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10 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
 11 **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

12 **TERENCE B. TEKOH,**

13 Plaintiff,

14 vs.

15 **COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, a**
 16 **municipal entity, DEPUTY CARLOS**
 17 **VEGA, an individual and DOES 1**
 18 **through 10, inclusive**

19 Defendants

Case No.: CV 16-7297-GW(SKx)

[Hon. George H. Wu, Courtroom 9D]

JUDGMENT

Complaint Filed: October 25, 2016

FSC Date: August 31, 2017

Trial Date: October 10, 2017

Closing Date: October 17, 2017

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23 1. This case came on regularly for trial on October 10, 2017 to October

24 17, 2017 in Department 9D of this Court, the Honorable George H. Wu presiding;

25 the Plaintiff appearing by Attorney John Burton from LAW OFFICE OF JOHN

26 BURTON and Maria Cavalluzzi of CAVALLUZZI & CAVALLUZZI, and

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1 Defendants appearing by Attorneys Rickey Ivie and Antonio K. Kizzie from IVIE,
2 MCNEILL & WYATT.

3 2. A jury of 8 persons was regularly impaneled and placed under oath.
4 Witnesses were placed under oath and testified. After hearing the evidence and
5 arguments of counsel, the jury was duly instructed by the Court and the cause was
6 submitted to the jury with directions to return a verdict on special issues. The jury
7 deliberated and thereafter returned into court with its special verdict consisting of
8 the special issues submitted to the jury and the answers given thereto by the jury,
9 which said verdict was in words and figures as follows, to wit:

10 “WE, THE JURY in the above-entitled action, unanimously find as follows
11 on the questions submitted to us:

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13 **QUESTION # 1**

14 Did Plaintiff prove by a preponderance of the evidence that Defendant Carlos
15 Vega violated Plaintiff’s rights by arresting Plaintiff without probable cause?

16 Answer: Yes_____ No__X__

17 If you answered “YES” to Question # 1, please answer Question # 2. If you
18 answered “NO” skip to Question # 3.

19 **QUESTION # 3**

20 Did Plaintiff prove by a preponderance of the evidence that Defendant Vega
21 violated Plaintiff’s rights by deliberately fabricating evidence or using techniques that
22 were so coercive and abusive that he knew, or was deliberately indifferent, that those
23 techniques would yield false information that was used to criminally charge or
24 prosecute Plaintiff?

25 Answer: Yes_____ No__X__
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1 **QUESTION #5**

2 Did Plaintiff prove by a preponderance of the evidence that Defendant
3 Stangeland violated Plaintiff's rights by deliberately fabricating evidence or using
4 techniques that were so coercive and abusive that he knew, or was deliberately
5 indifferent, that those techniques would yield false information that was used to
6 criminally charge or prosecute Plaintiff?

7 Answer: Yes _____ No X _____

8 It appearing by reason of said special verdict that: Defendant **SGT.**
9 **CARLOS VEGA and SGT. DENNIS STANGELAND** are entitled to judgment
10 against the plaintiff **TERENCE B. TEKOH.**

11 Now, therefore, it is **ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED** that said
12 Plaintiff **TERENCE B. TEKOH** shall recover nothing by reason of the complaint,
13 and that defendants shall recover costs from said plaintiff **TERENCE B. TEKOH**
14 pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 54(d)(1). The cost bill will be
15 submitted directly to this Court for its review and determination.

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17 Dated: November 7, 2017



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19 **GEORGE H. WU, U.S. District Judge**