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 10 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
 11 **CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA**

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13 MICHAEL LEWIS, Individually and as
 Administrator of the Estate of KEVIN LEWIS,
 14 Deceased; MICHAEL LEWIS as Guardian Ad
 Litem of LUKE ARTHUR LEWIS, a minor,
 15 and EMBER LYNN LEWIS, a minor, as heirs
 of the Estate of KEVIN LEWIS, Deceased,

CASE NO. 2;21-cv-1128-APG-VCF
**STIPULATED CONFIDENTIALITY
 AGREEMENT AND PROTECTIVE
 ORDER**

16 Plaintiff,

17 vs.

18 CITY OF HENDERSON, NEVADA, a
 19 political subdivision of the State of Nevada;
 HENDERSON POLICE DEPARTMENT, a
 20 political subdivision of the State of Nevada;
 THEDRICK ANDRES, individually and as
 21 policy maker and Chief of CITY OF
 HENDERSON POLICE DEPARTMENT;
 22 DOE HENDERSON POLICE OFFICERS I
 through X; LAS VEGAS METROPOLITAN
 23 POLICE DEPARTMENT, a political
 subdivision of the State of Nevada; SHERIFF
 24 JOE LOMBARDO, individually and as policy
 maker of LAS VEGAS METROPOLITAN
 25 POLICE DEPARTMENT; DOE LAS VEGAS
 METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
 26 OFFICERS, I through X; DOES I through X;
 and ROE ENTITIES, I through X, inclusive,

27 Defendants.
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1 **STIPULATED CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER**

2 The parties to this action, by their respective counsel, having agreed to the following, and
3 for good cause shown pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P 26(c)(1), IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

4 **1. PURPOSES AND LIMITATIONS.**

5 Disclosure and discovery activity in this action may involve production of confidential,
6 proprietary, or private information for which special protection from public disclosure may be
7 warranted pursuant to Rule 26(c)(1) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The parties
8 acknowledge that this Order does not confer blanket protections on all disclosures or responses to
9 discovery and that the protection it affords extends only to the limited information or items that
10 are entitled under law to treatment as confidential.

11 **2. SCOPE.**

12 All documents produced in the course of discovery, all responses to discovery requests,
13 and all deposition testimony and exhibits and any other materials which may be subject to
14 discovery (hereinafter collectively “Discovery Material”) shall be subject to this stipulated
15 protective order concerning confidential information as set forth below. Any party, or any third
16 party who produces documents in this litigation, may designate documents as Confidential but
17 only after review of the documents by an attorney who has, in good faith, determined that the
18 documents contain “Confidential Information,” as defined below, and pursuant to the procedure
19 set forth below.

20 **3. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.**

21 “Confidential Information” shall mean information meriting special protection under the
22 Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and applicable case law. Confidential Information does not
23 include information that: (a) is in the public domain at the time of disclosure; (b) becomes part of
24 the public domain through no fault of the Receiving Party; (c) the Receiving Party can show was
25 in its rightful and lawful possession at the time of disclosure; or (d) the Receiving Party lawfully
26 receives from a Non-party later without restriction as to disclosure.

27 **4. OTHER DEFINITIONS.**

28 Party: any party to this action, including all of its officers, directors, agents, and attorney(s)

1 of record for a Party in this action (including their associates, paralegals, and support/clerical
2 staff).

3 Non-party: any individual, corporation, association, or natural person or entity other than a
4 party.

5 Protected Material: any Discovery Material containing Confidential Information that is
6 designated by a Party or Non-party as “CONFIDENTIAL,” unless the Receiving Party challenges
7 the confidentiality designation and (a) the Court decides such material is not entitled to protection
8 as confidential; (b) the Designating Party fails to apply the Court for an order designating the
9 material confidential within the time period specified below; or (c) the Designating Party
10 withdraws its confidentiality designation in writing.

11 Producing Party: a Party or Non-party that produces Discovery Material in this action.

12 Receiving Party: a Party that receives Discovery Material from a Producing Party.

13 Designating Party: a Party or Non-party that designates Discovery Material as
14 “CONFIDENTIAL”. The Party or Non-party designating information or items as Protected
15 Material bears the burden of establishing good cause for the confidentiality of all such items.

16 Challenging Party: a party that elects to initiate a challenge to a Designating Party’s
17 confidentiality designation.

18 **5. FORM AND TIMING OF DESIGNATION.**

19 Protected Material shall be so designated by the Producing Party by placing or affixing the
20 word “CONFIDENTIAL” on the document in a manner which will not interfere with the legibility
21 of the document and which will permit complete removal of the “Confidential” designation.
22 Documents shall be designated “Confidential” prior to, or contemporaneously with, the production
23 or disclosure of the documents.

24 A Designating Party must exercise restraint and make good faith efforts to limit
25 CONFIDENTIAL designations to specific materials that qualify for protection under the
26 appropriate standard. Further, a Designating Party must use good faith efforts to designate for
27 protection only those parts of material, documents, items, or communications that qualify – so that
28 other portions of the materials, documents, items, or communications for which protection is not

1 warranted are not swept unjustifiably within the ambit of this Order. If only a portion or portions
2 of materials on a page or within a document merit protection, a Producing Party must so indicate
3 by making appropriate markings in the margins but not over text.

4 A Producing Party that makes original documents or materials available for inspection
5 need not designate them for protection until after the inspecting Party has indicated which material
6 it would like copied and produced. During the inspection and before the designation, all of the
7 material made available for inspection shall be deemed “Confidential.” After the inspecting Party
8 has identified the documents it wants copied and produced, the Producing Party must determine
9 which documents, or portions thereof, qualify for protection under this Order, and, before
10 producing the specified documents, the Producing Party must affix the appropriate legend on each
11 page that contains Protected Material. If only a portion or portions of the material on a page
12 qualifies for protection, the Producing Party also must clearly identify the protected
13 portion(s) (*e.g.*, by making appropriated markings in the margins or by redacting protected
14 portions).

15 Portions of depositions shall be designated Confidential when the deposition is taken or
16 within fourteen (14) business days after receipt of the transcript, if feasible. Such designation shall
17 be specific as to the portions to be protected. A Designating Party must exercise restraint and
18 make good faith efforts to limit “CONFIDENTIAL” designations to specific materials that qualify
19 for protection under the appropriate standards.

20 Inadvertent or unintentional production of Protected Material without prior designation as
21 “Confidential” shall not be deemed a waiver, in whole or in part, of the right to designate
22 documents as Protected Material as otherwise allowed by this Order. Further, a Party may assert
23 that disclosures or discovery material produced by another Party constitute Protected Material by
24 informing the opposing Party by following the procedures set forth herein for a Designated Party.

25 **6. Protection of PROTECTED Material.**

26 **a. General Protections.** Protected Material shall not be used or disclosed by the parties or
27 counsel for the parties or any other persons identified below (¶ 6(b)) for any purposes whatsoever
28 other than preparing for and conducting litigation in the above-entitled action (including any

1 appeal).

2 **b. Qualified Receiving Parties and Limited Third Party Disclosures.** Protected

3 Material shall be held in confidence by each qualified Receiving Party to whom it is disclosed,
4 shall be used only for purposes of this action, and shall not be disclosed to any person who is not a
5 qualified recipient. All Protected Material shall be carefully maintained so as to preclude access by
6 persons who are not qualified Receiving Parties.

7 Subject to these requirements, in addition to Parties and the Court, the following categories
8 of persons may be allowed to review Protected Material pursuant to this Order after executing an
9 acknowledgment (in the form set forth at Exhibit A hereto), that he or she has read and
10 understands the terms of this Order and is bound by it:

- 11 (1) Any officers, directors, or designated employees of a Party deemed
12 necessary by counsel of record in this action to aid in the prosecution,
13 defense, or settlement of this action;
- 14 (2) Professional outside vendors for attorneys of record (such as copying
15 services and translators and interpreters),
- 16 (3) Court reporters, deposition notaries and staff;
- 17 (4) The author of any document designated as CONFIDENTIAL or the original
18 source of Confidential Information contained therein;
- 19 (5) Persons other than legal counsel who have been retained or specially
20 employed by a party as an expert witness for purposes of this lawsuit or to
21 perform investigative work or fact research;
- 22 (6) Deponents during the course of their depositions;
- 23 (7) Counsel for issuers of insurance policies under which any issuer may be
24 liable to satisfy part or all of a judgment that may be entered in these
25 proceedings or indemnify or reimburse payments or costs associated with
26 these proceedings;
- 27 (8) Any private mediator or arbitrator appointed by the Court or selected by
28 mutual agreement of the parties and the mediator or arbitrator's secretarial

1 and clerical personnel;

2 (9) Any other person as to whom the Producing Party has consented to
3 disclosure in advance and in writing, on notice to each Party hereto.

4 **c. Control of Documents.** Counsel for Parties shall take reasonable efforts to prevent
5 unauthorized disclosure of Protected Material pursuant to the terms of this Order. No copies of
6 Protected Material shall be made except by or on behalf of attorneys of record, in-house counsel or
7 the parties in this action.

8 **d. Copies.** Any person making copies of Protected Material shall maintain all copies
9 within their possession or the possession of those entitled to access to such information under the
10 Protective Order. All copies shall be immediately affixed with the designation
11 “CONFIDENTIAL” if the word does not already appear on the copy. All such copies shall be
12 afforded the full protection of this Order.

13 **7. UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE.**

14 If a Receiving Party learns that, by inadvertence or otherwise, it has disclosed Protected
15 Material to any person or in any circumstance not authorized under this Stipulated Protective
16 Order, the Receiving Party must immediately (a) notify in writing the Designating Party of the
17 unauthorized disclosures, (b) use its best efforts to retrieve all copies of the Protected Material, (c)
18 inform the person or persons to whom unauthorized disclosures were made of all the terms of this
19 Order, and (d) request such person or persons to execute the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to
20 Be Bound by Stipulated Protective Order” (Exhibit A).

21 **8. Filing PROTECTED Material**

22 The Parties shall follow Rule 10-5 of the Local Rules of Practice for the U.S. District
23 Court of Nevada, and must file documents under seal under the Court’s electronic filing
24 procedures.

25 Further, the Parties recognize the presumption of public access inherent in judicial records
26 and that a Protective Order does not establish that documents meet the “standard for sealing set
27 forth in Rule 10-5 of the Local Rules of Practice for the U.S. District Court of Nevada and the
28 Ninth Circuit’s decisions in *Kamakana v. City and County of Honolulu*, 447 F.3d 1172 (9th Cir.

1 2006) and *Ctr. for Auto Safety v. Chrysler Group, LLC*, 809 F.3d 1092, 1097 (9th Cir. 2016), *cert.*
2 *denied sub nom. FCA U.S. LLC v. Ctr. for Auto Safety*, 137 S. Ct. 38 (2016). “A party seeking to
3 seal a judicial record then bears the burden of overcoming this strong presumption by meeting the
4 ‘compelling reasons’ standard.” *Kamakana*, 447 F.3d at 1178. The only exception to this rule is
5 that only good cause need be established “for sealed materials attached to a discovery motion
6 unrelated to the merits of a case.” *Chrysler Group*, 809 F. 3d at 1097 (citing *Phillips ex rel. Estates*
7 *of Byrd v. Gen. Motors Corp.*, 307 F.3d 1206, 1213–14 (9th Cir.2002).). Further, the Court should
8 make an independent determination regarding whether documents merits sealed status, and thus
9 expressly reserves the right to do so. *Kamakana* 447 F.3d at 1186-87.

10 In recognition of this legal standard, and the fact that the party filing Protected Material
11 may not be the party that designated it confidential (and thus, may not believe good cause exists
12 for sealing), the Parties suggest that the procedure set forth below is followed if the sole ground
13 for a motion to seal is that the opposing party (or non-party) has designated a document as subject
14 to protection pursuant to this Stipulated Protective Order: The Party filing such Protected
15 Materials may assert in the accompanying motion any reasons why the Protected Materials should
16 not, in fact, be kept under seal and the Designating Party, who must be properly noticed, may
17 likewise file a response asserting its position that the Protected Material merits protection under
18 Rule 26(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and attaching a declaration supporting the
19 assertion that the designated material meets the applicable standard.

20 **9. Challenges to PROTECTED MATERIAL.**

21 Any designation of Protected Material is subject to challenge. The following procedures
22 shall apply to any such challenge:

23 **a. Burden.** The burden of proving the necessity of a “CONFIDENTIAL” designation
24 remains with the party asserting confidentiality.

25 **b. Notice; Opportunity to Challenge.** A party who contends that Protected Material is not
26 entitled to confidential treatment shall give written notice to the party who affixed the
27 “CONFIDENTIAL” designation of the specific basis for the challenge. The party who so
28 designated the documents shall have ten (10) days from service of the written notice to determine

1 if the dispute can be resolved without judicial intervention and, if not, to move for an Order
2 confirming the “CONFIDENTIAL” designation, and the status as Protected Material.

3 **c. Treatment as Protected Material until Order or Withdrawal.** Notwithstanding any
4 challenge to the designation of documents as such, all material previously designated
5 “CONFIDENTIAL” shall continue to be treated as Protected Material subject to the full
6 protections of this Order until one of the following occurs: (1) the Party who claims that the
7 documents are Protected Material withdraws such designation in writing; (2) the Party who claims
8 that the documents are confidential fails to move timely for an Order designating the documents as
9 confidential as set forth in paragraph 9.b. above; or (3) the Court rules that the documents are not
10 Protected Material and/or should no longer be designated as “Confidential.”

11 **d. No Waiver.** Challenges to the confidentiality of documents may be made at any time
12 and are not waived by the failure to raise the challenge at the time of initial disclosure or
13 designation.

14 **10. DURATION; Conclusion of Litigation.**

15 All provisions of this Order restricting the use of Protected Material shall continue to be
16 binding after the conclusion of the litigation unless otherwise agreed or ordered. However, the
17 dismissal of this action will terminate the jurisdiction of this Court, including over this Order.
18 Within sixty (60) days of the final termination of in the above-entitled action, which would be
19 either a final judgment on all claims or stipulation and order for dismissal with prejudice, all
20 documents and information designated as CONFIDENTIAL by a Designating Party and which has
21 not been challenged, including any copies, or documents containing information taken therefrom,
22 shall be returned to the Designating Party. In the alternative, within sixty (60) days of the final
23 termination of this case, which would be either a final judgment on all claims or stipulation and
24 order for dismissal with prejudice, all such documents, including copies, may be shredded or
25 disposed of in a manner to ensure the destruction thereof and a declaration certifying such
26 destruction or disposal provided to the Designating Party. To the extent a party has designated
27 portions of a deposition transcript as CONFIDENTIAL, the non-designating party is under no
28 obligation or duty to shred or dispose of the deposition transcript, however, the CONFIDENTIAL

1 designation will remain.

2 **11. PROTECTED MATERIAL SUBPOENAED OR ORDERED PRODUCED**
3 **IN OTHER LITIGATION.**

4 If a Party is served with a subpoena or an order issued in other litigation that would compel
5 disclosure of Protected Material designated by another Party or Non-party, the Party must so
6 notify the Designating Party, in writing (by e-mail or fax, if possible) within three (3) court days
7 after receiving the subpoena or order. Such notification must include a copy of the subpoena or
8 court order.

9 **12. ORDER SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION.**

10 This Order shall be subject to modification on motion of any Party or any other person
11 who may show an adequate interest in in the above-entitled action to intervene for purposes of
12 addressing the scope and terms of this Order. The Order shall not, however, be modified until the
13 Parties shall have been given notice and an opportunity to be heard on the proposed modification.

14 **13. NO JUDICIAL DETERMINATION.**

15 This Order is entered based on the representations and agreements of the Parties and for
16 the purpose of facilitating discovery. Nothing herein shall be construed or presented as a judicial
17 determination that any specific document or item of information designated as CONFIDENTIAL
18 by counsel is subject to protection under Rule 26(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure or
19 otherwise until such time as a document-specific ruling shall have been made.

20 **14. MISCELLANEOUS.**

21 **a. Public Health and Safety.** Nothing in this Order is intended to prevent any Party from
22 raising with the Court any concern that the non-disclosure of certain Protected Material may have
23 a possible adverse effect upon the general public health or safety, or the administration or
24 operation of government or public office.

25 **b. Right to Further Relief.** Nothing in this Order abridges the right of any person to seek
26 its modification by the Court in the future.

27 **c. Right to Assert Other Objections.** By stipulating to the entry of this Order, no Party
28 waives any right it otherwise would have to object to disclosing or producing any information or

