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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO – HALL OF JUSTICE

CHRISTOPHER WILLIAMS, CASE NO. 37-2018-00023369-CU-PO-CTL Plaintiff, PLAINTIFF CHRISTOPHER WILLIAMS'S OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANTS' **MOTION IN LIMINE, 30F 23** VS. DAVID ARAMBULA; CITY OF LEMON Action Filed: March 01, 2017 GROVE; and DOES 1 through 1,000, Department: C-68 (Whitney) Defendants. Trial Date: August 5, 2022 Trial Time: 8:30 a.m

Plaintiff Christopher Williams ("Plaintiff") respectfully submits this brief in opposition to Defendant David Arambula ("Arambula") and City of Lemon Grove ("City") (collectively, "Defendants")'s Motion *In Limine* No. 3 to exclude evidence, inquiry, and comment regarding Arambula's skinny dipping on July 14, 2017.

The motion should be denied. Defendants boldly claim that Plaintiff has no credible evidence that Arambula was skinny dipping in his pool the night he committed assault and battery against Plaintiff, yet asks this Court to exclude any evidence showing him doing so. Defendants also claim that his skinny dipping is not relevant and evidence concerning the skinny dipping would be unduly prejudicial. All of these contentions fail. Arambula's actions on the night of July 14, 2017 are pertinent and relevant to the lawsuit because they depict Arambula's behavior and actions on the night he attacked Plaintiff.

Defendants attempt to claim that Plaintiff was the only meeting attendee on the night of July 14 who has stated Arambula was skinny dipping. On the contrary, Taisha Brown, the individual who facilitated Plaintiff

and Arambula's meeting, corroborated Plaintiff's claims during her deposition. Ms. Brown testified that Arambula went into his pool without his clothes and that she captured video of him skinny dipping because at the time, she found it funny. *See* Arambula's Ex. 11., pp. 42-43. That 21-second video of Arambula skinny dipping is included in Plaintiff's Trial Exhibit List as Exhibit 2 and depicts Arambula in the pool while a woman on or near the pool deck shouts "Woooo! Go, David! Go, David! Go, David! [Inaudible.] Where's the 10 inches? Where's the 10 inches? Woooo!"

All relevant evidence is admissible except as otherwise provided by statute. EVID. CODE § 351. For evidence to be relevant, it must have "any tendency in reason to provide or disprove any disputed fact that is of consequence to the determination of the action". EVID. CODE § 210. Not only did the skinny dipping occur, but it is relevant to Plaintiff's lawsuit against Arambula. Plaintiff has the right to "set the scene" to provide the jury an accurate account of what happened on July 14, 2017-the night Arambula hosted a meeting at his residence to discuss City of Lemon Grove ("City") business but then became intoxicated, irrational, and angry. Arambula's actions and his behavior leading up to the assault and battery are relevant to show Arambula's state of mind and create a link in the chain of events that occurred throughout the night. Plaintiff should be allowed to bring forth all relevant evidence pertaining to the night in question and everything that led up to the attack.

Lastly, evidence of Arambula's skinny dipping would not be unduly prejudicial. It is highly unlikely that this would likely inflame the jury's passion or evoke an emotional bias. Indeed, the witness who filmed the incident testified that she found it humorous in the moment. *See* Decl. Pasin, ¶1, Ex.1. Any potential bias that someone may hold against someone skinny dipping, is highly outweighed by the importance of showing each of Arambula's actions leading to his attack against Plaintiff.

For these reasons, motion *in limine* no.3 to exclude the evidence, inquiry and comment regarding David Arambula's skinny dipping on July 14, 2017 should be denied.

Date: August 3, 2022 Respectfully submitted,

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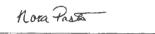
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Nora Pasin Cory J. Briggs Attorneys for Plaintiff Christopher Williams I, Nora Pasin, am over the age of 18 years and if called as a witness in this lawsuit will testify as follows:

- 0. I am an attorney licensed to practice law before all courts in the State of California. I am one of the attorneys of record for Plaintiff Christopher Williams in this lawsuit.
- 1. Attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** is a true and correct copy of an excerpt of the deposition transcript of Taisha Brown in this lawsuit, which is maintained by our firm in the ordinary course of business.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

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Nora Pasin

Taisha Brown, 3/26/2019

	_		06.06	
1	Α	Uh-huh.	06:26	
2	Q	Okay. Was that something where he jumped into		
3	the pool	naked or		
4	Α	I think he got into the pool and then pulled		
5	he took	his shirt and everything off, got in the pool	06:26	
6	with his	boxers on and pulled his boxers off once he was		
7	in the p	ool.		
8	Q	Okay. So you physically observed him pull his		
9	boxers o	ff?		
10	А	İ didn't physically observe him pull them off.	06:26	
11	Q	Okay. Did you record any videos while you were		
12	at Mr. A	rambula's home that evening?		
13	А	Yes, I did.		
14	Q	How many?		
15	А	One.	06:26	
16	Q	Okay. And what was that video of?		
17	Α	Him in the pool.		
18	Q	Okay. Did you give that video to Christopher	•	
19	Williams	?		
20	Α	I don't remember giving it to Chris. I may	06:27	
21	have.			
22	Q	Okay. Do you know can you give me an		
23	explanation, if you know, why you would be promised to			
24	give Mr.	Williams a copy of that video?		
25	A	I didn't promise him, but it was at the time	06:27	

Taisha Brown, 3/26/2019

1	it was/entertaining because David kept saying he l	nad a 06:27
2	nine-inch penis. I'm sorry. I'm just being hones	st.
3	and it was funny at the time with all of us in the	ere.
4	And số I was laughing. He was laughing. Everyone	e was
5	laughing. And I videotaped him. So it was funny	at the 06:27
6	ime, not thinking this would ever lead to someth:	ing
7 /	like this or it would be shared. So there was new	ver any
8	nalice in it.	
9	Q Okay. So your reasoning for videotaping	this
10	was because you thought it was funny?	06:27
11	A Yeah.	
12	Q Any other reason?	
13	A No.	
14	Q Okay. Do you still have copies of this	rideo?
15	A No, I do not.	06:28
16	Q Okay. Would you be surprised to learn the	nat
17	fr. Williams produced a copy of this video during	the
18	course of the litigation?	
19	A I would not be surprised.	
20	Q Okay. Any reason to believe someone other	er than 06:28
21	you gave him that video?	
22	A No.	
23	Q Okay. Did you observe anyone throw a gla	ass at
24	the wall while you were at Mr. Arambula's home that	at
25	evening?	06:28

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	My name is Keri Taylor . I am over the age of eighteen. I am employed in the				
	State of California, County of San Bernardino				
2.	My / business residence address is Briggs Law Corporation, 99 East "C" Street, Suite 111				
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