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12 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 13 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

14 KEVIN VANGINDEREN,
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 Plaintiff,
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 v.
 17 CORNELL UNIVERSITY, BERT DEIXLER,
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 Defendants.
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) Case No. 08-CV-736 BTM(JMA)
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) Hon. Barry T. Moskowitz
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) **NOTICE OF CORNELL'S SPECIAL**
) **MOTION AND CORNELL'S SPECIAL**
) **MOTION TO STRIKE PLAINTIFF'S**
) **FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT**
) **PURSUANT TO SECTION 425.16 OF**
) **THE CALIFORNIA CODE OF CIVIL**
) **PROCEDURE**
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) [Per chambers, no oral argument unless
) requested by the Court]
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) [Memorandum of Points and Authorities,
) Stanley Declaration and Davidson
) Declaration filed concurrently]
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) Hearing Date: August 22, 2008
) Time: 11:00 a.m.
) Place: Courtroom 15
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) Action Filed: April 8, 2008

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1 TO DEFENDANT AND HIS ATTORNEYS OF RECORD, IF ANY:

2 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on August 22, 2008, at 11 a.m., or as soon thereafter as
3 counsel may be heard in the United States District Court for the Southern District of California,
4 Courtroom 15, located at 940 Front Street, San Diego, California 92101, defendant Cornell
5 University (“Cornell”) will and hereby does move for an order striking the First Amended
6 Complaint (“FAC”) of plaintiff Kevin Vanginderen (“Plaintiff”) in its entirety, with prejudice and
7 without leave to amend, and, further awarding Cornell its reasonable attorneys’ fees and costs
8 incurred in bringing this special motion to strike.

9 This special motion to strike will be and is made upon the following grounds.

10 In 2007, Plaintiff sued defendant Cornell University (“Cornell”) for defamation and
11 disclosure related to a 1983 newspaper report of Plaintiff’s criminal activities (the “2007 Action”).
12 Cornell removed the 2007 Action to this Court. Deixler served as lead counsel in the 2007 Action.
13 In defending Cornell in the 2007 Action, Cornell, through Deixler, submitted to this Court
14 unsealed records that contained Cornell’s investigation and report to police of Plaintiff’s criminal
15 activities in 1983 (the “Unsealed Records”). On April 8, 2008, Plaintiff filed an additional lawsuit
16 against Cornell based on alleged libelous information contained in the Unsealed Records and
17 against Deixler for his role in filing them. On May 5, 2008, Cornell and Deixler filed Special
18 Motions to Strike Plaintiff’s Complaint. On June 5, 2008, the Court granted Plaintiff leave to file
19 an amended complaint, which Plaintiff filed on June 13, 2008.

20 Plaintiff indisputably has filed a “strategic lawsuit against public participation” (“SLAPP”)
21 that is barred by the anti-SLAPP statute, California Code of Civil Procedure § 425.16. Because
22 the FAC is a SLAPP lawsuit, section 425.16(b)(1) and relevant Ninth Circuit authorities require
23 that the FAC be stricken unless Plaintiff makes a prima facie showing that his claims are legally
24 and factually sufficient. Plaintiff cannot show either because, as set forth in detail in Cornell’s
25 accompanying Memorandum of Points and Authorities, both Cornell’s report to the police and
26 Cornell’s filings to this Court in the 2007 Action are protected by the litigation privilege (Cal. Civ.
27 Code § 47(b)) and the Noerr-Pennington Doctrine. Further, the investigation and report to the
28 police were factually accurate.

1 As the FAC is a SLAPP lawsuit unsupported by law or fact, Cornell is entitled to recover
2 from Plaintiff Cornell's reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred in bringing this special
3 motion to strike, pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure section 425.16(c) and relevant
4 Ninth Circuit authorities.

5 This special motion to strike will be and is based upon this Notice, the accompanying
6 Memorandum of Points and Authorities; the Declarations of Clifford S. Davidson and Timothy
7 Stanley; the Notice of Bert Deixler's Special Motion and Bert Deixler's Special Motion to Strike
8 Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint Pursuant to Section 425.16 of the California Code of Civil
9 Procedure; the Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Support of Bert Deixler's Special
10 Motion to Strike Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint Pursuant to Section 425.16 of the California
11 Code of Civil Procedure; the records and files in this action; the records and files in dismissed case
12 *Kevin Vanginderen v. Cornell University*, Case No. 07-CV-2045 BTM(JMA), now on appeal; and
13 upon such further oral and documentary evidence as may be presented at or before the hearing on
14 this special motion to strike.

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16 DATED: June 30, 2008

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