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10 **IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
 11 **FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**
 12 **SAN JOSE DIVISION**

14 JAMES DOUGLAS WHITE; an individual, on
 behalf of himself and others similarly situated,
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 16 Plaintiff,

17 v.

18 CARRIER IQ, INC., a Delaware Corporation;
 HUA WEI TECHNOLOGIES CO., LTD., a
 Chinese Company; and HUA WEI
 19 TECHNOLOGIES USA, INC., a Texas
 Corporation,
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 21 Defendants.

CASE No. **CV 12-01449**

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATIONS OF:

1. ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS PRIVACY ACT, 18 U.S.C. §2510;
2. STORED COMMUNICATIONS ACT, 18 U.S.C. §2701;
3. CONSUMER LEGAL REMEDIES ACT, ("CLRA") CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE § 1750;
4. UNFAIR COMPETITION LAW, CALIFORNIA BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE §17200;
5. CALIFORNIA'S COMPUTER CRIME LAW, PENAL CODE §502;
6. CALIFORNIA INVASION OF PRIVACY ACT, PENAL CODE §630;
7. SONG-BEVERLY WARRANTY ACT, CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE § 1792
8. TEXAS DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES ACT, TEXAS

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BUSINESS AND COMMERCE CODE
§ 17.41

9. BREACH OF EXPRESS WARRANTY
10. BREACH OF IMPLIED WARRANTY
11. NEGLIGENCE
12. TRESPASS TO PERSONAL
PROPERTY/ CHATTELS
13. CONVERSION
14. UNJUST ENRICHMENT

1. Plaintiff James Douglas White ("Plaintiff"), by and through his attorneys Strange & Carpenter, and Law Office of Joseph H. Malley, P.C., brings this action on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated, against Carrier IQ, Inc. ("Carrier IQ"), Huawei Technologies Co., Ltd. ("Huawei") and Huawei Technologies USA, Inc., (collectively with Carrier IQ, "Defendants"). Plaintiff's allegations as to himself and his own actions, as set forth herein, are based upon his information and belief and personal knowledge. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005, 28 U.S.C. §1332(d) as set forth below.

I. NATURE OF THE ACTION

2. Plaintiff brings this consumer Class Action lawsuit pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 23(a), (b)(1), (b)(2), and (b)(3) on behalf of himself and a proposed class of similarly situated consumers ("Class Members") who purchased a Huawei mobile device on which Carrier IQ's software, "IQ Agent," was installed, without notice or consent of Plaintiff. This IQ Agent software was designed by Carrier IQ and customized or authorized for customization by Huawei in order to log and collect confidential, unencrypted user data including but not limited to (1) the contents of incoming text messages; (2) the URLs of websites visited by the user; and (3) the user's GPS coordinates; among other private and personally-identifying data. IQ Agent records this confidential data on a user's mobile device in an unencrypted format so that any device software or applications with log file permission can access and review it. Carrier IQ and Huawei also have access to this confidential data and can transmit the data from a user's mobile device to remote servers at any time via hidden "text requests" sent to a user's mobile device by Carrier IQ, Huawei or other authorized third parties.

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1 IQ Agent logs the hidden text requests and the confidential data silently so that a user has no
2 idea that data is being collected and transmitted. IQ Agent is preinstalled or automatically
3 updated on Huawei's mobile devices so that data logging begins the moment a user purchases
4 or turns on the device, without notice to or consent from the user. Because the software is
5 preinstalled or authorized for such software update by Huawei and runs as part of the device
6 operating system, data is automatically collected and can be transmitted via wireless internet or
7 other means, even if the device user has no carrier contract and the mobile device is not
8 connected to a mobile network. Finally, IQ Agent runs continuously and depletes resources on
9 the mobile device without notice to or authorization of the user, even when the mobile device
10 is not being used. The resources depleted by IQ Agent without notice or authorization include
11 (1) battery power; (2) device memory; (3) CPU; (4) bandwidth; and (5) text messages. A user
12 cannot stop the IQ Agent software from running under any circumstances, and a user is unable
13 to remove IQ Agent from the device without voiding the manufacturer's warranty.

14 3. Because of Defendants' actions, Plaintiff and Class Members are victims of
15 unfair, deceptive, and unlawful business practices; wherein their privacy, financial interests,
16 and security rights, were violated by Carrier IQ and Huawei. Plaintiff and Class Members were
17 financially harmed by the Defendants when they purchased the Huawei mobile devices with IQ
18 Agent, and Plaintiff would not have purchased that devices if he had known that Defendants'
19 software could access, collect, transmit, analyze, store, and provide his confidential
20 unencrypted data to any device software or applications with log file permission without
21 Plaintiff's knowledge or permission. Plaintiff and Class Members were also harmed by Huawei
22 and Carrier IQ's unauthorized use of their mobile device battery power, device memory, CPU,
23 bandwidth and text messages.

24 4. Huawei manufactured and sold to Plaintiff and Class Members without notice, a
25 defective product that included IQ Agent, specially customized by Huawei or authorized for
26 customization by Huawei for use on its mobile device. Huawei acted individually, and in
27 concert, with Carrier IQ to gain unauthorized access to, log, collect, and transmit Plaintiff's
28 and Class Members' confidential, unencrypted data and to provide third-party access to this

1 data. IQ Agent is a native Huawei application that was installed on Huawei mobile devices
2 with the knowledge of Huawei.

3 5. Carrier IQ acted independently, and in concert with Huawei, knowingly
4 authorizing, directing, ratifying, acquiescing in, or participating in the conduct alleged herein.

5 6. Carrier IQ individually, and in concert with Huawei has been systematically
6 engaged in and facilitated a covert operation of logging and tracking Plaintiff's and Class
7 Members' confidential, unencrypted user data and utilizing Plaintiff's and Class Members'
8 mobile device resources, violating one or more of the following:

- 9 (a) ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS PRIVACY ACT, 18 U.S.C.
10 §2510;
- 11 (b) STORED COMMUNICATIONS ACT, 18 U.S.C. §2701;
- 12 (c) CONSUMER LEGAL REMEDIES ACT, ("CLRA") CALIFORNIA
13 CIVIL CODE § 1750;
- 14 (d) UNFAIR COMPETITION LAW, CALIFORNIA BUSINESS AND
15 PROFESSIONS CODE §17200;
- 16 (e) CALIFORNIA'S COMPUTER CRIME LAW, PENAL CODE §502;
- 17 (f) CALIFORNIA INVASION OF PRIVACY ACT, PENAL CODE
18 §630;
- 19 (g) SONG-BEVERLY WARRANTY ACT, CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE
20 § 1792
- 21 (h) TEXAS DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES ACT, TEXAS
22 BUSINESS AND COMMERCE CODE § 17.41
- 23 (i) BREACH OF EXPRESS WARRANTY
- 24 (j) BREACH OF IMPLIED WARRANTY
- 25 (k) NEGLIGENCE
- 26 (l) TRESPASS TO PERSONAL PROPERTY/ CHATTELS
- 27 (m) CONVERSION
- 28 (n) UNJUST ENRICHMENT

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1 **II. JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

2 7. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to the Class Action Fairness
3 Act of 2005, 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d), because at least one class member is of diverse citizenship
4 from Defendants; there are more than 100 class members nationwide; and the aggregate
5 amount in controversy exceeds \$5,000,000 and minimal diversity exists.

6 8. Venue is proper in this District under 28 U.S.C. §1391(b) and (c) against
7 Defendants. A substantial portion of the events, conduct and omissions giving rise to the
8 violations of law complained of herein occurred in this District. Carrier IQ's principal
9 executive offices and headquarters are located in this District at 1200 Villa Street, Suite 200,
10 Mountain View, CA 94041.

11 9. This Court has personal jurisdiction over the Defendants because Carrier IQ
12 maintains its corporate headquarters in, and the events, conduct and omissions giving rise to
13 the violations of law complained herein occurred in California. Huawei conducts business in
14 California and is engaged in the acts alleged herein in California.

15 10. This Court also has subject matter jurisdiction over all causes of action and the
16 Defendants implicated therein pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1332(d), and because this action arises in
17 part under a federal statute and this Court has jurisdiction pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §2710(c)
18 which confers jurisdiction in the United States District Court for actions related to the
19 Electronic Communications Privacy Act 18 U.S.C. §2510 and the Stored Communications Act,
20 18 U.S.C. §2701.

21 11. **INTRADISTRICT ASSIGNMENT:** Pursuant to Civil Local Rule 3-2(e), this
22 case shall be assigned to the San Jose Division as it arises from Santa Clara County where
23 Carrier IQ is headquartered and where the actions alleged as the basis of this claim took place.

24 **III. PARTIES**

25 12. Plaintiff James Douglas White ("White") is a citizen and resident of Seabrook,
26 Texas (Harris County). On information and belief, White incorporates all allegations within
27 this complaint. White is a representative of the class ("Class"), as defined within the Class
28 Allegations. In or around November 2011, White purchased a Huawei Ascend II mobile device

1 that was preinstalled or automatically updated with IQ Agent, and used such mobile device on
2 one or more occasions during the class period in Texas.

3 13. White was not aware that IQ Agent was installed on his Huawei device, and was
4 not aware that every time he used his Huawei device, IQ Agent was logging and collecting his
5 confidential incoming text messages; the URLs of websites he visited; and his actual GPS
6 coordinates; among other private and personally-identifying data. He also was not aware that
7 IQ Agent made this confidential, unencrypted data available on White's mobile device log so
8 that *any* device software or applications with log file permission could access it. Finally, White
9 was not aware that IQ Agent depleted his mobile device battery power, device memory, CPU,
10 bandwidth and text messages, even while he was not using his device. The IQ Agent software
11 does not show up under the application launch list on White's device.

12 14. Carrier IQ is a Delaware corporation that maintains and has maintained at all
13 relevant times its headquarters at 1200 Villa Street, Suite 200, Mountain View, CA, 94041
14 (Santa Clara County, California). Carrier IQ does business throughout the United States, and in
15 particular, does business in the State of California and in this County.

16 15. Huawei Technologies Co., Ltd. is a Chinese company with its principal place of
17 business located at Bantian, Lonngang District, Shenzhen 518129, P.R. China. Huawei
18 Technologies Co., Ltd. has a United States subsidiary of Huawei Technologies USA, Inc.
19 Huawei does business throughout the United States, and in particular, does business in the
20 State of California and in this County.

21 16. Huawei Technologies USA, Inc. is a Texas corporation, a subsidiary company
22 of Huawei Technologies Co., Ltd., a China corporation, with its principal place of business
23 located at 5700 Tennyson Pkwy Suite 500, Plano, Texas, 750247157. Huawei does business
24 throughout the United States, and in particular, does business in the State of California and in
25 this County.

26 **IV. PLAINTIFF'S EXPERIENCE**

27 17. At all relevant times herein, Plaintiff was and is a resident of Texas. During the
28 class period, Plaintiff owned and operated one or more Huawei mobile devices installed with

1 IQ Agent without Plaintiff's knowledge.

2 18. On one or more occasions during the class period, Plaintiff accessed and used
3 his Huawei mobile device to receive text messages and visit websites in his city of residence
4 and elsewhere.

5 19. During the relevant class period, the IQ Agent software was "hidden" and did
6 not appear on the application launch menu on Plaintiff's Huawei mobile device. During the
7 relevant class period, Plaintiff was unaware that IQ Agent populated and logged incoming text
8 messages, visited URLs and GPS location data on his device log files. Plaintiff was also
9 unaware that this confidential data was available, unencrypted, to all software and programs
10 with log file permission running on his device. Additionally, he was unaware that IQ Agent
11 had the mechanisms to, and did, transmit user data from Plaintiff's devices to remote servers
12 via periodic scheduling, WAP push requests, and text requests.

13 20. During the relevant class period, IQ Agent, customized in part by Huawei, was
14 "hidden" and did not appear on the launch list of applications and software installed on
15 Plaintiff's Huawei mobile device.

16 21. In or around February 2012, Plaintiff became aware of information related to
17 the tracking activities of Carrier IQ and Huawei.

18 22. Plaintiff's mobile devices revealed that the IQ Agent software resided on his
19 device without notice to Plaintiff or authorization from Plaintiff.

20 23. Plaintiff considers information about his received text messages, visited
21 websites and GPS location to be in the nature of confidential and personal information that he
22 protects from disclosure, including by controlling his mobile device's privacy settings for
23 acceptance or rejection. Plaintiff was not made aware by Defendants of the existence of IQ
24 Agent on his mobile device or the logging, collection and transmission of his mobile device
25 data.

26 24. Plaintiff also considers his device battery power, device memory, CPU,
27 bandwidth and text messages to be valuable personal property that he protects from
28 unauthorized use by third parties, including by controlling what software and applications have

1 access to those resources. Plaintiff was not made aware by Defendants of the existence of IQ
2 Agent on his mobile device or the depletion of his device battery power, device memory, CPU,
3 bandwidth and text messages by that software.

4 25. It is Plaintiff's belief that the Carrier IQ software, customized or authorized for
5 customization in part by Huawei, was logging, collecting and transmitting confidential user
6 data on his mobile devices, thus permitting one or more objects within his mobile device to be
7 used for tracking and analysis by Defendants and/or third parties for the purposes of
8 monitoring and profiling his mobile device activities. Plaintiff did not receive notice of the
9 installation of a tracking identifier, did not consent to its installation, and did not want a
10 tracking identifier to be installed on his mobile device. Moreover, Plaintiff did not authorize
11 Defendants to log, collect, transmit, or store his confidential mobile device data without notice
12 or express consent. Such software was running on Plaintiff's mobile device and collecting and
13 transmitting Plaintiff's data without notice or authorization, utilizing Plaintiff's battery power,
14 device memory, CPU, bandwidth and limited text messages without notice or authorization,
15 even when Plaintiff stopped actively using the device.

16 26. In selecting the Huawei mobile device over the service and goods of other
17 competing mobile device manufacturers, Plaintiff reasonably expected that his confidential
18 user data would not be accessed, logged and transmitted to third parties without his knowledge
19 and consent. He also reasonably expected that his mobile device resources would not be
20 depleted without his knowledge or control.

21 27. Had Plaintiff known that the Huawei device he purchased would include
22 software that provided third party access to his confidential user data and his mobile device
23 resources without notice to or authorization by Plaintiff, Plaintiff would have not purchased
24 that device.

25 28. Plaintiff was harmed by Defendants' practices, including but not limited to the
26 following:

- 27 (a) Costs to purchase the defective Huawei mobile device;
- 28 (b) Violations of Plaintiff's legally protected federal, state and common

1 law rights of privacy, especially related to unencrypted logging, storage and transmission of
2 Plaintiff's confidential user data;

3 (c) Time and expense to remedy the effects of Defendants' actions;

4 (d) Time and expense to repair Plaintiff's mobile devices and remedy the
5 impaired operability caused by the Defendants;

6 (e) Loss of property due to the inability to re-sell Plaintiff's and Class
7 Members' mobile devices due to the Carrier IQ application; and

8 (f) Financial harm by the Defendants' unauthorized use of Plaintiff's
9 mobile device resources during the unauthorized process of logging and transmitting user
10 data.

11 29. It is Plaintiff's belief that IQ Agent's logging, collection and transmission of
12 confidential user data on his mobile device permitted one or more objects within his mobile
13 devices to be used for tracking and analysis by Defendants and/or third parties, thus his mobile
14 device data was obtained in an effort to monitor and profile his mobile device activities.
15 Plaintiff did not receive notice of the installation of a tracking identifier, did not consent to its
16 installation, and did not want a tracking identifier to be installed on his mobile device.
17 Moreover, Plaintiff did not authorize Defendants to log, collect, transmit, or store his
18 confidential mobile device data without notice or express consent.

19 30. Defendants' business practices unfairly wrested from Plaintiff control over his
20 user data privacy and control over his device resources. Defendants' logging, collection and
21 unencrypted disclosure of Plaintiff's confidential user data violates user expectations,
22 diminishes user privacy, and contradicts the Manufacturer's Warranty. Defendants caused
23 harm and damages to Plaintiff's finite device resources, thus preventing Plaintiff from using
24 the device for his intended purposes and resulting in instability issues.

25 **V. COMMON EXPERIENCES BETWEEN PLAINTIFF AND CLASS MEMBERS**

26 31. At all relevant times herein, the sequence of events, and consequences common
27 to Plaintiff and Class Members, made the basis of this action, include, but are not limited to the
28 following:

1 (a) Plaintiff and Class Members are individuals in the United States who
2 purchased and used a Huawei mobile device that had IQ Agent software installed and/or
3 authorized for installation by Huawei, without notice or consent;

4 (b) Huawei, a mobile device manufacturer, had entered into a legally
5 binding contract with Carrier IQ to host the IQ Agent software on its mobile device;

6 (c) Carrier IQ was aware that Huawei had preinstalled IQ Agent on
7 Plaintiff's and Class Members' mobile devices. It was also aware that Huawei had
8 customized IQ Agent, and that IQ Agent was "hidden" and did not appear in the launch list
9 of applications installed on Plaintiff's and Class Members' mobile devices;

10 (d) Plaintiff and Class Members accessed and used their Huawei mobile
11 devices that had the preinstalled or uploaded IQ Agent software application;

12 (e) Carrier IQ collected confidential user data from Plaintiff's and Class
13 Members' mobile devices without consent of, or notice to, Plaintiff and Class Members;

14 (f) Carrier IQ sent Plaintiff's and Class Members' unencrypted
15 confidential mobile device data to its servers located in California without notice to or
16 authorization from Plaintiff and Class Members;

17 (g) Huawei transmitted, and/or allowed access to Plaintiff's and Class
18 Members' confidential mobile device data, without notice or authorization, to Huawei and
19 any software with log file access on Plaintiff's and Class Members' devices. Upon
20 information and belief, this confidential data was unencrypted when stored in the log file and
21 during at least some part of its transmission;

22 (h) Carrier IQ created a database related to Plaintiff's and Class Members'
23 mobile device data and activities, to assist the Defendant's tracking scheme. Such tracking
24 could not be detected, managed or deleted, and provided, in whole or part, the collective
25 mechanism to track Plaintiff and Class Members, without notice or consent;

26 (i) Carrier IQ conducted systematic and continuous surveillance of the
27 Plaintiff's and Class Members' mobile device activity from its headquarters in California
28 which continues to date;

1 (j) Carrier IQ copied, used, and stored Plaintiff's and Class Members'
2 mobile device data in California after it knowingly accessed, without authorization,
3 Plaintiff's and Class Members' mobile devices;

4 (k) Carrier IQ obtained and retained the data in California for a period that
5 far exceeded the purpose claimed by Carrier IQ for obtaining the data;

6 (l) Carrier IQ obtained individually, and in concert with Huawei,
7 Plaintiff's and Class Members' confidential user data, derived, in whole or part, from its
8 monitoring the mobile device activities of Plaintiff and Class Members. This sensitive
9 information includes, but is not limited to, incoming text messages, visited URLs and GPS
10 coordinates;

11 (m) Huawei and Carrier IQ failed to notify and warn Plaintiff and Class
12 Members of Carrier IQ's logging and tracking activities involving their mobile devices
13 before, during, or after the unauthorized practices so that Plaintiff and Class Members were
14 unable to take appropriate actions to opt-out of the unauthorized surveillance by Defendants
15 and other third parties;

16 (n) Huawei failed to block access to, and void the licensing agreements of
17 Carrier IQ after it received notice of Carrier IQ's tracking actions made the basis of this
18 action;

19 (o) Carrier IQ and Huawei failed to provide any terms of service or
20 privacy policy related to the use of IQ Agent for tracking Plaintiff's and Class Members'
21 mobile activities, or provide an updated privacy policy or any notice alerting users of its
22 activity, made the basis of this action so that Plaintiff and Class Members had no notice of
23 such activities, nor the ability to mitigate their harm and damage after the fact;

24 (p) Defendants converted Plaintiff's and Class Members' mobile device
25 data, including but not limited to their incoming text messages, visited URLs and GPS
26 coordinates; and

27 (q) Defendants depleted Plaintiff's and Class Members' mobile device
28 resources while running the IQ Agent software, including the device battery power, device

1 memory, CPU, bandwidth and text messages.

2 32. Plaintiff and Class Members involved with the Defendants were harmed by
3 Defendants' practices, including but not limited to the following:

4 (a) Violations of Plaintiff's and Class Members' legally protected federal,
5 state and common law rights of commerce and privacy, especially related to unencrypted
6 transmission of Plaintiff and Class Members' confidential and sensitive user data;

7 (b) Financial harm due to the costs to purchase the defective Huawei
8 mobile device;

9 (c) Financial harm due to the time and expense to remedy the effects of
10 Defendants' actions;

11 (d) Financial harm due to the time and expense to repair Plaintiff's and
12 Class Members' mobile devices and remedy the impaired operability caused by the
13 Defendants;

14 (e) Financial harm due to the loss of property due to the inability to re-sell
15 Plaintiff's and Class Members' mobile devices due to the Carrier IQ application;

16 (f) Financial harm due to the loss of property due to the unauthorized
17 access and use of Plaintiff's and Class Members' confidential user data, depriving Plaintiff
18 and Class Members of such possession and use;

19 (g) Financial harm due to the Defendants' unauthorized use of Plaintiff's
20 and Class Member's mobile device's battery power, device memory, CPU, bandwidth and
21 text messages during the unauthorized process of obtaining user data;

22 VI. FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

23 A. Background

24 33. On October 26, 1999 the Wireless Communication and Public Act of 1999 was
25 enacted and became known as the "e911 Act." It was an amendment to the Telecommunication
26 Act of 1996. The purpose of the bill was to promote and enhance public safety through the use
27 of 911 as universal assistance number. The Federal Law mandated that mobile phones be
28 embedded with a Global Positioning System ("GPS") chip, which could calculate a user's

1 coordinates to within a few yards by receiving signals from satellites. This law enacted to aid
2 those in harm's way, resulted in the computing industry developing hardware and software to
3 assist in the development of this technology or mobile devices provided Carrier IQ the impetus
4 to originate a business plan to take advantage of the benefit of embedded GPS chips in all
5 mobile phones for its own commercial benefit:

6 This confluence of circumstances and events— rapid adoption of
7 new wireless technologies, improved resiliency of service,
8 increased data transmission rates, the e911 law requiring homing
9 chips, and market precedents which show that mobile device
10 users are willing to pay for wireless services or applications—
11 establish the feature-rich wireless station as an increasingly
12 logical and compelling channel for the free flow of
13 communications, information, entertainment and commerce.

11 United States Patent No.: US 7,609,650 B2, COLLECTION OF DATA AT TARGET
12 WIRELESS DEVICES USING DATA COLLECTION PROFILES, Assignee: Carrier IQ, Inc.,
13 Mountain View, CA (US), Filed: July 5, 2005.

14 34. Carrier IQ's software is reportedly installed in excess of one hundred and fifty
15 million (150,000,000) mobile devices, including mobile devices manufactured by Huawei.
16 These devices installed with IQ Agent are inherently defective, and Defendants falsely
17 advertised, marketed and distributing these mobile devices, without disclosure of the material
18 facts about the defect, misrepresenting the performance of the devices, violating express and
19 implied warranties, thus rendering the mobile devices unable to be used for their intended
20 purposes. Such activities resulted in a pattern of covert mobile device surveillance, wherein
21 Defendants installed IQ Agent on Plaintiff's and Class Members' mobile device without
22 authorization and consent, thereby committing unauthorized access, collection, storage, and
23 use of, the mobile device and data derived from the Plaintiff's and Class Members' use of the
24 mobile devices and transmitting information, code, and commands to collect, monitor, and
25 remotely store non-anonymized Plaintiff's and Class Members' confidential mobile device
26 data. Defendants' unauthorized access of this confidential, unencrypted data also allowed
27 access to *all* software and applications with log file access so that Plaintiff's and Class
28 Members' data could be transmitted by multiple unknown parties at any time, *like a pac-man*

1 *creeping 150 million mobile phones and "calling home."*

2 35. The Huawei-version of the software IQ Agent, is currently preinstalled or
3 authorized for remote update installation by Huawei on its Carrier IQ-enabled mobile devices
4 and was also installed via software updates on older Huawei devices.

5 **B. Carrier IQ: "See What Content They Consume Even Offline"**

6 36. According to Carrier IQ, the software is designed to monitor, manage and
7 support mobile devices deployed across mobile operators, service providers and enterprises.

8 Carrier IQ's website explains:

9 [IQ Agent] provides a level of visibility into true customer
10 experience that was, previously unavailable in the mobile
11 industry. [IQ Agent] uses data directly from the mobile phone
12 itself to give a precise view of how users interact with both their
phones and the services delivered through them, even if the
phone is not communicating with the network.

13 <http://www.carrieriq.com/overview/IQInsightExperienceManager/index.htm> (last visited
14 December 5, 2011).

15 37. IQ Agent is a monitoring software that runs continuously in the background
16 reportedly to monitor device and application performance. When a particular event or error
17 associated with the device occurs, the software collects data associated with the event or error
18 and may upload it either in real time or at a later time to its data repository for analysis.

19 38. During the use of a mobile device in a mobile communication network,
20 parameter data defining conductors associated with the mobile device and operation is
21 generated. The mobile device also generates event data defining events of the mobile device
22 for the associated mobile user. Such events are referred to as "Trigger points."

23 39. IQ Agent is programmed to obtain qualifying characteristics which may include
24 device type, such as manufacturer and model, available memory and battery life, the type of
25 applications resident on the device, the geographical location of the device, usage statistics,
26 including a "profile" that characterizes a user's interaction with a device, and the profile. Such
27 mobile device characteristics are referred to as "metrics."

28 40. Carrier IQ's patent for "data collection associated with components and services

1 of a wireless communication network” explains the breadth of this data collection,

2 Carrier IQ is able to query any metric from a device. A metric
3 can be a dropped call because of lack of service. The scope of the
4 word metric is very broad though, including device type, such as
5 manufacturer and model, available memory and battery life, the
6 type of applications resident on the device, the geographical
7 location of the device, the end user’s pressing of keys on the
8 device, usage history of the device, including those that
9 characterize a user’s interaction with a device.

10 <http://www.faq.s.org/patents/app/20110106942> (last accessed December 2, 2011).

11 41. Carrier IQ provides a platform for data collection and management system to
12 dynamically generate and download to a population of wireless devices rule-based data
13 collection by coding its software to function when interfaced with “trigger points” and to
14 obtain “metrics.” Data collection profiles may be generated manually by a network
15 administrator, a software developer or other personnel involved in the operation of the network
16 or “network administrators,” created offline as a portion of a data analysis solution, or
17 automatically generated based on network.

18 42. This parameter data and event data may be used to monitor a network or used
19 by an advertising system of the mobile communications network to select an advertisement and
20 the timing of the display of the advertisement, and is necessary due to the problems associated
21 with mobile advertising.

22 43. Mobile Internet advertising currently consists of streaming graphic files, in real
23 time, into content rendered by a user’s mobile device browser. Mobile advertising systems
24 though lack reliable browser tracking while traditional online advertising relies on the use of
25 browser cookies. Implementations inherent in conventional mobile ad serving have effectively
26 prevented mobile advertising from being effective because of its inability to obtain mobile
27 device “uniqueness.” In order to obtain such uniqueness, the mobile advertising industry
28 sought a means to obtain unique device identifiers which provide a unique reference to
individual mobile devices. Unlike traditional cookies, such identifiers are hard coded into a
user’s phones software, and thus a user has no ability to disable mobile device identifiers.

44. Mobile Device “tracking” by use of mobile device identifiers is not exactly

1 comparable to any other type of tracking by advertising networks. This is not anonymous data
2 – but an exact ID that’s unique to each physical device, and if merged, with mobile device
3 activities, including but not limited to, identifying phone accessed user’s physical locations,
4 time of transmission, applications downloaded, social network IDs, providing unlimited
5 advertising opportunities (i.e., commercial value). Recording of a user’s GPS, without their
6 knowledge or consent also creates a security harm to the mobile device user. When tracking a
7 user’s location data on the mobile device, it is calculated to eight decimal points that can be far
8 more exact and accurate than any sort of geographically-based IP address look-up on the web.
9 Instead of getting a general location, location data on a GPS-enabled mobile can identify user’s
10 precise latitude and longitude.

11 45. The mobile device industry thus sought the technical means of synchronizing
12 tracking code so that information about individual consumer behavior on mobile devices could
13 be shared between companies and the unique device identifiers used in the majority of mobile
14 devices would be put to this purpose. Carrier IQ initial patent was able to extract unique
15 Identifiers from mobile devices:

16 Patent Title: COLLECTION OF DATA AT TARGET WIRELESS DEVICES USING DATA
17 COLLECTION PROFILES SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR USING DISTRIBUTED
18 NETWORK ELEMENTS TO IMPLEMENT MONITORING AND DATA COLLECTION
19 CONCERNING SELECTED NETWORK PARAMETERS.

20 Patent No.: US 7,609,650 B2

21 Assignee: Carrier IQ, Inc., Mountain View, CA (US)

22 Filed: July 5, 2005

23 Inventor: Konstantin Othmer

24 46. The dilemma facing the mobile advertising industry is that once the mobile
25 device data was extracted, a system and method was needed for wireless devices to use data for
26 mobile advertising. While Carrier IQ may have concentrated on extraction of mobile device
27 metrics, other companies were interested in assisting the mobile advertising networks to use
28 mobile device data.

1 **C. IQ Agent Technology**

2 i. *IQ Agent Collection of Unencrypted User Data Via Device "Log File"*

3 47. To monitor use of a mobile device, IQ Agent collects user data by utilizing the
4 mobile device's "log file"—a storage file that records certain actions or events that occur on
5 the device in real time, such as when the device is turned on or disconnected from a power
6 source. The log file can be examined by any software or application with Android operating
7 system permission to view it. Data is populated on the log file when software such as Huawei
8 IQ Agent prompts the operating system to append an entry into the log file.

9 48. IQ Agent specifically prompts mobile operating systems to populate log file
10 data for a number of confidential events, including the following:

- 11 (a) the contents of all incoming text messages;
12 (b) the URLs of all websites visited; and
13 (c) a user's GPS coordinates.

14 IQ Agent records this data on the log file in an unencrypted format, so the data is available to
15 any device software or applications with log file permission. In other words, any software or
16 application with Android operating system access can transmit and collect the user's
17 incoming text messages, visited URLs and/or GPS coordinates because of the log file entries
18 populated by IQ Agent. This log file access is typically granted to software and applications
19 that a user installs from the market and a user would have no reason to believe that in
20 granting "log file" access, he or she is also granting access to this unencrypted, confidential
21 data.

22 49. This puts users' confidential data at great risk. Even if the authors of the
23 software and applications running on the mobile device have the best intentions, if these
24 authors incorporate any third party code into their own software or applications (which is quite
25 common), the users' data is exposed to these other third parties and is jeopardized.

26 ii. *IQ Agent Transmission of User Data Via Periodic Scheduling and Remote*
27 *Triggering*

28 50. IQ Agent provides two mechanisms to transmit confidential data off the device:

1 periodic scheduling and remote triggering. The IQ Agent software provides specific "collection
2 points" where the confidential data will be sent. One of these "collection points" encoded in
3 the software is http://collector.sky.carrieriq.com:7001/collector/c?cm_sl=5. Data transmitted to
4 this Carrier IQ server will remain unencrypted and unprotected during data transmission and
5 receipt.

6 51. IQ Agent can prompt a user's mobile device to send confidential data to Carrier
7 IQ's server on a periodic schedule, e.g., once a week or once a month. It can also prompt a
8 user's device to send confidential data at any time via a "WAP push request" or a "text
9 request." A WAP push request is a specially-formatted message delivered to the device over a
10 mobile data or internet connection requesting transmission of data from the device. A user
11 would be unaware that a WAP push request had been made to their device. A text request is a
12 standard text message sent to the device with contents beginning with "//CM" or "//IQ." The
13 contents of that message direct the device to transmit data from the device. This text message is
14 "suppressed" or hidden to the operator, meaning that the user does not see the text message and
15 is unaware that Carrier IQ or some other party has requested transmission of confidential data
16 from the device.

17 iii. *IQ Agent Continuous Unauthorized Data Logging and Transmission*

18 52. IQ Agent begins logging confidential user data the moment the user first
19 purchases the mobile device and turns it on, without notice to or consent from the user. IQ
20 Agent logs this data silently so that users have no knowledge the data is being logged or is
21 available to any device software or applications with log file permission. The data is also
22 transmitted silently so users are unaware that confidential data is being broadcast from their
23 devices. Data is logged and transmitted even when the device is not in use.

24 53. An average user will have no knowledge that the IQ Agent software is even
25 running on his or her device, and the IQ Agent software does not appear on the device's
26 application launch menu.

27 54. A user is unable to stop the Carrier IQ software from running. When a user
28 manually turns off the IQ Agent software, it automatically restarts itself seconds later. A user is

1 unable to delete or remove the IQ Agent software from the device without voiding Huawei's
2 manufacturer's warranty.

3 55. Because the software is preinstalled or authorized for automatic remote
4 installation by Huawei and runs as part of the device operating system, data is continuously
5 collected and can be transmitted via wireless internet or other means, even if the device user
6 has no carrier contract and the mobile device is not connected to a mobile network.

7 iv. *IQ Agent Depletion of Resources*

8 56. Because IQ Agent runs continuously and silently, it depletes device resources
9 without notice to or authorization from the user. These depleted resources include:

10 (a) battery power (required to run the device while activity such as data
11 logging and transmission occurs);

12 (b) device memory (used to log confidential user data and receive and
13 respond to WAP push requests and/or text requests);

14 (c) CPU (also known as "central processing unit" used to process the
15 instructions and perform the functions required by the IQ Agent software);

16 (d) bandwidth (used to transmit and receive data according to IQ Agent
17 instructions); and

18 (e) text messages (IQ Agent's hidden text request function indicates a text
19 has been received by the user even when the user cannot see it, and may result in a charges to
20 users who pay for a finite number of texts per month).

21 **D. Huawei's Warranty**

22 57. There is no choice to "opt in" to Carrier IQ's data collection and transmission
23 by downloading IQ Agent since in many cases it is preinstalled or installed via remote
24 automatic update on Plaintiff's and Class Members' mobile devices. Users cannot uninstall it,
25 block it, or cease its actions. Huawei and Carrier IQ provide Plaintiff and Class Members no
26 notice of this software or the functions it performs.

27 58. Huawei's Manufacturer's Warranty for the Huawei mobile devices does not
28 mention or disclose the existence of the IQ Agent software on the device or the functions that

1 software performs.

2 59. Huawei's Manufacturer's Warranty states that the Warranty will be void if a
3 user alters or impairs the operating system, which would include deleting or attempting to
4 delete the IQ Agent software from the device.

5 **E. Defendants' Harmful Business Practices**

6 60. Defendants' business practice unfairly wrests the user's control and consumes
7 the resources of the Plaintiff's and Class Members' mobile devices by gathering information,
8 populating such information in an unencrypted format in their mobile log file, and transferring
9 such information to storage for subsequent use. Defendants caused harm and damages to
10 Plaintiff's and Class Members' mobile devices' finite resources, depleted and exhausted its
11 battery power, memory, CPU bandwidth and text, thus causing an actual inability to use it for
12 its intended purposes and resulting in instability issues.

13 61. Defendants' collection and disclosure of this personal information violates user
14 expectations, diminishes user's privacy, and contradicts Huawei's own representations. These
15 business practices are unfair and deceptive trade practices as set forth further below.

16 62. Defendants' activities, made the basis of this action include, but are not limited
17 to, economic harm due to the unauthorized use of Plaintiff's and Class Members' bandwidth,
18 the amount of data that can be transmitted across a channel in a set amount of time. Any
19 transmission of information on the internet includes bandwidth. Similar to utility companies,
20 such as power or water, the "pipeline" is a substantial capital expenditure, and bandwidth
21 usage controls the pricing model. Hosting providers charge user's for bandwidth because their
22 upstream provider charges them and so forth until it reaches the "back bone providers". Retail
23 providers purchase it from wholesalers to sell its consumers.

24 63. Defendants' activities made the basis of this action consume vast amounts of
25 bandwidth, slowing a user's internet connection by using their bandwidth, in addition to
26 diminishing the mobile devices "battery life," CPU and device memory in order to send, store
27 and retrieve metric data.

28 64. Plaintiff and Class Members were afforded only a millisecond of time after

1 (a) whether Defendants omitted, misrepresented or otherwise failed to
2 notify Class Members of the fact that IQ Agent was installed on Plaintiff's and Class
3 Members' mobile devices;

4 (b) whether Defendants omitted, misrepresented or otherwise failed to
5 notify Class Members of the fact that IQ Agent logs unencrypted data in the device log file
6 that includes incoming text messages, visited URLs and GPS location coordinates;

7 (c) whether Defendants omitted, misrepresented or otherwise failed to
8 notify Class Members of the fact that IQ Agent utilizes finite device resources such as battery
9 power, device memory, CPU, bandwidth and text messages;

10 (d) whether Defendants' conduct violates the federal Electronic
11 Communications Privacy Act

12 (e) whether Defendants' conduct violates the federal Stored
13 Communications Act;

14 (f) whether Defendants' conduct violates California's Consumers Legal
15 Remedies Act;

16 (g) whether Defendants' conduct violates Texas's Deceptive Trade
17 Practices Act;

18 (h) whether Defendants were negligent in their failure to disclose the
19 presence of IQ Agent on Plaintiff's and Class Members' mobile devices and/or their failure
20 to seek Plaintiff's and Class Members' consent prior to logging, collecting and transmitting
21 confidential user data;

22 (i) whether Defendants' conduct constitutes trespass; and

23 (j) whether Defendants were unjustly enriched from their conduct, and
24 whether they must disgorge profits to Plaintiff and Class Members.

25 71. Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of the members of the Class. Plaintiff
26 has no interests antagonistic to those of the Class and is subject to no unique defenses.

27 72. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the Class and has
28 retained attorneys experienced in class and complex litigation.

1 activating their Huawei mobile device before IQ Agent intentionally, and without users'
2 authorization and consent, accessed Plaintiff's and Class Members' mobile device. While only
3 the most tech savvy mobile device users are familiar with IQ Agent's activity, even a more
4 finite amount of individuals know how to actually remove IQ Agent, let alone recognize the
5 risk of that software to their confidential user data.

6 VII. CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS

7 65. Plaintiff brings this action pursuant to Rule 23(a) and 23(b)(1)-(3) of the Federal
8 Rules of Civil Procedure on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated, as members
9 of the proposed nationwide Class ("Nationwide Class"), defined as follows:

10 All consumers in the United States who purchased and used a
11 Huawei mobile device on which the IQ Agent software resides
from March 11, 2007 to the date of Class certification.

12 66. Plaintiff also bring certain of the claims on behalf of itself and a portion of the
13 class described as the Texas subclass ("Texas Subclass"), defined as follows:

14 All consumers residing within the State of Texas who purchased
15 and used a Huawei mobile device on which the IQ Agent
16 software resides from March 11, 2007 to the date of Class
certification.

17 67. Excluded from the Nationwide Class and Texas Subclass are the officers,
18 directors, and employees of Carrier IQ and Huawei, and their respective legal representatives,
19 heirs, successors and assigns.

20 68. This action is brought as a class action and may properly be so maintained
21 pursuant to the provisions of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23. Plaintiff reserves the right to
22 modify the Nationwide Class and the Texas Subclass definitions and the class period pursuant
23 to discovery that is conducted hereafter.

24 69. The members of the Class are so numerous that joinder of all members would
25 be impracticable. Plaintiff estimates that there are hundreds of thousands of consumers who
26 purchased Huawei mobile devices installed with the IQ Agent software.

27 70. There are questions of law and fact common to the members of the Class that
28 predominate over any questions affecting only individual members, including:

1 73. A class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient
2 adjudication of this controversy for the following reasons:

3 (a) It is economically impractical for each member of the Class to
4 prosecute individual actions;

5 (b) The Class is readily definable;

6 (c) Prosecution as a class action will eliminate the possibility of
7 repetitious litigation;

8 (d) A class action will enable claims to be handled in an orderly and
9 expeditious manner;

10 (e) A class action will save time and expense and will ensure uniformity
11 of decisions; and

12 (f) Plaintiff does not anticipate any difficulty in the management of this
13 litigation as a class action.

14 74. Defendants have acted and refused to act on grounds that apply generally to the
15 Class, so that final injunctive relief or corresponding declaratory relief is appropriate respecting
16 the Class as a whole.

17 75. Plaintiff believes that notice to the Class is necessary and proposes that notice of
18 this class action be provided by individual mailings to Class members and/or by publication in
19 national publications.

20 **VIII. CAUSES OF ACTION**

21 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

22 **Violation of the Electronic Communications Privacy Act 18 U.S.C. § 2510**

23 **Against All Defendants**

24 76. Plaintiff incorporates by reference all paragraphs previously alleged herein.

25 77. Plaintiff asserts this claim against each and every Defendant named herein in
26 this complaint on behalf of themselves and the Class.

27 78. The Electronic Communications Privacy Act of 1986, 18 U.S.C. § 2510,
28 referred to as "ECPA," regulates wire and electronic communications interception and

1 interception of oral communications, and makes it unlawful for a person to “willfully intercept,
2 endeavor to intercept, or procure any other person to intercept or endeavor to intercept, any
3 wire, oral, or electronic communication,” within the meaning of 18 U.S.C. § 2511(1).

4 79. Defendants violated 18 U.S.C. § 2511 by intentionally acquiring and/or
5 intercepting, by device or otherwise, Plaintiff’s and Class Members’ electronic
6 communications, without knowledge, consent, or authorization.

7 80. At all relevant times, Defendants engaged in business practices of intercepting
8 and collecting the Plaintiff’s and Class Members’ confidential electronic communications
9 which included incoming text messages, URLs of websites viewed and GPS coordinates from
10 within their mobile devices. Once Defendants obtained this confidential personal information,
11 Defendants used it to aggregate mobile device data regarding Plaintiff’s and Class Members’
12 uses of their mobile devices. Defendants also made this confidential and unencrypted data
13 available to any device software or application with log file access, further violating Plaintiff’s
14 and Class Members’ privacy.

15 81. The contents of data transmissions from and to Plaintiff’s and Class Members’
16 personal computers constitute “electronic communications” within the meaning of 18 U.S.C.
17 §2510.

18 82. Plaintiff and Class Members are “person[s] whose ... electronic communication
19 is intercepted ... or intentionally used in violation of this chapter” within the meaning of 18
20 U.S.C. § 2520.

21 83. Defendants violated 18 U.S.C. § 2511(1)(a) by intentionally intercepting,
22 endeavoring to intercept, or procuring any other person to intercept or endeavor to intercept
23 Plaintiff’s and Class Members’ electronic communications.

24 84. Defendants violated 18 U.S.C. § 2511(1)(c) by intentionally disclosing, or
25 endeavoring to disclose, to any other person the contents of Plaintiff’s and Class Members’
26 electronic communications, knowing or having reason to know that the information was
27 obtained through the interception of Plaintiff’s and Class Member’s electronic
28 communications.

1 85. Defendants violated 18 U.S.C. § 2511(1)(d) by intentionally using, or
2 endeavoring to use, the contents of Plaintiff's and Class Members' electronic communications,
3 knowing or having reason to know that the information was obtained through the interception
4 of Plaintiff's and Class Members' electronic communications.

5 86. Defendants' intentional interception of these electronic communications without
6 Plaintiff's or Class Members' knowledge, consent, or authorization was undertaken without a
7 facially valid court order or certification.

8 87. Defendants intentionally used such electronic communications, with knowledge,
9 or having reason to know, that the electronic communications were obtained through
10 interception, for an unlawful purpose.

11 88. Defendants unlawfully accessed and used, and voluntarily disclosed, the
12 contents of the intercepted communications to enhance their profitability and revenue through
13 manufacturer contracts and advertising. This access and disclosure was not necessary for the
14 operation of Defendants' system or to protect Defendants' rights or property.

15 89. The Electronic Communications Privacy Act of 1986, 18 USC §2520(a)
16 provides a civil cause of action to "any person whose wire, oral, or electronic communication
17 is intercepted, disclosed, or intentionally used" in violation of the ECPA.

18 90. Defendants are liable directly and/or vicariously for this cause of action.
19 Plaintiff therefore seeks remedy as provided for by 18 U.S.C. §2520, including such
20 preliminary and other equitable or declaratory relief as may be appropriate, damages consistent
21 with subsection (c) of that section to be proven at trial, punitive damages to be proven at trial,
22 and a reasonable attorney's fee and other litigation costs reasonably incurred.

23 91. Plaintiff and Class Members have additionally suffered loss by reason of these
24 violations, including, without limitation, violation of the right of privacy. Defendants exposed
25 Plaintiff's and Class Members' personal information to any third party software or application
26 with log file access residing on their mobile devices without Plaintiff's or Class Members'
27 permission or knowledge, and in an unencrypted format. Plaintiff and Class Members were
28 damaged by Defendants' unauthorized use of the resources of Plaintiff's and Class Members'

1 mobile devices including battery power, device memory, CPUs, and bandwidth. Plaintiff and
2 Class Members had unauthorized charges to their mobile devices for every hidden text
3 message that was sent by Defendants.

4 92. Plaintiff and the Class, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §2520, are entitled to preliminary,
5 equitable, and declaratory relief, in addition to statutory damages of the greater of \$10,000 or
6 \$100 a day for each day of violation, actual and punitive damages, reasonable attorneys' fees,
7 and Defendants' profits obtained from the above-described violations. Unless restrained and
8 enjoined, Defendants will continue to commit such acts. Plaintiff's and Class Members'
9 remedy at law is not adequate to compensate them for these inflicted and threatened injuries,
10 entitling Plaintiff and Class Members to remedies including injunctive relief as provided by 18
11 U.S.C. § 2510.

12 SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

13 Violation of the Stored Communications Act, 18 U.S.C. §2701

14 Against All Defendants

15 93. Plaintiff incorporates the above allegations by reference as though fully set forth
16 herein.

17 94. The Stored Communications Act prohibits persons from accessing without
18 authorization a device through which an electronic communications service is provided (18
19 U.S.C. §2701).

20 95. Defendants were engaged in the sale of mobile devices to consumers during the
21 class period.

22 96. Defendants intentionally accessed and collected the personal data of Plaintiff
23 and Class Members on their mobile devices without notice or authorization, including
24 incoming text messages, URLs of websites viewed and GPS coordinates.

25 97. As a result of Defendants' unlawful violation of this section, Plaintiff and Class
26 Members have been damaged by among other things, failing to receive the benefits of a
27 product impliedly represented to them as secure as to their personal information. Plaintiff and
28 Class Members have additionally suffered loss by reason of these violations, including

1 violation of their rights of privacy. Defendants exposed Plaintiff's and Class Members'
2 personal information to any third party software or application with log file access residing on
3 their mobile devices without Plaintiff's or Class Members' permission or knowledge, and in an
4 unencrypted form. Plaintiff and Class Members were damaged by Defendants' unauthorized
5 use of the resources of Plaintiff's and Class Members' mobile devices including battery power,
6 cell phone memory, CPUs, and bandwidth. Moreover, Plaintiff and Class Members had
7 unauthorized charges to their mobile devices for every hidden text message that was sent by
8 Defendants.

9 98. Plaintiff and Class Members have been harmed by Defendants' unlawful
10 violations of this section and are therefore entitled to relief in the form of damages, costs and
11 disbursements, including costs of investigation and reasonable attorney's fees and are entitled
12 to equitable relief as determined by this Court.

13 **THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**

14 **Violation of the Consumer Legal Remedies Act**

15 **("CLRA") California Civil Code § 1750, et seq.**

16 **Against All Defendants**

17 99. Plaintiff incorporates the foregoing allegations as if fully set forth herein.

18 100. In violation of Civil Code §1750, et seq. (the "CLRA"), Defendants have
19 engaged and are engaging in unfair and deceptive acts and practices in the course of
20 transactions with Plaintiff, and such transactions are intended to and have resulted in the sales
21 of services to consumers. Plaintiff and Class Members are "consumers" as that term is used in
22 the CLRA because they sought or acquired Defendants' goods or services for personal, family,
23 or household purposes.

24 101. At all relevant times, Defendants' business practices of selling Huawei mobile
25 devices installed or updated with IQ Agent software, were goods Plaintiff and Class Members
26 obtained for use. Defendants' scheme to offer such goods misled Plaintiff and Class Members
27 about the nature and integrity of the Huawei mobile devices since Defendants intended to use
28 such for mobile device tracking, collection of confidential, unencrypted user data, and

1 depletion of consumer resources, including battery power, device memory, CPUs, and
2 bandwidth. Defendants also charged consumers for every hidden text message that was sent by
3 Defendants.

4 102. Defendants represented that their services had characteristics, uses, and benefits
5 that they do not have, in violation of Civil Code § 1770(a)(5). Defendants represented privacy
6 and “reliable, worry-free service” as a characteristic of the mobile devices that they did not
7 have. Defendants intercepted and collected Plaintiff’s and Class Members’ electronic
8 communications which included incoming text messages, URLs of websites viewed and GPS
9 coordinates from within their mobile devices. Once Defendants obtained this personal
10 information, Defendants used it to aggregate mobile device data of Plaintiff and Class
11 Members as they used their mobile device. Defendants made this personal information
12 available, unencrypted, to any third party software or applications with log file access on the
13 device and further violated Plaintiff’s and Class Members’ privacy.

14 103. In addition, Defendants’ modus operandi constitutes an unfair practice in that
15 Defendants knew, or should have known, that consumers care about the status of personal
16 information regarding visited websites, GPS location and text privacy but were unlikely to be
17 aware of the manner in which Defendants failed to fulfill their commitments with respect to the
18 consumers’ privacy.

19 104. Defendants’ acts and practices were deceptive and unfair because they were
20 likely to mislead the members of the public to whom they were directed.

21 105. Plaintiff and Class Members have suffered loss by reason of these violations,
22 including, without limitation, violation of the right of privacy. Defendants exposed Plaintiff’s
23 and Class Members’ personal information to any third party software or application with log
24 file access residing on their mobile devices without Plaintiff’s or Class Members’ permission
25 or knowledge, and in an unencrypted form. Plaintiff and Class Members were damaged by
26 Defendants’ unauthorized use of the resources of Plaintiff’s and Class Members’ mobile
27 devices including battery power, cell phone memory, CPUs, and bandwidth. Moreover,
28 Plaintiff and Class Members had unauthorized charges to their mobile devices for every hidden

1 text message that was sent by Defendants.

2 106. Plaintiff, on behalf of himself and on behalf of each member of the Class, shall
3 seek individual restitution, injunctive relief, and other relief as the Court deems just and proper.

4 107. Pursuant to California Civil Code, Section 1782, Plaintiff will notify Defendants
5 in writing of the particular violations of Civil Code, Section 1770 and demand that Defendants
6 rectify the problems associated with its behavior detailed above, which acts and practices are in
7 violation of Civil Code Section 1770.

8 **FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

9 **Violation of Unfair Competition California Business and Professions Code § 17200**

10 **Against All Defendants**

11 108. Plaintiff incorporates the foregoing allegations as if fully set forth herein.

12 109. In violation of California Business and Professions Code Section 17200 et seq.,
13 Defendants' conduct in this regard is ongoing and includes, but is not limited to, unfair,
14 unlawful and fraudulent conduct.

15 110. At all relevant times, Defendants' business practices as alleged above constitute
16 unlawful, unfair and fraudulent business acts and practices.

17 111. Defendants engaged in these unfair and fraudulent practices to increase their
18 profits. Plaintiff and Class Members were injured and damaged by being forced to relinquish—
19 without consent or knowledge—confidential and personal user data, device battery power,
20 device memory, CPUs, and bandwidth. Plaintiff and Class Members were also unfairly charged
21 for every hidden text message that was sent by Defendants.

22 112. By engaging in the above-described acts and practices, Defendants have
23 committed one or more acts of unfair competition within the meaning of the UCL and, as a
24 result, Plaintiff and the Class have suffered injury-in-fact and have lost money and/or property.

25 **A. Unlawful Business Act and Practices**

26 113. Defendants' business acts and practices are unlawful, in part, because they
27 violate the Electronic Communications Privacy Act, 18 U.S.C. Section 2510 which prohibits
28 any person from willfully intercepting or endeavoring to intercept, or procuring any other

1 person to intercept or endeavor to intercept, any wire, oral, or electronic communication,
2 including incoming text messages.

3 114. Defendants' business acts and practices are also unlawful in that they violate the
4 Stored Communications Act, 18 U.S.C. Section 2701, California Consumer Legal Remedies
5 Act, California Civil Code §1750, and California Penal Code, § 502 among other statutes.

6 **B. Unfair Business Act and Practices**

7 115. Defendants' business acts and practices are unfair because they cause harm and
8 injury-in-fact to Plaintiff and Class Members and for which Defendants have no justification
9 other than to increase revenues from the unauthorized use of personal information

10 116. Defendants' conduct lacks reasonable and legitimate justification in that
11 Defendants have benefited from such conduct and practices while Plaintiff and the Class
12 Members have been misled as to the nature and integrity of Defendants' services and have, in
13 fact, suffered injury regarding the privacy and confidentiality of their personal information and
14 the use of their device resources. Defendants' conduct offends public policy in California in
15 connection with the Consumer Legal Remedies Act, the state constitutional right of privacy,
16 and California statutes recognizing the need for consumers to safeguard their own privacy
17 interests, including California Civil Code, Section 1798.80.

18 117. In addition, Defendants' actions constitute an unfair practice in that Defendants
19 knew, or should have known, that consumers care about the status of personal information
20 regarding visited websites, GPS location and text privacy but were unlikely to be aware of the
21 manner in which Defendants failed to fulfill their commitments with respect to the consumers'
22 privacy.

23 118. Defendants' acts and practices were fraudulent within the meaning of the Unfair
24 Competition Law because they were likely to mislead the consumers.

25 119. Defendants' practice of capturing, storing, and transferring highly detailed and
26 personal records of consumers' incoming text messages, URLs of websites visited and GPS
27 location histories, and storing such information in unencrypted form, is in violation of the
28 Unfair Competition Law. Plaintiff and Class Members have suffered loss by reason of these

1 violations, including, violation to their right of privacy. Defendants exposed Plaintiff's and
2 Class Members' personal information to any third party software or applications with log file
3 access residing on their mobile devices without Plaintiff's or Class Members' consent or
4 knowledge, and in an unencrypted form. Plaintiff and Class Members were damaged by
5 Defendants' unauthorized use of the resources of Plaintiff's and Class Members' mobile
6 devices including battery power, cell phone memory, CPUs, and bandwidth. Moreover,
7 Plaintiff and Class Members had to pay unauthorized charges to their mobile devices for every
8 hidden text message that was sent by Defendants.

9 **FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

10 **Violation of California's Computer Crime Law**

11 **Penal Code § 502 et seq.**

12 **Against All Defendants**

13 120. Plaintiff incorporates the above allegations by reference as if set forth herein at
14 length.

15 121. The California Computer Crime Law, California Penal Code Section 502
16 regulates "tampering, interference, damage, and unauthorized access to lawfully created
17 computer data and computer systems." A mobile device is a "computer system" as defined in
18 Penal Code Section 502(b)(5) in that it contains electronic instructions, inputs and outputs data,
19 performs functions including communication and data storage and retrieval.

20 122. Defendants violated California Penal Code § 502 by knowingly accessing,
21 copying, using, making use of, interfering, and/or altering, data belonging to Plaintiff and Class
22 Members: (1) in and from the State of California; (2) in the home states of the Plaintiff and
23 Class Members; and (3) in the state in which the servers that provided the communication link
24 between Plaintiff and Class Members and the applications they interacted with were located.

25 123. At all relevant times, Defendants had a business practice of accessing Plaintiff's
26 and Class Members' mobile devices on a systematic and continuous basis in order to obtain
27 mobile device data and to monitor and collect data related to their browsing habits, GPS
28 locations and incoming text messages. Defendants accessed such data without notice to or

1 authorization from Plaintiff or Class Members.

2 124. Pursuant to California Penal Code § 502(b)(1), "Access means to gain entry to,
3 instruct, or communicate with the logical, arithmetical, or memory function resources of a
4 computer, computer system, or computer network."

5 125. Pursuant to California Penal Code § 502(b)(6), "Data means a representation of
6 information, knowledge, facts, concepts, computer software, computer programs or
7 instructions. Data may be in any form, in storage media, or as stored in the memory of the
8 computer or in transit or presented on a display device."

9 126. Defendants have violated California Penal Code § 502(c)(1) by knowingly
10 accessing and without permission, altering, and making use of data from Plaintiff's and Class
11 Members' mobile devices in order to devise and execute business practices to deceive Plaintiff
12 and Class Members into surrendering private electronic communications, and to wrongfully
13 obtain valuable private data and device resources from Plaintiff and Class Members.

14 127. Defendants have violated California Penal Code § 502(c)(2) by knowingly
15 accessing and without permission, taking, or making use of data from Plaintiff's and Class
16 Members' mobile devices.

17 128. Defendants have violated California Penal Code § 502(c)(3) by knowingly and
18 without permission, using and causing to be used Plaintiff's and Class Members' mobile
19 computing devices' services and resources.

20 129. Defendants have violated California Penal Code section 502(c)(4) by knowingly
21 accessing and, without permission, adding and/or altering the data from Plaintiff's and Class
22 Members' computers, including application code installed on such computers.

23 130. Defendants have violated California Penal Code § 502(c)(6) by knowingly and
24 without permission providing, or assisting in providing, a means of accessing Plaintiff's and
25 Class Members' mobile devices and mobile device systems.

26 131. Defendants has violated California Penal Code § 502(c)(7) by knowingly and
27 without permission accessing, or causing to be accessed, Plaintiff's and Class Members'
28 mobile devices and mobile device systems.

1 132. California Penal Code § 502(j) states: "For purposes of bringing a civil or a
2 criminal action under this section, a person who causes, by any means, the access of a
3 computer, computer system, or computer network in one jurisdiction from another jurisdiction
4 is deemed to have personally accessed the computer, computer system, or computer network in
5 each jurisdiction."

6 133. Plaintiff and Class Members have suffered loss by reason of these violations,
7 including, without limitation, violation of the right of privacy. Defendants exposed Plaintiff's
8 and Class Members' personal information to any third party software or application with log
9 file access residing on their mobile devices without Plaintiff's or Class Members' permission
10 or knowledge, and in an unencrypted form. Plaintiff and Class Members were damaged by
11 Defendants' unauthorized use of the resources of Plaintiff's and Class Members' mobile
12 devices including battery power, cell phone memory, CPUs, and bandwidth. Plaintiff and Class
13 Members had unauthorized charges to their mobile devices for every hidden text message that
14 was sent by Defendants.

15 134. Plaintiff and Class Members have also suffered irreparable injury from these
16 unauthorized acts of disclosure, to wit: their personal, private, and sensitive electronic data was
17 obtained and used by Defendant. Due to the continuing threat of such injury, Plaintiff and
18 Class Members have no adequate remedy at law, entitling Plaintiff and the Class to injunctive
19 relief.

20 135. Plaintiff and Class Members have additionally suffered loss by reason of these
21 violations, including, without limitation, violation of the right of privacy and depletion of
22 valuable device resources.

23 136. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct within the
24 meaning of California Penal Code § 502, Defendants have caused loss to Plaintiff and Class
25 Members in an amount to be proven at trial. Plaintiff and Class Members are also entitled to
26 recover their reasonable attorneys' fees pursuant to California Penal Code § 502(e).

27 137. Plaintiff and the Class Members seek compensatory damages, in an amount to
28 be proven at trial, and injunctive or other equitable relief.

1 **SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

2 **Violation of the California Invasion of Privacy Act**

3 **Penal Code § 630 et seq.**

4 **Against All Defendants**

5 138. Plaintiff incorporates the above allegations by reference as if set forth herein at
6 length.

7 139. California Penal Code Section 630 provides, in part:

8 Any person who, . . . or who willfully and without the consent of
9 all parties to the communication, or in any unauthorized manner,
10 reads, or attempts to read, or to learn the contents or meaning of
11 any message, report, or communication while the same is in
12 transit or passing over any wire, line, or cable, or is being sent
13 from, or received at any place within this state; or who uses, or
14 attempts to use, in any manner, or for any purpose, or to
15 communicate in any way, any information so obtained, or who
16 aids, agrees with, employs, or conspires with any person or
17 persons to unlawfully do, or permit, or cause to be done any of
18 the acts or things mentioned above in this section, is punishable. .

19 140. At all relevant times, Defendants engaged in a business practice of accessing the
20 mobile device data of the Plaintiff and Class Members without their authorization and consent
21 and systematically logging and collecting their incoming text messages, URLs of websites
22 viewed and GPS coordinates. Defendants made this personal data available to all third party
23 software or applications with log file access on the mobile devices of Plaintiff and Class
24 Members in an unencrypted form, without the consent or authorization of Plaintiff or Class
25 Members.

26 141. On information and belief, Plaintiff and each Class Member, during one or more
27 of their interactions on their mobile device, including receipt of text messages and URL
28 browsing, communicated with one or more web entities based in California, or with one or
more entities whose servers were located in California.

142. Communications from the California web-based entities to Plaintiff and Class
Members were sent from California. Communications to the California web-based entities
from Plaintiff and Class Members were sent to California.

1 143. Plaintiff and Class Members did not consent to any of the Defendants' actions
2 in intercepting, reading, and/or learning the contents of their communications with such
3 California-based entities.

4 144. Plaintiff and Class Members did not consent to any of the Defendants' actions
5 in using the contents of their communications with such California-based entities.

6 145. Neither Defendant is a "public utility engaged in the business of providing
7 communications services and facilities . . ."

8 146. The actions alleged herein by the Defendants were not undertaken "for the
9 purpose of construction, maintenance, conduct or operation of the services and facilities of the
10 public utility."

11 147. The actions alleged herein by the Defendants were not undertaken in connection
12 with "the use of any instrument, equipment, facility, or service furnished and used pursuant to
13 the tariffs of a public utility."

14 148. The actions alleged herein by Defendants were not undertaken with respect to
15 any telephonic communication system used for communication exclusively within a state,
16 county, city and county, or city correctional facility.

17 149. Defendants directly participated in intercepting, reading, and/or learning the
18 contents of the communications between Plaintiff, Class Members and California-based web
19 entities.

20 150. Alternatively, and of equal violation of the California Invasion of Privacy Act,
21 Huawei aided, agreed with, and/or conspired with Carrier IQ to unlawfully do, or permit, or
22 cause to be done all of the acts complained of herein.

23 151. Plaintiff and Class Members have additionally suffered loss by reason of these
24 violations, including, without limitation, violation of the right of privacy. Defendants exposed
25 Plaintiff's and Class Members' personal information to any third party software or application
26 with log file access residing on their mobile devices without Plaintiff's or Class Members'
27 permission or knowledge, and in an unencrypted form. Plaintiff and Class Members were
28 damaged by Defendants' unauthorized use of the resources of Plaintiff's and Class Members'

1 mobile devices including battery power, cell phone memory, CPUs, and bandwidth. Moreover,
2 Plaintiff and Class Members had unauthorized charges to their mobile devices for every hidden
3 text message that was sent by Defendants.

4 152. Unless restrained and enjoined, Defendants will continue to commit such acts.
5 Pursuant to § 637.2 of the California Penal Code, Plaintiff and the Class have been injured by
6 the violations of California Penal Code Section 631. Wherefore, Plaintiff, on behalf of himself
7 and on behalf of a similarly situated Class of consumers, seeks damages and injunctive relief.

8 SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

9 Violation of the Song-Beverly Warranty Act, California Civil Code §1792

10 Against All Defendants

11 153. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations contained in all the
12 paragraphs of this Complaint.

13 154. Huawei warranted to Plaintiff and Class Members in its "Manufacturer's
14 Warranty" that the mobile devices would be free from defects for normal consumer usage for
15 twelve months from the date of purchase.

16 155. Huawei by offering mobile devices in the marketplace represented and
17 warranted to Plaintiff and Class Members that these devices did not cause personal information
18 to be unreasonably and unexpectedly transferred to third parties.

19 156. Plaintiff and Class Members paid more for their mobile devices than they would
20 have paid if Huawei disclosed the fact that the mobile devices were designed with defects,
21 namely the privacy breach to Carrier IQ and any other third party software on the mobile
22 device.

23 157. A reasonable consumer would, and Plaintiff and Class Members did expect that,
24 if Huawei mobile devices were subject to defects such as those identified above, Huawei would
25 disclose these material facts and Plaintiff and Class Members would not have purchased these
26 devices.

27 158. Plaintiff and Class Members paid premiums for Huawei mobile devices because
28 they reasonably believed the devices were designed to employ reasonable security in their

1 operation.

2 159. Huawei's failure to meet the specifications of the mobile devices violates the
3 express and implied warranties under the Song-Beverly Warranty Act, California Civil Code
4 §1792 et seq.

5 160. Moreover, Huawei asserts that disabling the Carrier IQ software on a mobile
6 device voids the Huawei Warranty. Plaintiff and Class Members are therefore forced to induce
7 breach of the Huawei Warranty by disabling the Carrier IQ software to protect their personal
8 information.

9 161. Plaintiff and Class Members who purchased the mobile devices are entitled to a
10 refund of the purchase price.

11 **EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

12 **Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act, Business and Commerce**

13 **Code § 17.41 et seq.**

14 **Against All Defendants**

15 162. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations contained in all of the
16 preceding paragraphs of this complaint.

17 163. Plaintiff is a "consumer" under the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act as he
18 purchased and used a Huawei mobile device that had been preinstalled with the Carrier IQ
19 tracking program.

20 164. Defendants are proper "persons" or defendants under the Texas Deceptive
21 Trade Practices Act, who either used or employed false, misleading, deceptive or
22 unconscionable acts or practices, or were directly connected with the transaction with Plaintiff.

23 165. Defendants committed multiple violations and wrongful acts under the Texas
24 Deceptive Trade Practices Act, including the following: making or committing, false,
25 misleading or deceptive acts and/or practices, including but not limited to violations of Tex.
26 Business & Commerce Code § 17.46(b) (3), (5), (7), (9), (20), and (24). Defendants committed
27 misleading and unconscionable acts in connection with the sale of mobile devices installed or
28 updated with IQ Agent to Plaintiff and Class Members, and the subsequent tracking and

1 logging of Plaintiff's and Class Members' confidential, unencrypted through IQ Agent without
2 notice or consent. In carrying out these acts, Defendants depleted Plaintiff's and Class
3 Members' mobile device resources without notice to or consent from Plaintiff or Class
4 Members. Plaintiff and Class Members relied on Defendants' acts and/or practices to their
5 detriment.

6 166. Plaintiff and Class Members will show that the violation and actions of
7 Defendants were a producing cause of their damages. Defendants exposed Plaintiff's and
8 Class Members' personal information to any third party software or applications with log file
9 access residing on their mobile devices without Plaintiff's or Class Members' permission or
10 knowledge, and in an unencrypted form. Plaintiff and Class Members were damaged by
11 Defendants' unauthorized use of Plaintiff's and Class Members' mobile device resources
12 including battery power, cell phone memory, CPUs, and bandwidth. Moreover, Plaintiff and
13 Class Members had unauthorized charges to their mobile devices for every hidden text
14 message that was sent by Defendants.

15 167. Plaintiff will show that the violations and actions of Defendants were done
16 intentionally or knowingly, entitling Plaintiff to treble damages.

17 168. Plaintiff will show that the violations and actions of Defendants entitle him to
18 reasonable and necessary attorney's fees under the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act,
19 specifically Tex. Business & Commerce Code § 17.50(d).

20 **NINTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

21 **Breach of Express Warranty**

22 **Against Defendant Huawei**

23 169. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations contained in all the
24 paragraphs of this Complaint.

25 170. Huawei warranted to Plaintiff and Class Members in its "Manufacturer's
26 Warranty" that the mobile devices would be free from defects for normal consumer usage for
27 twelve months from the date of purchase.

28 171. Huawei sold mobile devices to Plaintiff and Class Members that were defective

1 because they caused personal information to be unreasonably and unexpectedly viewed and
2 collected by Carrier IQ and other third party software and applications. The devices also were
3 subject to depletion of resources through the IQ Agent software which depleted those resources
4 without notice to or authorization from Plaintiff or Class Members.

5 172. Plaintiff and Class Members paid more for their mobile devices than they would
6 have paid if Huawei disclosed the fact that the mobile devices were designed with defects,
7 namely the privacy breach and depletion of mobile device resources.

8 173. A reasonable consumer would, and Plaintiff and Class Members did expect that,
9 if Huawei mobile devices were subject to defects such as those identified above, Huawei would
10 disclose these material facts and Plaintiff and Class Members would not have purchased these
11 devices.

12 174. Plaintiff and Class Members paid premiums for Huawei mobile devices because
13 they reasonably believed the devices were designed to employ reasonable security in their
14 operation.

15 175. Huawei's failure to provide to Plaintiff and Class Members a mobile device that
16 is not defective is a violation of Huawei's express Warranty.

17 176. Moreover, Huawei asserts that disabling the Carrier IQ software on a mobile
18 device voids the Huawei Warranty. Plaintiff and Class Members are therefore forced by
19 Huawei to induce breach of the Huawei Warranty by disabling the Carrier IQ software to
20 protect their personal information.

21 177. Plaintiff and Class Members who purchased the mobile devices are entitled to a
22 refund of the purchase price.

23 **TENTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

24 **Breach of Implied Warranty**

25 **Against Defendant Huawei**

26 178. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations contained in all the
27 paragraphs of this Complaint.

28 179. Huawei by offering mobile devices in the marketplace represented and

1 warranted to Plaintiff and Class Members that these devices would be free from defects for
2 normal consumer usage and would not cause personal information to be unreasonably and
3 unexpectedly transferred to third parties.

4 180. Huawei sold mobile devices to Plaintiff and Class Members that were defective
5 because they caused personal information to be unreasonably and unexpectedly viewed and
6 collected by Carrier IQ and other third party software and applications. The devices also were
7 subject to depletion of resources through the IQ Agent software which depleted those resources
8 without notice to or authorization from Plaintiff or Class Members.

9 181. Plaintiff and Class Members paid more for their mobile devices than they would
10 have paid if Huawei disclosed the fact that the mobile devices were designed with defects,
11 namely the privacy breach and depletion of mobile device resources.

12 182. A reasonable consumer would, and Plaintiff and Class Members did expect that,
13 if Huawei mobile devices were subject to defects such as those identified above, Huawei would
14 disclose these material facts and Plaintiff and Class Members would not have purchased these
15 devices.

16 183. Plaintiff and Class Members paid premiums for Huawei mobile devices because
17 they reasonably believed the devices were designed to employ reasonable security in their
18 operation.

19 184. Huawei's failure to provide to Plaintiff and Class Members are therefore forced
20 by Huawei to induce breach of the Huawei Warranty by disabling the Carrier IQ software to
21 protect their personal information.

22 185. Huawei by offering mobile devices in the marketplace represented and
23 warranted to Plaintiff and Class Members that these devices would be free from defects for
24 normal consumer usage and would not cause personal information to be unreasonably and
25 unexpectedly transferred to third parties.

26 186. Huawei sold mobile devices to Plaintiff and Class Members that were defective
27 because they caused personal information to be unreasonably and unexpectedly viewed and
28 collected by Carrier IQ and other third party software and applications. The devices also were

1 subject to depletion of resources through the IQ Agent software which depleted those resources
2 without notice to or authorization from Plaintiff or Class Members.

3 187. Plaintiff and Class Members paid more for their mobile devices than they would
4 have paid if Huawei disclosed the fact that the mobile devices were designed with defects,
5 namely the privacy breach and depletion of mobile device resources.

6 188. A reasonable consumer would, and Plaintiff and Class Members did expect that,
7 if Huawei mobile devices were subject to defects such as those identified above, Huawei would
8 disclose these material facts and Plaintiff and Class Members would not have purchased these
9 devices.

10 189. Plaintiff and Class Members paid premiums for Huawei mobile devices because
11 they reasonably believed the devices were designed to employ reasonable security in their
12 operation.

13 190. Huawei's failure to provide to Plaintiff and Class Members a mobile device that
14 is not defective is a violation of Huawei's implied Warranty.

15 191. Plaintiff and Class Members who purchased the mobile devices are entitled to a
16 refund of the purchase price.

17 **ELEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

18 **Negligence**

19 **Against All Defendants**

20 192. Plaintiff incorporates the above allegations by reference as if fully set forth
21 herein.

22 193. Carrier IQ and Huawei owed a duty of care to Plaintiff and Class Members.

23 194. Carrier IQ and Huawei breached their duty by negligently designing IQ Agent
24 and preinstalling or uploading it to Plaintiff's and Class Members' mobile devices without any
25 notice or authorization so that Defendants could acquire personal information without
26 Plaintiff's and Class Members' knowledge or permission. Defendants also negligently made
27 this confidential data available to any software or application with log file access on the mobile
28 device, in an unencrypted format. Defendants also negligently depleted Plaintiff's and Class

1 Members' mobile device resources.

2 195. Carrier IQ and Huawei failed to fulfill their own commitments to Plaintiff and
3 Class Members, and further failed to fulfill even the minimum duty of care to protect
4 Plaintiff's and Class Members' personal information, privacy rights, security, and device
5 resources.

6 196. Huawei's unencrypted storage of Plaintiff's and Class Members' on the mobile
7 device log file and Carrier IQ servers was negligent.

8 197. Plaintiff and Class Members were harmed as a result of Carrier IQ's breaches of
9 its duty, and Carrier IQ proximately caused such harms.

10 198. Huawei's failure to fulfill its commitments included allowing Carrier IQ's
11 practice of preinstalling IQ Agent on Huawei mobile device users' devices without notice or
12 authorization and then permitting Carrier IQ to collect unencrypted data in the log file and
13 make it available, unencrypted, to third party software and applications with log file access on
14 the devices. Huawei engaged in these activities without notice to or consent from Plaintiff and
15 Class Members.

16 199. Huawei's preinstallation or upload of IQ Agent and unauthorized use of
17 Plaintiff's and Class Members' confidential information without notice to or consent from
18 Plaintiff or Class Members was negligent.

19 200. Defendants exposed Plaintiff's and Class Members' personal information to any
20 third party software with log file access residing on their mobile devices without Plaintiff's or
21 Class Members' permission or knowledge, and in an unencrypted form. Plaintiff and Class
22 Members were damaged by Defendants' unauthorized use of the resources of their mobile
23 devices including battery power, cell phone memory, CPUs, and bandwidth. Moreover,
24 Plaintiff and Class Members had unauthorized charges to their mobile devices for every hidden
25 text message that was sent by Carrier IQ.

26 201. Plaintiff and Class Members were harmed as a result of Defendants' breaches of
27 their duty, and Defendants proximately caused such harms.

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1 **TWELFTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

2 **Trespass to Personal Property/Chattels**

3 **Against All Defendants**

4 202. Plaintiff incorporates by reference all paragraphs previously alleged herein.

5 203. The common law prohibits the intentional intermeddling with personal property,
6 including a mobile device, in possession of another which results in the deprivation of the use
7 of the personal property or impairment of the condition, quality, or usefulness of the personal
8 property.

9 204. By engaging in the acts alleged in this complaint without the authorization or
10 consent of Plaintiff and Class Members, Defendants dispossessed Plaintiff and Class Members
11 from use and/or access to their mobile devices, or parts of them. Further, these acts impaired
12 the use, value, and quality of Plaintiff's and Class Members' mobile devices. Defendants' acts
13 constituted an intentional interference with the use and enjoyment of their mobile devices. By
14 the acts described above, Defendants have repeatedly and persistently engaged in trespass to
15 personal property in violation of the common law.

16 205. Without Plaintiff's and Class Members' consent, or in excess of any consent
17 given, Defendants knowingly and intentionally accessed Plaintiff's and Class Members'
18 property, thereby intermeddling with Plaintiff's and Class Members' right to possession of the
19 property and causing injury to Plaintiff and the members of the Class.

20 206. Defendants engaged in deception and concealment in order to gain access to
21 Plaintiff's and Class Members' mobile devices.

22 207. Defendants undertook the following actions with respect to Plaintiff's and Class
23 Members' mobile devices:

24 208. Defendants accessed and obtained control over the users' mobile device;

25 209. Defendants caused the installation of code on the hard drives of the mobile
26 devices;

27 210. Defendants programmed the operation of its code to circumvent the mobile
28 device owners' privacy and security controls, to remain beyond their control, and to continue

1 to function and operate without notice to them or consent from Plaintiff and Class Members;

2 211. Defendants obtained users' personal information by logging confidential data in
3 the log file;

4 212. Defendants utilized users' mobile device resources as part of logging
5 confidential data; and

6 213. Defendants used the log file data to obtain information about the mobile
7 browsing activities of the mobile device without the user's consent, and outside of the control
8 of the owner of the mobile device.

9 214. All these acts described above were acts in excess of any authority any user
10 granted Defendants when the user purchased the Huawei mobile device that had IQ Agent
11 preinstalled or updated on the device without the user's consent or knowledge. By engaging in
12 deception and misrepresentation, whatever authority or permission Plaintiff and Class
13 Members may have granted to Defendants was exceeded.

14 215. Defendants' installation and operation of its program used, interfered, and/or
15 intermeddled with Plaintiff's and Class Members' mobile devices. Such use, interference
16 and/or intermeddling was without Plaintiff's and Class Members' consent or, in the alternative,
17 in excess of Plaintiff's and Class Members' consent.

18 216. Defendants' installation and operation of its program constitutes trespass,
19 nuisance, and an interference with Plaintiff's and Class Members' chattels, to wit, their mobile
20 devices.

21 217. Defendants' installation and operation of the Carrier IQ program impaired the
22 condition and value of Plaintiff's and Class Members' mobile devices.

23 218. Defendants' trespass to chattels, nuisance, and interference caused real and
24 substantial damage to Plaintiff and Class Members. Defendants exposed Plaintiff's and Class
25 Members' personal information to any third party software with log file access residing on
26 their mobile devices without Plaintiff's or Class Members' permission or knowledge, and in an
27 unencrypted form. Plaintiff and Class Members were damaged by Defendants' unauthorized
28 use of the resources of Plaintiff's and Class Members' mobile devices including battery power,

1 cell phone memory, CPUs, and bandwidth. Plaintiff and Class Members had unauthorized
2 charges to their mobile devices for every hidden text message that was sent by Carrier IQ.

3 219. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' trespass to chattels, nuisance,
4 interference, unauthorized access of and intermeddling with Plaintiff's and Class Members'
5 property, Defendants have injured and impaired Plaintiff and Class Members in the condition
6 and value of Plaintiff's Class Members' mobile devices, as follows:

7 (a) By consuming the resources of and/or degrading the performance of
8 Plaintiff's and Class Members' mobile devices (including space, memory, processing cycles,
9 Internet connectivity, and unauthorized use of their bandwidth);

10 (b) By diminishing the use of, value, speed, capacity, and/or capabilities
11 of Plaintiff's and Class Members' mobile devices;

12 (c) By devaluing, interfering with, and/or diminishing Plaintiff's and
13 Class Members' possessory interest in their mobile devices;

14 (d) By altering and/or controlling the functioning of Plaintiff's and Class
15 Members' mobile devices;

16 (e) By infringing on Plaintiff's and Class Members' right to exclude
17 others from their mobile devices;

18 (f) By infringing on Plaintiff's and Class Members' right to determine, as
19 owners of/or their mobile devices, which programs should be installed and operating on their
20 mobile devices;

21 (g) By compromising the integrity, security, and ownership of Class
22 Members' mobile devices; and

23 (h) By utilizing Plaintiff's and Class Members' mobile device resources
24 without notice or consent.

25 **THIRTEENTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

26 **Unjust Enrichment**

27 **Against All Defendants**

28 220. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations contained in all of the

1 paragraphs of this complaint.

2 221. By engaging in the conduct described in this Complaint, Defendants have
3 knowingly obtained benefits from the Plaintiff and Class Members under circumstances that
4 make it inequitable and unjust for Defendants to retain them.

5 222. Plaintiff and the Class have conferred a benefit upon the Defendants who have,
6 directly or indirectly, received and retained the confidential information of Plaintiff and Class
7 Members as set forth herein. Defendants have received and retained information that is
8 otherwise private, confidential, and not of public record, and/or have received revenue from the
9 provision, use, and or trafficking in the sale of such information.

10 223. Defendants appreciate and/or have knowledge of said benefit.

11 224. Under principles of equity and good conscience, Defendants should not be
12 permitted to retain the information and/or revenue that they acquired by virtue of their
13 unlawful conduct. All funds, revenue, and benefits received by them rightfully belong to
14 Plaintiff and the Class, which the Defendants have unjustly received as a result of their actions.

15 225. Plaintiff and Class Members have no adequate remedy at law.

16 226. Defendants have received a benefit from Plaintiff and Class Members and
17 Defendants have received and retained money or other benefits from third parties as a result of
18 sharing Plaintiff's and Class Members' confidential information of Plaintiff and Class
19 Members without Plaintiff's or Class Members' knowledge or consent as alleged in this
20 Complaint.

21 227. Plaintiff and Class Members did not expect that Defendants would seek to gain
22 commercial or business advantage from third parties by using their personal information
23 without their knowledge or consent.

24 228. Defendants knowingly used Plaintiff's and Class Members' confidential
25 information without their knowledge or consent to gain commercial advantage from third
26 parties and had full knowledge of the benefits they have received from Plaintiff and Class
27 Members. If Plaintiff and Class Members had known Defendants were not keeping their
28 confidential information from third-parties, they would not have consented and Defendants

1 would not have gained commercial or business advantage from third parties.

2 229. Defendants will be unjustly enriched if Defendants are permitted to retain the
3 money or other benefits paid to them by third parties, or resulting from the commercial or
4 business advantage they gained, in exchange for Plaintiff's and Class Members' confidential
5 information.

6 230. Defendants should be required to provide restitution of all money obtained from
7 their unlawful conduct.

8 231. Plaintiff and the Members of the Class are entitled to an award of compensatory
9 and punitive damages in an amount to be determined at trial or to be imposition of a
10 constructive trust upon the wrongful revenues and/or profits obtained by and benefits conferred
11 upon Defendants as a result of the wrongful actions as alleged in this complaint.

12 232. Plaintiff and the Class have no remedy at law to prevent Defendants from
13 continuing the inequitable conduct alleged in this complaint and the continued unjust retention
14 of the money and/or benefits Defendants received from third parties.

15 **FOURTEENTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

16 **Conversion**

17 **Against All Defendants**

18 233. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations contained in all of the
19 preceding paragraphs of this complaint.

20 234. Plaintiff's and Class Members' mobile device data, including but not limited to
21 their incoming text messages, URLs of websites viewed and GPS coordinates, was viewed by
22 Defendants and made available to third party software and applications with log file permission
23 to collect confidential, unencrypted data about Plaintiff's and Class Members' mobile device
24 activities. Such property, owned by the Plaintiff and Class Members, is valuable to the Plaintiff
25 and Class Members.

26 235. Plaintiff's and Class Members' mobile devices use battery power, cell phone
27 memory, CPUs, and bandwidth. Defendants' activities, made the basis of this action, used
28 without notice or authorization, such battery power, memory, CPU and bandwidth for purposes

1 not contemplated and not agreed to by Plaintiff and Class Members when they purchased their
2 Huawei mobile devices. Such property, owned by Plaintiff and Class Members, is valuable to
3 Plaintiff and Class Members. Plaintiff and Class Members were damaged by Defendants'
4 unauthorized use of Plaintiff's and Class Members' battery power, cell phone memory and
5 CPUs, as well as bandwidth. Moreover, Defendants utilized Plaintiff's and Class Members'
6 limited text messages in order to send secret and unauthorized instructions to their mobile
7 devices. Plaintiff and Class Members paid unauthorized charges for every hidden text message
8 that was sent by Defendants.

9 236. Defendants unlawfully exercised dominion over said property and thereby
10 converted Plaintiff's and Class Members' property.

11 237. Plaintiff and Class Members were damaged by Defendants' actions.

12 PRAYER FOR RELIEF

13 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated, prays
14 for judgment against Defendants as follows:

15 A. Certify this case as a Class action on behalf of the Classes defined above,
16 appoint Plaintiff as a Class representative, and appoint his counsel as Class counsel;

17 B. Declare that the actions of Defendants, as set out above, violate the claims
18 alleged;

19 C. Award injunctive and equitable relief including, *inter alia*: (i) prohibiting
20 Defendants from engaging in the acts alleged above; (ii) requiring Defendants to disgorge all
21 of their ill-gotten gains to Plaintiff and Class Members, or to whomever the Court deems
22 appropriate; (iii) requiring Defendants to delete all data surreptitiously or otherwise collected
23 data through the acts alleged above; (iv) requiring Defendants to provide Plaintiff and Class
24 Members a means to easily and permanently decline any participation in any data collection
25 activities; (v) awarding Plaintiff and Class Members full restitution of all benefits wrongfully
26 acquired by Defendants by means of the wrongful conduct alleged herein; and (vi) ordering an
27 accounting and constructive trust imposed on the data, funds, or other assets obtained by
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1 unlawful means as alleged above, to avoid dissipation, fraudulent transfers, and/or concealment
2 of such assets by Defendants;

3 D. Award damages, including statutory damages where applicable, to Plaintiff and
4 Class Members in an amount to be determined at trial;

5 E. Award restitution against Defendants for all money to which Plaintiff and the
6 Classes are entitled in equity;

7 F. Restrain Defendants, their officers, agents, servants, employees, and attorneys,
8 and those in active concert or participation with them from continued access, collection, and
9 transmission of Plaintiff's and Class Members' confidential user data via preliminary and
10 permanent injunction;

11 G. Award Plaintiff and the Classes:

12 (a) Compensatory damages sustained by Plaintiff and all others
13 similarly situated as a result of Defendants' unlawful acts and conduct;

14 (b) Restitution, disgorgement and/or other equitable relief as the
15 Court deems proper;

16 (c) Plaintiff's reasonable litigation expenses and attorneys' fees;

17 (d) Pre- and post-judgment interest, to the extent allowable;

18 (e) Statutory damages, including punitive damages; and

19 (f) Permanent injunction prohibiting Defendants from engaging
20 in the conduct and practices complained of herein.

21 For such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and proper.

22 Dated this 21st day of March, 2012.

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JURY TRIAL DEMAND

The Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury of all issues so triable.

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