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9 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

10 **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

13 MAURICE LALLEMAND

14 *Plaintiff,*

15 vs.

17 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, JIM
 18 MCDONNELL, UNGREY
 19 HOLIFIELD, TAWNIA ROJAS,
 20 ERNESTO VALENCIA, ANDREW
 21 HAGEWOOD, MATTHEW
 22 VANDERHORCK, ALLEN
 CASTELLANO AND DOES 1
 THROUGH 10,

23 *Defendants.*

Case No.: CV17-00781 JAK (SSx)

**STIPULATED PROTECTIVE
 ORDER RE MATERIALS
 PRODUCED PURSUANT TO THE
 COURT’S JANUARY 12, 2018
 ORDER (ECF 88)**

Discovery Matter

Assigned for all purposes:
Hon. John A. Kronstadt

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 25 **I. PURPOSES AND LIMITATIONS**

26 Discovery in this action may involve the production of confidential or private
 27 information for which special protection from public disclosure and from use for any
 28 purpose other than prosecuting this litigation may be warranted. Accordingly,

1 Plaintiff and Defendants, by and through their respective counsel of record, hereby
2 stipulate to and petition the Court to enter the following Stipulated Protective Order.
3 The parties acknowledge that this Order does not confer blanket protections on all
4 disclosures or responses to discovery and that the protection it affords from public
5 disclosure and use extends only to the limited information or items that are entitled to
6 confidential treatment under the applicable legal principles. The parties further
7 acknowledge, that this Stipulated Protective Order does not entitle them to file
8 confidential information under seal; Civil Local Rule 79-5 sets forth the procedures
9 that must be followed and the standards that will be applied when a party seeks
10 permission from the court to file material under seal.

11 **II. GOOD CAUSE STATEMENT**

12 This action involves allegations of misconduct against various law
13 enforcement personnel and the County of Los Angeles, and may involve the
14 production and review of information and records confidentially maintained in peace
15 officer personnel files which are subject to various legal protections and limitations
16 on their disclosure and dissemination. Accordingly, to expedite the flow of
17 information, to facilitate the prompt resolution of disputes over confidentiality of
18 discovery materials, to adequately protect information the parties are entitled to keep
19 confidential, to ensure that the parties are permitted reasonable necessary uses of
20 such material in preparation for and in the conduct of trial, to address their handling
21 at the end of the litigation, and serve the ends of justice, a protective order for the
22 Confidential Materials is justified in this matter. It is the intent of the parties that
23 information will not be designated as confidential for tactical reasons and that
24 nothing be so designated without a good faith belief that it has been maintained in a
25 confidential, non-public manner, and there is good cause why it should not be part of
26 the public record of this case.

1 Upon the foregoing reasons, the Court finds good cause exists to grant the
2 following Protective Order the terms of which shall govern the Confidential
3 Materials in this matter:

4 A. For purposes of this Order, Confidential Materials include, but are not
5 limited to:

6 1. Any materials that may be produced to Plaintiff in response to his
7 Request for Production No. 10 (as addressed in the Court’s January 12, 2018 Order
8 on Plaintiff’s Motion to Compel [ECF 88]);

9 2. Any materials produced to Plaintiff in response to his Request for
10 Production Nos. 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 16, 17, 20, and 21 (as addressed in the Court’s
11 January 12, 2018 Order on Plaintiff’s Motion to Compel [ECF 88]).

12 B. The confidentiality of documentation being provided pursuant to this
13 Protective Order will be accomplished by affixing to such document or writing a
14 legend, such as “Confidential,” “Confidential Documents,” “Confidential Material
15 Subject to Protective Order” or words of similar effect. The documents and writings
16 so designated, and all information derived therefrom (hereinafter, collectively,
17 “Confidential Information”), shall be treated in accordance with the terms of this
18 stipulation/protective order. The “Confidential” mark or watermark shall not obscure
19 the writings on the document’s legibility and shall not be repeated more than once
20 per page.

21 C. Confidential Information may be used by the persons receiving such
22 information only for the purpose of this above-captioned litigation.

23 D. The protections conferred by this Stipulation and Order cover not only
24 Protected Material (as defined above), but also (1) any information copied or
25 extracted from Protected Material; (2) all copies, excerpts, summaries, or
26 compilations of Protected Material; and (3) any testimony, conversations, or
27 presentations by Parties or their Counsel that might reveal Protected Material.
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1 Any use of Protected Material at trial shall be governed by the orders of the
2 trial judge. This Order does not govern the use of Protected Material at trial.

3 E. Subject to the further conditions imposed by this protective order,
4 Confidential Information may be disclosed only to the following persons:

5 1. Counsel for the parties and to experts, investigators, paralegal assistants,
6 office clerks, secretaries and other such personnel working under their supervision;

7 2. Such other parties as may be agreed by written stipulation among the
8 parties hereto, or by Court Order.

9 3. Court personnel.

10 4. The parties themselves as necessary for the defense or prosecution of
11 this action.

12 F. Prior to the disclosure of any Confidential Information to any person
13 described in paragraph E(1) or E(2), with the exception of all Court Personnel and
14 employees of counsel for Plaintiffs and Defendants, counsel for the party that has
15 received and seeks to use or disclose such Confidential Information shall first
16 provide any such person with a copy of this protective order, and shall cause him or
17 her to execute the following acknowledgment:

18 “I understand that I am being given access to Confidential Information
19 pursuant to the foregoing protective order. I have read the
20 stipulation/protective order and agree to be bound by its terms with respect to
21 the handling, use and disclosure of such Confidential Information.
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23 Dated: _____/s/ _____”

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25 Once this is completed, Counsel will serve a copy of the acknowledgment
26 upon counsel for all other parties.

27 G. Upon the final termination of this litigation, including any appeal
28 pertaining thereto, all materials that were designated as confidential, as well as any

1 other Court Ordered Documents provided pursuant to this Protective Order and all
2 copies thereof, shall be returned to the office of counsel of the party to whom the
3 materials pertain.

4 H. If any party who receives Confidential Information receives a subpoena
5 or other request seeking Confidential Information, it shall immediately give written
6 notice to counsel for the party to whom the request pertains, identifying the
7 Confidential Information sought and the time in which production or other disclosure
8 is required, and the affected party shall, per their discretion, object to the request or
9 subpoena on the grounds of this stipulation/protective order, OR other grounds
10 and/or obtain an order barring production or other disclosure, or to otherwise respond
11 to the subpoena or other request for production or disclosure of Confidential
12 Material. No party shall be obligated to seek an order barring production of
13 Confidential Information, which obligation shall be borne by the party to whom to
14 the privileges apply. The duty is to notify. However, in no event should production
15 or disclosure be made without written approval by the affected party's counsel unless
16 required by Court Order arising from a motion to compel production or disclosure of
17 Confidential Information.

18 I. Any pleadings, motions, briefs, declarations, stipulations, exhibits or
19 other written submissions to the Court in this litigation, except at trial, with which
20 Confidential Information is included shall first be accompanied by an application,
21 pursuant to Local Rule 79-5.1, to request that the papers, or the confidential portion
22 thereof, be lodged under seal.

23 J. During any portion of this action, including the pre-trial (e.g. motions *in*
24 *limine*) or trial of this action which could entail the discussion or disclosure of
25 Confidential Information, any party will have an opportunity to request that access to
26 the courtroom be limited to parties, their counsel and other designated representative,
27 experts or consultants who agreed to be bound by this protective order, and court
28 personnel.

1 K. Nothing herein shall prejudice any party's rights to object to the
2 introduction of any Confidential Information into evidence, on grounds including but
3 not limited to relevance and privilege.

4 L. This order does not prejudice any of the parties' rights to challenge the
5 designation of materials as confidential. In the event there is some "good faith"
6 disagreement as to whether certain documents and/or information provided by the
7 parties that were labeled as "confidential" should be treated as confidential, the
8 parties shall make informal attempts to resolve such issues. However, to be clear, this
9 order in no way makes any originally publicly accessible information confidential.

10 M. Any violation of this Order may be punished by any and all appropriate
11 measures including, without limitation, contempt proceedings and/or monetary
12 sanctions.

13 N. The court shall maintain continuing jurisdiction over this matter to the
14 extent necessary to enforce the terms and /or address alleged breaches of this
15 protective order.

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17 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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20 Dated: 1/22/18

/S
Honorable Suzanne H. Segal
United States Magistrate Judge