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H.K., by and through his

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF FRESNO UNLIMITED JURISDICTION

H.K., by and through his Guardian Ad Litem, A. K.,

Plaintiff,

VS.

CENTRAL VALLEY TRAINING CENTER, COUNTY OF FRESNO, FRESNO SCHOOL DISTRICT, STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES, CLIFTON ELLIS FULLER and DOES 1 to 50, inclusive.

Defendants.

Case No.: 17CECG02062

COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES FOR:

- 1. ASSAULT:
- 2. BATTERY:
- 3. SEXUAL BATTERY;
- 4. INTENTIONAL INFLICTION OF **EMOTIONAL DISTRESS:**
- 5. NEGLIGENT INFLICTION OF **EMOTIONAL DISTRESS**;
- 6. NEGLIGENT SUPERVISION

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

The following is a complaint for personal injury for damages brought by H. K., by and through his Guardian Ad Litem, A.K. ("Plaintiff"), through their attorneys, The Dolan Law Firm, who allege on information and belief as follows:

PARTIES

1) Plaintiff H.K. is a male, born on December 29, 1997, and he resides in Fresno County and attended CENTRAL VALLEY TRAINING CENTER, during the time the alleged actions occurred.

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H.K., at the time of the loss, was 18 years of age, but due to his disability, functions at a 12 year old mental capacity.

- 2) A.K. AN is H.K.'s father. H.K. has been appointed H.K.'s Guardian Ad Litem to bring this action. Abbreviated last names have been used to protect the minor child's anonymity.
- 3) CENTRAL VALLEY TRAINING CENTER is located at 4018 N. Ann Avenue. Fresno, California, 93727.
- 4) Defendant CENTRAL VALLEY TRAINING CENTER is, and was at all times relevant to this action, an adult daycare that assists those with disabilities and challenging behaviors. CENTRAL VALLEY TRAINING CENTER controls, maintains, and governs the facility where the rape took place. Plaintiffs are informed and believe that CENTRAL VALLEY TRAINING CENTER, at all times relevant, may have been receiving funding from DEFENDANT COUNTY OF FRESNO, FRESNO SCHOOL DISTRICT, and/or the STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES and DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES. DEFENDANT COUNTY OF FRESNO, FRESNO SCHOOL DISTRICT, and/or the STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES and DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES. SERVICES, at all times relevant, exercised control over Defendant CENTRAL VALLEY TRAINING CENTER.
- 5) Defendant CLIFTON ELLIS FULLER ("FULLER") is a male, that was born on November 03, 1980. At the time of the rape, he was 36 years of age, but functioned at the capacity of a 21 year old male. FULLER is attracted to other males, and has sexual relations with them.
- 6) Plaintiffs were required to comply with the claims statute and have complied as described below.
- 7) On or about April 10, 2016 Plaintiffs provided defendants COUNTY OF FRESNO, CENTRAL VALLEY TRAINING CENTER, and THE SATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICE and GENEREAL Services completed government claim forms with a lengthy attachment that described the injuries, losses, and damages suffered the Plaintiffs in full compliance with Government Code Sections 905 and 910. On April 6, 2016 Plaintiffs also provided a Government Claim Form to the FRESNO SCHOOL DISTRICT.

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- 8) As of the time of filing this Complaint, there has been no action taken by the abovementioned Defendants, and to the extent the CENTRAL VALLEY TRAINING CENTER is either owned, and/or controlled by a government entity, Plaintiff believes the claims have been denied or otherwise not acted on.
- 9) The true names and capacities of Defendants sued in the Complaint under the fictitious names of Does 1 through 50, inclusive, are unknown to Plaintiffs who therefore sues such Defendants by such fictitious names. Plaintiffs will amend this complaint to allege their true names and capacities when ascertained.
- 10) At all times mentioned, each of the defendants was acting as the principal or agent and/or employer or employee of each of the remaining defendants and was, at all times herein alleged, acting within the purpose, course, and scope of such agency and/or employment for purposes of respondent superior and/or vicarious liability as to all other defendants.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 11) Venue in this action is proper in the County of Fresno based upon the fact that Defendant CENTRAL VALLEY TRAINING CENTER is located and operates in said County and the subject injury suffered by the Plaintiff occurred within the County of Fresno.
- 12) This court has subject matter jurisdiction of this matter, as the action incorporates an amount in controversy which exceeds the jurisdictional minimum.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 13) On or about November 1, 2015, Defendant CLIFTON ELLIS FULLER asked H.K. to go into the bathroom with him. CLIFTON ELLIS FULLER is known to have sexual tendencies by the school and had previous inappropriate sexual actions towards others.
- 14) Defendant CLIFTON ELLIS FULLER, took H.K. into the same stall, and began to touch his hips and penis. CLIFTON ELLIS FULLER then forcibly anally raped H.K. H.K. was found sweaty and shaking in the stall hiding. CLIFTON ELLIS FULLER was defensive when found in the stall and questioned by staff. H.K. had a rape kit taken, and was interviewed by the police. H.K. contracted anal herpes as a result of the anal rape.

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- 15) At all times relevant to this action H.K. was a student at CENTRAL VALLEY TRAINING CENTER.
- 16) Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon allege CENTRAL VALLEY TRAINING CENTER had a policy to monitor and supervise the disabled students, and not to allow them to use the bathroom facilities in groups.
- 17) Plaintiff entrusted CENTRAL VALLEY TRAINING CENTER to teach, instruct, care for, and keep safe H. K. in a manner that would not cause him harm. This includes, but is not limited to, keeping H.K. safe from sexual assault, emotional distress, and neglect.
- 18) CENTRAL VALLEY TRAINING CENTER knew or should have known of CLIFTON ELLIS FULLER's sexual predatory nature.
- 19) CENTRAL VALLEY TRAINING CENTER knew or should have known CLIFTON ELLIS FULLER should not have been allowed to go to the bathroom with H.K., given his sexual predatory nature and previous attacks.
- 20) Plaintiffs thereby believe and allege that CENTRAL VALLEY TRAINING CENTER had improper and/or a lacked a system in place to protect students on the campus.
- 21) Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereon allege that CENTRAL VALLEY TRAINING CENTER failed to enforce its own policy, which directly lead to the rape of H.K.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

- (Against Defendant CLIFTON ELLIS FULLER) 22) Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 21 inclusively as if
- fully set forth herein. 23) CLIFTON ELLIS FULLER intentionally acted in manner that made Plaintiff H.K. reasonably
- anticipate he would imminently be touched in a harmful or offensive manner.
 - 24) H.K. reasonably believed he was about to be touched in an offensive manner.
- 25) H.K did not consent, and could not consent, to any touching by CLIFTON ELLIS FULLER and was therein assaulted.

- 26) As a result of CLIFTON ELLIS FULLER's actions, Plaintiff H.K. was harmed both physically and emotionally.
- 27) Defendant CLIFTON ELLIS FULLER's conduct was a substantial factor in causing Plaintiff H.K.'s injuries.
- 28) As a direct and proximate result of the unlawful conduct of CLIFTON ELLIS FULLER Plaintiff H.K. suffered injuries and attendant damages including, but not limited to, past and future economic and non-economic damages.
- 29) As a further proximate result of the Defendant CLIFTON ELLIS FULLER's intentional actions, Plaintiff H.K. missed critical education and schooling. He has nightmares and a heightened level of fear and anxiety. Plaintiff believes the above behaviors will continue and that Plaintiff will continue to need additional care in the future.
- 30) The acts of CLIFTON ELLIS FULLER's alleged above were willful, wanton, malicious, outrageous, despicable and oppressive, and justify the awarding of exemplary and punitive damages as to CLIFTON ELLIS FULLER only.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

BATTERY

(Against Defendant CLIFTON ELLIS FULLER)

- 31) Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 30 inclusively, as if fully set forth herein.
- 32) CLIFTON ELLIS FULLER intentionally and repeatedly touched Plaintiff H.K in an offensive manner with the intent to cause harm or offend him
- 33) CLIFTON ELLIS FULLER forcefully grabbed H.K, sexually molested him, and locked him in a bathroom stall.
 - 34) Plaintiff CLIFTON ELLIS FULLER did not consent to this touching.
- 35) Plaintiff H.K. was harmed physically and emotionally. CLIFTON ELLIS FULLER forcibly anally raped H.K.
- 36) A reasonable person, and certainly a reasonable child, in Plaintiff H.K.'s situation would have been offended by said touching.

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- 37) As a direct and proximate result of the unlawful conduct of CLIFTON ELLIS FULLER, Plaintiff suffered injuries and attendant damages including, but not limited to, past and future economic and non-economic damages.
- 38) As a further proximate result of the Defendant CLIFTON ELLIS FULLER's intentional actions, Plaintiff H.K. missed critical education and schooling, and has and continues to have emotional trauma. Plaintiff believes the above behaviors will continue and that Plaintiff will continue to need additional care in the future.
- 39) The acts of CLIFTON ELLIS FULLER, alleged above, were willful, wanton, malicious, outrageous, despicable and oppressive, and justify the awarding of exemplary and punitive damages as to CILFTON ELLIS FULLER only.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

SEXUAL BATTERY
(Against Defendant CLIFTON ELLIS FULLER)

- 40) Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 39 inclusively as if fully set forth herein.
- 41) CLIFTON ELLIS FULLER caused Plaintiff H.K. to be in imminent fear of harmful and sexually offensive contact with his penis and buttocks.
- 42) Defendant CLIFTON ELLIS FULLER intentionally engaged in harmful and sexually offensive contact with H.K.'s private areas of his body.
 - 43) H.K. did not consent to said touching, and could not.
 - 44) H.K. was harmed by the sexually offensive touching.
 - 45) A reasonable person, H.K's situation would have been offended by said touching.
- 46) As a direct and proximate result of the unlawful conduct of CLIFTON ELLIS FULLER, Plaintiff suffered injuries and attendant damages including, but not limited to, past and future economic and non-economic damages.
- 47) As a further proximate result of the Defendant CLIFTON ELLIS FULLER's intentional actions, Plaintiff H.K. missed critical education and schooling. He has nightmares and a heightened level of fear and anxiety. Plaintiff believes the above behaviors will continue and that H.K. will continue to need additional care in the future.

48) The acts of CLIFTON ELLIS FULLER's alleged above were willful, wanton, malicious, outrageous, despicable and oppressive, and justify the awarding of exemplary and punitive damages as to CLIFTON ELLIS FULLER only.

FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION

INTENTIONAL INFLICTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS (Against Defendant CLIFTON ELLIS FULLER)

- 49) Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 48 inclusively as if fully set forth herein.
- 50) Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendant CLIFTON ELLIS FULLER, engaged in conduct that caused Plaintiff to suffer severe emotional distress.
- 51) Defendant CLIFTON ELLIS FULLER engaged in outrageous conduct and intended to cause Plaintiff emotional distress. CLIFTON ELLIS FULLER sexually battered and assaulted Plaintiff H.K. The alleged conduct is extreme and outside the bounds of all decency. CLIFTON ELLIS FULLER acted with reckless disregard of the probability that Plaintiff would suffer emotional distress, knowing that Plaintiff was present when the conduct occurred.
- 52) Plaintiff suffered severe emotional distress as a direct result of Defendant CLIFTON ELLIS FULLER's actions. This includes the sudden development of behaviors including, but not limited to, anxiety surrounding school, general fear of unknown men, fear of sleeping alone, nightmares and a constant desire to be with his family.
- 53) As a direct and proximate result of the intentional infliction of emotional distress caused by CLIFTON ELLIS FULLER, Plaintiff suffered injuries and attendant damages including, but not limited to, past and future economic and non-economic damages.
- 54) As a further proximate result of the intentional infliction of emotional distress H.K. missed critical education and schooling. He has nightmares and a heightened level of fear and anxiety. Plaintiff believes the above behaviors will continue and that H.K. will continue to need additional care in the future.

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55) CLIFTON ELLIS FULLER's actions are outrageous and demonstrate oppression, fraud, or malice as they are a willful and conscious disregard for Plaintiff's health and safety. As a result, Plaintiff is entitled to punitive damages as to CLIFTON ELLIS FULLER only.

FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION

NEGLIGENT INFLICTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS
(Against Defendants CLIFTON ELLIS FULLER, CENTRAL VALLEY TRAINING CENTER.
COUNTY OF FRESNO, FRESNO SCHOOL DISTRICT, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES AND DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL
SERVICES and DOES 1-50)

- 56) Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 55 inclusively as if fully set forth herein.
- 57) Plaintiff H.K. attended and was enrolled at CENTRAL VALLEY TRAINING CENTER at all times relevant to this action. While attending CENTRAL VALLEY TRAINING CENTER, Plaintiff was under the care and supervision of CENTRAL VALLEY TRAINING CENTER.
- 58) Defendants, and each of them, owed Plaintiff H.K. a duty to exercise due care towards H.K. Plaintiff is owed a safe school environment wherein appropriate measures are taken to protect against foreseeable harms.
- 59) Defendants, and each of them, knew or should have known that in failing to exercise due care in the supervision of H.K and all other students at CENTRAL VALLEY TRAINING CENTER would suffer serious emotional distress.
- 60) Defendants, and each of them, engaged in negligent care and treatment of Plaintiff H.K. as alleged in the above causes of action which constituted a breach of said duty of due care.
- 61) H.K has suffered and still suffers serious emotional distress such that he is in counseling and therapy currently and will need said care well into the future. H.K suffered severe anguish, fright, horror, fear, grief, anxiety, shock, humiliation, and shame when he was alone in the restroom and he was forcibly anally raped, while he was unsupervised and wholly alone on the campus with another adult student that had sexual tendencies.
- 62) Defendant CENTRAL VALLY TRAINING CENTER negligence in providing a safe campus, and insuring safety measures were in place when using a restroom and in failing to properly

supervise the students, among other things, were all substantial factors in causing H.K's serious emotional distress.

- 63) Defendant CLIFTON ELLIS FULLER sexually battered and assaulted Plaintiff H.K., who had the mental capacity of a minor. The alleged conduct is extreme and outside the bounds of all decency. CLIFTON ELLIS FULLER acted with reckless disregard of the probability that Plaintiff would suffer emotional distress, knowing that Plaintiff was present when the conduct occurred.
- 64) As a direct and proximate result of the negligent infliction of emotional distress caused by Defendants, and each of them, Plaintiff suffered injuries and attendant damages including, but not limited to, past and future economic and non-economic damages.
- 65) As a further proximate result of the negligent H.K. missed critical education and schooling. He has been in extensive therapy since the abuse. He has nightmares and a heightened level of fear and anxiety. Furthermore, H.K no longer feels safe while at learning environments. Plaintiff believes the above behaviors will continue and that H.K. will continue to need additional care in the future.
- 66) CLIFTON ELLIS FULLER actions are outrageous and demonstrate oppression, fraud, or malice as they are a willful and conscious disregard for Plaintiff's health and safety. As a result, Plaintiff is entitled to punitive damages as to CLIFTON ELLIS FULLER only.

SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION

NEGLIGENT SUPERVISION OF PLAINTIFF
(Against CENTRAL VALLEY TRAINING CENTER, COUNTY OF FRESNO, FRESNO SCHOOL DISTRICT, STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES AND DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES and DOES 1-50)

- 67) Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 66 inclusively as if fully set forth herein.
- 68) CENTRAL VALLEY TRAINING CENTER and its employees have a duty to supervise, at all times, the conduct of students while on campus grounds.
 - 69) There is a duty to use reasonable measures to protect students from foreseeable injury.
- 70) CENTRAL VALLEY TRAINING CENTER knew or should of know that CLIFTON ELLIS FULLER, who was 36 years of age, but had the mental capacity of a 21 year old, and should not have

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been left alone with the Plaintiff, who had the mental capacity of a 12 year old. Further, CENTRAL VALLEY TRAINING CENTER knew or should have known, that CLIFTON ELLIS FULLER had impulse control problems, pervious sexual inappropriate actions and sexual tendencies.

- 71) CENTRAL VALLEY TRAINING CENTER did not detect or *even* notice when two of their students had been gone from the classroom and that H.K had been forcibly anally raped, until after this occurred.
- 72) CENTRAL VALLEY TRAINING CENTER had a duty to supervise the students at all times. CENTRAL VALLEY TRAINING CENTER failed to supervise, at all times, Plaintiff H.K. which left him vulnerable and susceptible to injury and abuse.
- 73) CENTRAL VALLEY TRAINING CENTER and its employees, administration, and supervisory personnel owed a duty to take responsible measures to protect students from injury and abuse from all foreseeable sources.
- 74) Defendants, and each of them, breached the standard of care owed to Plaintiff leaving him vulnerable and susceptible to injury, molestation, and abuse.
- 75) As a direct and proximate result of Defendants, and each of them, negligent failure to supervise the Plaintiff, H.K suffered injuries and attendant damages including, but not limited to, past and future economic and non-economic damages. But for Defendants failure to supervise, Plaintiff H.K would not have suffered the injuries she sustained.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment against Defendants, and each of them, as follows:

- 1. All General Damages shown according to proof;
- 2. All Educational and School related expenses according to proof;
- 3. All mental health and therapy past and future expenses according to proof;
- 4. Punitive and exemplary damages against Defendant CLIFTON ELLIS FULLER and all appropriate defendants;
- 5. Attorney's fees as the prescribed rate as available under the law;

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6. For costs of suit herein incurred; and

7. All other relief as the Court may deem proper.

DATED: June 16, 2017

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