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11 **CITY OF LOS ANGELES**

12 **SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA**
13 **IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

14 **MJ COLLECTIVES LITIGATION**

15 LIBERTY BELL TEMPLE II, INC., a
16 California Religious Corporation et. Al.;
17 Robert Edward Forchion; Fitz Albert Thomas
18 also known as Ali Rasa I; Charquant Leyou;
19 Felicia Estrada; Ote Bell also known as Akim,

20 Plaintiffs,

21 vs.

22 CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a government
23 entity, DOES 1 through 50, inclusive,

24 Defendants.

Case No.: BC433942 (LEAD CASE) and
ALL RELATED ACTIONS

Case No.: BC442491
(Assigned to Hon. Anthony J. Mohr)
Dept.: 309

**DECLARATION OF CECIL MANGRUM
IN SUPPORT OF CITY'S OPPOSITION
TO THE TEMPORARY RESTRAINING
ORDER**

DATE: July 29, 2010

TIME: 10:00 .m.

DEPT. : 309

1 currency. After both transactions, the woman placed the marijuana in a plastic bottle, placed the plastic
2 bottle in a paper bag with the letters "Rx" on the outside, and handed the paper bags to us. While inside,
3 no one engaged us in conversation about the tenets of the Rastafarian religion or Halie Selasie. Nor did
4 I observe any religious services, places where religious services could be led, or gathering places where
5 such services could be had. Based on my training and experience, my opinion is that the Location was
6 physically partitioned and operated like a facility whose sole purpose is to dispense marijuana to walk-in
7 patrons.

8 7. We exited the rear entrance of the Location, and provided a signal to our fellow law
9 enforcement officers that we had purchased a quantity of marijuana. When we exited the Location we
10 were carrying paper bags with the letter "Rx" on the outside, consistent with my prior observations of
11 persons leaving the Location.

12 8. At that time I formed the opinion that the contraband inside of Liberty Bell Temple II was
13 being possessed with the purpose of committing a public offense, specifically violations of the Los
14 Angeles Municipal Code and California Health and Safety Code, specifically illegal marijuana sales.

15 9. I was interviewed by Officer Jaffe (Serial Number 27787) for purposes of writing a search
16 warrant for the Location based on the sale of marijuana to myself and Officer Walden.

17 10. A search warrant for 5642 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, 90028, was signed
18 by the Honorable Frank Johnson on July 14, 2010.

19 11. I returned to 5642 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, with 15 other law
20 enforcement officers from the Los Angeles Police Department ("LAPD") to execute the search warrant.
21 All participating law enforcement officers wore LAPD uniforms, raid jackets, or ballistic vests
22 imprinted with the name "LAPD" or "Police." As a part of executing a search warrant, it is department
23 policy that we wear ballistic vests for police officer safety. Detective Jackson (Serial Number 30772)
24 was not among the law enforcement officers participating in the search warrant at this Location.

25 12. I knocked on the door of 5642 Hollywood Boulevard, and announced "LAPD, search warrant,
26 open the door." All persons were detained at the Location in a calm and orderly manner without incident
27 or use of force.

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PROOF OF SERVICE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA , COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.

I am employed in the County of Los Angeles, State of California. I am over the age of 18 and not a party to this action. My business address is 200 North Main Street, 700 City Hall East, Los Angeles, California 90012.

On July 29, 2010, I instituted service of the foregoing document(s) described as:

DECLARATION OF CECIL MANGRUM IN SUPPORT OF CITY'S OPPOSITION TO THE TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER

on the interested parties by:

Submitting an electronic version of the document(s) via file transfer protocol (FTP) to CaseHomePage through the upload feature at www.casehomepage.com .

BY FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION - I caused the document to be transmitted to the office of the addressee via facsimile machine to the telephone number listed above on the date and time specified on the Transmission Report.

BY PERSONAL SERVICE -(X) I delivered by hand to Plaintiffs' counsel in Department 309, or () I caused to be delivered via messenger service, such envelope to the offices of the addressee with delivery time prior to 5:00 p.m. on the date specified above.

BY ELECTRONIC MAIL- I caused the document to be transmitted to the offices of the addressee via E-mail to the E-mail address listed above prior to 5:00 pm on July 9, 2010.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on July 29, 2010, at Los Angeles, California.



COLLEEN COURTNEY