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11	UNITED STATE	CS DISTRICT COURT	
12	CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA		
13	WESTERN DIVISION		
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15	JANE DOE NO. 1-10,	Case No: 2:20-cv-10713-MWF (RAOx)	
16	Plaintiffs,	DEFENDANT'S ANSWER TO	
17	V.	AMENDED FOURTH AMENDED	
18	DANIEL S. FITZGERALD,	COMPLAINT, DEFENSES, AND COUNTERCLAIMS	
19	Defendant.		
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22	ANSWER		
23	Defendant Daniel S. Fitzgerald, by and through his undersigned counsel,		
24	Fox Rothschild LLP, hereby files this Answer to the Amended Fourth Amended		
25	Complaint ("AFAC") of Plaintiffs Jane Doe No. 1-10 ("Plaintiffs"), and states as		
26	follows:		
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2	INTRODUCTION	
3	1. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 1	
4	of the AFAC.	
5	2. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 2	
6	of the AFAC, and lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to	
7	the truth of the allegations pertaining to the acronym "DARVO."	
8	3. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 3	
9	of the AFAC.	
10	4. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 4	
11	of the AFAC.	
12	Defendant denies that he is a Co-Conspirator in the Nygard Sex	
13	Trafficking Venture.	
14	5. Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief	
15	as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 5 of the AFAC, except admits	
16	only that Peter Nygard ("Nygard") was indicted by the Department of Justice	
17	("DOJ"), respectfully referring this Court to the actual indictment against Nygard	
18	filed with the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.	
19	6. Defendant specifically denies that he was a co-conspirator or	
20	participated in or enabled any racketeering enterprise or sex trafficking venture,	
21	denies the truth of the remaining allegations contained in paragraph 6 of the AFAC,	
22	except admits only that Nygard was indicted by the DOJ, respectfully referring this	
23	Court to the actual indictment against Nygard filed with the United States District	
24	Court for the Southern District of New York.	
25	7. Defendant specifically denies that he participated in any coerced sexual	
26	acts with anyone, including, but not limited to, any of the Plaintiffs in this case,	
27	denies the truth of the remaining allegations contained in paragraph 7 of the AFAC,	
28	except admits only that Nygard was indicted by the Department of Justice ("DOJ"),	
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respectfully referring this Court to the actual indictment against Nygard filed with
 the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

8. Defendant specifically denies that he participated in any coerced sexual
acts with anyone, including, but not limited to, any of the Plaintiffs in this case,
denies the truth of the remaining allegations contained in paragraph 8 of the AFAC,
except admits only that Nygard was indicted by the DOJ, respectfully referring this
Court to the actual indictment against Nygard filed with the United States District
Court for the Southern District of New York.

9 9. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 910 of the AFAC.

10. Defendant specifically denies that he participated in any "sexual
swaps" with Nygard, denies the truth of the remaining allegations contained in
paragraph 10 of the AFAC, except admits only that Nygard was indicted by the DOJ,
respectfully referring this Court to the actual indictment against Nygard filed with
the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

16 11. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 1117 of the AFAC.

18 12. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 1219 of the AFAC.

13. Defendant specifically denies that he participated in any "sexual
swaps" with Nygard or that he would "share" his girlfriends or female companions
with Nygard, denies the truth of the remaining allegations contained in paragraph 13
of the AFAC, except lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as
to the truth of what Nygard has stated.

25 14. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 1426 of the AFAC.

27 15. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 1528 of the AFAC.

1 16. Defendant admits that he has stated that he would testify truthfully in
 any proceeding regarding Nygard, and denies the truth of the remaining allegations
 contained in paragraph 16 of the AFAC.
 Defendant denies that he ever formed a sex trafficking venture.

5 17. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 176 of the AFAC.

7 18. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 188 of the AFAC.

9 19. Defendant admits only that Plaintiffs have made civil claims for
10 damages under federal and state laws, and denies the truth of the remaining
11 allegations contained in paragraph 19 of the AFAC.

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PARTIES

13 A. Plaintiff Jane Doe Nos. 1-10

14 20. Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief15 as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 20 of the AFAC.

16 21. Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief17 as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 21 of the AFAC.

18 22. Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief19 as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 22 of the AFAC.

20 23. Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief21 as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 23 of the AFAC.

22 24. Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief23 as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 24 of the AFAC.

24 25. Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief25 as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 25 of the AFAC.

26 26. Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief27 as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 26 of the AFAC.

27. Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief 1 as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 27 of the AFAC. 2 Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief 28. 3 as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 28 of the AFAC. 4 5 29. Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 29 of the AFAC. 6 Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 30 7 30. of the AFAC. 8 Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 31 9 31. of the AFAC. 10 32. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 32 11 of the AFAC. 12 33. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 33 13 of the AFAC. 14 Defendant admits that he had a conversation with the mother of Jane 34. 15 Doe No. 5 while the sister of Jane Doe No. 5 was present, denies specifically that he 16 slandered Jane Doe No. 5 during this conversation, and denies the truth of the 17 remaining allegations contained in paragraph 34 of the AFAC. 18 Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 35 19 35. of the AFAC. 20Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 36 21 36. of the AFAC. 22 37. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 37 23 24 of the AFAC. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 38 25 38. of the AFAC. 26 39. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 39 27 of the AFAC. 28

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Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 40 40. 1 of the AFAC. 2 41. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 41 3 of the AFAC. 4 5 42. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 42 of the AFAC. 6 43. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 43 7 of the AFAC. 8 Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 44 9 44. of the AFAC. 10 45. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 45 11 of the AFAC. 12 46. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 46 13 of the AFAC. 14 47. 15 Defendant admits only that Plaintiffs have made numerous unfounded and false allegations against Defendant; specifically denies that he has taken violent 16 or destructive action against Plaintiffs and Plaintiffs' witnesses; and denies the truth 17 of the remaining allegations contained in paragraph 47 of the AFAC. 18 Defendant specifically denies any and all allegations that Defendant 19 48. raped or trafficked Plaintiffs or any other persons, and denies the truth of the 2021 remaining allegations in paragraph 48 of the AFAC. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 49 22 49. of the AFAC. 23 24 **B**. Defendant Defendant admits the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 50 25 50. of the AFAC. 26 27 51. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 51 of the AFAC. 28

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JURISDICTION AND VENUE

52. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 52
of the AFAC, and respectfully refers the Court to the referenced statute for an
accurate recitation of its contents.

5 53. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 53
6 of the AFAC.

7 54. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 54
8 of the AFAC, and respectfully refers the Court to the referenced statute for an
9 accurate recitation of its contents.

10 55. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 5511 of the AFAC.

12 56. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 56
13 of the AFAC, and respectfully refers the Court to the referenced statute for an
14 accurate recitation of its contents.

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LEGAL BACKGROUND

16 I. THE TVPRA

17 57. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 57
18 of the AFAC, and respectfully refers this Court to the referenced statute for an
19 accurate recitation of its contents.

58. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 58
of the AFAC and respectfully refers this Court to the referenced statute for an
accurate recitation of its contents.

23 59. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 59
24 of the AFAC and respectfully refers this Court to the referenced statute for an
25 accurate recitation of its contents.

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FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

I. Defendant denies that he engaged in coerced commercial sex acts with
Jane Doe Nos. 1-10.

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1 60. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 60
 2 of the AFAC.

3 61. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 614 of the AFAC.

5 62. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 62
6 of the AFAC.

7 63. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 638 of the AFAC.

9 64. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 6410 of the AFAC.

11 65. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 6512 of the AFAC.

13 66. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 6614 of the AFAC.

15 67. Defendant admits that he has periodically attended parties and dinners
at Nygard's property in Marina Del Rey along with numerous other people; denies
that these parties and dinners were "events used by Nygard to lure and traffic his
victims," or he has attended such parties or dinners at "other locations around the
world;" and denies the truth of the remaining allegations contained in paragraph 67
of the AFAC.

68. Defendant admits only that Nygard was indicted by the DOJ,
respectfully referring this Court to the actual indictment against Nygard filed with
the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, and denies
the truth of the remaining allegations contained in paragraph 68 of the AFAC.

25 69. Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief
26 as to the truth of what Nygard has stated, and denies the truth of the remaining
27 allegations contained in paragraph 69 of the AFAC.

70. 1 Defendant admits only that he attended parties and dinners at Nygard's property in Marina Del Rey; denies that these parties and dinners were "events used 2 by Nygard to lure and traffic his victims," or that he has attended such parties or 3 dinners at "other locations around the world;" lacks knowledge or information 4 sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations pertaining to Nygard's 5 actions or the travel, financial, or housing status of unidentified women referenced 6 in this paragraph; and denies the truth of the remaining allegations contained in 7 paragraph 70 of the AFAC. 8 Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 71 9 71. of the AFAC. 10 72. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 72 11 of the AFAC. 12 Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 73 73. 13 of the AFAC. 14 Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 74 15 74. of the AFAC. 16 75. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 75 17 of the AFAC. 18 76. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 76 19 of the AFAC. 20 Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 77 21 77. of the AFAC. 22 Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 78 78. 23 24 of the AFAC. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 79 25 79. of the AFAC. 26 27 80. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 80 of the AFAC. 28

1 81. Defendant admits only that he attended parties and dinners at Nygard's
 2 property in Marina Del Rey, and denies the truth of the remaining allegations
 3 contained in paragraph 81 of the AFAC.

4 82. Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief
5 as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 82 of the AFAC.

6 83. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 837 of the AFAC.

8 84. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 84
9 of the AFAC.

10 85. Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief
11 as to the frequency of Nygard's travel to California or where he stayed; admits only
12 that he has attended dinners and played poker at Nygard's property in Marina del
13 Rey; and denies the truth of the remaining allegations contained in paragraph 85 of
14 the AFAC.

86. Defendant admits only that Nygard was indicted by the DOJ,
respectfully referring this Court to the actual indictment against Nygard filed with
the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York; denies that
he would "swap" women with Nygard or bring a female with him to "offer" to
Nygard in exchange for sex acts; and denies the truth of the remaining allegations
contained in paragraph 86 of the AFAC.

21 87. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 87
22 of the AFAC.

88. Defendant admits only that he has attended parties and dinners and
played poker at Nygard's property in Marina del Rey along with numerous other
people; denies that these parties and dinners were "events used by Nygard to lure
and traffic his victims," or that he has attended such parties or dinners at "other
locations around the world;" and denies the truth of the remaining allegations
contained in paragraph 88 of the AFAC.

89. 1 Defendant admits only that he is an entrepreneur and rents luxurious homes in Hollywood to celebrities and "influencers," and denies the truth of the 2 remaining allegations contained in paragraph 89 of the AFAC. 3

Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 90 90. 4 5 of the AFAC.

6 А.

Jane Doe No. 1

91. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 91 7 of the AFAC. 8

9 92. Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 92 of the AFAC. 10

Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 93 93. 11 of the AFAC. 12

94. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 94 13 of the AFAC. 14

95. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 95 15 of the AFAC. 16

96. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 96 17 of the AFAC 18

97. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 97 19 of the AFAC 20

Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 98 of the 21 98. AFAC 22

Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 99 99. 23 24 of the AFAC.

100. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 100 25 of the AFAC. 26

27 101. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 101 of the AFAC. 28

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1 102. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 102
 2 of the AFAC.

3 103. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 103
4 of the AFAC.

104. Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief
as to whether or why Jane Doe No. 1 received compensation from Nygard; denies
that he compensated Jane Doe No. 1 for sex acts and denies that he engaged in sex
acts with Jane Doe No. 1 against her will; and denies the truth of the remaining
allegations contained in paragraph 104 of the AFAC.

10 105. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 10511 of the AFAC.

12 106. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 10613 of the AFAC.

14 **B.** Jane Doe No. 2

15 107. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 10716 of the AFAC.

17 108. Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief18 as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 108 of the AFAC.

19 109. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 10920 of the AFAC.

21 110. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 11022 of the AFAC.

23 111. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 11124 of the AFAC

25 112. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 112
26 of the AFAC

27 113. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 11328 of the AFAC.

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1 114. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 114
 2 of the AFAC.

3 115. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 115
4 of the AFAC.

5 116. Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief
6 as to whether or why Jane Doe No. 2 received compensation from Nygard; denies
7 that he compensated Jane Doe No. 2 for sex acts and denies that he engaged in sex
8 acts with Jane Doe No. 2 against her will; and denies the remaining allegations
9 contained in paragraph 116 of the AFAC.

10 117. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 11711 of the AFAC

12 118. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 11813 of the AFAC.

14 C. Jane Doe No. 3

15 119. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 11916 of the AFAC.

17 120. Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief18 as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 120 of the AFAC.

19 121. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 12120 of the AFAC.

21 122. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 122
22 of the AFAC.

23 123. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 123
24 of the AFAC

25 124. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 124
26 of the AFAC

27 125. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 12528 of the AFAC.

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1 126. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 126
 2 of the AFAC.

3 127. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 127
4 of the AFAC.

5 128. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 128
6 of the AFAC

7 129. Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief
8 as to whether or why Jane Doe No. 3 received compensation from Nygard; denies
9 that he compensated Jane Doe No. 3 for sex acts and denies that he engaged in sex
10 acts with Jane Doe No. 3 against her will; and denies the truth of the remaining
11 allegations contained in paragraph 129 of the AFAC.

12 130. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 13013 of the AFAC.

14 **D.** Jane Doe No. 4

15 131. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 13116 of the AFAC.

17 132. Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief18 as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 132 of the AFAC.

19 133. Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief20 as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 133 of the AFAC.

21 134. Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief22 as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 134 of the AFAC.

23 135. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 13524 of the AFAC.

25 136. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 13626 of the AFAC.

27 137. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 13728 of the AFAC.

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1 138. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 138
 2 of the AFAC.

3 139. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 139
4 of the AFAC.

5 140. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 140
6 of the AFAC.

7 141. Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief
8 as to whether or why Jane Doe No. 4 received compensation from Nygard; denies
9 that he compensated Jane Doe No. 4 for sex acts and denies that he engaged in sex
10 acts with Jane Doe No. 4 against her will; and denies the truth of the remaining
11 allegations contained in paragraph 141 of the AFAC.

12 142. Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief13 as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 142 of the AFAC.

14 143. Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief15 as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 143 of the AFAC.

16 144. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 14417 of the AFAC.

18 145. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 14519 of the AFAC.

20 146. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 14621 of the AFAC.

147. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 147of the AFAC.

24 148. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 14825 of the AFAC.

26 149. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 149
27 of the AFAC.

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150. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 150 1 of the AFAC. 2 151. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 151 3 of the AFAC. 4 5 152. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 152 of the AFAC. 6 153. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 153 7 of the AFAC. 8 154. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 154 9 of the AFAC. 10 155. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 155 11 of the AFAC. 12 156. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 156 13 of the AFAC. 14 157. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 157 15 of the AFAC. 16 Е. Jane Doe No. 5 17 158. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 158 18 of the AFAC. 19 159. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 159 20 of the AFAC. 21 160. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 160 22 of the AFAC. 23 161. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 161 24 of the AFAC. 25 162. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 162 26 of the AFAC. 27 28 15 Jane Doe No. 1-10 v. Daniel S. Fitzgerald, Case No. 2:20-CV-10713 DEFENDANT'S ANSWER TO AMENDED FOURTH AMENDED COMPLAINT

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163. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 163 1 of the AFAC. 2 164. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 164 3 of the AFAC. 4 5 165. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 165 of the AFAC. 6 166. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 166 7 of the AFAC. 8 167. Defendant admits the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 9 167 of the AFAC. 10 168. Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief 11 as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 168 of the AFAC. 12 169. Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief 13 as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 169 of the AFAC. 14 170. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 170 15 of the AFAC. 16 171. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 171 17 of the AFAC. 18 172. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 172 19 of the AFAC. 20 173. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 173 21 of the AFAC. 22 174. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 174 23 24 of the AFAC. 175. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 175 25 of the AFAC. 26 27 176. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 176 of the AFAC. 28 16 Jane Doe No. 1-10 v. Daniel S. Fitzgerald, Case No. 2:20-CV-10713

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177. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 178 1 of the AFAC. 2 178. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 178 3 of the AFAC. 4 179. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 179 5 of the AFAC. 6 180. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 180 7 of the AFAC. 8 181. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 181 9 of the AFAC. 10 182. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 182 11 of the AFAC. 12 183. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 183 13 of the AFAC. 14 184. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 184 15 of the AFAC. 16 185. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 185 17 of the AFAC. 18 186. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 186 19 of the AFAC. 20187. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 187 21 of the AFAC. 22 188. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 188 23 24 of the AFAC. 189. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 189 25 of the AFAC. 26 F. Jane Doe No. 6 27 28 17 Jane Doe No. 1-10 v. Daniel S. Fitzgerald, Case No. 2:20-CV-10713

1	190. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 190	
2	of the AFAC.	
3	191. Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief	
4	as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 191 of the AFAC.	
5	192. Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief	
6	as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 192 of the AFAC.	
7	193. Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief	
8	as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 193 of the AFAC given the the	
9	anonymity of Jane Doe No. 6.	
10	194. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 194	
11	of the AFAC.	
12	195. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 195	
13	3 of the AFAC.	
14	196. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 196	
15	5 of the AFAC.	
16	197. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 197	
17	7 of the AFAC.	
18	198. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 198	
19	of the AFAC.	
20	199. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 199	
21	of the AFAC	
22	200. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 200	
23	of the AFAC.	
24	201. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 201	
25	of the AFAC.	
26	202. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 202	
27	of the AFAC.	
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203. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 203 1 of the AFAC. 2 204. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 204 3 of the AFAC. 4 5 205. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 205 of the AFAC. 6 206. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 206 7 of the AFAC. 8 207. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 207 9 of the AFAC. 10 Jane Doe No. 7 G. 11 208. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 208 12 of the AFAC. 13 209. Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief 14 as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 209 of the AFAC. 15 210. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 210 16 of the AFAC. 17 211. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 211 18 of the AFAC. 19 212. Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief 20 as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 212 of the AFAC. 21 213. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 213 22 of the AFAC. 23 24 214. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 214 of the AFAC. 25 215. Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief 26 as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 215 of the AFAC. 2728 19 Jane Doe No. 1-10 v. Daniel S. Fitzgerald, Case No. 2:20-CV-10713

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216. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 216 1 of the AFAC. 2 217. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 217 3 of the AFAC. 4 5 218. Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 219 of the AFAC. 6 7 H. Jane Doe No. 8 219. [211] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in 8 paragraph 219 of the AFAC.¹ 9 220. [212] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in 10 paragraph 220 of the AFAC. 11 221. [213] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in 12 paragraph 221 of the AFAC. 13 222. [214] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in 14 paragraph 222 of the AFAC. 15 223. [215] Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a 16 belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 223 of the AFAC. 17 224. [216] Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a 18 belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 224 of the AFAC. 19 225. [217] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in 20 paragraph 225 of the AFAC. 21 226. [218] Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a 22 belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 226 of the AFAC. 23 24 227. [219] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 227 of the AFAC. 25 26 27 ¹ Plaintiff's AFAC misnumbers the allegations and, at this point, reverts back to alleging paragraphs 211. For continuity, Defendant will continue to answer the allegations in sequence, continuing at paragraph 219 in place of 28the repeated number 211. 20

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228. [220] Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a
 belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 228 of the AFAC.

- 3 229. [221] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in
 4 paragraph 229 of the AFAC.
- 5 230. [222] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in
 6 paragraph 230 of the AFAC.
- 7 231. [223] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in8 paragraph 231 of the AFAC.
- 9 232. [224] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in10 paragraph 232 of the AFAC.
- 11 233. [225] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in12 paragraph 233 of the AFAC.
- 13 234. [226] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in14 paragraph 234 of the AFAC.

15 235. [227] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in16 paragraph 235 of the AFAC.

17 **I.** Jane Doe No. 9

18 236. [228] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in19 paragraph 236 of the AFAC.

20 237. [229] Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a
21 belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 237 of the AFAC.

22 238. [230] Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a
23 belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 238 of the AFAC.

- 24 239. [231] Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a25 belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 239 of the AFAC.
- 26 240. [232] Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a
 27 belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 240 of the AFAC.
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241. [233] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in
 paragraph 241 of the AFAC.

3 242. [234] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in
4 paragraph 242 of the AFAC, and specifically denies having nonconsensual sex with
5 Jane Doe No. 9.

6 243. [235] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in
7 paragraph 243 of the AFAC.

8 244. [236] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in
9 paragraph 244 of the AFAC.

10 245. [237] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in11 paragraph 245 of the AFAC.

12 246. [238] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in13 paragraph 246 of the AFAC.

14 247. [239] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in15 paragraph 247 of the AFAC.

16 248. [240] Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a
17 belief as to whether or why Jane Doe No. 9 received compensation from Nygard;
18 denies that he compensated Jane Doe No. 9 for sex acts as well as denying and denies
19 that he ever engaged in sex acts with Jane Doe No. 9 against her will; and denies the
20 truth of the remaining allegations contained in paragraph 248 of the AFAC.

21 249. [241] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in22 paragraph 249 of the AFAC.

23 J. Jane Doe No. 10

24 250. [242] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in25 paragraph 250 of the AFAC.

26 251. [243] Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a
27 belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 251 of the AFAC.

252. [244] Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a 1 belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 252 of the AFAC. 2 253. [245] Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a 3 belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 253 of the AFAC. 4 5 254. [246] Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 254 of the AFAC. 6 255. [247] Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a 7 belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 255 of the AFAC. 8 256. [248] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in 9 paragraph 256 of the AFAC. 10 257. [249] Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a 11 belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 257 of the AFAC. 12 258. [250] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in 13 paragraph 258 of the AFAC. 14 15 259. [251] Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 259 of the AFAC. 16 260. [252] Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a 17 belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 260 of the AFAC. 18 261. [253] Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a 19 belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 261 of the AFAC. 20262. [254] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in 21 paragraph 262 of the AFAC. 22 23 263. [255] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in 24 paragraph 263 of the AFAC. 264. [256] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in 25 paragraph 264 of the AFAC. 26 27 265. [257] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 265 of the AFAC. 28 23

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II. <u>Defendant denies that he engaged in a public campaign to intimidate or</u> <u>harass Plaintiffs or witnesses for any reason.</u>

- 3 266. [255] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in
 4 paragraph 266 of the AFAC.²
- 5 267. [256] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in
 6 paragraph 267 of the AFAC.
- 7 268. [257] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in8 paragraph 268 of the AFAC.
- 9 269. [258] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in10 paragraph 269 of the AFAC.
- 11 270. [259] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in12 paragraph 270 of the AFAC.
- 13 271. [260] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in14 paragraph 271 of the AFAC.
- 15 272. [261] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in
 16 paragraph 272 of the AFAC, and respectfully refers this Court to the relevant court
 17 filings and court records for an accurate recitation of their contents.
- 18 273. [262] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in
 19 paragraph 273 of the AFAC, and respectfully refers this Court to the referenced court
 20 filings and court records for an accurate recitation of their contents.
- 21 274. [263] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in
 22 paragraph 274 of the AFAC, and respectfully refers this Court to the referenced court
 23 filings and court records for an accurate recitation of their contents.
- 24 275. [264] Defendant admits that he denied any harassment or obstruction
 25 through Plaintiff's allegations; denies any public intimidation or obstruction
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^{28 &}lt;sup>2</sup> Once again, Plaintiff misnumbers the allegations of the AFAC, reverting to paragraph 255 at this point. For clarity, Defendant will continue to answer the allegations sequentially.

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campaign; and denies the truth of the remaining allegations contained in paragraph
 275 of AFAC.

3 276. [265] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in
4 paragraph 276 of the AFAC.

5 277. [266] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in
6 paragraph 277 of the AFAC, and respectfully refers this Court to the cited email for
7 an accurate recitation of its contents.

8 278. [267] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in
9 paragraph 278 of the AFAC, and respectfully refers this Court to the cited text for
10 an accurate recitation of its contents.

11 279. [268] Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a12 belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 279 of the AFAC.

13 280. [269] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in
14 paragraph 280 of the AFAC, and respectfully refers this Court to the cited
15 document/video for an accurate recitation of its contents

16 281. [270] Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a
17 belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 281 and, therefore, denies the
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19 282. [271] Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a20 belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 282 of the AFAC.

21 283. [272] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in
22 paragraph 283 of the AFAC, and respectfully refers this Court to the cited email for
23 an accurate recitation of its contents.

24 284. [273] Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a
25 belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 284 of the AFAC.

26 285. [274] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in27 paragraph 285 of the AFAC.

286. [275] Defendant specifically denies that the video referenced in
 paragraph 285 of the AFAC is "his" video; and denies the truth of the remaining
 allegations contained in paragraph 287 of the AFAC.

4 287. [276] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in
5 paragraph 287 of the AFAC.

6 288. [277] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in
7 paragraph 288 of the AFAC, and respectfully refers this Court to the referenced court
8 filings and court records for an accurate recitation of their contents.

9 289. [278] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in10 paragraph 289 of the AFAC.

11 290. [279] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in12 paragraph 290 of the AFAC.

13 291. [280] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in
14 paragraph 291 of the AFAC, and respectfully refers this Court to the referenced court
15 filings and court records for an accurate recitation of their contents.

16 292. [281] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in17 paragraph 292 of the AFAC.

18 293. [282] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in19 paragraph 293 of the AFAC.

20 294. [283] Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a
21 belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 294 of the AFAC.

22 295. [284] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in23 paragraph 295 of the AFAC.

24 296. [285] Defendant admits only that Nygard was indicted by the DOJ,
25 respectfully referring this Court to the actual indictment against Nygard filed with
26 the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York; denies that
27 he was a co-conspirator or enterprise associate or participated in or enabled any
28 racketeering enterprise or sex trafficking venture or engaged in the "swap" of

Nygard's "girlfriends;" and denies the truth of the remaining allegations contained
 in paragraph 296 of the AFAC.

297. [286] Defendant admits only that Nygard was indicted by the DOJ, respectfully referring this Court to the actual indictment against Nygard filed with the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York; denies that he was a co-conspirator or enterprise associate or participated in or enabled any racketeering enterprise or sex trafficking venture or that he coerced or manipulated any alleged Nygard victims; and denies the truth of the remaining allegations contained in paragraph 297 of the AFAC.

298. [287] Defendant admits only that Nygard was indicted by the DOJ,
respectfully referring this Court to the actual indictment against Nygard filed with
the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York; denies that
he was a co-conspirator or enterprise associate or participated in or enabled any
racketeering enterprise or sex trafficking venture or that he engaged in any conduct
to prevent witnesses from reporting sexual crimes; and denies the truth of the
remaining allegations contained in paragraph 298 of the AFAC.

17 299. [288] Defendant admits only that Nygard was indicted by the DOJ, 18 respectfully referring this Court to the actual indictment against Nygard filed with 19 the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York; denies that 20 he was a co-conspirator or enterprise associate or participated in or enabled any 21 racketeering enterprise or sex trafficking venture or that he engaged in any conduct 22 to prevent witnesses from reporting sexual crimes; and denies the truth of the 23 remaining allegations contained in paragraph 299 of the AFAC.

300. [289] Defendant admits only that Nygard was indicted by the DOJ,
respectfully referring this Court to the actual indictment against Nygard filed with
the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York; denies that
he was a co-conspirator or enterprise associate or participated in or enabled any
racketeering enterprise or sex trafficking venture or that he engaged in any conduct

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1 to prevent witnesses from reporting sexual crimes; and denies the truth of the
2 remaining allegations contained in paragraph 300 of the AFAC.

3 301. [290] Defendant admits only that Nygard was indicted by the DOJ, 4 respectfully referring this Court to the actual indictment against Nygard filed with 5 the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York; denies that 6 he was a co-conspirator or enterprise associate or participated in or enabled any 7 racketeering enterprise or sex trafficking venture or that he engaged in any conduct 8 to prevent witnesses from reporting sexual crimes; and denies the truth of the 9 remaining allegations contained in paragraph 301 of the AFAC.

10 302. [291] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in11 paragraph 302 of the AFAC.

12 303. [292] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in13 paragraph 303 of the AFAC.

304. [293] Defendant admits only that Nygard was indicted by the DOJ,
respectfully referring this Court to the actual indictment against Nygard filed with
the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York; denies that
he was a co-conspirator or enterprise associate or participated in or enabled any
racketeering enterprise or sex trafficking venture or that he engaged in any conduct
to prevent witnesses from reporting sexual crimes; and denies the truth of the
remaining allegations contained in paragraph 304 of the AFAC.

305. [294] Defendant admits only that Nygard was indicted by the DOJ,
respectfully referring this Court to the actual indictment against Nygard filed with
the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York; denies that
he was a co-conspirator or enterprise associate or participated in or enabled any
racketeering enterprise or sex trafficking venture or that he engaged in any conduct
to prevent witnesses from reporting sexual crimes; and denies the truth of the
remaining allegations contained in paragraph 305 of the AFAC.

1 306. [295] Defendant admits only that Nygard was indicted by the DOJ, 2 respectfully referring this Court to the actual indictment against Nygard filed with 3 the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York; denies that 4 he was a co-conspirator or enterprise associate or participated in or enabled any 5 racketeering enterprise or sex trafficking venture or that he engaged in any conduct 6 to prevent witnesses from reporting sexual crimes; and denies the truth of the 7 remaining allegations contained in paragraph 306 of the AFAC.

8 307. [296] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in9 paragraph 307 of the AFAC.

10 308. [297] Defendant admits only that Nygard was indicted by the DOJ, 11 respectfully referring this Court to the actual indictment against Nygard filed with 12 the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York; denies that 13 he was a co-conspirator or enterprise associate or participated in or enabled any 14 racketeering enterprise or sex trafficking venture or that he engaged in any conduct 15 to prevent witnesses from reporting sexual crimes; and denies the truth of the 16 remaining allegations contained in paragraph 308 of the AFAC.

17 309. [298] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in18 paragraph 309 of the AFAC.

19 310. [299] Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a20 belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 310 of the AFAC.

311. [300] Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a
belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 311 of the AFAC.

312. [301] Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a
belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 312 of the AFAC.

313. [302] Defendant admits only that Nygard was indicted by the DOJ,
respectfully referring this Court to the actual indictment against Nygard filed with
the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York; denies that
he was a co-conspirator or enterprise associate or participated in or enabled any

racketeering enterprise or sex trafficking venture or that he engaged in any conduct
 to prevent witnesses from reporting sexual crimes; and denies the truth of the
 remaining allegations contained in paragraph 313 of the AFAC.

4 314. [303] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in
5 paragraph 314 of the AFAC.

6 315. [304] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in7 paragraph 315 of the AFAC.

8 316. [305] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in
9 paragraph 316 of the AFAC.

10 317. [306] Defendant admits only that Nygard was indicted by the DOJ, 11 respectfully referring this Court to the actual indictment against Nygard filed with 12 the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York; denies that 13 he was a co-conspirator or enterprise associate or participated in or enabled any 14 racketeering enterprise or sex trafficking venture or that he engaged in any conduct 15 to prevent witnesses from reporting sexual crimes; and denies the truth of the 16 remaining allegations contained in paragraph 317 of the AFAC.

17 318. [307] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in18 paragraph 318 of the AFAC.

319. [308] Defendant admits only that Nygard was indicted by the DOJ,
respectfully referring this Court to the actual indictment against Nygard filed with
the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York; denies that
he was a co-conspirator or enterprise associate or participated in or enabled any
racketeering enterprise or sex trafficking venture or that he engaged in any conduct
to prevent witnesses from reporting sexual crimes; and denies the truth of the
remaining allegations contained in paragraph 319 of the AFAC.

320. [309] Defendant admits only that Nygard was indicted by the DOJ,
respectfully referring this Court to the actual indictment against Nygard filed with
the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York; denies that

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he was a co-conspirator or enterprise associate or participated in or enabled any 1 2 racketeering enterprise or sex trafficking venture or that he engaged in any conduct 3 to prevent witnesses from reporting sexual crimes; and denies the truth of the remaining allegations contained in paragraph 320 of the AFAC. 4

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321. [310] Defendant admits only that Nygard was indicted by the DOJ, respectfully referring this Court to the actual indictment against Nygard filed with 6 the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York; denies that 7 he was a co-conspirator or enterprise associate or participated in or enabled any 8 racketeering enterprise or sex trafficking venture or that he engaged in any conduct 9 to prevent witnesses from reporting sexual crimes; and denies the truth of the 10 11 remaining allegations contained in paragraph 321 of the AFAC.

322. [311] Defendant admits only that Nygard was indicted by the DOJ, 12 respectfully referring this Court to the actual indictment against Nygard filed with 13 the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York; denies that 14 he was a co-conspirator or enterprise associate or participated in or enabled any 15 16 racketeering enterprise or sex trafficking venture or that he engaged in any conduct to prevent witnesses from reporting sexual crimes; and denies the truth of the 17 remaining allegations contained in paragraph 322 of the AFAC. 18

19 323. [312] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 323 of the AFAC. 20

21 324. [313] Defendant admits only that Nygard was indicted by the DOJ, respectfully referring this Court to the actual indictment against Nygard filed with 22the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York; denies that 23 he was a co-conspirator or enterprise associate or participated in or enabled any 24 racketeering enterprise or sex trafficking venture or that he engaged in any conduct 2526 to prevent witnesses from reporting sexual crimes; and denies the truth of the remaining allegations contained in paragraph 324 of the AFAC. 27

325. [314] Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a
 belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 325 of the AFAC.

3 326. [315] Defendant admits only that Nygard was indicted by the DOJ, 4 respectfully referring this Court to the actual indictment against Nygard filed with 5 the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York; denies that 6 he was a co-conspirator or enterprise associate or participated in or enabled any 7 racketeering enterprise or sex trafficking venture or that he engaged in any conduct 8 to prevent witnesses from reporting sexual crimes; and denies the truth of the 9 remaining allegations contained in paragraph 326 of the AFAC.

10 327. [316] Defendant admits only that Nygard was indicted by the DOJ, 11 respectfully referring this Court to the actual indictment against Nygard filed with 12 the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York; denies that 13 he was a co-conspirator or enterprise associate or participated in or enabled any 14 racketeering enterprise or sex trafficking venture or that he engaged in any conduct 15 to prevent witnesses from reporting sexual crimes; and denies the truth of the 16 remaining allegations contained in paragraph 327 of the AFAC.

328. [317] Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form abelief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 328 of the AFAC.

329. [318] Defendant admits only that Nygard was indicted by the DOJ,
respectfully referring this Court to the actual indictment against Nygard filed with
the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York; denies that
he was a co-conspirator or enterprise associate or participated in or enabled any
racketeering enterprise or sex trafficking venture or that he engaged in any conduct
to prevent witnesses from reporting sexual crimes; and denies the truth of the
remaining allegations contained in paragraph 329 of the AFAC.

330. [319] Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a
belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 330 of the AFAC.

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331. [320] Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a
 belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 331 of the AFAC.

3 332. [321] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in
4 paragraph 332 of the AFAC.

5 333. [322] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in
6 paragraph 333 of the AFAC.

7 334. [323] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in
8 paragraph 334 of the AFAC.

9 **CLAIMS ALLEGED** <u>COUNT I</u> 10 VIOLATION OF THE TRAFFICKING VICTIMS PROTECTION 11 **REAUTHORIZATION ACT, 18 U.S.C. § 1595** 12 335. [324] Defendant realleges and incorporates by reference the responses 13 contained in the preceding paragraphs 1 through 334 of the AFAC, as if fully set 14 forth herein. 15 336. [325] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in 16 paragraph 336 of the AFAC, and respectfully refers this Court to the referenced 17 statute for an accurate recitation of its contents. 18 337. [326] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in 19 paragraph 337 of the AFAC. 20 21 338. [327] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 338 of the AFAC, including all subparagraphs. 22 23 339. [328] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in 24 paragraph 339 of the AFAC. 340. [329] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in 25 26 paragraph 340 of the AFAC. 27 341. [330] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 341 of the AFAC. 28 33 Jane Doe No. 1-10 v. Daniel S. Fitzgerald, Case No. 2:20-CV-10713 DEFENDANT'S ANSWER TO AMENDED FOURTH AMENDED COMPLAINT

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1 342. [331] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 342 of the AFAC, including all subparagraphs. 2 343. [332] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in 3 paragraph 343 of the AFAC. 4 5 344. [333] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 344 of the AFAC. 6 7 345. [334] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 345 of the AFAC. 8 9 **COUNT II** SEXUAL BATTERY IN VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE 10 § 1708.5 AND COMMON LAW 11 346. [335] Defendant realleges and incorporates by reference the responses 12 contained in the preceding paragraphs 1 through 345 of the AFAC, as if fully set 13 forth herein. 14 347. [336] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in 15 paragraph 347 of the AFAC. 16 348. [337] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in 17 paragraph 348 of the AFAC. 18 19 349. [338] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 349 of the AFAC. 20350. [339] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in 21 paragraph 350 of the AFAC. 22 23 351. [340] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in 24 paragraph 351 of the AFAC. 352. [341] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in 25 26 paragraph 352 of the AFAC. 27 **COUNT III** CIVIL CONSPIRACY IN VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA CIVIL 28 34 Jane Doe No. 1-10 v. Daniel S. Fitzgerald, Case No. 2:20-CV-10713

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353. [342] Defendant realleges and incorporates by reference the responses 1 contained in the preceding paragraphs 1 through 352 of the AFAC, as if fully set 2 forth herein. 3 354. [343] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in 4 paragraph 354 of the AFAC. 5 355. [344] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in 6 7 paragraph 355 of the AFAC. 356. [345] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in 8 paragraph 356 of the AFAC. 9 357. [346] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in 10 11 paragraph 357 of the AFAC. 358. [347] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in 12 paragraph 358 of the AFAC. 13 359. [348] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in 14 paragraph 359 of the AFAC. 15 360. [349] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in 16 paragraph 360 of the AFAC. 17 361. [350] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in 18 paragraph 361 of the AFAC. 19 **COUNT IV** 20 LIBEL IN VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE § 45 21 362. [351] Defendant realleges and incorporates by reference the responses 22 contained in the preceding paragraphs 1 through 361 of the AFAC, as if fully set 23 24 forth herein. 363. [352] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations of paragraph 363 of 25 the AFAC. 26 27 28 35 Jane Doe No. 1-10 v. Daniel S. Fitzgerald, Case No. 2:20-CV-10713 DEFENDANT'S ANSWER TO AMENDED FOURTH AMENDED COMPLAINT

364. [353] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in
 paragraph 364 of the AFAC, and respectfully refers this Court to the video for an
 accurate recitation of its contents.

365. [354] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in
paragraph 365 of the AFAC, and respectfully refers this Court to the video for an
accurate recitation of its contents.

7 366. [355] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in
8 paragraph 366 of the AFAC, and respectfully refers this Court to the video for an
9 accurate recitation of its contents.

367. [356] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in
paragraph 367 of the AFAC, and respectfully refers this Court to the video for an
accurate recitation of its contents.

368. [357] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in
paragraph 368 of the AFAC, and respectfully refers this Court to the video for an
accurate recitation of its contents.

369. [358] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in
paragraph 369 of the AFAC, and respectfully refers this Court to the video for an
accurate recitation of its contents.

370. [359] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in
paragraph 370 of the AFAC, and respectfully refers this Court to the video for an
accurate recitation of its contents.

371. [360] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in
paragraph 371 of the AFAC, and respectfully refers this Court to the video for an
accurate recitation of its contents.

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1 372. [361] Defendant denies the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 372 of the AFAC, and respectfully refers this Court to the flyer for an 2 accurate recitation of its contents.³ 3 AFFIRMATIVE AND SEPARATE DEFENSES 4 As and for Defendant's affirmative defenses, but without admitting, 5 acknowledging, or otherwise conceding whether Plaintiffs or Defendant bear the 6 burdens of proof and/or persuasion on any of the following issues, Defendant alleges 7 as follows: 8 **First Affirmative and Separate Defense** 9 The AFAC fails to state a claim, in whole or in part, upon which relief may 10 be granted. 11 Second Affirmative and Separate Defense 12 The claims of certain Plaintiffs, including but not limited to Jane Doe Nos. 2 13 and 3, are barred by the relevant statute of limitations. 14 **Third Affirmative and Separate Defense** 15 Plaintiffs fail to state a claim upon which relief may be granted. 16 **Fourth Affirmative and Separate Defense** 17 Plaintiffs' claims are barred by the equitable doctrines of estoppel, statute of 18 19 limitations, unclean hands, and barred by fraud. **Fifth Affirmative and Separate Defense** 20 Plaintiffs' claims may be barred by additional affirmative or other defenses 21 that cannot be determined at this time without the benefit of discovery, including 22those contemplated by Rule 8 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Defendant 23 24 reserves the right, subject to the Court's approval, to assert additional defenses with regard to some or all of Plaintiffs' claims. 25 26 27 ³ Defendant hereby denies any allegation not explicitly admitted above, including any allegation of fact made in 28 footnotes or in Plaintiffs' Prayer for Relief. 37 Jane Doe No. 1-10 v. Daniel S. Fitzgerald, Case No. 2:20-CV-10713

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1	COUNTERCLAIMS			
2	Defendant-Counterclaim Plaintiff Daniel S. Fitzgerald hereby asserts these			
3	counterclaims against Plaintiff-Counterclaim Defendant Jane Doe No. 5.			
4	PARTIES, JURISDICTION, AND VENUE			
5	373. Counterclaim Plaintiff Daniel S. Fitzgerald is a resident of California.			
6	374. Jane Doe No. 5 is, upon information and belief and according to			
7	Plaintiffs' own pleading, a citizen and resident of the United States.			
8	375. This Court has jurisdiction based on 28 U.S.C. § 1367.			
9	376. Venue is appropriate in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)			
10	because a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the counterclaims			
11	occurred in this judicial district.			
12	<u>FACTS</u>			
13	377. In or around June 2020, Jane Doe No. 5 began texting Fitzgerald and			
14	invited him several times to join her and others in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. In fact,			
15	she offered to pay for his plane tickets to Mexico. She also invited him to			
16	"afterwards come to Hawaii."			
17	378. Unbeknownst to Fitzgerald, beginning at least, in or around July or			
18	August 2020, Jane Doe No. 5 schemed with her attorneys to manufacture false			
19	allegations and claims against Fitzgerald.			
20	379. While on this trip in July 2020, Jane Doe No. 5 sent Fitzgerald photos			
21	of "girls at the strip club" that she knew, and suggested that Fitzgerald engage them			
22	for sex.			
23	380. On this trip, Jane Doe No. 5 attempted to manufacture evidence for the			
24	instant lawsuit, including asking specific questions about Nygard and allegations			
25	arising from Nygard's alleged sex trafficking venture.			
26	381. On August 5, 2020, Jane Doe No. 5 sent Fitzgerald a text message			
27	threatening him that she had previously recorded conversations with Fitzgerald,			
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without consent, after discussing such recordings with her attorneys, and sending
 such recordings to her attorneys.

3 382. Additionally, on August 5, 2020, Jane Doe No. 5 sent Fitzgerald a
4 voice recording of her attorney Greg Gutzler discussing the allegations against Peter
5 Nygard and the alleged relationship with Fitzgerald that was intended to threaten
6 and intimidate Fitzgerald into settling the instant case.

7 383. On August 5, 2020, Jane Doe No. 5 also submitted a "Guest Incident
8 Report" at the Cabo Azul Hotel in Mexico, in which she falsely accused Fitzgerald
9 of assaulting her on the night of July 29, 2020. A true and accurate copy of the Guest
10 Incident Report is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit 1</u>.

11 384. Jane Doe No. 5 did not make Fitzgerald aware of the false report to the12 hotel.

385. The report of an incident that allegedly happened on the night of July
29, 2020 at approximately 9:30 p.m. was entirely false. In fact, Jane Doe No. 5
texted Fitzgerald on the night of July 29, 2020 and confirmed that she was "going to
the jacuzzi" at 8:04 p.m., and then "taking a shower and going to bed" at 9:52 p.m.
She then texted at 6:51 a.m., the next morning, July 30, 2020, asking if Fitzgerald
wanted to surf.

19 386. On July 31, 2020, despite her false, after-the-fact report nearly a week
20 later, Jane Doe No. 5 and Fitzgerald went surfing together at Jane Doe No. 5's
21 suggestion.

387. Between July 31 and August 4, 2020, Jane Doe No. 5 continued to text
Fitzgerald about purchasing certain real estate properties.

388. In a later phone call with Fitzgerald, Jane Doe No. 5 confirmed her
premediated attempts to manufacture evidence when she stated that "[t]hey wanted
me to keep recording you to get more information." Jane Doe No. 5 was referring
to her counsel in this case.

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389. In the same later phone call with Fitzgerald, Jane Doe No. 5 admitted
 that Fitzgerald "could have" physically assaulted her, not that he did assault her.
 That is, Jane Doe No. 5 conceded in a recording that the very basis of all of her
 claims in the Third Amended Complaint (and prior complaints) were entirely
 unfounded, and that she was not sexually assaulted by Fitzgerald.

390. Jane Doe No. 5's concerted effort with her counsel to manufacture false
allegations to utilize in the instant litigation is consistent with other facts known to
Fitzgerald that demonstrate that the allegations made against him in this litigation
are false and/or coerced.

391. For example, certain Plaintiffs have been compensated to act as litigants
in this case. According to her significant other, Jane Doe No. 2 was paid at least
\$10,000 and/or a monthly stipend to travel to this country and testify in litigations
against Nygard and Fitzgerald.

392. Other individuals were offered similar compensation for their
participation in the litigation. For example, a person has already testified that she
was offered compensation to participate in these litigations. As another example,
another person was also offered compensation for participating in these litigations.

393. After signing on as a plaintiff in the instant litigation, in or around July
and August 2021, Jane Doe began a campaign of public defamation of Fitzgerald,
particularly through her social media.

394. For example, Jane Doe No. 5 made a post falsely stating that "DANNY
FITZGERALD & HIS ASSOCIATES ARE BEING INVESTIGATED FOR
PEDOPHILIA. RAPE ALL KINDS OF DISGUSTING THINGS." This post was
published to her followers. A true and accurate copy of this post is attached hereto
as <u>Exhibit 2</u>.

395. In or around July 11, 2021, Jane Doe No. 5 made a post falsely stating
that "CAN U GUYS TELL HIM TO LEAVE ME ALONE PLS & STOP RAPING

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PEOPLE/HAVING SEX W MINORS." A true and accurate copy of this post is
 attached hereto as <u>Exhibit 3</u>.

3 396. In or around late July 2021, Jane Doe No. 5 made a post falsely stating
4 that "Danny hired an individual to stalk me & I had to leave the country for my own
5 safety among other reasons." This post was published to her followers. A true and
6 accurate copy of this post is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit 4</u>.

397. In or around late July 2021, Jane Doe No. 5 made a post showing a
picture of a news article reporting on the instant lawsuit prior to Jane Doe No. 5
joining as a plaintiff.

398. In this post, Jane Doe No. 5 falsely implies criminal conduct by
commenting that "I will be speaking out publicly against their illicit behavior as I
have personally been a witness to some events & I cannot stand for this type of
behavior." This post was published to her followers. A true and accurate copy of
this post is attached hereto as Exhibit 5.

15 399. In or around late July 2021, Jane Doe No. 5 made a post falsely stating
16 that "Danny is being investigated by the fbi for sex trafficking/rape/sex w minors
17 etc". Jane Doe No. 5 further falsely stated that "Danny Fitzgerald is in cabo trying
18 to sabotage me – has been threatening myself/my family in person even to try to stop
19 me from testifying in the trial."

400. In this same post, Jane Doe No. 5 went further and requested that her
followers cause harm to Fitzgerald by "mak[ing] sure to burn him and his kook
friends on every wave." This post was published to her followers. A true and
accurate copy of this post is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit 6</u>.

401. In or around late July 2021, Jane Doe No. 5 made a post showing a
picture of a news article reporting on the instant lawsuit prior to Jane Doe No. 5
joining as a plaintiff. In this post, Jane Doe No. 5 falsely states "RAPIST
PEDOPHILE @dannyhollywoodhomes", referring to Fitzgerald. This post was

published to her followers. A true and accurate copy of this post is attached hereto
 as <u>Exhibit 7</u>.

402. On or around August 1, 2021, Jane Doe No. 5 made a post showing a
picture of Fitzgerald and requested that her followers cause harm by requesting that
they "BURN THIS KOOK." This post was published to her followers. A true and
accurate copy of this post is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit 8</u>.

- 403. As a result of Jane Doe No. 5's false statements on her social media,
 numerous people contacted Fitzgerald and perpetuated the false statements made by
 Jane Doe No. 5, and threatened Fitzgerald.
- 10 404. In or around late July or early August 2021, Jane Doe No. 5 posted several "stories" on Instagram which promoted a link to a YouTube video titled 11 "Accused Predator Danny Fitzgerald Exposed: Chris Hansen & Lisa Haba." Jane 12 Doe No. 5 commented that "Here is the latest podcast about the case. SWIPE UP 13 TO WATCH[.] I was asked to be on it but I had to decline per legal reasons . . ." 14 This post was published to her followers. A true and accurate copy of this post is 15 16 attached as Exhibit 9. Jane Doe No. 5's promotion of the podcast implied to her 17 followers that Fitzgerald was a sex predator.
- 405. In or around August 1, 2021, Jane Doe No. 5 posted a video to her social
 media in which she falsely claimed that Fitzgerald was a pedophile. This post was
 published to her followers.
- 406. On or around August 4, 2021, Jane Doe No. 5 falsely reported to the
 Mexican federal police that Fitzgerald's room was full of drugs and Fitzgerald was
 selling drugs. As a result, Fitzgerald and other persons in his group were detained
 and questioned by Mexican authorities. Because the report by Jane Doe No. 5 was
 false, the Mexican authorities released Fitzgerald without any charges
- 407. Despite knowing and conceding that her allegations of sexual assault
 were false, Jane Doe No. 5, through her counsel, sought and obtained a preliminary
 injunction against Fitzgerald based, at least in part, on her false allegations.

FIRST COUNTERCLAIM CAUSE OF ACTION

(Libel Per Se)

408. Fitzgerald realleges and incorporates by the preceding paragraphs of
the Counterclaims as if fully set forth herein.

409. By making the statements described herein, including each of the social
media posts alleged herein, Jane Doe No. 5 expressed purportedly factual statements
about Fitzgerald that were in fact false.

8 410. The statements made by Jane Doe No. 5 falsely assert as fact that
9 Defendant has committed criminal conduct, including pedophilia, sexual assault, sex
10 trafficking, and selling drugs, or has some other particular defect of character. Each
11 of these statements assert criminal conduct which is libelous per se.

411. The statements made by Jane Doe No. 5 were used in a derogatory
sense, with the intent to expose Fitzgerald to hatred, contempt, ridicule, or obloquy.
412. The defamatory statements by Jane Doe No. 5 convey a defamatory

15 meaning on their face.

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413. Jane Doe No. 5 knew the statements described herein were false, or,
alternatively, recklessly disregarded whether such statements were true or false.

18 414. Jane Doe No. 5 published these false statements to third parties,19 including but not limited to the followers of her social media accounts.

415. Third parties, including the followers of Jane Doe No. 5's social media
accounts, would understand and interpret the statements described herein as stating
facts about Fitzgerald.

- 416. The statements made by Jane Doe No. 5 were used in a derogatory
 sense, with the intent to expose Fitzgerald to hatred, contempt, ridicule, or obloquy.
 417. Jane Doe No. 5 knew the statements described herein were false, or,
 alternatively, recklessly disregarded whether such statements were true or false
 418. Fitzgerald has suffered damage to his personal and business reputation
- 28 as a direct causal result of the defamatory statements described herein.

419. Jane Doe No. 5 made the defamatory statements with actual malice, 1 warranting the imposition of exemplary damages. 2 SECOND COUNTERCLAIM CAUSE OF ACTION 3 (Libel Por Quod) 4 420. Fitzgerald realleges and incorporates the preceding paragraphs of the 5 6 Counterclaims as if fully set forth herein 7 421. In the alternative, if the statements made by Jane Doe No. 5 described herein are not defamatory on their face, the statements are susceptible of a 8 9 defamatory meaning. 10 422. Jane Doe No. 5 published these false statements to third parties, 11 including but not limited to the followers of her social media accounts. 423. Third parties, including the followers of Jane Doe No. 5's social media 12 accounts, would understand and interpret the statements described herein as stating 13 facts about Fitzgerald. 14 15 424. Because of facts and circumstances known to the readers or listeners of the statements by Jane Doe No. 5, including the context of allegations in similar 16 17 lawsuits against Nygard and others, the statements by Jane Doe No. 5 described herein tended to injure Fitzgerald's reputation, and, in his occupation, expose him to 18 19 hatred, contempt, ridicule or shame and tended to discourage others from associating or dealing with Fitzgerald. 2021 425. Fitzgerald has suffered special damages as a result of the defamatory statements by Jane Doe No. 5. For example, Fitzgerald has expended substantial 22amounts of money defending against the false allegations by Jane Doe No. 5 in the 23 24 underlying complaints in this action, as well as tangential issues such as Jane Doe No. 5's unfounded request for injunctive relief. 2526 426. Further, the defamatory statements by Jane Doe No. 5 have caused injury to Fitzgerald's professional reputation and business. For example, Fitzgerald 27

was recently denied a HUD loan for a construction project in Florida due to the

publicity of the allegations in the instant lawsuit, including the false allegations by 1 Jane Doe No. 5. 2 427. The defamatory statements by Jane Doe No. 5 have caused Fitzgerald 3 to lose potential tenants for his properties and lost other potential business deals. 4 5 The defamatory statements by Jane Doe No. 5 have caused harm to 428. Fitzgerald's personal and professional reputation, shame, mortification, and distress. 6 7 429. Jane Doe No. 5 made the defamatory statements with actual malice, warranting the imposition of exemplary damages. 8 THIRD COUNTERCLAIM CAUSE OF ACTION 9 (Conspiracy to Commit Fraud) 10 430. Fitzgerald realleges and incorporates the preceding paragraphs of the 11 Counterclaims as if fully set forth herein. 12 Jane Doe No. 5 and Jane Doe No. 2 entered into an agreement with 13 431. third parties, including, but not limited to, other Plaintiffs and Plaintiffs' counsel in 14 this action, to manufacture false allegations against Fitzgerald. 15 432. Jane Doe No. 5 and Jane Doe No. 2, and Plaintiff's counsel, committed 16 overt acts in furtherance of this conspiracy by instituting the instant action and by 17 obtaining a preliminary injunction on false pretenses. 18 19 433. Jane Doe No. 5 and Jane Doe No. 2 knew that the allegations attributable to her in this litigation were false, and intended such false statements to 20be submitted to the Court in pleadings, motions, and affidavits. 21 434. As a result of the conspiracy described herein, Fitzgerald was harmed, 22 including but not limited to, by having to defend against the false allegations and by 23 having his freedom to travel restricted for fear of a false claim of violation of the 24 improper injunction entered in this case. 2526 PRAYER FOR RELIEF WHEREFORE, Defendant prays for judgment as follows: 27 That Plaintiffs' claims be dismissed with prejudice; 1. 28 Jane Doe No. 1-10 v. Daniel S. Fitzgerald, Case No. 2:20-CV-10713

DEFENDANT'S ANSWER TO AMENDED FOURTH AMENDED COMPLAINT

1	2. That judgment be entered in favor of Defendant on all claims set forth					
2	in Counter-Claimant's counterclaims in an amount to be determined at a jury trial;					
3	3. That the costs of this action, including attorneys' and expert fees					
4	along with	pre- and post-j	judgment interest	be awarded against Plaintiffs to the		
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6	4. For such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.			ef as the Court deems just and proper.		
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"He who passively accepts evil is as much involved in it as he who helps to perpetrate it. He who accepts evil without protesting against it is really cooperating with it."

> Woke up to a ton of dms I can't respond to them now I'm in transit also legally I can't disclose everything I want and all the press related emails I will ask my lawyers but Don't you worry I'll reveal EVERYTHING very soon People are going down

> Peter is already in jail since December waiting extradition to America - denied bail several times he might die in jail Danny I hope is next And if anything happens to me (You all know why and I hereby give my Instagram followers my entire Pokémon collection)

Yes I'm receiving death threats And yes the FBI is well aware Danny hired an individual to stalk me & I had to leave the country for my own safety among other reasons

Why would someone go to this great lengths to silence & intimidate another if they aren't guilty or have nothing to hide?...

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be lawsuit, three women, who are referred to as Doe 1, 2 and 5, allege Nygard forced them to have sex with Fitzgerald and that Fitzgerald would bring a female companion to Nygard's parties to have sex with Nygard.



dannyhollywoodhomes @ Babes in football these will be my Super Bowl models at one of the new 15 milliondellar mansions. Casting for models new crop tops and booty shorts with football logo, Just flew into town from Canada just to do the Super Bowl party and hanging at billionaire Peter Nygard mansion on the beach pamper day

I BLOCKED THEM ALL ON SOCIAL MEDIA .. I WILL BE SPEAKING OUT PUBLICLY AGAINST THEIR ILLICIT BEHAVIOR AS I HAVE PERSONALLY BEEN A WITNESS TO SOME EVENTS & I CANNOT STAND FOR THIS TYPE OF BEHAVIOR

Fitzgerald posted about Nygard's pamper parties on his social media. The lawsuit alleges he regularly attended 'pamper parties' at Nygard's Marina del Rey property, which the lawsuit alleges were 'used to facilitate and enable Nygard's sex trafficking.' (Dannyhollywoodhomes/Instagram)

One of the women alleges that in 2018, while she was in a Jacuzzi with Nygard, Fitzgerald and another woman, Nygard forced her to be intimate with big friends sage

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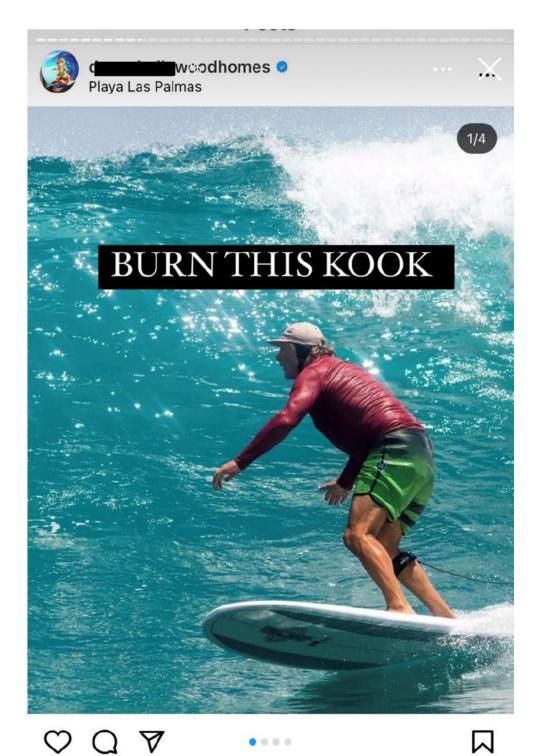


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dannyhollywoodhomes Fun day surfing at 9 Palms, Cabo Photo by @costaazulsurfshop @costa_azul_surfshop @costaazulsurf... more

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