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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
9 AT SEATTLE

10 AIESHA S. STEWARD-BAKER,

11 Plaintiff,

12 v.

13 COUNTY OF KING, et al.,

14 Defendants.

CASE NO. C15-661-MJP

ORDER ON PLAINTIFF'S MOTION
FOR RELIEF FROM EXPERT
WITNESS DEADLINE,
DEFENDANT KING COUNTY'S
MOTION FOR SUMMARY
JUDGMENT, AND DEFENDANT
OLYMPIC SECURITY'S MOTION
FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT

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16 THIS MATTER comes before the Court on Plaintiff's Motion for Relief from Expert
17 Witness Deadline, (Dkt. No. 50), Defendant King County's Motion for Summary Judgment,
18 (Dkt. No. 39), and Defendant Olympic Security Services, Inc.'s ("Olympic Security") Motion for
19 Joinder in Defendant King County's Motion for Summary Judgment, (Dkt. No. 43). Having
20 reviewed the motions, the response briefs, (Dkt. Nos. 52, 56, 58), the reply briefs, (Dkt. Nos. 63,
21 65), and the related record, the Court hereby DENIES Plaintiff's Motion for Relief from Expert
22 Witness Deadline, GRANTS in part and DENIES in part Defendant King County's Motion for

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1 Summary Judgment, and GRANTS in part and DENIES in part Defendant Olympic Security's
2 Motion for Summary Judgment.

3 **Background**

4 The Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel ("DSTT") is a 1.3 mile, underground roadway
5 with five passenger stations. (Dkt. No. 40 at 105.) The DSTT was closed between 2005 and
6 2007 while it was retrofitted for joint use by buses and the light rail. (Dkt. No. 41 at 2.) During
7 that time, Defendant King County considered how to provide security in the DSTT once it
8 reopened. (Id.) Defendant King County ultimately decided to expand its existing contract with
9 Defendant Olympic Security to include the provision of security guard services in the DSTT.

10 (Id.)

11 In January 2010, Defendant King County's 2009 Tunnel Guard Manual ("Manual") was
12 in effect. (Dkt. No. 40 at 105-111.) Pursuant to that Manual and Defendant King County's
13 contract with Defendant Olympic Security, Olympic Security guards were to "[p]rovide security
14 services in each of the five tunnel stations by observing and reporting violations of the tunnel
15 code of conduct or obvious breaches of the peace." (Id. at 105.) Specifically, the Manual
16 provided:

17 B. When a violation of the tunnel code of conduct or a breach of the peace is
18 observed, the tunnel station guard team shall immediately contact the security
guard supervisor by radio and report the incident.

19 1. The security guard supervisor shall make note of the reported incident and
20 determine if a law enforcement response is, indeed, required.

21 a. If, based on the tunnel station guard team's input, a law enforcement
22 response is not required, the security guard supervisor will enter the
incident on his/her log sheet accordingly.

23 b. If it appears that a violation of the tunnel code of conduct or a breach
of the peace has occurred, the security guard supervisor will

1 immediately contact LINK Control and request a law enforcement
2 response to the scene. Should the security guard supervisor be at a
3 location other than the scene of the incident, he/she should
4 immediately board a bus to that location. The security guard
5 supervisor, upon arrival on the scene, shall stand by and assist law
6 enforcement as required.

7 (Id. at 107.)

8 On January 28, 2010, at approximately 5:30 p.m., Plaintiff—who was a minor at the time
9 and is African American—was in downtown Seattle with a friend. (Dkt. No. 3 at 7, 9.) Plaintiff
10 noticed a group of individuals coming towards her in an aggressive manner. (Id. at 7.) The
11 group followed Plaintiff and her friend into the downtown Macy’s store and proceeded to make
12 threats toward Plaintiff. (Id.)

13 Seattle Police Officers Eastman, Pinkerton, Bender and Chase entered the Macy’s store
14 and made contact with both Plaintiff and the group of individuals. (Id.) Plaintiff told one or
15 more of the officers that the group was threatening and intimidating her and trying to assault her.
16 (Id.) She asked one or more of the officers to escort her to the bus tunnel so she could board her
17 bus home. (Id.)

18 After being contacted by the officers, the group left the merchandise floor of the Macy’s
19 store but remained in the area and around the doors that exited to the street. (Id. at 8.) Officers
20 Eastman, Pinkerton, Bender, and Chase directed Plaintiff to leave the Macy’s store and
21 downtown Seattle, but did not escort her to the bus tunnel. (Id.) When Plaintiff exited the
22 Macy’s store with her friend, she came across the same group again, and one of the group
23 members raised her fists toward Plaintiff as if to assault her. (Id.)

24 Plaintiff and her friend proceeded to the area near Westgate Plaza and the tunnel in order
to catch a bus home. (Id.) Plaintiff saw the same officers who had contacted her in the Macy’s

1 store near the entrance to the tunnel. (Id.) Plaintiff told the officers that the same group was
2 following her, harassing her, and attempting to assault her. (Id.) She asked the officers to escort
3 her to the location in the tunnel where she could board her bus. (Id.) The officers told her she
4 had been loitering around the downtown area and needed to leave. (Id.) When she asked the
5 officers to escort her into the tunnel for the third time, the officers said they could not escort her
6 into the tunnel because they did not have time for kids who started trouble. (Id.)

7 While Plaintiff was talking to the officers, a female from the same group approached and
8 threatened to assault Plaintiff. (Id. at 9.) Plaintiff asked the officers if they would do something
9 to help her. (Id.) The officers walked the group across the street, leaving Plaintiff and her friend
10 unaccompanied in the plaza. (Id.) Plaintiff and her friend then entered the tunnel and went to
11 the platform to wait for a bus. (Id.)

12 Plaintiff stood near three uniformed Olympic Security guards while she waited for her
13 bus. (Id.) She told the Olympic Security guards that there was a group of people threatening to
14 assault her. (Id.) When she saw the same group of individuals running towards her, Plaintiff
15 told the Olympic Security Guards she was about to be assaulted. (Id.) The group, consisting of
16 five individuals, converged around Plaintiff while she stood directly by and in between the
17 Olympic Security guards. (Id. at 10.) One member of the group beat Plaintiff while the others
18 encouraged the assault. (Id.) The group then stole several items of Plaintiff's personal property
19 and ran away. (Id.)

20 The Olympic Security guards did not intervene in the assault. (Id.) One of the Olympic
21 Security guards radioed his supervisor, who in turn radioed the Link Control Center. (Dkt. No.
22 41 at 3.) Link Control requested medical aid and a police response. (Id.) Link Control also

23 contacted the King County Sheriff's Office, the Metro Transit Police, and the Seattle Fire
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1 Department. (Id.) The Seattle Police Department arrived at the scene within about eight minutes
2 of the assault. (Id.)

3 Plaintiff commenced this suit against Defendants on April 27, 2015, asserting federal and
4 state law claims arising out of the incidents that occurred on January 28, 2010. (Dkt. No. 1.)
5 She filed an Amended Complaint on April 28, 2015. (Dkt. No. 3.) Defendant King County has
6 filed a Motion for Summary Judgment in which Defendant Olympic Security also joins. (Dkt.
7 Nos. 39, 43.) Plaintiff opposes both Motions, and has filed a Motion for Relief from Expert
8 Witness Deadline. (Dkt. Nos. 50, 52.) Defendants King County and Olympic Security oppose
9 Plaintiff's Motion. (Dkt. Nos. 56, 58.)

10 Discussion

11 **I. Legal Standards**

12 **A. Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 37**

13 Fed. R. Civ. P. 37(c)(1) provides:

14 If a party fails to provide information or identify a witness as required by Rule 26(a) or
15 (e), the party is not allowed to use that information or witness to supply evidence on a motion, at
16 a hearing, or at a trial, unless the failure was substantially justified or is harmless. In addition to
17 or instead of this sanction, the court, on motion and after giving an opportunity to be heard:

18 (a) may order payment of the reasonable expenses, including attorney's fees, caused by
19 the failure;

20 (b) may inform the jury of the party's failure; and

21 (c) may impose other appropriate sanctions, including any of the orders listed in Rule
22 37(b)(2)(A)(i)–(vi).

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1 **B. Summary Judgment**

2 Summary judgment is proper where “the movant shows that there is no genuine issue as
3 to any material fact and the movant is entitled to judgment as a matter of law.” Fed. R. Civ. P.
4 56(a). The moving party bears the initial burden of demonstrating the absence of a genuine issue
5 of fact. Celotex Corp. v. Catrett, 477 U.S. 317, 323 (1986). In assessing whether a party has met
6 its burden, the underlying evidence must be viewed in the light most favorable to the non-
7 moving party. Matsushita Elec. Indus. Co. v. Zenith Radio Corp., 475 U.S. 574, 587 (1986).

8 **II. Plaintiff’s Motion for Relief from Expert Witness Deadline**

9 The deadline to disclose expert witnesses and for expert reports was January 19, 2016.
10 (Dkt. No. 25.) Defendant King County disclosed expert Chris McGoey on that date. (Dkt. No.
11 59 at 2.) Plaintiff did not make any disclosures. (Id.) On January 26, 2016, Defendant King
12 County filed its Motion for Summary Judgment. (Dkt. No. 39.) Defendant Olympic Security
13 joined in the motion on January 28, 2016. (Dkt. No. 43.) Plaintiff’s response to both motions
14 was due February 16, 2016. The Parties came to an agreement that the pending motions would
15 be re-noted to February 26, 2016, making Plaintiff’s response due by February 22, 2016. (Dkt.
16 No. 59 at 2–3.)

17 On February 18, 2016, Plaintiff filed her Motion for Relief from Expert Witness Deadline
18 and disclosed Stanley Kephart as an expert. (Dkt. Nos. 50, 59 at 12.) In the Motion, Plaintiff
19 asks the Court to allow the late disclosure of Mr. Kephart, to allow the use of Mr. Kephart’s
20 declaration in opposition to Defendant King County’s and Defendant Olympic Security’s
21 Motions for Summary Judgment, and to allow Plaintiff to call Mr. Kephart in her case-in-chief.
22 (Dkt. No. 50 at 2.) Plaintiff contends she “. . . does not seek to make excuses for missing the

23 deadline for expert witnesses . . .” (Id. at 3.) She also argues the late disclosure does not

1 prejudice Defendants and that any prejudice can be alleviated by allowing Defendants King
2 County and Olympic Security to re-note their Motions, allowing them to depose Mr. Kephart, or
3 by modifying the current stipulation and order staying discovery. (Id. at 4.)

4 The Court cannot conclude that Plaintiff's late disclosure of Mr. Kephart was
5 substantially justified, as is required under Rule 37, because Plaintiff has offered no justification
6 for the late disclosure. (Id. at 3.) Nor can the Court conclude that the belated disclosure is
7 harmless. Defendants King County and Olympic Security relied on the absence of an expert
8 report in filing their pending Motions for Summary Judgment. Allowing Plaintiff's belated
9 disclosure would unfairly prejudice them. Finally, any prejudice to Defendants King County and
10 Olympic Security cannot be alleviated by allowing them to take Mr. Kephart's deposition or by
11 re-noting the pending Motions. Accordingly, the Court DENIES Plaintiff's Motion for Relief
12 from Expert Witness Deadline. Plaintiff will not be able to use Mr. Kephart's opinion in
13 opposition to Defendant King County's and Defendant Olympic Security's pending Motions for
14 Summary Judgment, in her case-in-chief, or for any other purpose in this litigation. The Court
15 declines impose additional sanctions.

16 **III. Defendant King County's Motion for Summary Judgment**

17 **A. Exhibits to Mr. Kephart's Declaration**

18 The Court first addresses a point raised by Defendant King County in its reply brief.
19 Defendant King County argues the nine exhibits to Mr. Kephart's declaration should be stricken
20 because they are not authenticated. (Dkt. No. 65 at 6.) Because the Court does not rely on these
21 exhibits in resolving Defendant King County's Motion for Summary Judgment, the Court does
22 not reach Defendant King County's arguments regarding exhibits 1–9 to Mr. Kephart's
23 declaration.

1 **B. Section 1983**

2 In Deshaney v. Winnebago County Dep't of Soc. Serv., 489 U.S. 189, 197 (1989), the
3 Supreme Court held that “a State’s failure to protect an individual against private violence
4 simply does not constitute a violation of the Due Process Clause.” The general rule announced
5 in DeShaney that members of the public have no constitutional right to sue state actors who fail
6 to protect them from harm inflicted by third parties “is modified by two exceptions: (1) ‘the
7 special relationship’ exception; and (2) the ‘danger creation exception.’” L.W. v. Grubbs, 974
8 F.2d 119, 121 (9th Cir. 1992).

9 The “special relationship” exception applies when the state takes a person into its custody
10 and holds him there against his will. See Estate of Amos v. City of Page, 257 F.3d 1086, 1090
11 (9th Cir. 2001). This exception does not apply here, because there is no evidence that Plaintiff
12 was in custody at the time of the assault. The second exception, the “danger creation” exception,
13 applies when “state action affirmatively place[s] the plaintiff in a position of danger, that is,
14 where state action creates or exposes an individual to a danger which he or she would not have
15 otherwise faced.” Johnson v. City of Seattle, 474 F.3d 634, 638 (9th Cir. 2007).

16 Defendant King County moves for summary judgment on Plaintiff’s Section 1983 claims
17 arguing, inter alia, that Plaintiff cannot show Defendant King County violated her constitutional
18 rights. (Dkt. No. 39 at 12–16.) Specifically, Defendant King County contends it cannot be liable
19 under the “danger creation” exception because it did not affirmatively place Plaintiff in danger.
20 (Id.) Plaintiff argues her Section 1983 claims fall under the “danger creation” exception, and
21 that Defendant King County’s decision to employ private security affirmatively placed her in
22 danger. (Dkt. No. 52 at 11.)

1 In Johnson, 474 F.3d at 639–641, the Ninth Circuit held the “danger creation” exception
2 to DeShaney did not apply to several plaintiffs who were injured when fights broke out during a
3 Mardi Gras celebration in downtown Seattle. The assistant police chief ordered police to remain
4 on the crowd’s periphery because he believed inserting officers into the hostile crowd would
5 incite greater violence. Id. at 637. The Ninth Circuit reasoned “[t]he decision to switch from a
6 more aggressive operation plan to a more passive one was not affirmative conduct that placed []
7 Plaintiffs in danger, because it did not place them in any worse position than they would have
8 been in had the police not come up with any operational plan whatsoever.” Id. at 641.

9 Viewing the underlying facts in the light most favorable to Plaintiff, the Court finds no
10 reasonable jury could find Defendant King County affirmatively placed Plaintiff in danger.
11 Here, as in Johnson, Defendant King County’s decision to change its security policy from the use
12 of law enforcement officers to the use of private security guards to “observe and report” breaches
13 of the peace did not place Plaintiff in any worse position than she would have been in if there
14 was no security policy whatsoever. Accordingly, the Court GRANTS Defendant King County’s
15 Motion for Summary Judgment as to Plaintiff’s Section 1983 claims.

16 **C. Negligence**

17 Negligence exists if a defendant breaches a duty owed to a plaintiff resulting in injury to
18 that plaintiff, and there is proximate cause between the breach and the injury. Tortes v. King
19 Cty., 119 Wash. App. 1, 7 (2003). As a general matter, a common carrier owes “. . . the highest
20 degree of care to its passengers . . .” Id. “However, the duty or standard of care owed by a
21 common carrier is not one of strict liability.” Id. “A common carrier is not the insurer of its
22 passengers’ safety, and negligence should not be presumed from the mere happening of an
23 accident.” Id. Thus, while common carriers have a duty to guard against foreseeable third party

1 actions, they have no such duty where the conduct at issue was not foreseeable as a matter of
2 law. Id.

3 Defendant King County first argues there is an issue as to whether Plaintiff attained the
4 status of a “passenger” and was, therefore, owed any special duty. (Dkt. No. 39 at 19.)
5 However, Defendant King County does not explain why Plaintiff would not be considered a
6 “passenger” and, in fact, offers no analysis of this issue. (Id.) To determine whether a person
7 has obtained “passenger” status, Washington courts consider the following factors:

8 (1) place (a place under the control of the carrier and provided for the use of
9 persons who are about to enter carrier’s conveyance); (2) time (a reasonable time
10 before the time to enter the conveyance); (3) intention (a genuine intention to take
11 passage upon carrier’s conveyance); (4) control (a submission to the directions,
express or implied, of the carrier); and (5) knowledge (a notice to carrier either
that the person is actually prepared to take passage or that persons awaiting
passage may reasonably be expected at the time and place).

12 Zorotovich v. Washington Toll Bridge Authority, 80 Wash.2d 106, 108–09 (1971). Here, there
13 is evidence that Plaintiff was standing in the DSTT, near the location where her bus would
14 arrive, with the intention of boarding the bus at the time of the assault. (Dkt. No. 53.) There is
15 also evidence that the DSTT was under Defendant King County’s control at the time of the
16 assault. (See e.g. Dkt. No. 41.) Viewing these facts in the light most favorable to Plaintiff, the
17 Court finds a reasonable jury could find Plaintiff obtained the status of a “passenger.”

18 Defendant King County argues even if Plaintiff attained “passenger” status, the Court
19 should grant summary in its favor on Plaintiff’s negligence claim because Plaintiff cannot
20 establish the duty and proximate cause elements of the claim. (Id. at 19–22.) With respect to the
21 duty element of the claim, Defendant King County argues Plaintiff cannot show the assault was
22 foreseeable. (Id. at 21.) It contends Plaintiff can point to no evidence “of any similar violent
23 assaults taking place in the bus tunnel . . .” (Id.) Defendant King County further argues the

1 Court should find, as a matter of law, that the proximate cause of Plaintiff’s injury was the group
2 of individuals who assaulted her. (Id.) Plaintiff argues both that the assault at issue was
3 foreseeable and that it is reasonable to infer that the Olympic Security guards’ inaction was the
4 proximate cause of her injury. (Dkt. No. 52 at 18–20.)

5 Viewing the underlying facts in the light most favorable to Plaintiff, the Court finds a
6 reasonable jury could find both that Defendant King County had a duty to protect Plaintiff from
7 the assault, and that Defendant King County’s decision to employ private security guards to
8 “observe and report,” but not to intervene or assist, was the proximate cause of Plaintiff’s injury.
9 Defendant King County argues this case is analogous to Tortes, 119 Wn. App. at 6–7, where the
10 Washington Court of Appeals held, as a matter of law, that King County could not have foreseen
11 that a man would board a King County Metro bus, shoot and kill the driver, shoot himself in the
12 head, and that the bus would plunge off of the edge of the Aurora Avenue Bridge, injuring
13 passengers.

14 Defendant King County’s reliance on Tortes is inapposite. The Court cannot conclude
15 that the assault at issue in this case was unforeseeable to Defendant King County as a matter of
16 law. Here, a reasonable jury could find the assault was foreseeable based on the following: (1)
17 Defendant King County determined security was necessary in the DSTT and contracted with
18 Defendant Olympic Security for the provision of private security guards; and (2) Defendant King
19 County developed a detailed process to respond to “breaches of the peace” in the DSTT,
20 including a procedure for dealing with incidents that require a law enforcement response.
21 Further, a reasonable jury could find Defendant King County’s decision to employ private
22 security guards in the DSTT to “observe and report,” but not to intervene or assist, was the
23 proximate cause of Plaintiff’s injury based the fact that police officers were twice able to stop the

1 group of individuals from assaulting Plaintiff before she entered the bus tunnel. (Dkt. No. 53.)
2 Accordingly, the Court DENIES Defendant King County’s Motion for Summary Judgment as to
3 Plaintiff’s negligence claim.

4 **D. King County Code 28.96**

5 Defendant King County moves for summary judgment on Plaintiff’s claim under King
6 County Code 28.96 arguing the code section does not create a private cause of action. (Dkt. No.
7 39 at 22.) Plaintiff does not address Defendant King County’s argument in her response brief.
8 (Dkt. No. 52.) Because it appears King County Code 28.96 does not create a private cause of
9 action, (See Dkt. No. 39 at 22), the Court GRANTS Defendant King County’s Motion for
10 Summary Judgment as to Plaintiff’s claim under King County Code 28.96.

11 **E. Outrage Claim**

12 The elements of outrage are: (1) that defendant engaged in extreme and outrageous
13 conduct, (2) that intentionally or recklessly inflicted emotional distress, and (3) that plaintiff
14 suffered severe emotional distress as a result of defendant's conduct. Reid v. Pierce County, 136
15 Wash.2d 195, 202 (1998). The conduct in question must be “so outrageous in character, and so
16 extreme in degree, as to go beyond all possible bounds of decency, and to be regarded as
17 atrocious, and utterly intolerable in a civilized community.” Grimsby v. Samson, 85 Wn.2d 52,
18 59 (1975).

19 Defendant King County argues the Court should grant summary judgment in its favor on
20 Plaintiff’s outrage claim because there is no evidence to establish intentional or reckless conduct
21 on the part of Defendant King County and because no reasonable jury could find Defendant King
22 County’s decision to adopt an “observe and report” policy was “. . . so outrageous in character,

1 and so extreme in degree, as to go beyond all possible bounds of decency . . .” (Dkt. No. 24 at
2 22–24.)

3 Viewing the underlying facts in the light most favorable to Plaintiff, the Court finds a
4 reasonable jury could find Defendant King County acted intentionally or recklessly and engaged
5 in extreme and outrageous conduct. As discussed supra, the Court has found that a reasonable
6 jury could conclude that the assault at issue was foreseeable to Defendant King County. As
7 such, the Court finds a reasonable jury could also conclude that Defendant King County
8 intentionally or recklessly disregarded the likelihood of harm to Plaintiff by employing private
9 security to “observe and report” and restricting their ability to respond, and that Defendant King
10 County’s decision was extreme and outrageous. Accordingly, the Court DENIES Defendant
11 King County’s Motion for Summary Judgment as to Plaintiff’s outrage claim.

12 **IV. Defendant Olympic Security’s Motion for Summary Judgment**

13 **A. Negligence Claim**

14 Defendant Olympic Security moves for summary judgment on Plaintiff’s negligence
15 claim arguing Plaintiff cannot show the assault at issue in this case was foreseeable to Defendant
16 Olympic Security. (Dkt. No. 43 at 4–5.) In its reply brief, Defendant Olympic Security also
17 argues its actions were not the proximate cause of Plaintiff’s injury. (Dkt. No. 11 at 13.)

18 As discussed supra, the Court has rejected the argument that the assault at issue in this
19 case was not foreseeable to Defendant King County as a matter of law. Viewing the underlying
20 facts in the light most favorable to Plaintiff, the Court finds a reasonable jury could also find the
21 assault was foreseeable to Defendant Olympic Security based on Defendant King County’s
22 decision to retain Defendant Olympic Security to provide security in the DSTT and based on the
23 procedures set forth for handling “breaches of the peace” in the Manual. And, as discussed

1 supra, a reasonable jury could find Defendant Olympic Security’s failure to intervene in the
2 assault was the proximate cause of Plaintiff’s injury given the fact that police officers were twice
3 able to prevent the group of individuals from assaulting Plaintiff. Accordingly, the Court
4 DENIES Defendant Olympic Security’s Motion for Summary Judgment as to Plaintiff’s
5 negligence claim.

6 **B. King County Code 28.96**

7 Defendant Olympic Security argues the Court should grant summary judgment in its
8 favor on Plaintiff’s claim under King County Code 28.96 because no private cause of action
9 exists for a violation of this code section. (Dkt. No. 43 at 6–7.) As discussed supra, King
10 County Code 28.96 does not provide a private cause of action. Therefore, the Court GRANTS
11 Defendant Olympic Security’s Motion for Summary Judgment as to Plaintiff’s claim under King
12 County Code 28.96.

13 **C. Outrage Claim**

14 Defendant Olympic Security moves for summary judgment on Plaintiff’s outrage claim
15 arguing no reasonable jury could find Defendant Olympic Security acted in a manner that was
16 extreme and outrageous when it responded to the assault by observing and reporting as was
17 required by its contract with Defendant King County. (Dkt. No. 43 at 5–6.) Plaintiff argues she
18 “has sufficient evidence to support the genuine issue of whether the conduct of [Defendant
19 Olympic Security’s] employees in fact amounts to just that.” (Dkt. No. 52 at 20.)

20 Viewing the underlying facts in the light most favorable to Plaintiff, the Court finds a
21 reasonable jury could find Defendant Olympic Security acted in an extreme and outrageous
22 manner. Plaintiff, a minor at the time of the assault, offers evidence that she was “physically
23 struck, kicked, knocked to the ground, and stomped on.” (Dkt. No. 53 at 4.) A video recording

1 of the incident reveals adults failing to take any action and even walking away while a child is
2 brutally beaten. (Dkt. No. 61.) The Court finds the issue of whether Defendant Olympic
3 Security’s conduct was extreme and outrageous is a question of fact for the jury, and DENIES
4 Defendant Olympic Security’s Motion for Summary Judgment as to Plaintiff’s outrage claim.

5 **D. Section 1983 Claim**

6 In her response brief, Plaintiff refers to her Section 1983 claim against Defendant
7 Olympic Security. (Dkt. No. 52 at 8.) Defendant Olympic Security did not move for summary
8 judgment on this claim. (Dkt. No. 43.) In its reply brief, Defendant Olympic Security argues:
9 (1) that Plaintiff has not plead a Section 1983 claim against Defendant Olympic Security; and (2)
10 that even if such a claim is properly before the Court, it should be dismissed for various reasons.
11 (Dkt. No. 63.) It appears that Plaintiff has plead a Section 1983 claim against Defendant
12 Olympic Security. (Dkt. No. 3 at 16–18.) Because Defendant Olympic Security raised
13 arguments regarding this claim for the first time in its reply brief, the Court will not consider
14 these arguments and will not dismiss Plaintiff’s claim at this time.

15 **Conclusion**

16 The Court DENIES Plaintiff’s Motion for Relief from Expert Witness Deadline, (Dkt.
17 No. 50), GRANTS in part and DENIES in part Defendant King County’s Motion for Summary
18 Judgment, (Dkt. No. 39), and GRANTS in part and DENIES in part Defendant Olympic
19 Security’s Motion for Summary Judgment, (Dkt. No. 43).

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1 The clerk is ordered to provide copies of this order to all counsel.

2 Dated this 19th day of April, 2016.

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5 Marsha J. Pechman
6 United States District Judge
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