confessing; (f) violation of plaintiffs' Fourteenth Amendment due process rights and Sixth amendment rights to confront witnesses in that defendants and the City allowed loss or destruction or nondisclosure of video and related information and violated plaintiff's Brady rights.

337. Said violations were intentional, malicious, motivated by ill will and spite, including spite at Rachner for being "edjumicated" or a "Brainiac"; individual defendants have

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contempt for citizens who speak up to cops or stand on their rights and said contempt is malicious and oppressive.

338. Letizia later told city attorneys Rachner was an "asshole." Letizia had malice toward Rachner and all officers had malice to the group.

339. As a direct result of these violations, plaintiffs suffered damages, injury and loss, including insult, harm to reputation, indignity, defense costs, emotional distress, anxiety, and economic loss; Rachner suffered the loss of over \$100,000 when one client of his learned of his arrest and did not hire him as a computer security expert due to the defendants' misconduct.

340. Said individual defendants are liable to plaintiffs in an amount to be proven at trial including for compensatory and punitive damages, and attorneys fees and costs of suit.

341. Each such defendant agreed to the illegal acts and conspired to violate the civil rights of plaintiffs and took action in furtherance of such agreement or acted in concert to do so including backing each other up and coordinating the fabrication of evidence and making false statements on the incident report; each is jointly and severally liable to plaintiffs for conspiracy to violate civil rights.

342. The city of Seattle is liable under 42 USC § 1983 because the violations of civil rights by individual defendants were caused by, facilitated by, promoted or allowed knowingly or recklessly through official policy and custom, as detailed throughout this complaint and existing from 2001 forward to October 2008 and as shown by later acts of ongoing concealment of video evidence related to this incident to the present day; including but not limited to policy and custom to have and allow abuse of citizens, excessive force, arrests for not giving identification, improper training and supervision; policy and custom to not disclose video or OPA findings as aforesaid throughout this complaint, to make false statements about video, to

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conceal video, to conceal activity logs and to hide and conceal activity logs and events of concealment, loss or spoliation of video evidence even in the face of repeated requests for video.

343. The City is liable for these civil rights violations because SPD policy or custom caused the wrongdoing in violation of section 1983; SPD policymakers knowingly or recklessly allowed the video and OPA systems to be operated so as to not reveal misconduct, contrary to the direct promises to the public the video would help assure officer integrity.

344. SPD leaders also knowingly engaged in many of the policies and customs mentioned herein including concealment of large video loss events, concealment of logs, and the decision to not audit SPD.

345. SPD leaders acted intentionally or recklessly ignored facts with callous disregard to the risk that officers would resist disclosure of wrongdoing, and would operate the video and OPA systems to conceal officer misconduct rather than reveal it.

346. Such municipal acts and omissions caused the violations asserted herein.

347. The City is thus liable to plaintiffs under section 1983 for all compensatory damages, attorneys fees and costs that shall be proven at trial.

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Civil Rights Injunctive Relief

348. Plaintiffs face an ongoing threat of similar violations in encounters with officers and an express threat that Urban Golf is not allowed.

349. Since October 2008 Urban Golf has ceased to operate due to SPD intimidation and conduct as alleged above; including false arrests and prosecutions of three members of Urban Golf on trumped up charges.

350. Because of such ongoing threats and harms, plaintiffs are entitled to the injunctive
relief sought.

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351. Plaintiffs demand trial by jury of all facts and issues that may be resolved by jury; If this case is removed to federal court, this demand is intended to be a federal jury trial demand.

352. Plaintiffs provide detailed allegations to meet recent standards for "plausibility" of complaints in section 1983 cases that altered the prior "notice pleading" standard. Plaintiffs reserve the right to amend to add further detail as they gain more logs, videos, information, exoneration files, obstruction reports or other data that may enhance plausibility.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE plaintiffs pray for an order and judgment:

1. Declaring specifically that defendants violated their rights and committed the torts and violations alleged; violated SPD regulations, acted intentionally; fabricated and concealed evidence; finding specifically that individual defendants knew of and failed to stop the violations asserted herein, and acted with malice, and acted in a concert of action and conspiracy;

2. Awarding plaintiffs amounts for compensatory and punitive damages to be determined at trial, and also attorneys fees and costs as allowed by law; and

3. Permanent injunctive relief directing the City to act to remove the criminal charges on file against plaintiffs or place in said files statements that such charges lacked any basis and were maliciously and improperly brought; directing SPD to properly operate the video and OPA systems, including measures to ensure video and logs are recorded, kept, and disclosed properly and not purged, concealed, lost or spoliated; an order directing SPD to make activity log information publicly available on line; an order directing SPD to cease arresting citizens for refusal to give identification and to cease conduct abusing citizen rights, including the illegal order to Urban Golf to cease operating; an order to SPD to properly train officers including

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expanding the manual sections on stops and arrests; an order that video must be reviewed before
officer versions of events are evaluated; an order that any exemptions must be used with
particularity; an order that SPD must treat failure to take video without due excuse, as a serious
offense leading in most cases to dismissal and or as giving rise to a presumption that the video
would show the officer version of events is false; and

4. Awarding such other and further relief as may be just and equitable.

DATED this 5th day of October, 2011.

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Attorney for Plaintiffs Eric Rachner and David Hulton

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Exhibit A

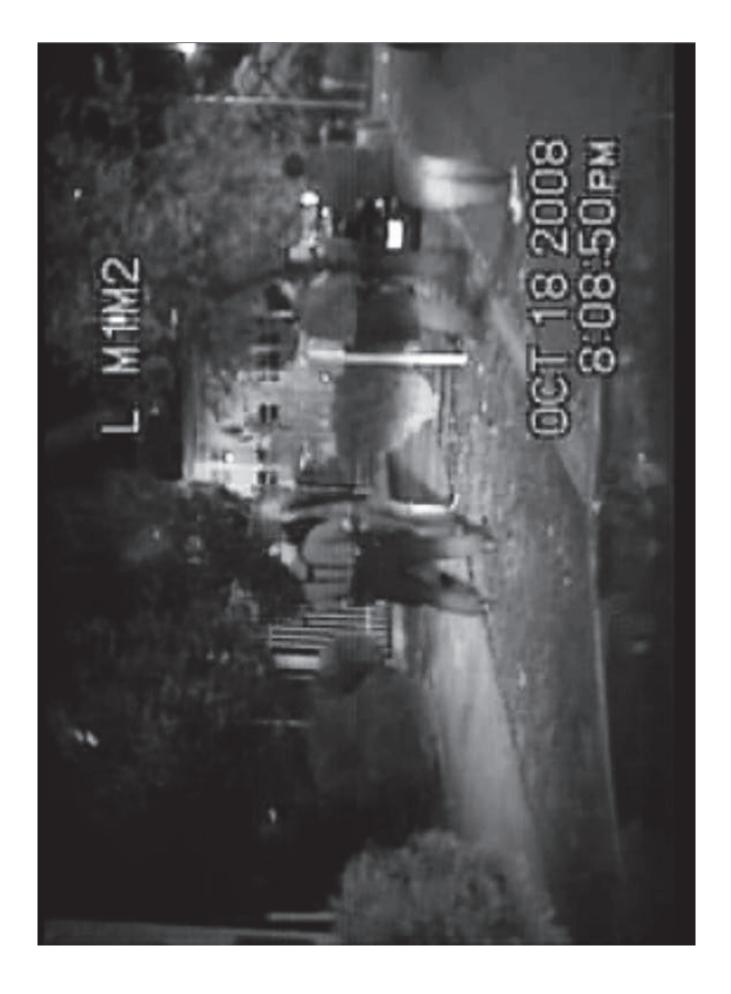


Exhibit B

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Document: NARRATIVE Author: 6628 - LETIZIA, MICHELE G Related date/time: Oct-18-2008 2158

VICTIM INJURIES: None visible. V/Clark complained of pain to the side of his face. -->

INCIDENTAL PROPERTY DAMAGE: N/A --> SCENE PROCESSING: N/A --> STATEMENTS TAKEN: N/A -->

*****CHARGE OF ASSAULT (SMC 12A.06.010) IS REQUESTED AGAINST S/HULTON***** *****CHARGES OF OBSTRUCTING A PUBLIC OFFICER (SMC 12A.16.010) ARE REQUESTED AGAINST S/RACHNER AND S/CURRIE****

On 10-18-2008 at about 1956 hrs while working uniformed patrol as 3E1 in the City of Seattle, I responded to the 1500 BLK# of Boylston Ave to investigate a report of someone being hit in the head with a golf ball. When I arrived, I found no golfers in the area. I did find a square (about four square feet) of artificial turf taped to the sidewalk on the East side of Boylston Ave, about 20 feet North of E Pike St. V/Clark met me at

Boylston Ave/E Pine St and stated the following: Clark was walking in the 1500 BLK# of Boylston Ave, near E Pike St. Near the NorthEast corner of Boylston Ave/E Pike St, Clark could see several people standing around. At about the time that Clark realized that the group either were dressed like golfers or were carrying golf clubs, one person in the group (later identified as S/Hulton) suddenly swung a golf club, striking a ball. Clark was struck in the face with the ball struck by Hulton. The ball that struck Clark was a high-density foam ball roughly the size of a traditional golf ball. Clark stated that the impact caused pain to his face. Clark then stopped and made eye contact with Hulton and the group of golfers. Hulton and the other golfers acknowledged Clark. Then several of the golfers, including Hulton, began laughing at Clark and "...heckled..." him. Clark then called 9-1-1.

"...heckled..." him. Clark then called 9-1-1. While officers were talking with Clark, a large group of people dressed in golfing attire and carrying golf clubs passed us and began walking towards the turf at Boylston Ave/E Pike St. Officers contacted this group of people, explained that we were conducting an investigation of an assault,

and asked for identification from the group. S/Rachner was part of this group. Rachner appeared to be intoxicated (for example, despite at least three commands from me to keep his hands out of his pockets, Rachner repeatedly placed his hands or fingers in his pockets). When I asked Rachner if he had I.D., Rachner answered "Yes". When I asked Rachner to give me his I.D., Rachner stated that his I.D. was in his wallet in his rear left pants pocket. Believing that Rachner was asking for permission to get his wallet (a common occurrence with intoxicated persons), I directed Rachner to "...go ahead and remove your I.D...". Rachner refused. Rachner told me that if I wanted his I.D., I would have to get it myself. I then removed Rachner's wallet from his

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pocket and attempted to hand it to him. Rachner refused to accept his wallet. I explained to Rachner that I was not comfortable going through his wallet, that I suspected that he would accuse me of stealing something from his wallet if I opened it. I explained to Rachner again that he needed to remove his I.D. for me. Rachner again refused to accept his wallet. Next, I placed Rachner's wallet in his left jacket pocket, again explained that I was not going to open his wallet, and again requested his I.D.. Rachner again refused. Finally, I explained to Rachner that if he refused to provide his I.D., he would be arrested for Obstructing. I again requested Rachner's I.D.. Rachner again refused to provide his I.D.. then arrested Rachner for Obstructing.

While officers were collecting I.D. cards from the initial group, a smaller group of people similarly dressed or carrying golf clubs walked to our location. Since officers had not yet identified if they had the suspect, officer(s) (including Sgt Dietrich) called out to this group and asked them to walk over. Most of the people in this group complied. S/Currie did not. Instead, Currie turned around and began walking away. Sgt Dietrich

again called out to Currie. Currie again ignored the command and continued walking away. Sgt Dietrich was even more specific and said to Currie "You, the golfer in the green sweater, come here." Currie was in fact wearing a green sweater and continued to ignore Sgt Dietrich's command. At some point, Currie even turned around and made eye contact with Sgt Dietrich. When Sgt Dietrich made eye contact with Currie, Sgt Dietrich pointed at Currie and motioned with his fingers/hand for Currie to walk to him (Sgt Dietrich) while at the same time telling Currie, "Come here now or I will be forced to arrest you." Currie then turned around, continued walking away from Sgt Dietrich, and left the immediate area. A short time later, Currie returned to the corner. Sgt Dietrich recognized Currie from the previous encounter and stopped him. Sgt. Dietrich told Currie that his conduct amounted to obstructing, and asked for his identification. Currie refused, saying he did not know why he needed to. Sgt. Dietrich told Currie that he could either identify himself at the scene or in the precinct. Currie still refused to identify himself, so Sgt. Dietrich

arrested Currie for Obstructing.

After officers had collected I.D. cards from the group, Clark responded to our location. Clark positively identified Hulton within the group as the golfer who had actually swung the golf club and struck him in the face with the ball. Hulton was arrested for Assault.

All three suspects were transported to the precinct. There, the suspects identities were verified. Eventually, all three suspects were I&R'ed. Before leaving the precinct, officers explained to the suspects that charges would be requested through the Prosecuting Attorney's office, and that that office would be contacting them regarding this. All three suspects stated that they understood.

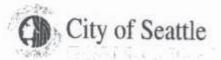
Sgt Dietrich screened this incident.

Sgt Kuerschner screened the part of the incident involving Currie.-->

I hereby declare (certify) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that this report is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief (RCW 9A.72.085)

For: SHORTER, SHIRLEY M (7086) Tuesday October 21, 2008

Exhibit C



Seattle Police Department

R. Gil Kerlikowske, Chief of Police

Typo-letter was actually written in June 2009 April 9, 2009

Eric Rachner 1414 12th Avenue #319 Seattle, WA 98122

Records Request under Chapter 42.56 RCW: SPD #08-392375

Dear Mr. Rachner,

This letter is in response to your request for the following:

Any and all recordings produced by the officer-worn recording device of Michelle Letizia (#6628) as well as 911 call recordings

These recordings are both past our retention period and can no longer be obtained. Please note that the majority of 911 calls and videos are retained for a period of ninety (90) days.

If you believe that the information furnished has been incorrectly withheld or redacted, you may file a written appeal with the Chief of Police within ten (10) business days from receipt of this letter. The appeal must include your name and address, a copy of the redacted document and a copy of this letter together with a brief statement identifying the basis of the appeal. Please mail or deliver your appeal to:

> Chief of Police 610 Fifth Avenue PO Box 34986 Seattle, WA 98124-4986

If you have any questions regarding this response, please call the Public Disclosure Desk at (206) 684-5481.

Sincerely,

John Diaz Interim Chief of Police

Tricia Colin Administrative Specialist III Public Request Unit

JD:tc



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Seattle Police Department

R. Gil Kerlikowske, Chief of Police

June 30, 2009

Eric Rachner 1414 12th Avenue #319 Seattle, WA 98122

Re: Records Request Appeal SPD #08-392375

Dear Mr. Rachner:

The Seattle Police Department Legal Unit has received your public disclosure appeal for recordings related to the investigation of SPD #08-392375.

Please see the enclosed copies of your December 23, 2008 and May 7, 2009 requests. Pursuant to RCW 42.56.080, SPD is required to respond with *identifiable* records.

Your first request did not identify 911 recordings or recording devices of Michelle Letizia or investigative records. SPD's retention schedule for recordings is 90 days. The recordings were not preserved in response to your initial request.

We suggest requesting a copy of Seattle Municipal Court's records in the criminal case number 530435. Recordings may have been preserved as part of the prosecutor's file.

If you have any questions, please call the Legal Unit at (206) 233-5141.

Sincerely,

John Diaz Interim Chief of Police

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Seattle Police Department R. Gil Kerlikowske, Chief of Police

January 25, 2010

Eric Rachner 1414 12th Avenue #319 Seattle, WA 98122

Records Request under Chapter 42.56 RCW: SPD In-car video and Activity log

Dear Mr. Rachner,

Enclosed is a copy of the Seattle Police Department (SPD) records you requested.

A search of SPD files resulted in an in-car video for Officer Letizia only. Our search resulted in no in-car videos found for Officer Clark or Officer Shoenberg. In addition, not officer worn audio was found related to this incident.

As you requested, we have also enclosed the Activity Log regarding Officer Letizia's in-car video.

We apologize for the delay in being able to provide you with the materials requested. We have waived our normal fee for in-car videos.

If you believe that the information furnished has been incorrectly withheld or redacted, you may file a written appeal with the Chief of Police within ten (10) business days from the date of receipt. Please include your name and address, a copy of the redacted document and a copy of this letter together with a brief statement identifying the basis of the appeal. Please mail or deliver your appeal to:

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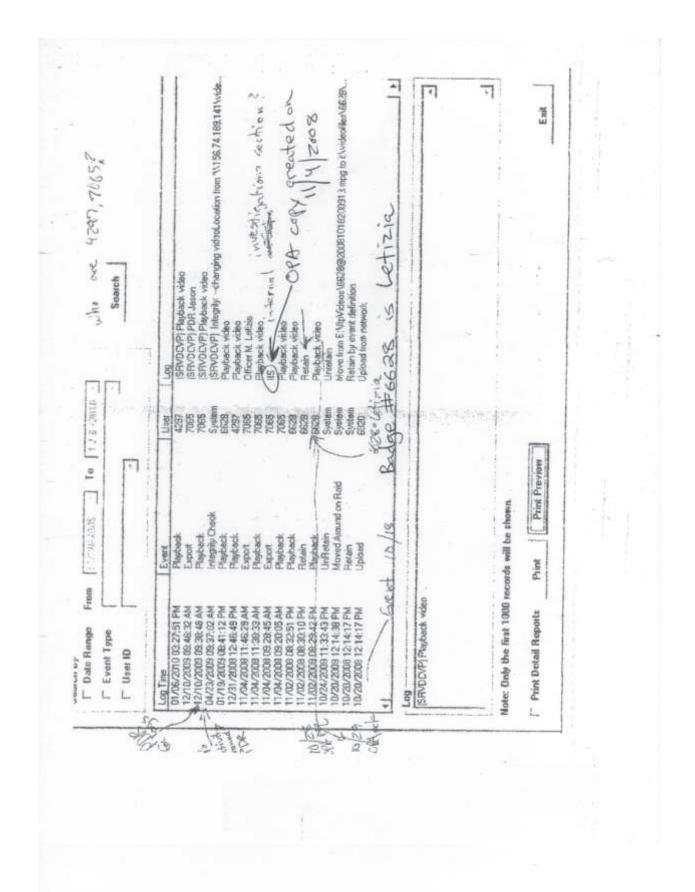
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Exhibit E

Eric Rachner v. SPD, Complaint, Exhibit E, page 51 out of a 58 page list of Videos Lost from SPD 12/2008

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