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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

M.G., G.M., L.A., J.M., L.G., F.B., M.N.,
R.G., L.S., and E.R.,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

METROPOLITAN INTERPRETERS AND
TRANSLATORS, INC., J.C., L.L., R.P.,
M.L., B.A., UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA, EILEEN ZEIDLER, SONDR
HESTER, DAREK KITLINSKI, and
WILLIAM R. SHERMAN,

Defendants.

CASE NO. 12cv0460 JM(MDD)

ORDER DENYING IN PART AND
GRANTING IN PART MOTION TO
DISMISS

This matter comes before the court in response to the court’s March 20, 2013 request for further briefing on whether Plaintiffs may bring a private cause of action against the United States pursuant to the Employee Polygraph Protection Act (“EPPA”), 29 U.S.C. §2001 et seq. (Ct. Dkt. 60). That order also denied the sovereign immunity motion brought by Defendants United States of America, Eileen Zeidler, Sondra Hester, Darek Kitlinski, and William R. Sherman (collectively the “Federal Defendants”). Plaintiffs M.G., G.M., L.A., J.M., L.G., F.B., M.N., R.G., L.S., and E.R. (collectively “Plaintiffs”) oppose the motion. Pursuant to Local Rule 7.1(d)(1), the court finds this matter appropriate for decision without oral argument. For the reasons set forth below, the court denies the motion to dismiss the EPPA claims and grants the

1 motion to dismiss the individual Federal Defendants from this action.

2 **BACKGROUND**

3 On October 10, 2012, Plaintiffs filed the operative Second Amended Complaint
4 (“SAC”) alleging nine causes of action: (1) violation of EPPA, 29 U.S.C. §2002(1); (2)
5 violation of EPPA, 29 U.S.C. §2002(2); (3) violation of EPPA, 29 U.S.C. §2002(3); (4)
6 civil conspiracy; (5) fraud; (6) negligent misrepresentation; (7) intentional infliction
7 of emotional distress; (8) negligence; and (9) permanent injunction and other equitable
8 relief. Plaintiffs allege jurisdiction based upon federal question jurisdiction, 28 U.S.C.
9 §1331 and 29 U.S.C. §2001 et seq., and supplemental jurisdiction over the state law
10 claims pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1367(a). (SAC ¶¶1, 2). Defendants Eileen Zeidler,
11 Sondra Hester, Darek Kitlinski, and William R. Sherman are employees of the Drug
12 Enforcement Agency (“DEA”).

13 Plaintiffs’ claims relate to their employment as linguists with Metropolitan
14 Interpreters and Translators, Inc. (“Metropolitan”). Defendants J.C., L.L., R.P., M.L.,
15 and B.A. are employees of Metropolitan. (SAC ¶¶7-11). Metropolitan provides
16 translation, transcription and interpretation services to the law enforcement community,
17 government agencies, and private corporations. (SAC ¶18). Plaintiffs provide the
18 following summary of their case:

19 In 2011, Metropolitan and DEA requested, required and demanded that
20 all linguists working in their San Diego and Imperial County offices take
21 polygraph exams. Defendant B.A., the Metropolitan site supervisor in San
22 Diego, made all arrangements for Plaintiffs take the DEA administered
23 polygraph exams as a condition of employment. If the employees “failed”
24 or refused the test, or had inconclusive results, they would lose their
25 “clearance” to be in the DEA offices, meaning that they would be
26 terminated from their jobs.

27 Metropolitan was not conducting an investigation involving
28 economic loss to Metropolitan. Nor did Metropolitan have any
individualized suspicion that any of the Plaintiffs had committed a crime
or engaged in wrongdoing. Rather, Defendants imposed the blanket
requirement that every linguist in San Diego and Imperial County take
polygraphs. Defendants provided no written material to Plaintiffs which
explained the purpose of these mandatory tests nor the basis for any
investigation or suspicion; nor did Defendants give written notice of the
employees’ rights under federal and state law.

One of the polygraphists, Defendant Eileen Zeidler, asked grossly

1 inappropriate and personal questions to some of the Plaintiffs. These
2 questions were demeaning and humiliating. DEA agents pressured
3 Plaintiffs into “telling the truth” or accused Plaintiffs of lying. Agents
escorted Plaintiffs out of the building in a humiliating fashion after they
“failed” the polygraph.

4 The polygraph testing in this case was prohibited by the Employee
5 Polygraph Protection Act of 1988, 29 U.S.C. §§ 2001, et seq. (“EPPA”)
6 Defendants effectively terminated Plaintiffs from their employment either
for “failing” the polygraph test, having an inconclusive test result, or
refusing to submit to the examination.

7 (SAC at pp. 2:8-3:2).

8 According to Plaintiffs, in 2011, they were informed by Metropolitan that they
9 would be discharged if they failed the polygraph exam, refused the exam, or provided
10 inconclusive test results. (SAC ¶38). The DEA not only allegedly requested and
11 demanded the polygraph tests, but planned, designed, administered and executed them
12 as well. (SAC ¶40). Metropolitan scheduled and coordinated the exams of its
13 employees. (SAC ¶38). The Metropolitan Defendants allegedly instructed its
14 “employees that they were not to discuss the polygraph with any DEA employee” and
15 to direct any questions regarding the polygraph only to Metropolitan. (SAC ¶48).

16 With respect to each Plaintiff, the SAC alleges as follows:

17 • Plaintiff M.G. On July, 6, 2011, Defendant B.A. instructed M.G. that
18 he was required to take a polygraph examination. No one provided M.G.
19 any written materials regarding the examination. M.G.'s polygraph exam
20 lasted four hours. After the examination, Metropolitan terminated his
21 employment. (SAC ¶ 63).

22 • Plaintiff F.M. On July 8, 2011, Defendant B.A. told F.M. he needed to
23 come to work the next day to take a polygraph examination. The next
24 day, July 9, 2011, F.M. was subjected to an approximately four hour
25 polygraph exam. The polygrapher asked personal questions regarding
26 F.M.'s past relationships and financial situation. The polygrapher told
27 F.M. that he had neither passed nor failed the exam. F.M. was later
28 escorted out of the building and his badge was taken away. Metropolitan

1 discharged F.M. from employment. (SAC ¶ 64).

2 • Plaintiff L.A. Defendant B.A. told L.A. that she was to take a
3 polygraph test on August 29, 2011. On August 10, 2011, however, B.A.
4 told L.A. that she would have to take the exam the next day, August 11,
5 2011. No one provided L.A. any written material regarding the polygraph
6 examination. During the pre-test phase of the examination, the
7 polygrapher asked L.A. if she had engaged in sexual activity with
8 animals. L.A.'s examination lasted approximately five hours and she was
9 told that she did not pass the exam. L.A. was terminated from her
10 employment with Metropolitan. (SAC ¶ 66).

11 • Plaintiff J.M. On August 1, 2011, J.M.'s shift supervisor gave him a
12 letter instructing him to submit to a polygraph test on August 22, 2011.
13 No one provided J.M. with any other written documentation about the
14 examination. The examination lasted approximately four hours and
15 included a question regarding his sexual conduct and whether he cheated
16 on his partner. The polygrapher told J.M. he failed one question and
17 asked J.M. to submit to a retest. J.M. agreed. No one set up a retest and
18 Metropolitan thereafter terminated J.M. (SAC ¶ 67).

19 • Plaintiff L.G. Defendant B.A. told L.G. that she was required to take
20 a polygraph test on September 13, 2011. On Tuesday August 30, 2011,
21 Defendant B.A. arbitrarily changed the date to September 2, 2011, via text
22 message. On September 2, 2011, L.G. submitted to a three hour
23 polygraph examination. L.G. was informed she "failed" the test. She took
24 the test again the next day for another three hours and again was told that
25 she had "failed." Plaintiff L.G. worked at the ICE office which did not
26 request or require a polygraph examination. In December of 2011,
27 Metropolitan advised ICE of L.G.'s polygraph results. Metropolitan
28 effectively discharged L.G. in December of 2011. (SAC ¶ 68).

1 • Plaintiff F.B. On August 2, 2011, a Metropolitan shift supervisor gave
2 F.B. a facsimile notifying him that he was scheduled for a polygraph on
3 September 30, 2011. No one provided any other documents related to the
4 polygraph. On August 30, 2011, Defendant B.A. sent F.B. a text message
5 informing him that his polygraph was rescheduled. On September 9,
6 2011, Defendant B.A. sent F.B. a text message informing F.B. his new
7 examination date was on September 14, 2011. F.B. submitted to a
8 polygraph test on that date. The test lasted approximately four hours. He
9 was asked personal questions, including whether he ever received
10 treatment from a mental health practitioner. The polygrapher told F.B. he
11 "failed" the exam, and thereafter Metropolitan discharged him. (SAC ¶
12 69).

13 • Plaintiff M.N. Defendant B.A. told M.N. via text message that she was
14 to take a polygraph test on September 15, 2011. M.N. provided a written
15 statement to the DEA agent declining to take the polygraph test because
16 the test violated the Employment Polygraph Protection Act ("EPPA").
17 Metropolitan fired her because she declined to take the test. (SAC ¶ 72).

18 • Plaintiff R.G. In the summer of 2011, Defendant B.A. told R.G. verbally
19 that he would have to submit to a polygraph examination on a later date.
20 R.G. grew concerned because he found out that employees who had been
21 subjected to testing were called liars during the examinations. On or
22 about November 6, 2011, R.G. informed Defendant B.A. that he was not
23 going to take the examination. R.G. worked at the ICE office at that time,
24 which did not request or require Metropolitan employees to take a
25 polygraph examination. On December 21, 2011, while working at the
26 ICE office, R.G. was informed that he was required to leave the site after
27 he finished his shift. Defendant L.L. notified R.G. that he was to return
28 his identification card. R.G. contacted Defendant B.A. regarding L.L.'s

1 instructions and B.A. expressed regret that R.G. would no longer be
2 working at Metropolitan. (SAC ¶ 73).

3 • Plaintiff L.S. On September 9, 2011, Defendant B.A. informed L.S. via
4 text message that his polygraph was scheduled on September 15, 2011.
5 Defendant B.A. also gave additional instructions about what to eat and
6 wear on the examination day. On September 12, 2011, a supervisor told
7 L.S. that his exam would be rescheduled. On November 4, 2011, B.A.
8 informed L.S. via text that his polygraph was scheduled for the upcoming
9 Wednesday. B.A. also instructed him to eat before the exam. On
10 November 8, 2011, B.A. sent L.S. a text message canceling the test. Later
11 that day, B.A. called L.S. and told him to take the polygraph on November
12 22, 2011. On November 16, 2011, B.A. cancelled the polygraph via email.
13 B.A. stated he would contact L.S. as soon as the polygrapher gave B.A.
14 available dates. The next day, November 17, 2011, B.A. told L.S. that she
15 would be taking the polygraph on November 22, 2011, after all. On
16 November 22, 2011, B.A. sent a text to L.S. rescheduling the polygraph
17 test for the next day. L.S. submitted to the polygraph examination the next
18 day, November 23, 2011. An hour after finishing the exam, B.A. called
19 L.S. and told her to give her badge to her supervisor and leave the
20 building. (SAC ¶ 74).

21 • Plaintiff E.R. On March 12, 2012, Defendant B.A. told E.R. his
22 polygraph had been scheduled on March 18, 2012, B.A. requested that
23 E.R. go to the DEA office to submit to testing. E.R. had worked
24 exclusively for ICE. (SAC ¶ 76).

25 On July 18, 2012, Judge Dana M. Sabraw granted in part and denied in part the
26 motion to dismiss the First Amended Complaint filed by Defendants Metropolitan, J.C.,
27 L.L., R.P., M.L., and B.A. (Ct. Dkt. 20). Upon amendment, the Federal Defendants
28 were joined as parties in the SAC. Shortly after this case was transferred to this court,

1 on January 28, 2013, the court ordered the substitution of the United States for the
2 individual Federal Defendants pursuant to the Federal Employees Liability Reform and
3 Tort Compensation Act of 1988 (“FTCA”), Section 6, 28 U.S.C. §2678(d)(1).¹ (Ct.
4 Dkt. 47).

5 On March 20, 2013, the court denied the Government’s motion to dismiss the
6 SAC based upon several sovereign immunity arguments and requested further briefing
7 on whether EPPA affords Plaintiffs a private right of action against the Government.

8 DISCUSSION

9 Legal Standards

10 Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b)(6) dismissal is proper only in
11 "extraordinary" cases. United States v. Redwood City, 640 F.2d 963, 966 (9th Cir.
12 1981). Courts should grant 12(b)(6) relief only where a plaintiff's complaint lacks a
13 "cognizable legal theory" or sufficient facts to support a cognizable legal theory.
14 Balistreri v. Pacifica Police Dept., 901 F.2d 696, 699 (9th Cir. 1990). Courts should
15 dismiss a complaint for failure to state a claim when the factual allegations are
16 insufficient “to raise a right to relief above the speculative level.” Bell Atlantic Corp
17 v. Twombly, 550 U.S. 544, 555 (2007) (the complaint’s allegations must “plausibly
18 suggest[]” that the pleader is entitled to relief); Ashcroft v. Iqbal, 129 S.Ct. 1937
19 (2009) (under Rule 8(a), well-pleaded facts must do more than permit the court to infer
20 the mere possibility of misconduct). “The plausibility standard is not akin to a
21 ‘probability requirement,’ but it asks for more than a sheer possibility that a defendant
22 has acted unlawfully.” Id. at 1949. Thus, “threadbare recitals of the elements of a
23 cause of action, supported by mere conclusory statements, do not suffice.” Id. The
24 defect must appear on the face of the complaint itself. Thus, courts may not consider
25 extraneous material in testing its legal adequacy. Levine v. Diamantheset, Inc., 950
26 F.2d 1478, 1482 (9th Cir. 1991). The courts may, however, consider material properly

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28 ¹ On February 25, 2013, Plaintiffs voluntarily dismissed their claims against Defendant L.L.
(Ct. Dkt. 55).

1 submitted as part of the complaint. Hal Roach Studios, Inc. v. Richard Feiner and Co.,
2 896 F.2d 1542, 1555 n.19 (9th Cir. 1989).

3 Finally, courts must construe the complaint in the light most favorable to the
4 plaintiff. Concha v. London, 62 F.3d 1493, 1500 (9th Cir. 1995), cert. dismissed, 116
5 S. Ct. 1710 (1996). Accordingly, courts must accept as true all material allegations in
6 the complaint, as well as reasonable inferences to be drawn from them. Holden v.
7 Hagopian, 978 F.2d 1115, 1118 (9th Cir. 1992). However, conclusory allegations of
8 law and unwarranted inferences are insufficient to defeat a Rule 12(b)(6) motion. In
9 Re Syntex Corp. Sec. Litig., 95 F.3d 922, 926 (9th Cir. 1996).

10 **The EPPA Claims**

11 The parties dispute whether Plaintiffs, all employees of Metropolitan, may
12 maintain a private right of action against the United States. EPPA provides certain
13 employees with a limited private right of action against their employers. In pertinent
14 part, EPPA provides:

15 **(c) Private civil actions.** (1) Liability. An employer who violates this
16 chapter shall be liable to the employee or prospective employee affected
17 by such violation. Such employer shall be liable for such legal or
18 equitable relief as may be appropriate, including, but not limited to,
19 employment, reinstatement, promotion, and the payment of lost wages and
20 benefits.

21 (2) Court. An action to recover the liability prescribed in paragraph (1)
22 may be maintained against the employer in any Federal or State court of
23 competent jurisdiction by an employee or prospective employee for or on
24 behalf of such employee, prospective employee, and other employees or
25 prospective employees similarly situated. No such action may be
26 commenced more than 3 years after the date of the alleged violation.

27 (3) Costs. The court, in its discretion, may allow the prevailing party
28 (other than the United States) reasonable costs, including attorney's fees.

29 U.S.C. §2005(c).

30 The term “‘employer’ includes any person acting directly or indirectly in the
31 interest of an employer in relation to an employee or prospective employee.” 29 U.S.C.
32 §2001(2). Plaintiffs allege that the United States is liable under this provision because

1 the Federal Defendants “participated in the violation by terminating security clearances
2 of Plaintiffs; authorizing and requesting the polygraph testing; and coordinating the
3 discharge of Plaintiffs from employment.” (SAC ¶106).

4 Plaintiffs urge the court to apply the so-called “economic reality test” adopted
5 by the Fifth and Tenth Circuits. Reasoning that the employer definition in EPPA is
6 similar to that found in the Fair Labor Standards Act (“FLSA”) and the Family and
7 Medical Leave Act (“FMLA”), the Fifth Circuit applied the so-called “economic reality
8 test.”

9 When examining the degree of control necessary to treat a polygraph
10 examiner as an employer for purposes of the EPPA, district courts have
11 considered whether the examiner (1) decided that a polygraph
12 examination should be administered; (2) decided which employee would
13 be examined; (3) provided expertise or advice to the employer regarding
14 compliance with the EPPA's requirements, or the employer relied on the
15 examiner to ensure compliance; or (4) decided whether the examined
16 employee would be subjected to disciplinary action, or merely reported
17 the results of the polygraph examination to the employer.

18 Calbillo v. Cavender Oldsmobile, Inc., 288 F.3d 721, 727 (5th Cir. 2002). These
19 circuits reasoned that the meaning of “employer” under the “FLSA includes those who,
20 as a matter of economic reality, exercise some degree of control over an employee’s
21 term and conditions of employment.” Id. at 727.²

22 The court concludes that the economic realities test as applied to private parties
23 in such cases as Calbillo, 288 F.3d 721, and Fernandez v. Mora-San Miguel Elec. Co-
24 op., Inc., 462 F.3d 1244 (10th Cir. 2006), does not readily translate to circumstances
25 where the Government may be acting in the public interest. In Calbillo, the employer,
26 Cavender Oldsmobile, Inc., hired Allied Polygraph Services, Inc. (“Allied”) to
27 investigate the workplace theft of products from its parts department. An employee of
28 Allied interviewed several employees and was involved in the decision to interview the
plaintiff. However, there was insufficient evidence to show that Allied’s employee was

² Even if the economics reality test were to apply under the circumstances, the court concludes that development of a factual record is a prerequisite to determining the applicability of the economics reality test.

1 involved in the decision to require the suspected wrongdoer employee to undergo a
2 polygraph examination. The Fifth Circuit affirmed summary judgment in favor of
3 Allied, and against the plaintiff-employee, on the EPPA claims. In Calbillo there was
4 no governmental involvement.

5 In Fernandez, the employer suspected employee theft of an air compressor from
6 its storage yard. The employer then contacted Lucero Professional Services (“LPS”)
7 and requested that it perform polygraph tests on some of its employees. LPS informed
8 the employer that it would not test the employees but would do so if requested in
9 conjunction with a criminal investigation. Shortly thereafter the New Mexico Fourth
10 Judicial District Attorney’s Office (“DAO”) requested that LPS conduct the polygraph
11 examinations. The employer set the schedule for the employee examinations and LPS
12 conducted the polygraphs. However, LPS would not disclose the results to the
13 employer, only the DAO. The DAO released the results to the employer and two
14 employees were terminated. The Tenth Circuit affirmed the dismissal of the EPPA
15 claims against LPS and the DAO.³ In both these cases, the polygraph experts were
16 retained to advance the private interests of the employer. In both Fernandez and
17 Calbillo, the underlying question was whether the polygrapher qualified to be treated
18 as an “employer” within the meaning of EPPA, a question not before this court.⁴

19 The FLSA authorities are also instructive on the application of the economic
20 reality test. FLSA cases typically involve resolution of the degree of control exercised
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22 ³ The claims against DAO were dismissed based upon state law sovereign immunity principles.

23 ⁴ The Government highlights that EPPA’s definition of “employer” is different than that in the
24 FLSA and the FMLA because the definition in these statutes specifically includes the Government
25 whereas EPPA does not. For example, the FLSA provides:

25 (d) “Employer” includes any person acting directly or indirectly in the interest of an
26 employer in relation to an employee or prospective employee and includes a public
27 agency (meaning the United States).

27 29 U.S.C. §203(d). The Government argues that the FLSA was amended to specifically include the
28 definition of employer “includes a public agency.” Thompson v. Sawyer, 678 F.2d 257, 263 (D.C. Cir.
1982). This amendment, the Government argues, demonstrates that public agencies should not be
included as employer for purposes of EPPA.

1 by a purported employer over the employee. “To determine whether an individual or
2 entity is an employer, the court considers whether the alleged employer: ‘(1) possessed
3 the power to hire and fire employees; (2) supervised or controlled employee work
4 schedules or conditions of employment; (3) determined the rate or method of payment;
5 and (4) maintained employee records.’” Gray v. Powets, 673 F.3d 352, 355 (5th Cir.
6 2012) (quoting Williams v. Henagan, 595 F.3d 610, 615 (5th Cir.2010)). “The
7 dominant theme in the case law is that those who have operating control over
8 employees within companies may be individually liable for FLSA violations committed
9 by the companies.” Id. at 357. Under this view, whether the DEA exercised
10 operational control over Plaintiffs’ conditions of employment presents a question of
11 fact.⁵

12 The statutory definition of “employer” extends to those “acting directly or
13 indirectly in the interest of an employer in relation to an employee or prospective
14 employee.” 29 U.S.C. §2001(2). Plaintiffs have properly pled sufficient facts giving
15 rise to the plausible inference that the DEA was acting in the interests of Metropolitan
16 by requiring the polygraphs in questions. Plaintiffs have also pled that the DEA was
17 acting in concert with Metropolitan and involved with the policies and procedures for
18 the administration of the polygraphs. At this early stage in the litigation process, the
19 court denies the motion to dismiss, noting that the issues raised are better addressed in
20 the context of an evidentiary motion or at trial.

21 Parenthetically, the court notes that the EPPA statutory scheme provides
22 exemptions from EPPA for certain governmental agencies “in the performance of any
23 counterintelligence function[s]” and for purposes of criminal investigation. 29 U.S.C.
24 §§2006(b) - (c). To that end, the statute specifically permits the following agencies to
25 require a contractor’s employees, consultants, or experts to submit to polygraph
26 examination: the Department of Defense, the Department of Energy, the National
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28 ⁵ The court notes that 48 C.F.R. §37.104(c) may limit the Government’s ability to exercise continuous supervision and control over a contracted employee.

1 Security Agency, the Defense Intelligence Agency, the National Imagery and Mapping
2 Agency, the Central Intelligence Agency, the Federal Bureau of Investigation or any
3 other department or agency whose duties involve access to top secret information
4 classified at the level of top secret or designated as being with a special access program
5 under Executive Order 12356, or successor orders. 29 U.S.C. §2006(b). While the
6 DEA may engage in certain intelligence and counterintelligence activities with respect
7 to international drug trafficking organizations, as well as criminal investigations, it is
8 not specifically listed as an exempt public agency nor does the Government argue that
9 the DEA’s “duties involve access to information that has been classified at the level of
10 top secret.” 29 U.S.C. §2006(b)(2)(B).

11 In sum, the court denies the motion to dismiss the EPPA claims against the DEA.

12 **The Claims Against the Individual Federal Defendants**

13 The Government also moves for dismissal of the individual Federal Defendants
14 pursuant to the Federal Employees Liability Reform and Tort Compensation Act, 28
15 U.S.C. §2671 et seq. (FTCA”). Under the FTCA, “a federal employee is immune from
16 suit upon certification of the Attorney General that the employee was acting within the
17 scope of his employment.” Pauly v. U.S. Dep’t of Agriculture, 348 F.3d 1143, 1150-51
18 (9th Cir. 2003); 28 U.S.C. § 2679(d)(1). There are two exceptions: where the
19 allegations involve violations of the United States Constitution or violations of a
20 federal statute that itself authorizes an action against the individual. Hamad v. Gates,
21 2011 WL 6130413, *8 (W.D. Wash. Dec. 8, 2011); 28 U.S.C. § 2679(b)(2). Upon
22 certification by the Attorney General, the United States shall be substituted as the
23 defendant and the government employee dismissed from the suit. Kashin v. Kent, 457
24 F.3d 1033, 1036-37 (9th Cir. 2006). “Any other civil action or proceeding for money
25 damages arising out of or relating to the same subject matter against the employee or
26 the employee’s estate is precluded without regard to when the act or omission
27 occurred.” 28 U.S.C. § 2679(b)(1).


28 Here, the court grants the motion to dismiss the individual Federal Defendants

1 because the Government certifies that the individual federal defendants “were acting
2 within the scope of their federal employment at the time of the incidents giving rise to
3 this suit.” (Ct. Dkt. 47 at p.1:25-28).

4 In sum, the court denies the motion to dismiss the EPPA claims and grants the
5 motion to dismiss all claims against the Federal Defendants.

6 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

7 DATED: August 8, 2013

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9 Hon. Jeffrey T. Miller
United States District Judge

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