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DATED this **___q** day of April, 2017.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE 1 CASE NO. CV12-02995 2 3 I certify that I am an employee of the SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT of the STATE OF NEVADA, COUNTY OF WASHOE; that on the | day of April, 2017, I filed the 4 FIRST AMENDED SCHEDULING ORDER with the Clerk of the Court. 5 I further certify that I transmitted a true and correct copy of the foregoing document by the 6 method(s) noted below: 7 Personal delivery to the following: [NONE] 8 9 I electronically filed with the Clerk of the Court, using the ECF which sends an immediate notice of the electronic filing to the following registered e-filers for their review 10 of the document in the ECF system: 11 MARK SIMONS, ESQ. for WASTE MANAGEMENT OF NEVADA INC C. PEREOS, ESQ. for WEST TAYLOR STREET LLC 12 THERESE SHANKS, ESQ. for WASTE MANAGEMENT OF NEVADA INC et al 13 14 Deposited in the Washoe County mailing system in a sealed envelope for postage and mailing with the United States Postal Service in Reno, Nevada: [NONE] 15 16 Placing a true copy thereof in a sealed envelope for service via: 17 Reno/Carson Messenger Service - [NONE] 18 Federal Express or other overnight delivery service [NONE] DATED this \ day of April, 2017. 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26

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the above-entitled matter was set for jury trial on November 13, 2017. Additionally, the Court stated a new scheduling order would enter concerning the remaining relative pre-trial deadlines.

Based upon the foregoing, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

- Formally <u>submit</u> all dispositive motions, including motions for summary judgment and motions in limine to exclude an expert's testimony, on or before SEPTEMBER 15, 2017 (59 days before Trial).
- Formally <u>submit</u> all other motions in limine on or before SEPTEMBER 29, 2017
 (45 days before Trial).
- 3. Unless otherwise directed by the Court, all pretrial disclosures pursuant to N.R.C.P. 16.1(a)(3) must be made at least thirty (30) days before trial.
 - A. Unless the Court orders otherwise, legal memoranda submitted in support of any motion shall not exceed twenty (20) pages in length; opposition memoranda shall not exceed twenty (20) pages in length; reply memoranda shall not exceed ten (10) pages in length. These limitations are exclusive of exhibits. A party may file a pleading that exceeds these limits by five pages, so long as it is filed with a certification of counsel that good cause existed to exceed the standard page limits and the reasons therefore. Briefs in excess of five pages over these limits may only be filed with <u>prior</u> leave of the Court, upon a showing of good cause.
 - B. Except upon a showing of unforeseen extraordinary circumstances, the Court will not entertain any pretrial motions filed or orally presented after the above deadlines have passed.
- 4. A trial statement on behalf of each party shall be delivered to opposing counsel, filed herein and a copy delivered to chambers no later than OCTOBER 30, 2017 (10 judicial days before Trial).
- A. In accordance with and in addition to the requirements of WDCR 5, the trial statement shall contain:
 - (1) a concise statement of the claimed facts organized by specifically listing <u>each essential element</u> of the party's claims or defenses and separately stating the facts in support of each such element;
 - (2) A statement of admitted or undisputed facts
 - (3) A statement of issues of law supported by a memorandum of authorities;
 - (4) The names and addresses of all witnesses, except impeaching witnesses.
 - (5) Any other appropriate comment, suggestion, or information for the assistance of the court in the trial of the case.

Nevada Pattern Jury Instructions, Devitt and Blackmar, CALCRIM or other form instructions, specifically stating the modification made to the original form instructions and the authority supporting the modification. All original instructions shall be accompanied by a separate copy of the instruction containing a citation to the form instruction, statutory or case authority supporting that instruction. All modifications made to instructions taken from statutory authority, Nevada Pattern Jury Instructions, Devitt and Blackmar, CACI or other form instructions shall be specifically noted on the citation page. For any form instruction submitted from any source other than Nevada Pattern Jury Instructions, counsel shall include copies of the original instruction form.

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- 6. Jurors will be permitted to take notes during the trial. Jurors may be permitted to ask questions in writing during trial, screened by the Court and counsel. Any party objecting to this procedure should state this objection in the trial statement.
- 7. All applications for attorney's fees shall state services rendered and fees incurred for such services with sufficient specificity to enable an opposing party and the court to review such application. Any memorandum of costs and disbursements must comply with <u>Bergmann v. Boyce</u>, 109 Nev. 670, 856 P.2d 560 (1993) and <u>Bobby Beresini v. PETA</u>, 114 Nev. 1348, 971 P.2d 383 (1998).
- 8. Trial counsel for all parties shall contact the Courtroom Clerk (Marci Stone 775/328-3139) no later than Monday, one week prior to trial, to arrange a date and time to mark trial exhibits. All exhibits will be marked in one numbered series (Exhibit 1, 2, 3, etc.), no matter which side is offering the particular exhibit. Once trial exhibits are marked by the Clerk, they shall remain in the custody of the Clerk. When marking the exhibits with the Clerk, counsel must advise the Clerk of all exhibits which may be admitted without objection. In any case which involves fifteen or more document exhibit pages, the exhibits shall be placed in a loose-leaf binder behind a tab noting the number of each exhibit. The binder shall be clearly marked on the front and side with the case caption and number, but no identification as to the party producing the binder. All document exhibits shall be in one binder no matter which party is offering the exhibits. At the time set for marking the trial exhibits, counsel for the Plaintiff shall provide the Courtroom Clerk

with the binder containing the number tabs. Counsel for all parties shall provide all exhibits, no matter when marked, even if marked during the course of trial, in a condition appropriate for inclusion in the evidence binder.

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DATED this **12** day of September, 2017. NUNC PRO TUNC TO AUGUST 30, 2017.

Connie J. Stenheimes

DISTRICT JUDGE

1	<u>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</u>
2	CASE NO. CV12-02995
3	I certify that I am an employee of the SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT of the
4	STATE OF NEVADA, COUNTY OF WASHOE; that on the 22 day of September, 2017, I filed
5	the SECOND AMENDED SCHEDULING ORDER with the Clerk of the Court.
6	I further certify that I transmitted a true and correct copy of the foregoing document by the
7	method(s) noted below:
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AFFIRMATION

The undersigned affirms that the foregoing pleading does not contain a social security number.

DATED this 21st day of December, 2017

C. NICHOLAS PEREOS, LTD.

C. Nicholas Pereos, Esq. 1610 Meadow Wood Lane, Suite 202 Reno, NV 89502 Attorney for Plaintiff

C. NICHOLAS PEREOS, ESC. 1610 MEADOW WOOD LANE

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

PURSUANT TO NEVADA RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE 5 (b), I certify that I am an employee of C. NICHOLAS PEREOS, LTD., and that on the date listed below, I caused to be served a true copy of the foregoing pleading on all parties to this action by the methods indicated below:

I deposited for mailing at Reno, Nevada, a true copy of the foregoing document addressed to:

Douglas K. Fermoile, Esq. 427 Ridge Street, Suite B Reno, NV 89501 Attorney for West Taylor Street, LLC

I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court by using the CM/ECF system which served the following parties electronically:

ROBISON, SIMONS, SHARP & BRUST Mark G. Simons, Esq. Attorneys for Waste Management and Karen Gonzalez

DATED this A day of December, 2017

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JUDGMENT

The above entitled matter having come before this Court on Plaintiff's Complaint for Declaratory Judgment concerning the application of NRS 444.520 to a lien filed by Defendant, Waste Management of Nevada, Inc., and the Court having received briefs and heard oral arguments regarding the same and there being no just reason for delay does hereby make the following declatory judgment pursuant to Chapter 20 of Nevada Revised Statutes.

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IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF NEVADA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE

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WEST TAYLOR STREET, LLC, a limited liability company,

Case No. CV12 02995

Dept. No. 4

Plaintiff,

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Dated this <u>39</u> day of <u>December</u>, 2017.

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Case No. CV12 02995

Plaintiff.

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WASTE MANAGEMENT OF NEVADA. INC., KAREN GONZALEZ, and DOES 1 THROUGH 10,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF ENTRY OF JUDGMENT

TO: DEFENDANT ABOVE-NAMED AND THEIR ATTORNEY OF RECORD:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 29th day of December, 2017, a Declatory Judgment was entered in the above-entitled action pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Nevada Revised Statutes, a copy of which is marked as Exhibit "1" attached hereto and made a part hereof.

The undersigned affirms that the foregoing pleading does not contain a social security number.

DATED this 5th day of January, 2018

C. NICHOLAS PEREOS, LTD.

C' NICHOLAS PEREOS, ESQ. 1610 MEADOW WOOD LANE **RENO, NV 89502**

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF

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DATED this All day of January, 2018

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IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF NEVADA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE

WEST TAYLOR STREET, LLC, a limited liability company,

Case No. CV12 02995

Dept. No. 4

Plaintiff,

WASTE MANAGEMENT OF NEVADA, INC., KAREN GONZALEZ, and DOES 1 THROUGH 10,

Defendants.

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1	AFFIRMATION: The undersigned does hereby affirm that this document does
2	not contain the Social Security Number of any person.
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I certify that I am an employee of ROBISON,

BELAUSTEGUI, SHARP & LOW, and that on this date I caused to be served a true copy of the **NOTICE OF APPEAL** on all parties to this action by the method(s) indicated below:

by placing an original or true copy thereof in a sealed envelope, with sufficient postage affixed thereto, in the United States mail at Reno, Nevada, addressed to:

C. Nicholas Pereos, Esq. 1610 Meadow Wood Lane, Ste. 202 Reno, NV 89502 Attorney for West Taylor Street, LLC

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WEST TAYLOR STREET, LLC, a limited liability company,

Plaintiff,

Attorneys for Waste Management of Nevada, Inc. and Karen Gonzalez

WASTE MANAGEMENT OF NEVADA, INC., KAREN GONZALEZ, and DOES 1 THROUGH 10.

Defendants.

AMENDED JUDGMENT

DEPT. NO.: 4

CASE NO.: CV12-02995

On December 29, 2017, the Court entered Judgment granting declaratory relief in favor of Plaintiff. However, the Judgment did not fully articulate the status of the case and whether the Court's Judgment was intended to be a final and appealable judgment. Accordingly, the Court hereby enters this Amended Judgment as follows:

- 1. Pursuant to this Court's Order on Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment dated March 28, 2017, Karen Gonzalez was dismissed as a defendant in this action:
- 2. On or about November 10, 2017, Plaintiff voluntarily withdrew its claim for slander of title:
 - Judgment is entered in favor of West Taylor Street consistent with this 3.

Court's Judgment entered December 29, 2017;

With the foregoing clarifications, the Court finds and concludes that its Judgment entered on December 29, 2017 was intended to be and was treated by the Court as a final appealable Judgment.

IT IS SO ORDERED this $\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x}$ day of March, 2018

Submitted by

. SIMONS, ESQ.

SIMONS LAW, PC 6490 S. McCarran Blvd., #20

Reno, NV 89509

Attorneys for Waste Management

of Nevada, Inc.

Agreed as to form and content:

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> C. Nicholas Pereos, Esq. 1610 Meadow Wood Lane, Ste. 202 Reno, NV 89502 Attorney for West Taylor Street, LLC

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IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT FOR THE STATE OF NEVADA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE

WEST TAYLOR STREET, LLC, a limited

CASE NO.: CV12-02995

liability company,

DEPT. NO.: 4

12 Plaintiff,

AMENDED JUDGMENT

WASTE MANAGEMENT OF NEVADA INC., KAREN GONZALEZ, and DOES 1 THROUGH 10,

Defendants.

On December 29, 2017, the Court entered Judgment granting declaratory relief in favor of Plaintiff. However, the Judgment did not fully articulate the status of the case and whether the Court's Judgment was intended to be a final and appealable judgment. Accordingly, the Court hereby enters this Amended Judgment as follows:

- Pursuant to this Court's Order on Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment dated March 28, 2017, Karen Gonzalez was dismissed as a defendant in this action:
- On or about November 10, 2017, Plaintiff voluntarily withdrew its claim for 2. slander of title;
 - Judgment is entered in favor of West Taylor Street consistent with this 3.

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Court's Judgment entered December 29, 2017;

With the foregoing clarifications, the Court finds and concludes that its Judgment entered on December 29, 2017 was intended to be and was treated by the Court as a final appealable Judgment.

IT IS SO ORDERED this <u>AQ</u> day of March, 2018

Submitted by:

MARK G. SIMONS, ESQ. SIMONS LAW, PC 6490 S. McCarran Blvd., #20 Reno, NV 89509

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SUITE 202 1610 MEADOW WOOD LANE RENO. NEVADA 89502 TELEPHONE AREA CODE 775 329-0678

November 1, 2012

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

Waste Management of Nevada
Attn: Karen Gonzales
100 Vasser Street
Reno, NV 89502

Re: 347 W. Taylor Street; Acct # 010-0074135-1149-9

Dear Ms. Gonzales:

This letter will acknowledge receipt of your certified mail containing the statement of account in response to my inquiry concerning the delinquency and the liens that you have recorded against the above-referenced property.

In connection with the property at 347 W. Taylor Street, your statement of account indicates no payments commencing on October 1, 2010 through October 1, 2012.

In connection with the 2010 year, you received check number 3891 for \$36.06 on October 2010:

In connection with the 2011 year, you received check number 3950 for \$72.12 (one-half of which was for 345 W. Taylor); 4004 for \$36.06. You were notified of a vacancy of the property effective July. The last quarter bill was paid after occupancy of the property by Check Number 4120 for \$36.06.

In connection with the 2012 year, you received check number 4180 for \$48.08; 4227 for \$36.06; and 4322 for \$36.06.

Accordingly, please correct your records and remove any lien that has been recorded the subject property.

Waste Management November 1, 2012 Page 2

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Sincerely,

C. Nicholas Pereos

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November 1, 2012

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

Waste Management of Nevada Attn: Karen Gonzales 100 Vasser Street Reno, NV 89502

Re: 345 W. Taylor Street; Acct # 010-0074134-1149-2

Dear Ms. Gonzales:

This letter will acknowledge receipt of your certified mail containing the statement of account in response to my inquiry concerning the delinquency and the liens that you have recorded against the above-referenced property.

In connection with the property at 345 W. Taylor Street, your statement of account indicates no payments commencing on January 1, 2010 through October 1, 2012. The subject property was vacant from January 1, 2010 through April 2010. Thereinafter you received check number 3828 for \$24.04; 3827 for \$36.06; 3882 for \$36.06 in the 2010 year.

In connection with the 2011 year, you received check number 3950 for \$36.06; 4003 for \$36.06; 4066 for \$36.06; 4121 for \$36.06.

In connection with the 2012 year, you received check number 4182 for \$36.06 and then notified the property became vacant February 1, 2012 which means your overpaid for two (2) months. The property remained vacant until July 1, 2012 at which time you received check number 4267 in the amount of \$36.06; and check number 4321 for \$36.06.

Accordingly, please correct your records and remove any lien that has been recorded the subject property.

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Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Sincerely,

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Case No. CV12 02995 Dept. No. 4

Plaintiff,

VS.

WASTE MANAGEMENT OF NEVADA, INC., KAREN GONZALEZ, and DOES 1 THROUGH 10,

Defendants.

AFFIDAVIT OF TERI MORRISON IN SUPPORT OF OPPOSITION TO MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT

STATE OF NEVADA) ss. COUNTY OF WASHOE)

- 1. Affiant has personal knowledge of the actions and events discussed herein.
- 2. Affiant is employed by C. Nicholas Pereos, LTD. and has been employed by them for the last fifteen years. In that period of time, Affiant has assisted C. Nicholas Pereos in the management of properties that are under his umbrella of management responsibilities. Included in those properties are 345 West Taylor Street and 347 West Taylor Street.
- The subject property is a duplex and receive disposal services from Waste Management. In this regard, Waste Management bills on a quarterly basis. Affiant files

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in the appropriate files "paid disposal bills" after they are reviewed and/or paid by C. Nicholas Pereos.

- 4. In July of 2007, Affiant came to learn Waste Management was not sending bills to our office. I communicated with Waste Management and settled the account as is reflected on the communication marked as Exhibit 1, attached hereto.
- 5. Affiant would notify Waste Management when the property was vacant and again notify Waste Management when the property was occupied. These communications were initially oral and sometimes in writing. If the property was occupied during a quarterly billing cycle, a check would be written to Waste Management for the months in which it became occupied.
- 6. As time progressed, It became evident that Waste Management continued to bill for services even though the property was vacant and Waste Management had ignored the oral notification of the vacancy of the property. Communicating with Waste Management was very frustrating, time consuming and none productive. At times, Affiant would notify Waste Management in writing that the property was vacant via letters by C. Nicholas Pereos. See Exhibit 6 attached as Opposition to Motion for Summary Judgement.
- 7. Waste Management would bill on a quarterly basis. It is very common for the unit to be occupied for one month of the quarter. Waste Management would never correct it's records and still bill for the months that the unit was vacant.
- 8. It was not unusual for Waste Management to charge on our account as if they provided the trash container when the trash container was provided by us for the benefit of the occupant.
- 9. Waste Management delivered several notices of Intent to Lien. After receipt of the first notice of Intent to Lien, the undersigned communicated with Karen Gonzalez who informed the undersigned that she could lien the property and would not be exposed to any claim for slander of title notwithstanding a communication received from C. Nicholas Pereos. regarding our exposure for the same. By that time, we had made several demands for an accounting, many of which were ignored.

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C. NICHOLAS PEREOS, ESQ. 1610 MEADOW WOOD LANE RENO, NV 89502 10. Affiant would place in the mail the checks representing payments stapled to the billings to Waste Management for the subject property.

11. In connection with other properties within the jurisdiction of management of Affiant, Waste Management would add additional charges such as a "Regulatory Cost Recovery Charge" to those bills. Affiant, under the direction of C. Nicholas Pereos, would object. After awhile, the additional charge was removed. This was not an unusual practice by Waste Management.

- 12. Waste Management would miss pick-up during these years of dispute on other locations and Affiant would notify Waste Management of the same in writing.
- 13. The plaintiff has made its timely payments as is reflected on Exhibit 10 to the responses and Motion for Summary Judgement.

AFFIRMATION

The undersigned does hereby affirm that the preceding document does not contain the social security number of any person.

DATED this Hay of September, 2016.

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C. NICHOLAS PEREOS Notary Public, State of Nevada

Appointment No. 92-1077-2 My Appt. Expires May 13, 2034 TERI MORRISON

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NINA PROPERTIES II, INC.

1610 MEADOW WOOD LANE, SUITE 202 RENO, NV 89502 (775) 329-0678

July 13, 2007

Waste Management - Reno Disposal 100 Vassar Street Reno, NV 89502

Re:

Account No. 010-0074135-1149-9

Account No. 010-0074134-1149-2

Gentlemen:

Confirming conversation with Jenny on June charges set for account no. 010-0074135-1149-9 to be \$10.22 monthly and for account no. 010-0074134-1149-2 to be \$12.67 monthly. We owe for 8 months on account 0074134-1149-2 totaling \$101.36 plus we owe 2 months for account 010-0074135-1149-9 totaling \$20.44 since there has been a tenant for only 2 months of service. Enclosed is a check for the amount of \$121.80 to bring these 2 accounts current. The reason the account has not been paid is because we were never receiving the invoices, sent the lien to the right address! The correct address to send these invoices for these accounts is: 1610 Meadow Wood Lane Suite #202, Reno, NV 89502. This will clear all accounts for 345 & 347 W. Taylor until July 31st, 2007.

Very truly yours,

Teri Morrison Assistant Property Manager

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inty company,

DEPT. NO.: 4

Plaintiff,

V.

WASTE MANAGEMENT OF NEVADA, INC., KAREN GONZALEZ, and DOES 1 THROUGH 10,

Defendants.

<u>DEFENDANTS' REPLY IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT ON PLAINTIFF'S SLANDER OF TITLE CLAIM</u>

Waste Management of Nevada, Inc., ("WM") and Karen Gonzalez ("Karen"), by and through their attorneys of Robison, Belaustegui, Sharp & Low, hereby reply in support of their motion for summary judgment on Plaintiff's remaining claim for slander of title.

- I. DEFENDANTS ARE ENTITLED TO SUMMARY JUDGMENT AS A MATTER OF LAW ON THE SLANDER OF TITLE CLAIM.
 - A. WTS DOES NOT PRESENT ANY EVIDENCE SUFFICIENT TO PROVE THAT WM'S STATEMENTS WERE "FALSE".

In its Opposition, Plaintiff West Taylor Street, LLC ("WTS") argues that the amount reflected on the liens was a "false" amount. However, WTS does not present

Robison, Belaustegui, Sharp & Low 71 Washington St. Reno, NV 89503 (775) 329-3151 evidence that contradicts WM's evidence that WTS had a substantial unpaid balance consisting of late fees that had accrued interest. "To withstand summary judgment, the nonmoving party cannot rely solely on general allegations and conclusions set forth in the pleadings, but must instead present specific facts demonstrating the existence of a genuine factual issue supporting his claims." <u>Choy v. Ameristar Casinos, Inc.</u>, 127 Nev. 870, 872, 265 P.3d 698, 700 (2011).

WTS completely ignores the undisputed fact that it incurred late fees which were accruing interest that WTS never paid! See Opposition to Motion for Summary Judgment on Plaintiff's Slander of Title Claim ("Opp."). WTS does not present any evidence that it paid the past due balance consisting of late fees and interest. Instead, WTS only presents this Court with its checks that it obstinately wrote for the minimum monthly service fee amount. See Opp., at Exhibit 10.

Thus, the undisputed evidence before this Court is that WTS incurred late fees and interest charges that continued to accrue and that were never paid. See Exhs. 4-5, 11-12.1 WTS's failure to rebut this undisputed evidence requires summary judgment in WM's favor as requested. Cochran v. Quest Software, Inc., 328 F.3d 1, 12 (1st Cir. 2003) (plaintiff's failure to contest facts caused facts to be admitted on summary judgment); Cromley v. Board of Educ. of Lockport Tp. High School Dist. 205, 17 F.3d 1059, 1068, (7th Cir. 1994) (affirming summary judgment and deeming selected facts admitted because of the nonmovant's failure to contest the movant's presentation of those facts); Tamsen v. Weber, 802 P.2d 1063, 1067 (Ariz. Ct. App. 1990) ("If the facts set forth in support of a motion for summary judgment are not controverted by the opposing party, then those facts are presumed to be true").

Based on the foregoing, WM is entitled to summary judgment because the undisputed facts are true that WTS did not pay all amounts it owed to WM. Therefore, WM cannot have any liability based upon a slander of title claim because the amounts

¹ All exhibits cited to as "Exh." refer to the exhibits attached to WM's original motion for summary judgment.

Robison, Belaustegui, Sharp & Low 71 Washington St. Reno, NV 89503 (775) 329-3151 asserted were not "false" but are instead true because (1) the undisputed evidence establishes the amounts are owed and (2) WTS does not contest these amounts were charged and remain unpaid.

Instead, WTS appears to argue that it should never have been billed these late fees because it was improperly charged for time periods when the properties were vacant. However, WTS again presents no evidence that it complied with WM's vacancy policy. Compare Browning v. State, 120 Nev. 347, 361, 91 P.3d 39, 50 (2004) (recognizing that a "claim warrants no consideration" when appellant fails to provide this court with "any cogent argument, legal analysis, or supporting factual allegations").

WM's vacancy policy clearly states that garbage collection service is only suspended if the homeowner provides WM with specified beginning and ending dates of the vacancy in advance of the vacancy. Exh. 3. As WM's records demonstrate, WTS repeatedly failed to comply with this policy. See Exhs. 5, 12. WTS attaches various bills with notations that the property was "vacant" written on the bills, but these notations do not prove that wm was actually timely informed of the vacancy by WTS as required under the vacancy policy. See Opp. at Exhibit 6. Instead, WTS's self-serving notations on their own bills means absolutely nothing given that WTS never complied with WM's vacancy policy to provide the required notice to WM to suspend garbage collection services. Furthermore, WTS's letters that it attaches in Exhibit 6 also failed to comply with WM's vacancy policy, as WM's records demonstrate. See Exhs. 5, 12. In sum, WTS presents this Court with no evidence that it actually complied with WM's vacancy policy. WTS is not entitled to avoid summary judgment by presenting speculation and conjecture as to what may or may not have happened.

WTS's lack of evidence opposing WM's motion is important because WM is permitted to charge service fees, late fees and interest on a property if WM is not timely notified of the vacancy. See Exh. 1 at ¶¶ 5.5-5.6. WTS does not present any evidence or argument to the contrary. Thus, it is irrelevant whether the property was actually vacant because whether or not the property is vacant has nothing to do with a property

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Robison, Belaustegui, Sharp & Low 71 Washington St. Reno, NV 89503 (775) 329-3151 owner's duty to notify WM of such vacancy <u>before</u> the vacancy to avoid service charges. WTS did not comply with the vacancy policy and WM was properly permitted to charge the fees that it did.

Finally, WTS does not present any evidence that WM's accounting was inaccurate as to the amount of the accrued past due late fees and interest. Although WTS argues that a lien represented a lower amount than the amount owed on the next monthly bill, see Opp. at p. 3, WTS does not take into account compounding interest on the past due balances which necessarily raise the unpaid balance as time passes. Thus, WTS does not present any evidence that WM's accounting was "false" or inaccurate. Accordingly, summary judgment in favor of WM on WTS's claim for slander of title is appropriate.

B. WTS DOES NOT PRESENT ANY EVIDENCE SUFFICIENT TO PROVE THAT WM'S LIENS WERE "SPOKEN WITH MALICE."

"In order to prove malice, it must be shown that the defendant knew the statement was false or acted in reckless disregard of its truth or falsity." Rowland v. Lepire, 99 Nev. 308, 313, 662 P.2d 1332, 1335 (1983). WTS cites to several cases and statutes for a definition of malice that do not apply to a slander of title claim. Wynn v. Smith, 117 Nev. 6, 16 P.3d 424 (2001), dealt with a jury instruction on "malice" for a claim of defamation brought by a public figure, and not a slander of title claim. Id. at 17, 16 P.3d at 431. NRS 42.001 defines "malice" in the context of punitive damages, and not slander of title. The dispositive definition for "malice" in a slander of title claim remains the definition set forth in Rowland, which provides that "[when] a defendant has reasonable grounds for belief in his claim, he has not acted with malice." 99 Nev. at 313, 662 P.2d at 1335 (emphasis added).

WTS does not present any evidence demonstrating that WM did not have reasonable grounds to believe WM was owed the past due balance. WM's records demonstrate that WTS had a significant outstanding balance for both properties at the times the liens were recorded. Exhs. 4, 11. Thus, WM's statements were not false, were based upon WTS's billing and payment history and, therefore, cannot form the

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Furthermore, WM did not act with reckless disregard towards the truth of its belief that WTS owed WM money. WM's records indicate that WTS did not comply with WM's Vacancy Policy; and thus, WTS did not always timely notify WM of any vacancies as WTS was obligated to do under the Vacancy Policy. Exhs. 5, 12. Because of WTS's own failures WM was permitted to charge WTS late fees and interest on past due amounts.

Finally, WM recorded its liens prior to this Court's order interpreting NRS 444.520 to include all of the additional requirements of NRS Chapter 108. Thus, WM did not act with malice by failing to comply with subsequent new Court imposed additional requirements which were not contained in the statute. Accordingly, WTS cannot establish that WM acted with malice and/or made a false statement. Therefore, summary judgment is appropriate in favor of WM on WTS's slander of title claim.

II. KAREN IS ENTITLED TO SUMMARY JUDGMENT AS A MATTER OF LAW BECAUSE SHE CANNOT BE HELD INDIVIDUALLY LIABLE FOR SIGNING THE LIENS ON BEHALF OF WM.

Karen cannot be held individually liable because she was acting at all times within the course and scope of her employment. "The general rule is that a principal is vicariously liable for the authorized actions of [its] agent <u>but not vice-versa</u>." <u>Couturier v. Am. Invsco Corp.</u>, 10 F. Supp. 3d 1143, 1149 (D. Nev. 2014) (emphasis added). Thus, "[a]n agent, absent fault on [her] part, cannot be vicariously liable for the wrongful acts of [her] principal." <u>Rookard v. Mexicoach</u>, 680 F.2d 1257, 1261 (9th Cir. 1982).²

Although Nevada has recognized that "intentional" torts committed by an employee may give rise to individual liability, the line of authority that WTS relies upon does not apply here because **Karen** did not record the liens in **Karen's** name. The liens are recorded in **WM's** name; thus, any harm that WTS has incurred is due to the

² See also Com. ex rel. Corbett v. Snyder, 977 A.2d 28, 46 (Pa. Commw. Ct. 2009) ("Employees are not vicariously liable for the acts of their employer."); <u>Lyon v. Morphew</u>, 678 N.E.2d 1306, 1309 (Mass. 1997) ("Absent a common law or statutory duty, an employee may not be held individually liable to a third person.").

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Accordingly, summary judgment in favor of Karen is warranted. III. CONCLUSION.

For the foregoing reasons, Defendants respectfully request that this Court grant their motion for summary judgment against WTS on its remaining claim for slander of title. In addition, it is requested that the remaining claim of slander of title be dismissed as against Karen since, as a matter of law, she has no individual liability.

lien that <u>WM</u> held, and not Karen. The law on agency is clear that "where a defendant

acts as an agent for a known principal, the defendant-agent incurs no liability for a

principal's breach of duty." 3 Am. Jur. 2d Agency § 273 (2016) (emphasis added).

AFFIRMATION: The undersigned does hereby affirm that this document does not contain the Social Security Number of any person.

DATED this Ju day of October, 2016.

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Attorneys for Waste Management of Nevada,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I certify that I am an employee of ROBISON,

BELAUSTEGUI, SHARP & LOW, and that on this date I caused to be served a true copy of the DEFENDANTS' REPLY IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR SUMMARY

JUDGMENT ON PLAINTIFF'S SLANDER OF TITLE CLAIM on all parties to this action

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IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE

WEST TAYLOR STREET, LLC, a limited liability company,

Plaintiff,

VS.

WASTE MANAGEMENT OF NEVADA, INC., KAREN GONZALEZ, and DOES 1 THROUGH 10,

Defendants.

Case No. CV12-02995

Dept. No. 4

ORDER ON DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT

On September 6, 2016, Defendants WASTE MANAGEMENT OF NEVADA, INC. (hereinafter "Waste Management") and KAREN GONZALEZ (hereinafter "Gonzalez")(hereinafter collectively "Defendants"), by and through their attorney, Mark G. Simons, Esq. and Therese M. Shanks, Esq. of Robison, Belaustegui, Sharp & Low, filed Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment on Plaintiff's Slander of Title Claim wherein Defendants move the Court for summary judgment on WEST TAYLOR STREET, LLC's (hereinafter "West Taylor") claim for slander of title, and moves for dismissal of any claims against Gonzalez since, as a matter of law, she cannot have any personal liability for acting in the course and scope of her employment.

On October 18, 2016, West Taylor, by and through its attorney, C. Nicholas Pereos, Esq.

filed its Opposition to Motion for Summary Judgment on Claims for Slander of Title, and Affidavit of Teri Morrison in Support of Opposition to Motion for Summary Judgment. On October 24, 2016, Defendants filed Defendants' Reply in Support of Motion for Summary Judgment on Plaintiff's Slander of Title Claim. On February 22, 2017, the Court heard oral arguments on the matter.

NRCP 56(c) provides, "[summary judgment] shall be rendered if the pleadings, depositions, answers to interrogatories, and admissions on file, together with the affidavits, if any, show that there is no genuine issue as to any material fact and that the moving party is entitled to judgment as a matter of law." A genuine issue of material fact exists when the evidence is such that a rational trier of fact could return a verdict for the nonmoving party. Woods v. Safeway, 121 Nev. 724, 731, 121 P.3d 1026, 1031 (2005). When deciding whether summary judgment is appropriate, the court must view all evidence in light most favorable to the non-moving party and accept all properly supported evidence, factual allegations, and reasonable inferences favorable to the non-moving party as true. C. Nicholas Pereos, Ltd. v. Bank of Am., 131 Nev. Adv. Op. 44, 352 P.3d 1133, 1136 (2015); NGA No. 2 Ltd. Liab. Co. v. Rains, 113 Nev. 1151, 1157, 946 P.2d 163, 167 (1997).

The Nevada Supreme Court has adopted the federal approach outlined in <u>Celotex Corp. v. Catrett</u>, 477 U.S. 317 (1986), with respect to burdens of proof and persuasion in summary judgment proceedings. <u>See Cruzz v. University and Community College System of Nevada</u>, 123 Nev. 598, 602, 172 P.3d 131, 134 (2007). The party moving for summary judgment must meet his or her initial burden of production and show that there is no genuine issue of material fact. <u>Id.</u> "The manner in which each party may satisfy its burden of production depends on which party will bear the burden of persuasion on the challenged claim at trial." <u>Id.</u>

If the burden of persuasion at trial will rest on the nonmoving party, "the party moving for summary judgment may satisfy the burden of production by either (1) submitting evidence that negates an essential element of the nonmoving party's claim, or (2) "pointing out that there is

an absence of evidence to support the nonmoving party's case." <u>Id.</u> After the moving party meets his or her initial burden of production, the opposing party "must transcend the pleadings and by affidavit or other admissible evidence, introduce specific facts that show a genuine issue of material fact." <u>Id.</u>

Defendants argue they are entitled to judgment as a matter of law on the slander of title claim because they did not act with actual malice or make any false statements regarding the money that West Taylor owes. Defendants assert it is undisputed West Taylor had a significant outstanding balance with Waste Management when it recorded the liens at issue. Defendants allege West Taylor did not comply with Waste Management's vacancy policy. Defendants advance, even if West Taylor argues it did not owe the amount claimed, the contention still does not avoid the entry of judgment because Waste Management is entitled to charge West Taylor for services, late fees, and interest under the Franchise Agreement, seeking repayment of these amounts. Additionally, Defendants contend, it recorded the liens prior to this Court's Order interpreting NRS 444.520 to include all the additional requirements of NRS Chapter 108. Thus, Defendants did not act with malice by failing to comply with these Court imposed additional requirements.

Defendants argue Gonzalez cannot be held individually liable for slander of title because she was acting at all times within the course and scope of her employment. The general rule is that a principal is vicariously liable for the authorized actions of its agents, but not vice-versa, Defendants assert. Defendants concede Nevada has recognized intentional torts committed by an employee may give rise to individual liability, but argues Gonzalez recorded the liens in Waste Management's name and therefore any harm that West Taylor has incurred is due to the lien that Waste Management held, not Gonzalez.

West Taylor asserts the issue before the Court is not whether West Taylor owed money to Waste Management or paid the bills timely, but whether the liens accurately reflect a correct statement when they were recorded. In a slander of title claim, West Taylor argues, if the words

 spoken were incorrect, then the first element has been satisfied. West Taylor, contends as of July 1, 2007, Defendants allege West Taylor owed a delinquency of \$132.48, but Defendants were not sending bills to the correct address; after this was recognized, West Taylor sent a resolution letter wherein it addressed the issue and sent a check for \$121.90 to bring the accounts current. West Taylor asserts Waste Management was not owed the money claimed in its liens, which is inconsistent with the amount of money claimed in its notices of intent to lien, which was inconsistent with its collections notices. West Taylor argues, a review of the alleged delinquency set forth in the motion to strike Slander of Title claim does not even conform to the earlier discovery response provided by Defendants, when Defendants were asked to identify the basis for its lien amount on 347 West Taylor Street.

Additionally, West Taylor argues, Defendants were notified either in writing or verbally that the property was vacant and that there was no need for disposal services. Notwithstanding these notices, West Taylor contends, Defendants continued to bill and send invoices to the customer as if the property was occupied.

West Taylor contends, malice is a question of fact and it must be shown that the defendant knew the statement was false or acted with reckless disregard to its truth or falsity. West Taylor advances, before the liens were recorded, it was bombarded with collection notices and notices of intent to lien which in turn precipitated responses by West Taylor informing Defendants that there was no delinquency on the accounts, as they had always been paid when the unit was occupied. However, West Taylor argues, Defendants ignored the letters and recorded the three liens at issue, two of which Gonzalez signed, despite the fact she knew there was a dispute as to the amount of money owed.

In *Reply*, Defendants argue West Taylor presented no evidence it complied with the vacancy policy. Further, Defendants contend, West Taylor does not present any evidence that Defendants' accounting was inaccurate as to the amount of the accrued past due late fees and interest. Although West Taylor argues that the lien represented a lower amount than the amount

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owed on the next monthly bill, West Taylor does not take into account compounding interest on past due balances which necessarily raise the unpaid balance as time passes. Further, Defendants argue, West Taylor does not present any evidence sufficient to prove that the liens were spoken with malice.

Slander of Title

"The requisites to an action for slander of title are that the words spoken be false, that they be maliciously spoken and that the plaintiff sustain some special damage as a direct and natural result of their having been spoken." Rowland v. Lepire, 99 Nev. 308, 313, 662 P.2d 1332, 1335 (1983); Higgins v. Higgens, 103 Nev. 443, 445, 744 P.2d 530, 531 (1987)(noting slander of title involves false and malicious communications, disparaging to one's title in land and causing special damage). To prove malice, the plaintiff must prove the "defendant knew that the statement was false or acted in reckless disregard of its truth." Rowland, 99 Nev. at 313; 662 P.2d at 1335. However, if a "defendant has reasonable grounds for belief in his claim, he has not acted with malice." Id. Malice is generally a question of fact. See Wright v. Williamson, 27 S.W.2d 558, 560 (Tex. Civ. App. 1930)(finding malice is a necessary element in a slander of title action and the court would "not be warranted in setting aside the jury's answer thereto and holding, as a matter of law, that plaintiff did act maliciously"). When the state of mind of the defendant is a prima facia element in a claim, the claim is generally not appropriate for summary judgment; however, there must be some indication that the claimant "can produce the requisite quantum of evidence to enable him to reach the jury with his claim." See Collins v. Union Fed. Sav. & Loan Ass'n, 99 Nev. 284, 300, 662 P.2d 610, 620 (1983).

The Court now addresses the first element of slander of title, falsity of statement. Three liens form the basis of this law suit: 1) a lien encumbering the 345 West Taylor Street property, for the amount of \$859.78; 2) a second lien encumbering the 345 West Taylor Street property, for the amount \$404.88; and 3) and a lien encumbering the 347 West Taylor Street property, in the amount of \$489.47. [West Taylor's Opp. Mot. Summ. Jud. (hereinafter "Opp. MSJ"), Ex. 3].

West Taylor asserts these liens did not accurately reflect the account statements. Defendants provide the Court with a timeline of West Taylor's account history for both 345 and 347 West Taylor Street, which is largely compiled from the billing data from the respective properties. [MSJ, Ex. 4 & 11].

The Court finds material issues of fact exist as to whether the liens accurately reflected the amount owed on the accounts. First, the parties dispute the appropriateness of certain late fees and whether bills were actually paid. For example, Defendants contend and provide evidence that on June 27, 2008, West Taylor paid Defendants \$42.03 in connection with the 345 West Taylor Street property; however because this payment was not made on June 1, 2008, it was charged a late fee. [MSJ, at 4:10-12; Ex. 4]. West Taylor asserts (evidencing Article 5.6(11) of Waste Management's Franchise Agreement), that residential services are to be billed on a quarterly basis, and a bill that is not paid by the last day of the quarterly period, is delinquent. [Opp. MSJ, at 7:17-25; MSJ, Ex. 1]. West Taylor asserts, June is the second quarter of the billing period and the second quarter starts in April. West Taylor provides check #3293 and #3294 and asserts the April quarterly payments were made. [Opp. MSJ, Ex. 10]. The Court finds there is material issue of fact as to whether late fees should have been charged.

West Taylor also appears to take issue with the amount noted in the liens being lower than the notices of intent to lien. For example, the Notice of Intent to Lien dated February 7, 2012, for 347 West Taylor Street was for \$556.58. [Opp. MSJ, Ex. 5 (WTS 0096)]; however the Notice of Lien executed on February 22, 2012, was for \$489.47. [Opp. MSJ, Ex. 3]. West Taylor also asserts an additional discrepancy in accounting exists: the February 22, 2012, Lien was for a higher amount than the amount indicated on the collection notice dated March 2, 2012, which indicates West Tylor owed \$461.53. [See Opp. MSJ, Ex. 5 (WTS 0017)]. The Court finds there are factual issues regarding what was actually owed on the accounts and cannot determine as a matter of law if the liens were for a correct amount.

Based on these factual discrepancies, the Court cannot find the liens which form the basis

for the slander of title claim are necessarily accurate reflections of the balance of West Taylor's accounts as they existed at the time the liens were recorded. Further, the Court has previously determined a recorded lien for unpaid garbage fees pursuant to NRS 444.520 shall be for an amount that became delinquent no more than 90 days prior to the date of the recording of the lien as required by NRS 108.226 that is incorporated in NRS 444.520. [See Order Partial Motion for Summary Judgment, filed October 1, 2015]. Therefore, to the extent these liens included an amount delinquent for more than 90 days, they could be deemed to portray false words and satisfy the first element of a slander of title claim. Because the Court finds there is a material issue of fact as indicated above, it need not address the remaining arguments concerning the discrepancies in the liens and account balances, such as whether the vacancy policy was properly complied with and whether the July letter and associated payments resolved any outstanding balances.

The Court must also consider the second element of slander of title, malice. Malice is generally question of fact for the jury. However, Defendants have satisfied their initial burden and provided evidence that Waste Management had reasonable grounds to lien the property, i.e. the timeline and supporting evidence demonstrating an outstanding balance on the accounts. [MSJ, at 4-7; EX. 4, 11]. However, the Court finds West Taylor has transcended the pleadings and presented evidence showing a genuine issue of material fact as to whether Defendants acted with malice in recording the liens.

West Taylor has provided a series of letters wherein West Taylor disputes the alleged balance on the accounts. For instance, following a notice of intent to lien, in a letter dated May 24, 2010, West Taylor advised Defendants they were not owed the balance of \$482.97, and that all of the garbage fees had been paid current while the property was occupied. [Opp. MSJ, Ex. 8 (WTS 0003)]. Similarly, following the Notice of Intent to Lien dated February 7, 2012, in a letter dated February 16, 2012, West Taylor contested the balance alleged on the 347 West Taylor property, and threatened a slander of title action. [Id., at WTS 0095]. In a letter dated

September 13, 2012, addressed to Gonzalez, West Taylor advised it was in receipt of the notice of lien, and requested an accounting. [Id., at WTS 0010]. A follow up letter, dated October 12, 2012, informed Waste Management that West Taylor was continuing to receive delinquency and collection notices, but noted Waste Management never sent the requested accounting. [Id., WTS 0011].

An additional letter addressed to Gonzalez, dated November 1, 2012, indicated West Taylor had received the statement of account, but requested Waste Management correct its records (noting the challenged charges) and requested the lien be removed. [Id. WTS, 0089]. West Taylor composed a similar letter, dated March 14, 2014, challenging the outstanding balance following the February 28, 2014 Notice of Intent to Lien on 345 West Taylor Street. Id. The Court finds the evidence shows West Taylor repeatedly attempted to correct the alleged erroneous account balances. Assuming the running balances were in fact inaccurate, to the extent West Taylor's pleas to correct were ignored, a reasonable jury could conclude Defendants acted in reckless disregard of the truth by not resolving the discrepancies prior to recording the liens.

Personal Liability of an Employee

West Taylor also asserts slander of title against Gonzalez as an individual. "The general rule is that a principal is vicariously liable for the authorized actions of her agent but not viceversa." Couturier v. Am. Invsco Corp., 10 F. Supp. 3d 1143, 1149 (D. Nev. 2014); see also Rookard v. Mexicoach, 680 F.2d 1257, 1261 (9th Cir.1982) ("[a]n agent, absent fault on his part, cannot be vicariously liable for the wrongful acts of his principal"). However, an employee's intentional torts may give rise to individual liability. See Lyon v. Morphew, 424 Mass. 828, 831–32 (1997)(holding employees are liable for torts in which they personally participated); see e.g. Landex, Inc. v. State ex rel. List, 94 Nev. 469, 474, 582 P.2d 786, 789 (1978) (wherein plaintiffs brought a claim for misleading advertising against the corporation, and against an employee, in both his individual capacity and as the president/sales manager of the corporation;

the employee was found to be directly responsible for the use of such deceptive statements and was ordered to pay (in addition to the corporation) for the violations); see also Restatement (Third) Of Agency § 7.01 (2006)("[a]n agent is subject to liability to a third party harmed by the agent's tortious conduct. Unless an applicable statute provides otherwise, an actor remains subject to liability although the actor acts as an agent or an employee, with actual or apparent authority, or within the scope of employment").

At oral arguments, West Taylor informed the Court no deposition of Gonzalez has been taken because she has been ill. West Taylor conceded summary judgment should be granted as to Gonzalez as the West Taylor has no evidence that Gonzalez acted independently from her employment at Waste Management. As such, the Court grants summary judgment as to claims against Gonzalez.

Based on the foregoing and good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Waste Management of Nevada, Inc.'s and Karen Gonzalez's Motion for Summary Judgment is GRANTED in PART and DENIED in PART. The Motion is GRANTED as to any claim against Karen Gonzalez as an individual. However, the Motion is DENIED as to the slander of title claim brought against Waste Management of Nevada, Inc.

Dated this <u>a8</u> day of <u>Mauch</u>, 2017.

Concie J. Steinheimers

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE CASE NO. CV12-02995 I certify that I am an employee of the SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT of the STATE OF NEVADA, COUNTY OF WASHOE; that on the 25 day of , 2017, I filed the **ORDER DE** with the Clerk of the Court. I further certify that I transmitted a true and correct copy of the foregoing document by the method(s) noted below: Personal delivery to the following: [NONE] ✓ I electronically filed with the Clerk of the Court, using the ECF which sends an immediate notice of the electronic filing to the following registered e-filers for their review of the document in the ECF system: MARK SIMONS, ESQ. for WASTE MANAGEMENT OF NEVADA INC C. PEREOS, ESQ. for WEST TAYLOR STREET LLC THERESE SHANKS, ESQ. for KAREN GONZALEZ et al Placing a true copy thereof in a sealed envelope for service via: Reno/Carson Messenger Service – [NONE] Federal Express or other overnight delivery service [NONE] DATED this 25 day of

FILED Electronically CV12-02995 2017-04-19 11:38:34 AM 3915 Jacqueline Bryant 1 Clerk of the Court Transaction # 6059380 2 3 4 5 IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA 6 IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE 7 8 WEST TAYLOR STREET, LLC, 9 CASE NO.: CV12-02995 Plaintiff, 10 DEPT. NO.: 4 VS. 11 WASTE MANAGEMENT OF NEVADA, INC., KAREN GONZALEZ, and DOES 1 12 through 10, 13 Defendants. 14 FIRST AMENDED SCHEDULING ORDER 15 Nature of Action: SLANDER OF TITLE 16 Date of Filing Joint Case Conference Report(s): NOVEMBER 8, 2013 17 Time Required for Trial: 3 DAYS 18 Date of Trial: OCTOBER 16, 2017 19 Jury Demand Filed: SEPTEMBER 27, 2013-PLAINTIFF 20 Counsel for Plaintiff: C. NICHOLAS PEREOS, ESQ. 21 Counsel for Defendant: MARK SIMONS, ESQ. 22 Counsel representing all parties have been heard and after consideration by the Court, IT 23 IS HEREBY ORDERED: 24 1. Complete all discovery by JULY 18, 2017 (90 days before Trial). 25 2. File motions to amend pleadings or add parties on or before APRIL 19, 2017 (180 26 days before Trial). 27 28

DISCOVERY

- 10. Unless otherwise ordered, all discovery disputes (except disputes presented at a pretrial conference or at trial) must be first heard by the Discovery Commissioner, after the following has occurred:
 - A. Prior to filing any discovery motion, the attorney for the moving party must consult with opposing counsel about the disputed issues. Counsel for each side must present to each other the merits of their respective positions with the same candor, specificity, and support as during the briefing of discovery motions.
 - B. If both sides desire a discovery dispute resolution conference pursuant to NRCP 16.1(d), counsel must contact the Discovery Commissioner's office, at (775) 328- 3293, to obtain a date and time for the conference that is convenient to all parties and the Discovery Commissioner. Upon stipulation of counsel on the record, a motion may be orally presented at the conference. If the parties cannot agree upon the need for a conference, the party seeking the conference must file and submit a motion in that regard.
 - C. A party objecting to a written discovery request must, in the original objection, specifically detail the reasons that support the objection, and include affidavits or other evidence for any factual assertions upon which an objection is based.
- 11. Motions for extensions of discovery shall be made to the Discovery Commissioner prior to the expiration of the discovery deadline above.
- 12. A continuance of trial does not extend the deadline for completing discovery. A request for an extension of the discovery deadline, if needed, must be included as part of any motion for continuance.
- 13. A trial statement on behalf of each party shall be delivered to opposing counsel, filed herein and a copy delivered to chambers no later than OCTOBER 2, 2017 (10 judicial days before Trial).
 - A. In addition to the requirements of WDCR 5, the trial statement shall contain:
 - (1) a concise statement of the claimed facts organized by specifically listing <u>each essential element</u> of the party's claims or defenses and separately stating the facts in support of each such element;
 - (2) any practical matters which may be resolved before trial (e.g., suggestions as to the order of witnesses, view of the premises, availability of audio or visual equipment);
 - (3) a list of proposed general voir dire questions for the Court or counsel to ask of the jury;

(4) a statement of any unusual evidentiary issues, with appropriate citations to legal authorities on each issue; and

(5) certification by trial counsel that, prior to the filing of the trial statement, they have personally met and conferred in a good faith effort to resolve the case by settlement.

- 14. All jury instructions and verdict forms, whether agreed upon by both parties or proposed by a party individually, shall be delivered to chambers no later than the deadline to submit their Trial Statements **OCTOBER 2, 2017** (10 judicial days before Trial) unless specifically modified by the Court.
 - A. Unless otherwise ordered, the parties shall exchange all proposed jury Instructions and verdict forms two weeks prior to trial. The parties should then meet, confer, and submit to the Court one complete set of agreed-upon set of jury instructions and verdict forms at the same time they submit their trial statements.
 - B. If the parties do not agree to all proposed instructions, they shall jointly submit a set containing only those instructions that are mutually agreeable. Each party must submit individually any additional proposed jury instructions that have not been agreed upon and/or verdict forms at the same time they submit their trial statements.
 - C. All instructions should be short, concise, understandable, and <u>neutral</u> statements of law and gender. Argumentative or formula instructions are improper, will not be given, and should not be submitted.
 - D. The parties are required to submit the jury instructions in the below described format.
 - 1. All proposed jury instructions shall be in clear, legible type on clean, white, heavy paper, 8 ½ by 11 inches in size, and not lighter than 16-lb. Weight with a black border line and no less than 24 numbered lines.
 - 2. The last instruction **only** shall bear the signature line with the words "District Judge" typed thereunder placed on the right half of the page, a few lines below the last line of text.
 - 3. The designation "Instruction No. "shall be at the last line, lower left hand corner of the last page of each instruction.
 - 4. The original instructions shall not bear any markings identifying the attorney submitting the same, and shall not contain any citations of authority.
 - 5. The authorities for instructions must be attached to the original instructions by a separate copy of the instruction including the citation.
 - 6. The parties should also note on the separate copy of the instruction any modifications made on the instructions from statutory authority, Nevada Pattern Jury Instructions, Devitt and Blackmar, CALCRIM or other form instructions, specifically stating the modification made to the original form instructions and the authority supporting the modification. All original instructions shall be accompanied by a separate copy of the instruction containing a citation to the form instruction, statutory or case authority supporting that instruction. All modifications made to instructions taken from statutory authority, Nevada Pattern Jury Instructions, Devitt and Blackmar,

CACI or other form instructions shall be specifically noted on the citation page. For any form instruction submitted from any source other than Nevada Pattern Jury Instructions, counsel shall include copies of the original instruction form.

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- 15. Jurors will be permitted to take notes during the trial. Jurors may be permitted to ask questions in writing during trial, screened by the Court and counsel. Any party objecting to this procedure should state this objection in the trial statement.
- 16. All applications for attorney's fees shall state services rendered and fees incurred for such services with sufficient specificity to enable an opposing party and the court to review such application. Any memorandum of costs and disbursements must comply with <u>Bergmann v. Boyce</u>, 109 Nev. 670, 856 P.2d 560 (1993) and <u>Bobby Beresini v. PETA</u>, 114 Nev. 1348, 971 P.2d 383 (1998).
- Trial counsel for all parties shall contact the Courtroom Clerk (Marci Stone 775/328-3139) no later than Monday, one week prior to trial, to arrange a date and time to mark trial exhibits. All exhibits will be marked in one numbered series (Exhibit 1, 2, 3, etc.), no matter which side is offering the particular exhibit. Once trial exhibits are marked by the Clerk, they shall remain in the custody of the Clerk. When marking the exhibits with the Clerk, counsel must advise the Clerk of all exhibits which may be admitted without objection. In any case which involves fifteen or more document exhibit pages, the exhibits shall be placed in a loose-leaf binder behind a tab noting the number of each exhibit. The binder shall be clearly marked on the front and side with the case caption and number, but no identification as to the party producing the binder. All document exhibits shall be in one binder no matter which party is offering the exhibits. At the time set for marking the trial exhibits, counsel for the Plaintiff shall provide the Courtroom Clerk with the binder containing the number tabs. Counsel for all parties shall provide all exhibits, no matter when marked, even if marked during the course of trial, in a condition appropriate for inclusion in the evidence binder.

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WEST TAYLOR STREET, LLC,

Respondent.

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APPENDIX

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Affidavit of Teri Morrison in Support of Motion for Partial Summary Judgment	03/11/2014	1	JA_0048-50
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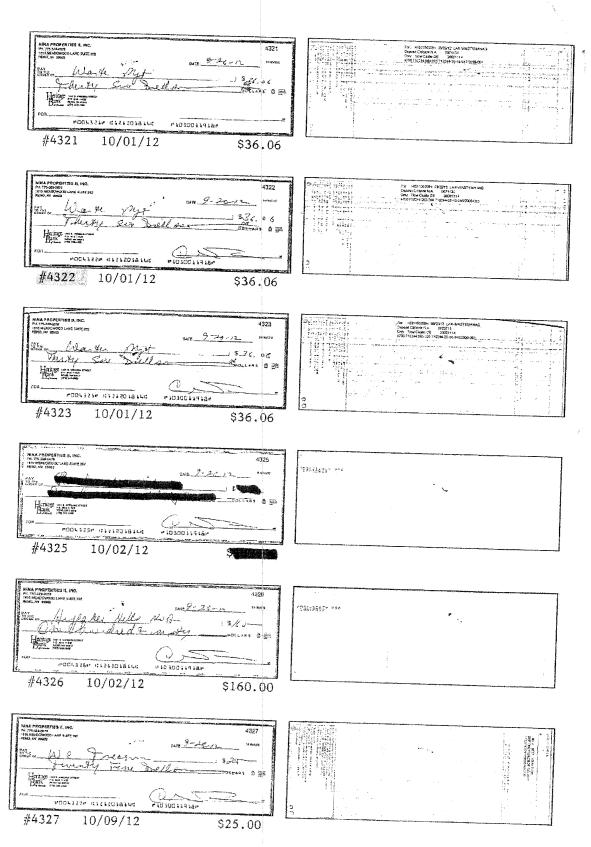
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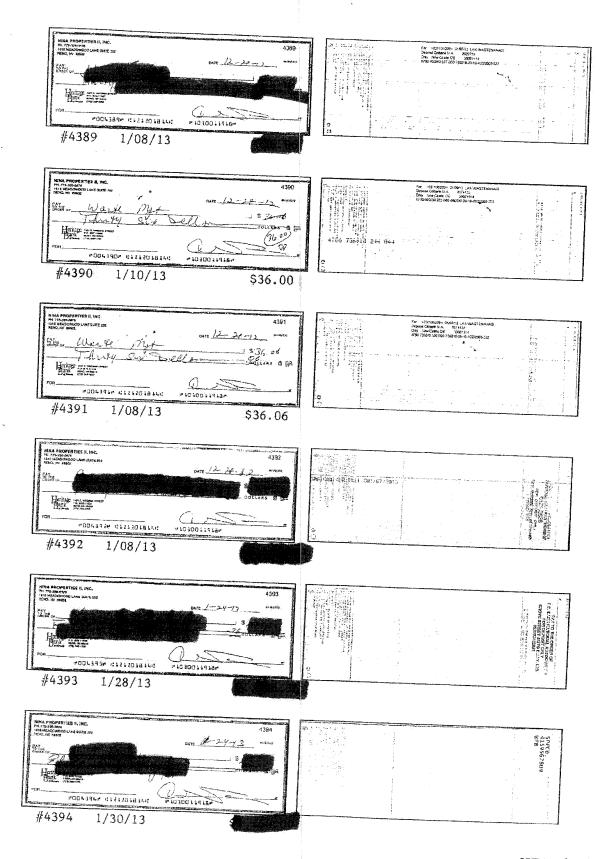
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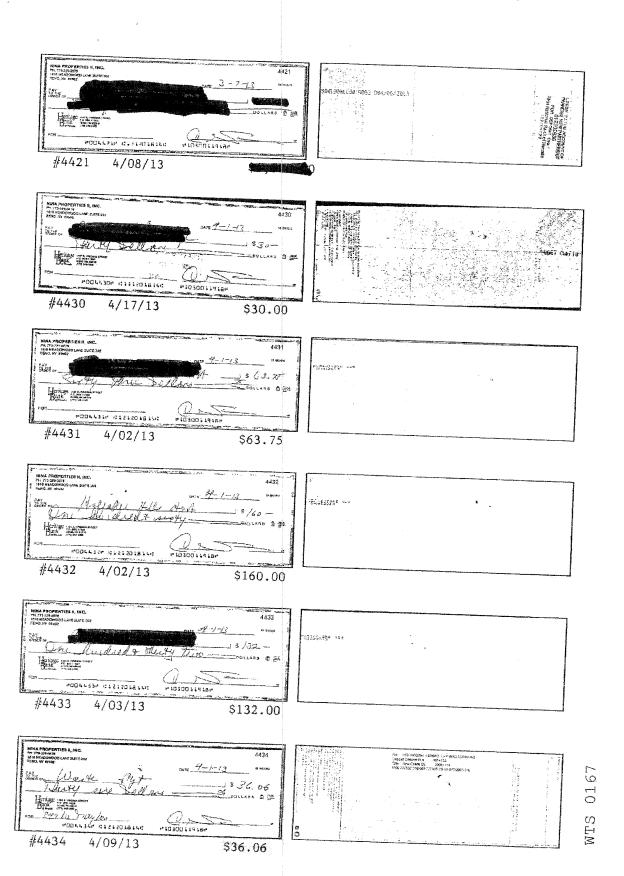
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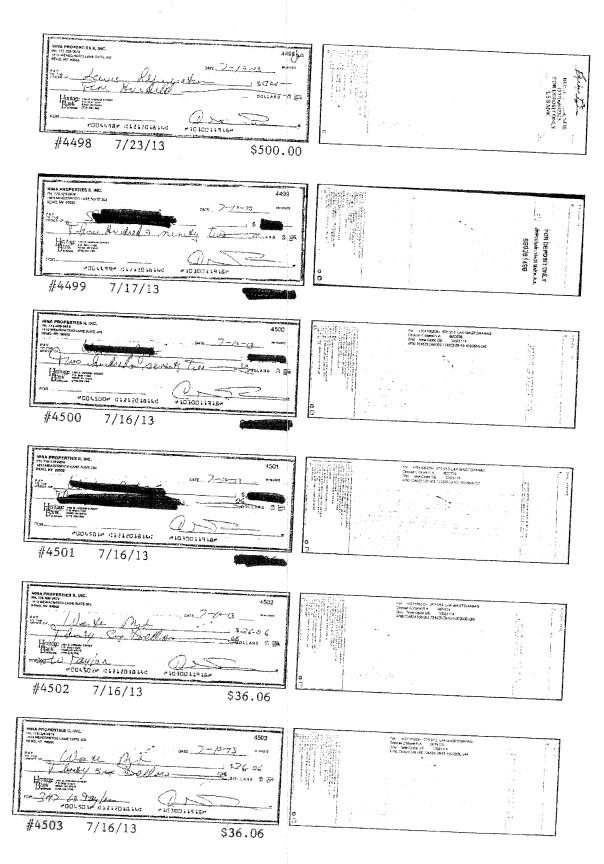
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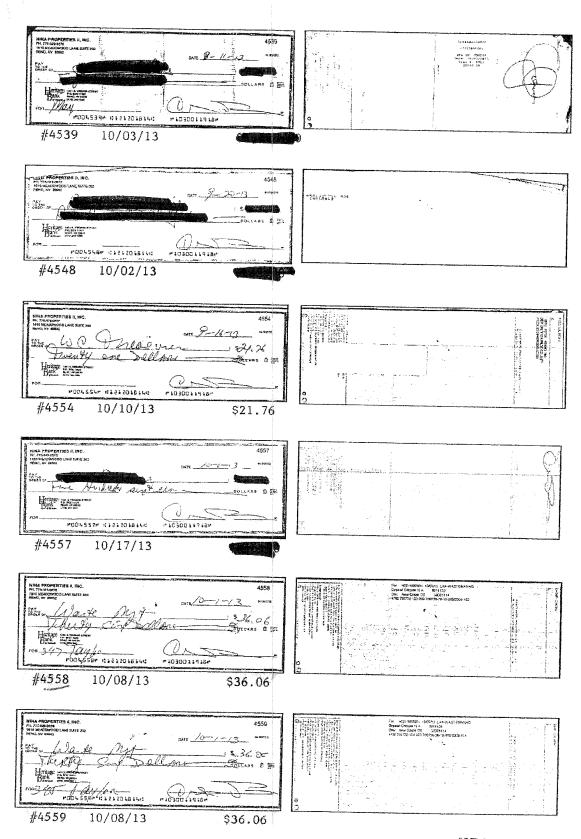
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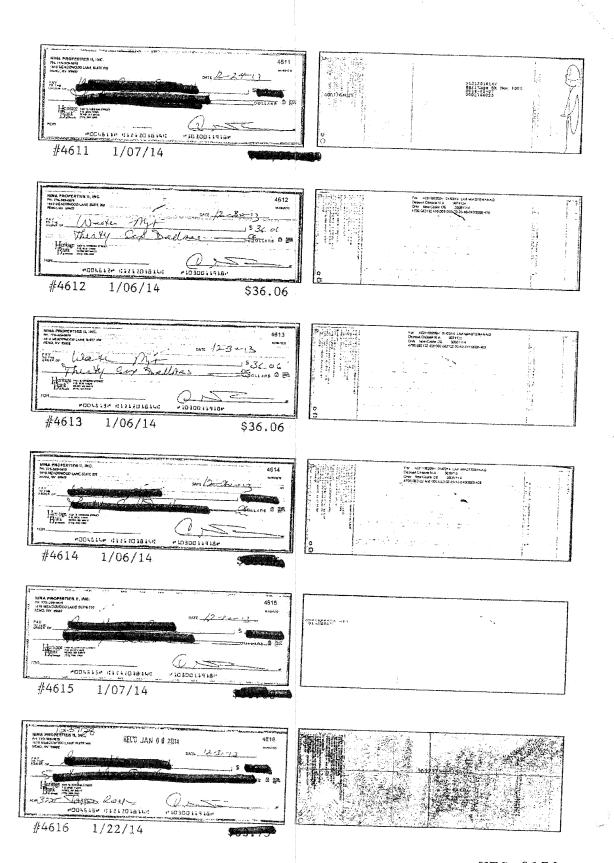




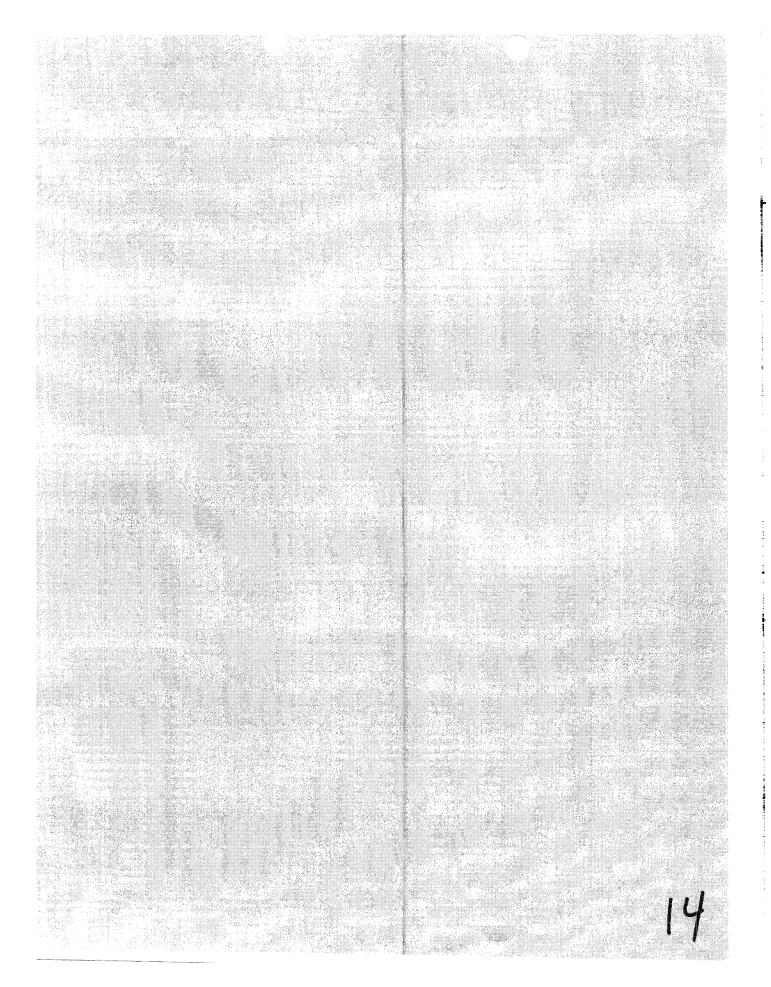


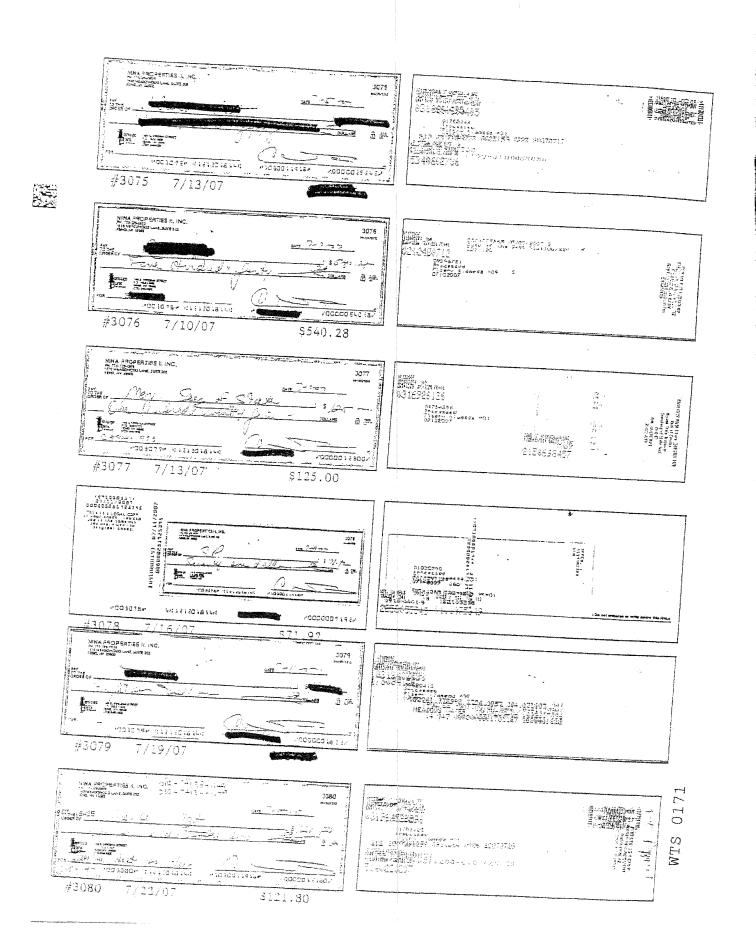
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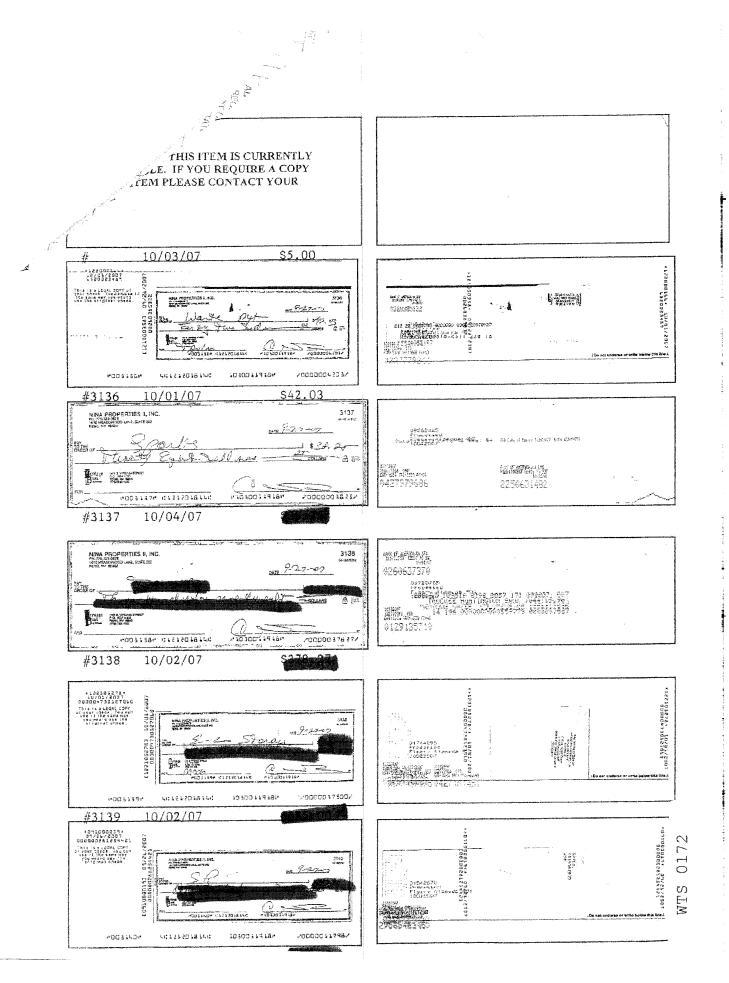


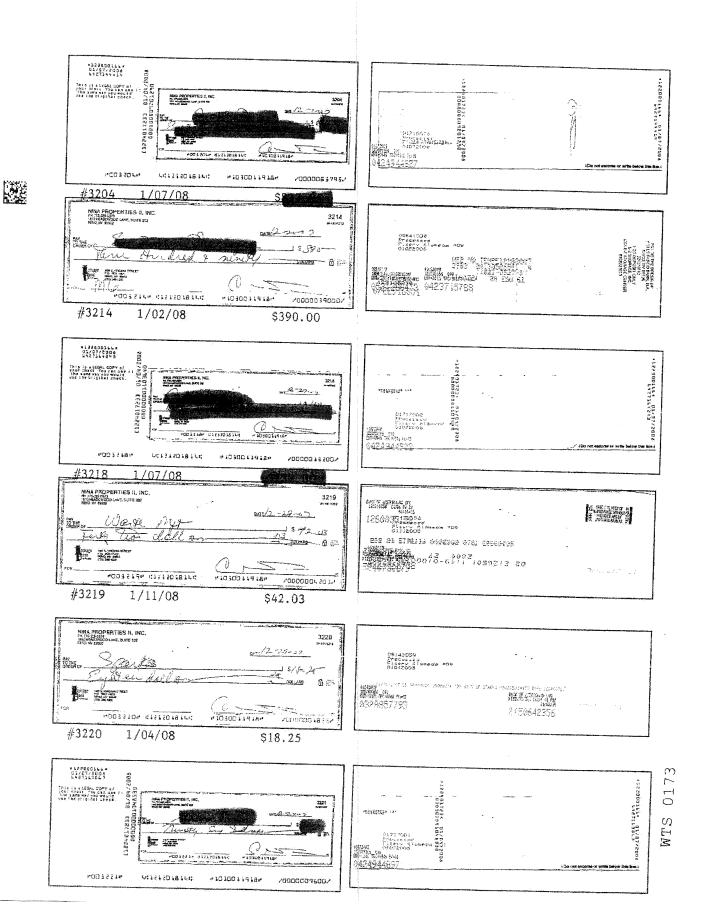


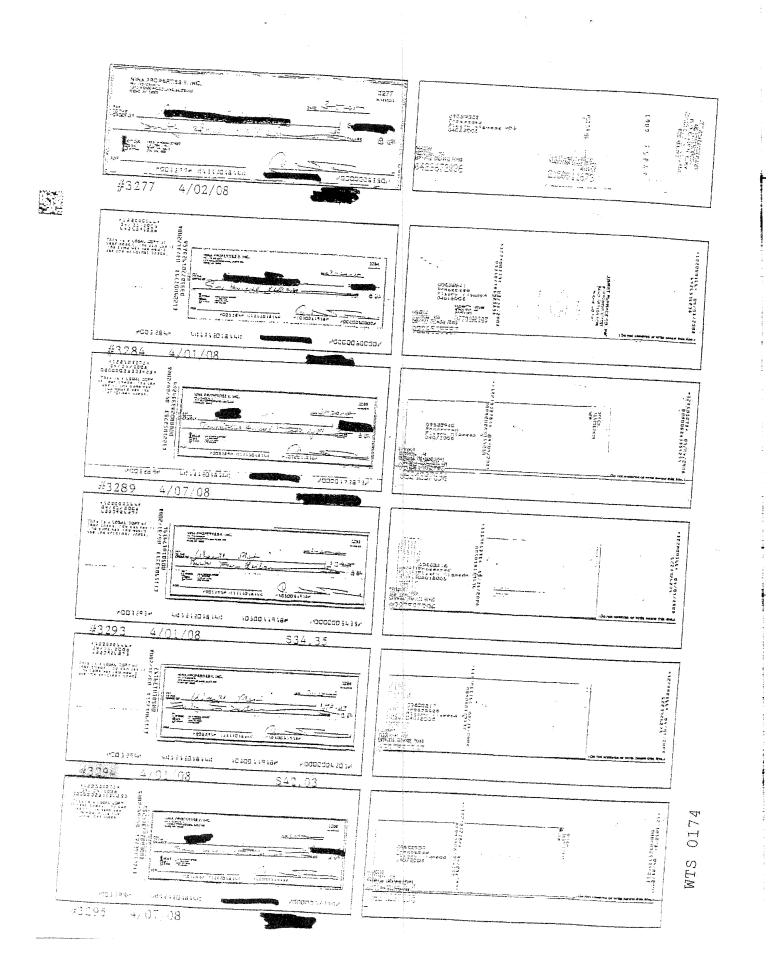
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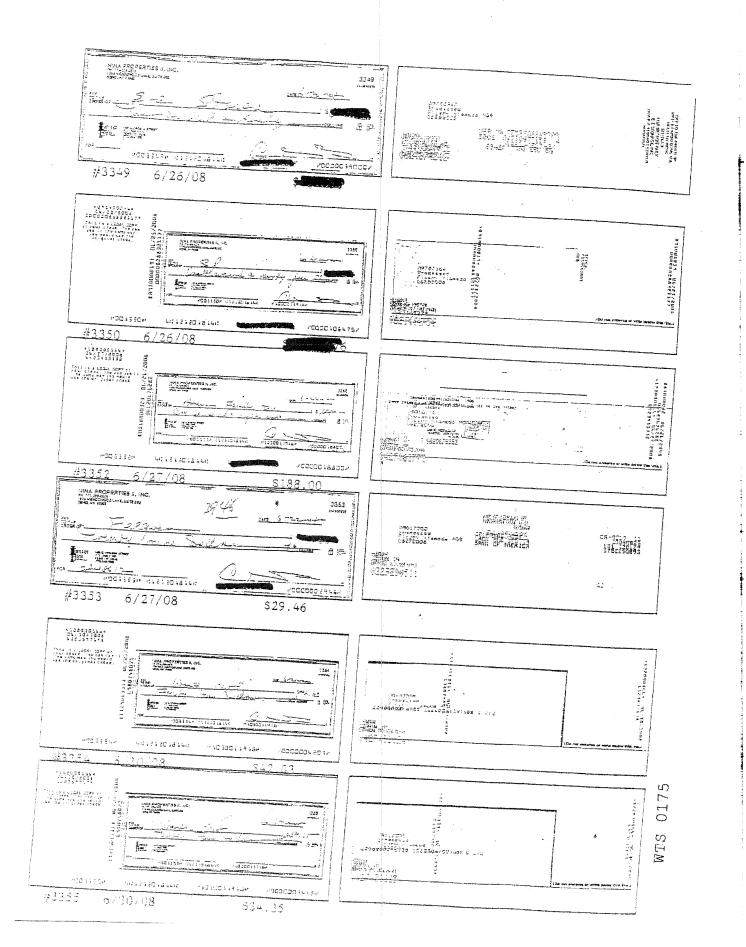


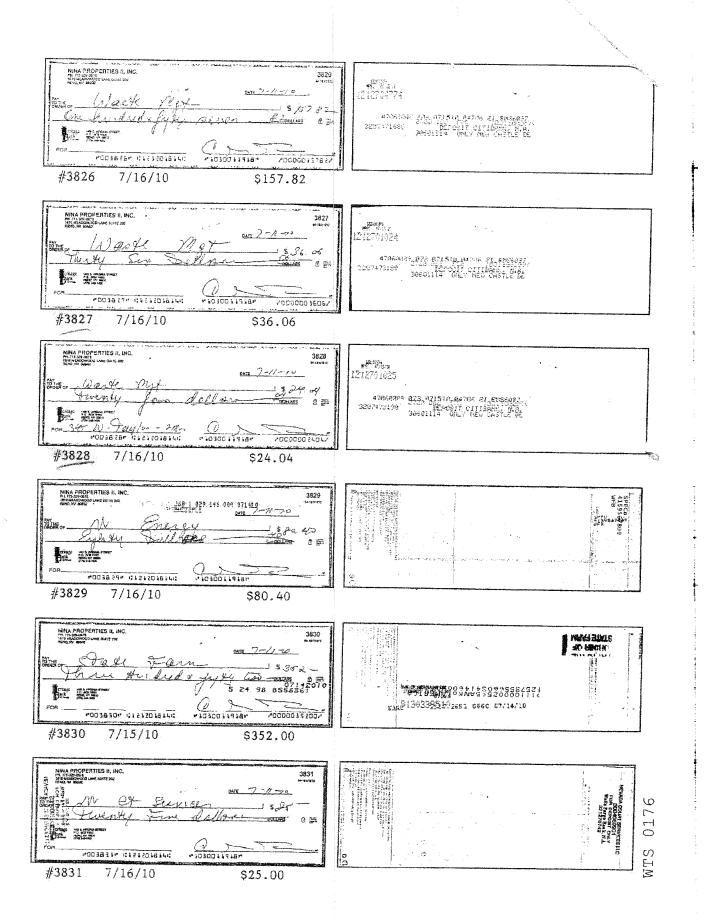


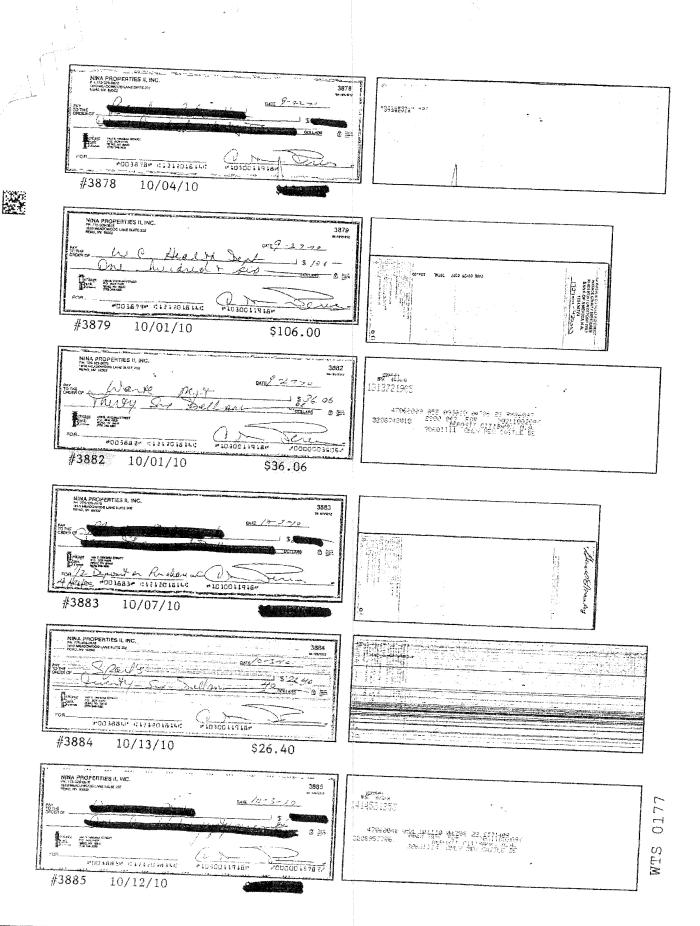


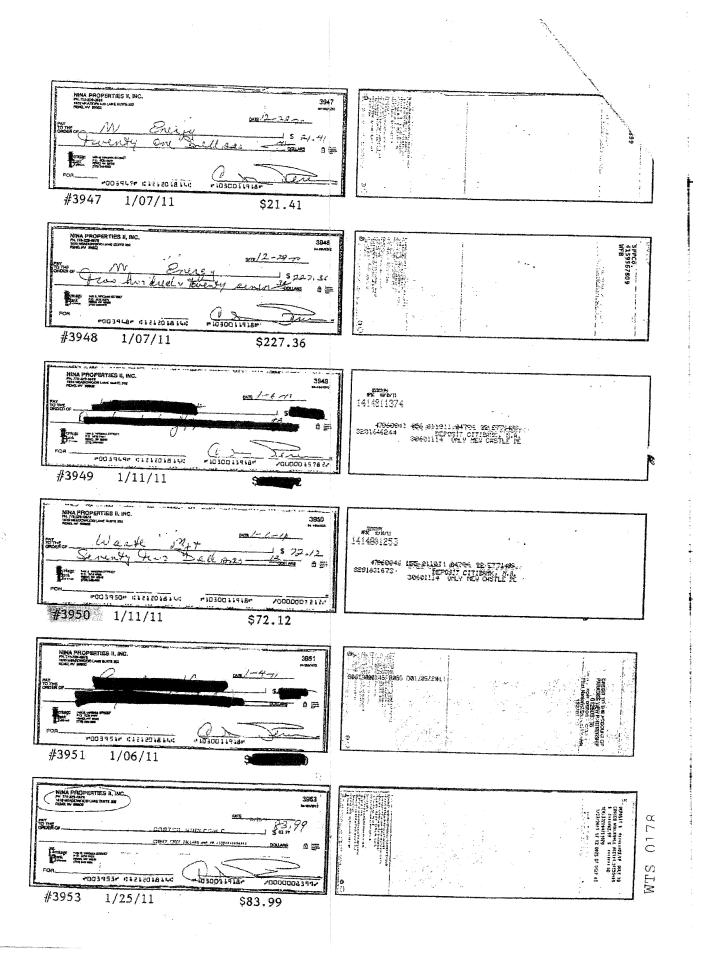


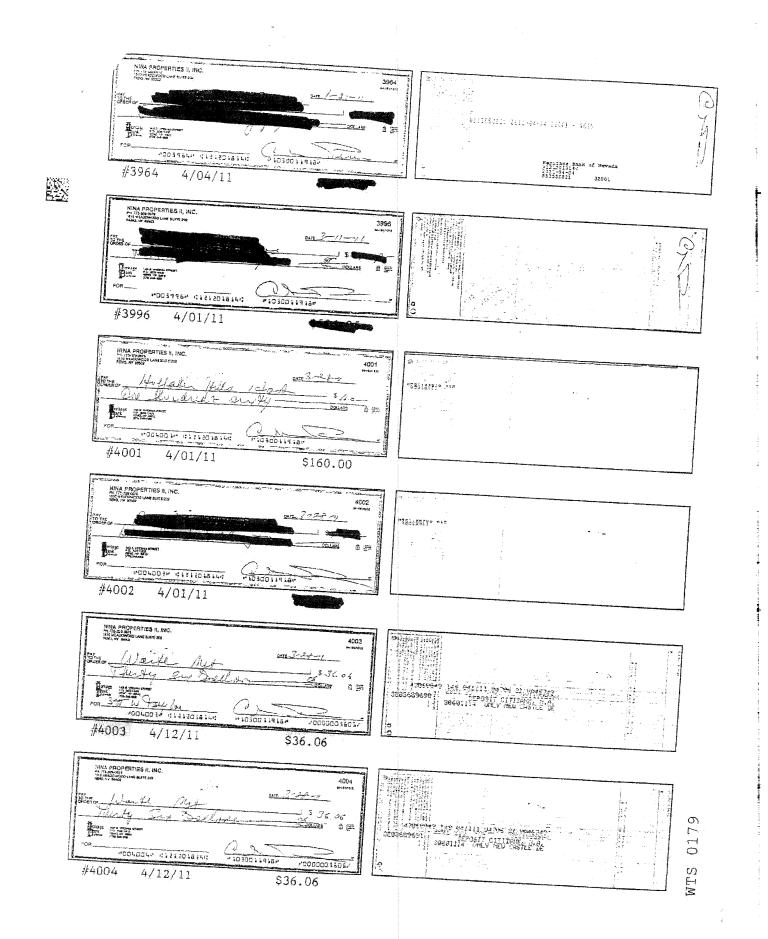


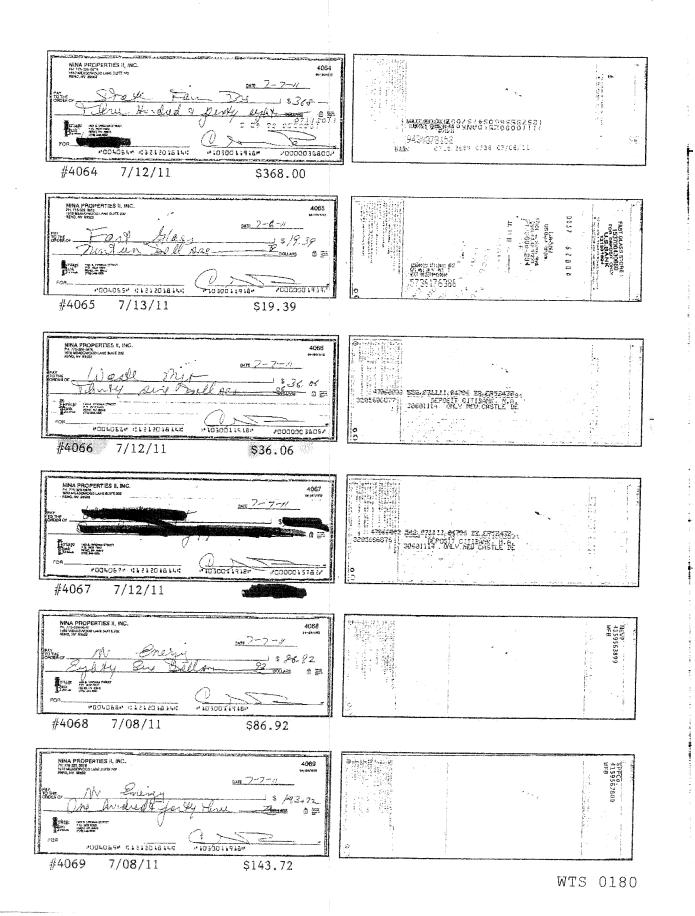


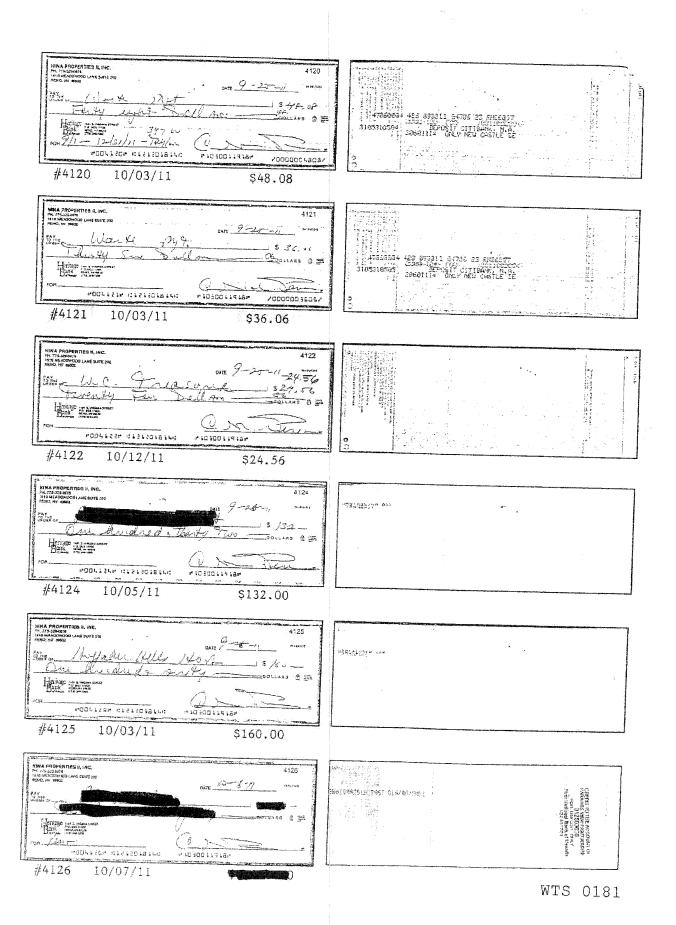


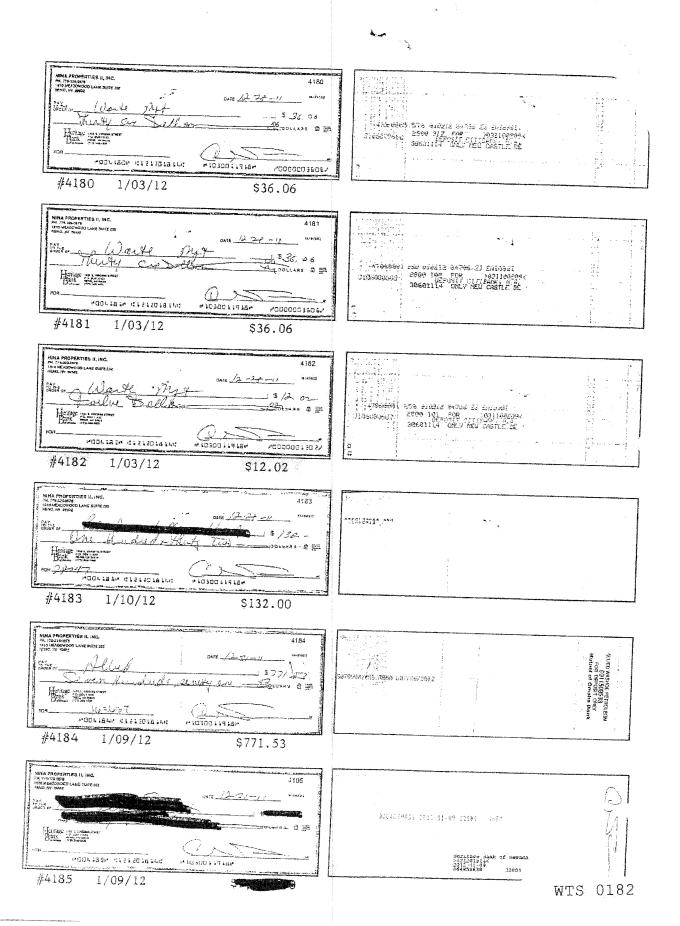


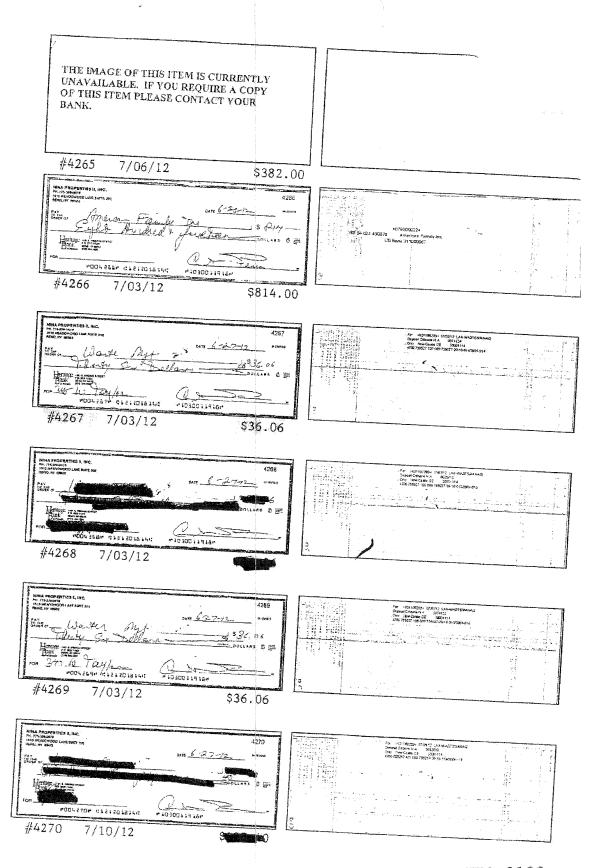




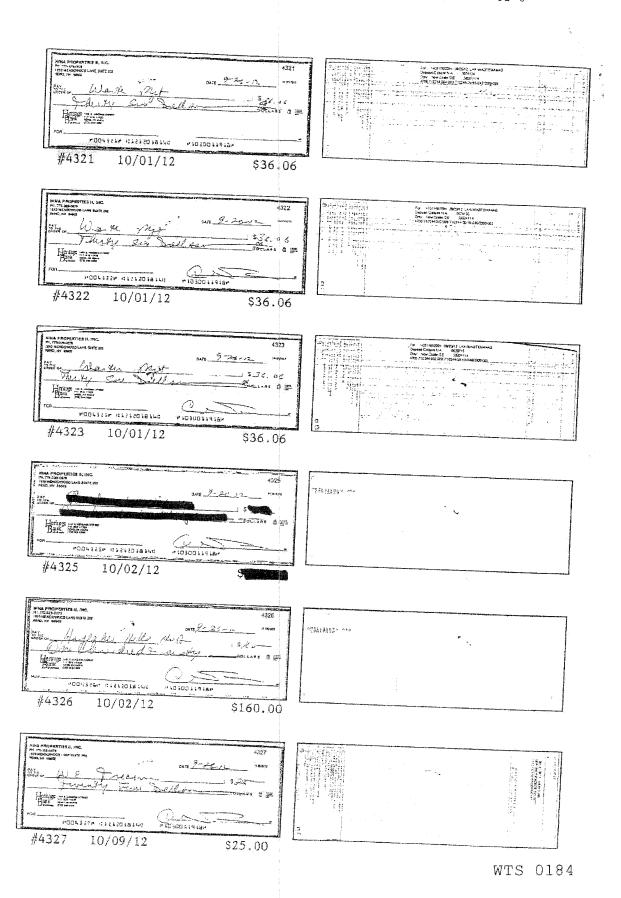




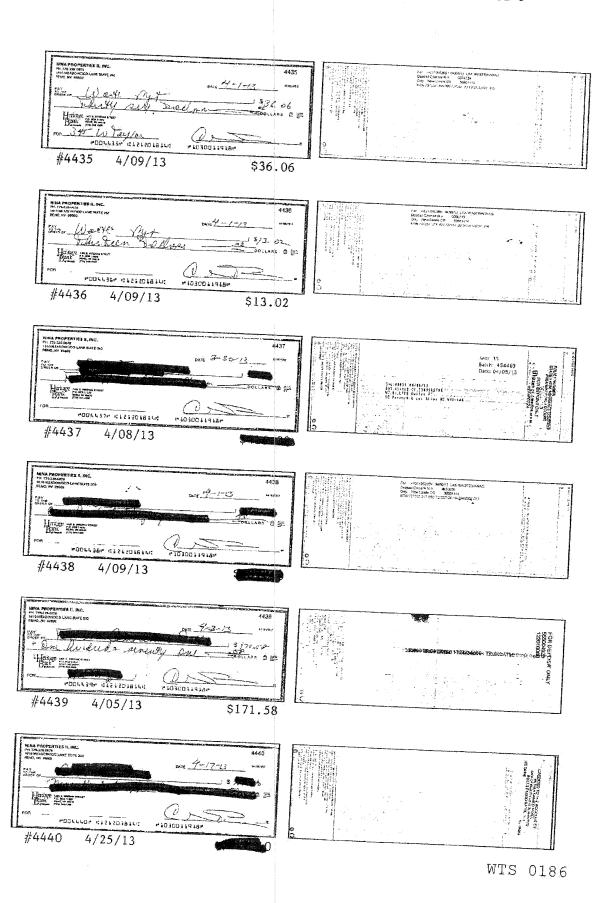


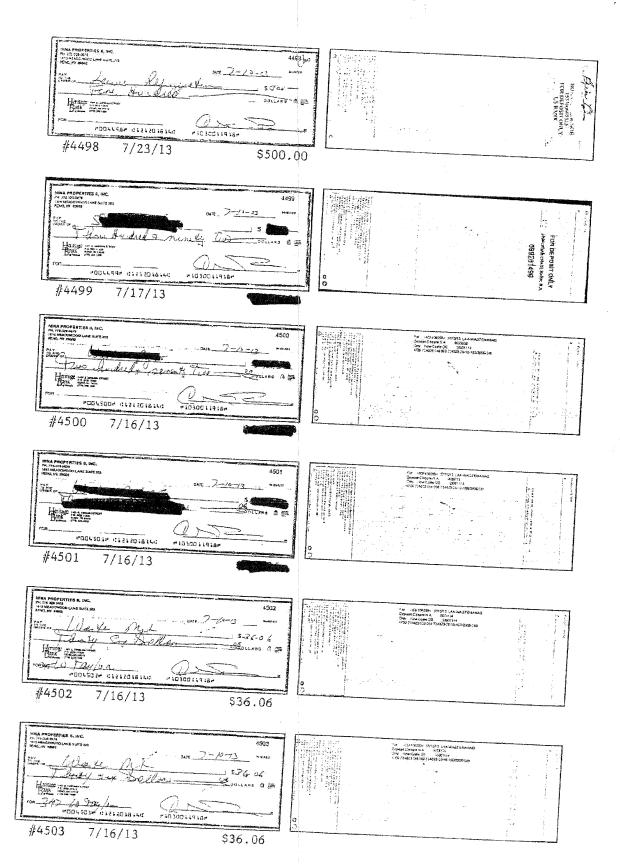


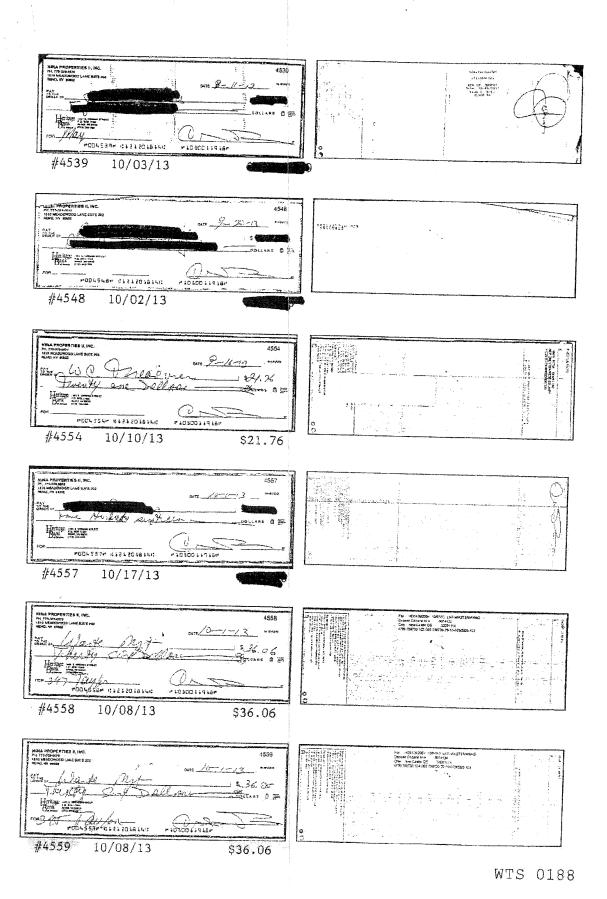
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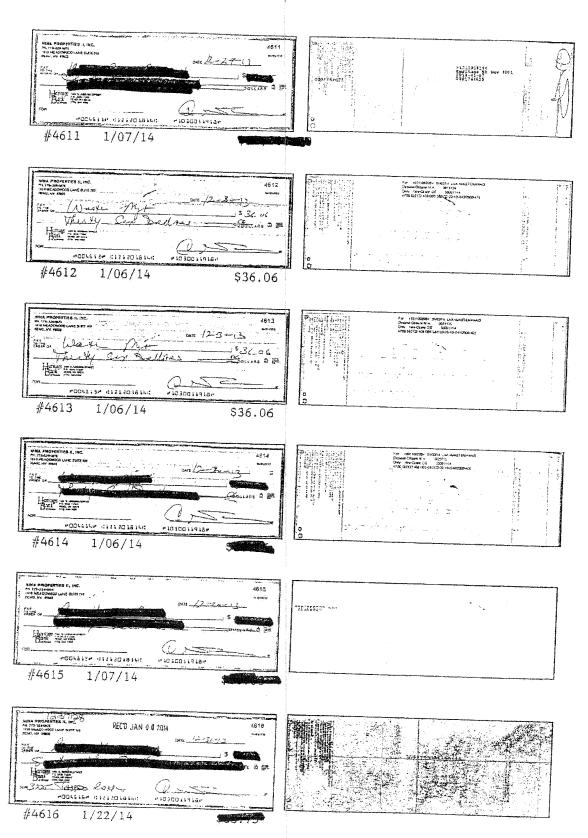












WTS 0189

MEMORANDUM

To:

CNP

From:

Teri

Date:

7-14-10

Subject: 345 W. Taylor

Kimberly signed her lease on March 5, 2010. You wanted to know this so you could figure out wether you owe Waste Management for the months of May and June. I see the April 1, 2010 invoice in the disposal file and that invoice is for months April, May and June 2010 and I didn't see a check number on that invoice. I hope this helps you

I sent a ch for 2 mas

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EXHIBIT 11

NINA PROPERTIES II, INC.

1610 MEADOW WOOD LANE, SUITE 202 RENO, NV 89502 (775) 329-0678

July 13, 2007

Waste Management - Reno Disposal 100 Vassar Street Reno, NV 89502

Re'

Account No. 010-0074135-1149-9

Account No. 010-0074134-1149-2

Gentlemen:

Confirming conversation with Jenny on June 22nd and we got the account charges set for account no. 010-0074135-1149-9 to be \$10.22 monthly and for account no. 010-0074134-1149-2 to be \$12.67 monthly. We owe for 8 months on account 0074134-1149-2 totaling \$101.36 plus we owe 2 months for account 010-0074135-1149-9 totaling \$20.44 since there has been a tenant for only 2 months of service. Enclosed is a check for the amount of \$121.80 to bring these 2 accounts current. The reason the account has not been paid is because we were never receiving the invoices, you were sending it to the wrong address, therefore the invoice wasn't paid, but you sent the lien to the right address! The correct address to send these invoices for these accounts is: 1610 Meadow Wood Lane Suite #202, Reno, NV 89502. This will clear all accounts for 345 & 347 W. Taylor until July 31st, 2007.

Very truly yours,

Teri Morrison Assistant Property Manager

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