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9 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
10 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

11 THOMAS A. WAITE,

12 Plaintiff,

13 vs.

14 THE CORPORATION OF THE
15 PRESIDING BISHOP OF THE CHURCH
16 OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY
17 SAINTS, a Utah corporation; THE
18 CORPORATION OF THE PRESIDENT
19 OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
20 OF LATTER DAY SAINTS, a Utah
21 corporation; DONALD C. FOSSUM; and
22 STEVEN D. BRODHEAD,

23 Defendants.

Case No.: CV-05-399-EFS

CHURCH DEFENDANTS AND
FOSSUM'S LR 56 STATEMENT
OF FACTS

24 The Corporation of the Presiding Bishop and Corporation of the President
25 of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Church defendants) and
26 Donald Fossum by and through their attorneys, Witherspoon, Kelley, Davenport
27 & Toole, P.S., hereby submit the following LR 56.1 Statement of Material Facts
28 in Support of its Motion for Summary Judgment of Dismissal.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

A. BRODHEAD'S CONDUCT.

1. On August 21, 2003, Steven Brodhead drove his Honda through a 4-

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1 way stop sign intersection at Eighth and Adams and collided with the side of an
2 LDS Church-owned truck driven by Donald Fossum. Affidavit of Ross White,
3 Exh. A. (Brodhead Depo., 40:4-16; 42:2-21.)

4 2. Prior to the accident, Brodhead had been diagnosed with depression,
5 and prescribed Zoloft. White Aff., Exh. B. (Brodhead Depo., 6:14-24.)

6 3. On the day of the accident Brodhead had failed to take his
7 prescription anti-depressant medication. White Aff., Exh. C. (Brodhead Depo.,
8 5:20-6:2.)

9 4. At the time of this accident, Brodhead was angry and driving in an
10 agitated manner. White Aff., Exh. D. (Brodhead Depo., 20:6-21:10.) White Aff.,
11 Exh. E. (Statement of Defendant on Plea of Guilty ¶ 11.)

12 5. Just prior to the accident, Brodhead was involved in a verbal
13 altercation with another driver. White Aff., Exh. F. (Brodhead Depo., 20:6 -
14 21:10.)

15 6. Following his verbal altercation with another driver, Brodhead
16 accelerated his vehicle to speeds in excess of 70 miles per hour on a residential
17 street. White Aff., Exh. G. (Brodhead Depo., 23:14-20, 55:10 - 23.)

18 7. While traveling at or near 70 mph Brodhead saw a stop sign at the
19 next intersecting arterial. He slammed on his brakes and slid into the side of the
20 Church truck driven by Donald Fossum. White Aff., Exh. H. (Brodhead Depo.,
21 55:10-56:7.)

22 8. At the time of the accident, Brodhead's brakes were deficient. White
23 Aff., Exh. I. (Hunter Depo., 20:20-21:5.)

24 9. Had Brodhead's brakes been in proper working order he could have
25 avoided the accident because he would have stopped about 60 feet short of the
26 collision. White Aff., Exh. J. (Hunter Depo., 7:15-8:6.)

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1 10. On March 15, 2004, Brodhead pled guilty to charges of 3rd degree
2 attempted assault and reckless driving. He paid a \$760 fine, had his license
3 suspended for 30 days, spent three days in jail and spent two years on probation.
4 White Aff., Exh. K. (Brodhead Depo., 39:4 - 39:25) White Aff., Exh. L.
5 (Statement of Defendant on Plea of Guilty.)

6 **B. FOSSUM'S CONDUCT.**

7 11. Donald Fossum came to the four-way-stop intersection at Adams and
8 Eighth and bought his truck to a complete stop. White Aff., Exh. M. (Fossum
9 Depo., 57:9-18.)

10 12. Mr. Fossum was the favored driver when he stopped at the 4-way
11 stop intersection. White Aff., Exh. N. (Hunter Depo., 3:18-20.)

12 13. After coming to a complete stop, there is no specific time that Fossum
13 had to wait and/or look around before proceeding. White Aff., Exh. O. (Hunter
14 Depo., 21:14-22.)

15 14. As the favored driver, Fossum could expect Brodhead (or any driver)
16 to reduce speed, yield and allow Fossum to cross the intersection. White Aff.,
17 Exh. P. (Hunter Depo., 4:6-16.)

18 15. Fossum did not have to assume Brodhead was going twice the speed
19 limit and had bad brakes. White Aff., Exh. Q. (Hunter Depo., 6:4-7.)

20 16. If Fossum did not see Brodhead he would have no notice that
21 Brodhead was violating the law, and if Fossum had no opportunity to detect or
22 identify the potential hazard, he could not react to it. White Aff., Exh. R. (Hunter
23 Depo., 5:24-6:3.)

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1 **C. ADMISSION OF NEGLIGENCE.**

2 17. Either by stipulation or by motion Defendant Brodhead will be
3 amending his answer in this case to admit negligence and that his negligence
4 caused injuries. White Aff., Exh. S. (Letter from Andrew Smythe, Counsel for
5 Brodhead, to all counsel 04/24/2007.)

6 DATED this 25th day of May, 2007.

7 **WITHERSPOON, KELLEY, DAVENPORT**
8 **& TOOLE**

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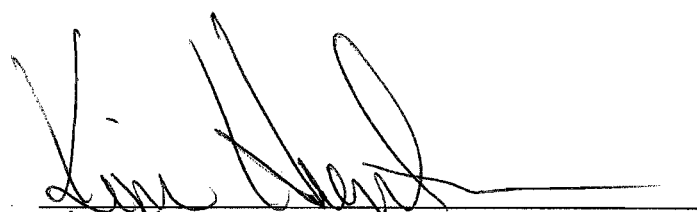
I hereby certify that on the 25th day of May, 2007:

1. I electronically filed the foregoing **DEFENDANT CHURCH AND FOSSUM'S LR 56 STATEMENT OF FACTS** with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF System which will send notification of such filing to the following:

(for Waite) Richard C. Eymann and Stephen L. Nordstrom;
 (for Brodhead) Andrew C. Smythe

2. I hereby certify that I have mailed by United States Postal Service the document to the following non-CM/ECF participants at the address listed below: **None.**

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