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Plaintiff, JAQUELINE FAUSTO, by and through her undersigned counsel of record, does hereby appeal the *Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and Order Granting Defendants' Motion to Dismiss* ("Order") entered by this Court on October 17, 2019. A copy of the *Order* is attached as **Exhibit "1**."

DATED this 5 day of November, 2019.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to N.R.C.P. 5(b), I, hereby certify that I am a non-party over the age of 18 years, and that on the 5 day of November, 2019, I caused a true and correct copy of the **NOTICE OF APPEAL** to be electronically served through the Eighth Judicial District Court EFP System pursuant to NEFR 9 on the following:

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I hereby declare, under penalty of perjury by the laws of the State of Nevada, that the aforementioned is a true and correct statement of fact.

DATED: November <u>15</u>, 2019

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CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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wrongful conduct or neglect. Therefore, NRS 11.190(4)(e) barred the Plaintiff from bringing tort claims any date after December 31, 2018.

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"[a]n act lawful when done by one may become wrongful when done by many acting in concert, taking on the form of a conspiracy which may be prohibited if the result be hurtful to the public or to the individual against whom the concerted action is directed." Fed. Trade Comm. v. Raymond, etc., Co., 263 U.S. 565, 574, 44 S.Ct. 162, 164, 68 L.Ed. 448; Grenada Lumber Co. v. Mississippi, 217 U.S. 433, 440, 30 S.Ct. 535, 54 L.Ed. 826; Bedford Cut Stone Co. v. Journeymen Stone Cutters Assn., 274 U.S. 37, 54, 47 S.Ct. 522, 71 L.Ed. 916.

When an act done by an individual is not actionable because justified by his rights, though harmful to another, such act becomes actionable when done in pursuance of combination of persons actuated by malicious motives and not having same justification as the individual. Many other cases could be cited. The great weight of authority is in support of the rule last discussed and we accept the same as the correct one.

Further, a plaintiff must show the commission of an actionable underlying tort to establish a civil conspiracy claim.

8. Since counts (1) sexual assault and battery, (2) intentional infliction of emotional distress

²Clark v. Sloan, 169 Okl. 347, 37 P.2d 263; Starmer v. Mid-West Chevrolet Corporation, 175 Okl. 160, 51 P.2d 786. Accord: Deon v. Kirby Lumber Co., 162 La. 671, 111 So. 55, 52 A.L.R. 1023; Ertz v. Produce Exchange Co., 79 Minn. 140, 81 N.W. 737, 48 L.R.A. 90; Brown v. Jacobs Pharmacy Co., 115 Ga. 429, 41 S.E. 553, 57 L.R.A. 547; Rosenblum v. Rosenblum, 320 Penn. 103, 181 A. 583; St. Luke's Hospital v. Industrial Commission, 142 Colo. 28, 349 P.2d 995; Texas Public Utilities Corporation v. Edwards (Tex.Civ.App.), 99 S.W.2d 420; Ingo v. Kock, 2 Cir., 1942, 127 F.2d 667; Pfoh v. Whitney, Ohio App., 62 N.E.2d 744; Bankers' Fire & Marine Ins. Co. v. Sloss, 229 Ala. 26, 155 So. 371; Prosser, Torts (2d ed.) 731, 732. See 11 Harvard Law Review 449, 457.

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(outrage), (3) false imprisonment, (5) concerted action, and (6) negligence are dismissed as barred by the statute of limitation, and no other tort claims remain, count (4) civil conspiracy cannot be maintained.

9. The Plaintiff's complaint is dismiss with prejudice in its entirety, because all of the underlying tort claims, and the concerted action claim are barred by a two year statute of limitation. Plaintiff's remaining claim for civil conspiracy is dismissed with prejudice, because Plaintiff failed to show that the defendants worked together in a way that could have injured her. Further, even if civil conspiracy only required more than one person committing a tort which stands on its own, all underlying torts are barred by the statute of limitation.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Plaintiff's complaint is dismissed with prejudice.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, counts (1) sexual assault and battery, (2) intentional infliction of emotional distress (outrage), (3) false imprisonment, (5) concerted action and (6) negligence, are dismissed as untimely, because these claims are barred by the statute of limitation, which ran on December 31, 2018.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, the remaining count, (4) civil conspiracy, is dismissed, because Plaintiff cannot maintain a claim for an underlying illegal act conducted by multiple persons.

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- Verenice Ruth Flores.
 - o Appellate Counsel:

o Trial Counsel:

John Henry Wright, Esq. Christopher Phillips, Esq.

Amy J. Smith, Esq.

o Firm address:

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4. Indicate whether an attorney identified in response to questions 2 or 3 is not licensed to practice law in Nevada, and if so, whether the District Court granted that attorney permission to appear under SCR 42, including a copy of any District Court order granting that permission.

Not applicable.

5. Indicate whether the appellant was represented by appointed counsel in the District Court.

Appellant was represented by retained counsel.

- 6. Indicate whether the appellant is represented by appointed counsel on appeal.

 Appellant was represented by retained counsel.
- 7. Indicate whether the District Court granted the appellant leave to proceed in forma pauperis, and if so, the date of the District Court's order granting that leave.

Not applicable.

- 8. Indicate the date that the proceedings commenced in the District Court. July 2,2019.
- 9. Provide a brief description of the nature of the action and result in the District Court, including the type of judgment or order being appealed and the relief granted by the District Court.

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Plaintiff brought a complaint in district court, alleging, sexual assault and battery, intentional infliction of emotional distress, false imprisonment, concerted action, conspiracy, and negligence. The Defendants moved to dismiss the claims, arguing the statute of limitations had run on the actions. Plaintiff argued the discovery rule and equitable tolling precluded the statute of limitations from running and that the concerted action and conspiracy claims were not barred. The District Court entered Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and Order Granting Defendants' Motion to Dismiss in favor of Defendants on all claims on October 17, 2019. The District Court's Order dismissed under Ms. Fausto's claims as a matter of law on the pleadings. Ms. Fausto appeals from the District Court's Order.

10. Indicate whether the case has previously been the subject of an appeal to or original writ proceeding in the Supreme Court or Court of Appeals and, if so, the caption and docket number of the prior proceeding.

This case has not previously been the subject of an appeal or original writ.

11. Indicate whether the appeal involves child custody or visitation.

This appeal does not involve child custody or visitation.

12. If this is a civil case, indicate whether this appeal involves the possibility of settlement.

Yes, this appeal does involve the possibility of settlement.

DATED this 5 day of November, 2019.

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I hereby declare, under penalty of perjury by the laws of the State of Nevada, that the aforementioned is a true and correct statement of fact.

DATED: November <u>/5</u>, 2019

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CASE SUMMARY CASE NO. A-19-797890-C

Jaqueline Fausto, Plaintiff(s)

vs.

Ricardo Sanchez-Flores, Defendant(s)

\$ Location: Department 23 \$ Judicial Officer: Miley, Stefany \$ Filed on: 07/03/2019 \$ Cross-Reference Case A797890

Number:

CASE INFORMATION

Statistical Closures Case Type: Other Tort

10/17/2019 Motion to Dismiss by the Defendant(s)

Case Status: 10/17/2019 Dismissed

DATE CASE ASSIGNMENT

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PARTY INFORMATION

Plaintiff Fausto, Jaqueline Lead Attorneys

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Defendant Flores, Verenice Ruth

Removed: 10/17/2019

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DATE EVENTS & ORDERS OF THE COURT INDEX

EVENTS

07/03/2019 Complaint

Filed By: Plaintiff Fausto, Jaqueline

Complaint

07/03/2019 Summons Electronically Issued - Service Pending

Party: Plaintiff Fausto, Jaqueline Summons (Sanchez-Flores)

07/03/2019 Summons Electronically Issued - Service Pending

Party: Plaintiff Fausto, Jaqueline Summons (Verenice Ruth Flores)

07/17/2019 Notice of Appearance

Party: Defendant Sanchez-Flores, Ricardo; Defendant Flores, Verenice Ruth

Notice of Appearance

07/23/2019 Notice

Filed By: Plaintiff Fausto, Jaqueline

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07/24/2019	Motion to Dismiss Filed By: Defendant Sanchez-Flores, Ricardo; Defendant Flores, Verenice Ruth Motion to Dismiss or in the Alternatice Motion to Stay					
07/24/2019	Initial Appearance Fee Disclosure Initial Appearance Fee Disclosure					
07/24/2019	Clerk's Notice of Hearing Notice of Hearing					
07/31/2019	Acceptance of Service Filed By: Plaintiff Fausto, Jaqueline Acceptance of Service of Summons and Complaint					
08/09/2019	Opposition to Motion to Dismiss Filed By: Plaintiff Fausto, Jaqueline Opposition to Defendants' Motion to Dismiss or in the Alternative Motion to Stay					
08/09/2019	Declaration Filed By: Plaintiff Fausto, Jaqueline Declaration of Jaqueline Fausto in Support of Opposition to Defendants' Motion to Dismiss or in the Alternative Motion to Stay					
08/14/2019	Stipulation and Order Stipulation and Order to Extend Time to Respond to Defendants' Motion to Dismiss					
08/15/2019	Notice of Entry of Stipulation and Order Notice of Entry of Stipulation and Order					
08/19/2019	Reply in Support Filed By: Defendant Sanchez-Flores, Ricardo; Defendant Flores, Verenice Ruth Reply in Support of Motion to Dismiss or in the Alternative Motion to Stay					
08/26/2019	Stipulation and Order Filed by: Plaintiff Fausto, Jaqueline Stipulation and Order					
09/10/2019	Notice of Entry of Stipulation and Order Filed By: Plaintiff Fausto, Jaqueline NOTICE OF ENTRY OF STIPULATION AND ORDER					
09/10/2019	Addendum Filed By: Plaintiff Fausto, Jaqueline Addendum to Opposition to Defendants' Motion to Dismiss or in the Alternative Motion to Stay					
09/13/2019	Supplemental Points and Authorities Filed by: Defendant Sanchez-Flores, Ricardo Supplemental Points & Authorities In Response to Plaintiff's Addendum To Opposition To Defendants' Motion To Dismiss					
10/17/2019	Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order					

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Filed By: Defendant Sanchez-Flores, Ricardo; Defendant Flores, Verenice Ruth Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and Order Granting Defendants' Motion to Dismiss

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Notice of Entry of Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law

Filed By: Defendant Sanchez-Flores, Ricardo; Defendant Flores, Verenice Ruth Notice of Entry

10/18/2019

Recorders Transcript of Hearing

Recorder's Transcript of Proceedings: Defendant's Motion to Dismiss or in the Alternative Motion to Stay, September 17, 2019

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Notice of Appeal

Filed By: Plaintiff Fausto, Jaqueline

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DISPOSITIONS

10/17/2019

Order of Dismissal With Prejudice (Judicial Officer: Miley, Stefany)

Debtors: Jaqueline Fausto (Plaintiff)

Creditors: Ricardo Sanchez-Flores (Defendant), Verenice Ruth Flores (Defendant)

Judgment: 10/17/2019, Docketed: 10/17/2019

HEARINGS

09/17/2019



Motion to Dismiss (9:30 AM) (Judicial Officer: Miley, Stefany)

Defendant's Motion to Dismiss or in the Alternatice Motion to Stay

Granted in Part; Defendant's Motion to Dismiss or in the Alternatice Motion to Stay Journal Entry Details:

Alexander Velto Esq., present on behalf of Plaintiff. Argument by Mr. Wright regarding Statute of Limitations. Argument by Mr. Velto. Court noted Plaintiff knew sexual assault had occurred when SANE exam had been completed as there was DNA on her clothes. Mr. Velto advised they did not have evidence at the time the claim was filed. Court reiterated Plaintiff knew. Further argument by Mr. Velto regarding equitable tolling and clear and binding laws. Objection by Mr. Wright. Additional argument by Mr. Velto noting 1998 case. Court pointed out it was not in the brief. Continued argument by Mr. Velto. Court pointed out the unlawful act is the rape itself. Mr. Vieto argued the Defendant helped get the Plaintiff intoxicated, driving her home and helped the rape occur. Statement by the Court regarding civil conspiracy. Mr. Vieto then argued the back log of rape kits. Argument by Mr. Wright regarding underlying tort. Additional argument by Mr. Vieto noting discovery is not completed, noted Plaintiff had trusted the process and stated she was waiting on the Attorney General's Office. Further argument by Mr. Wright regarding he said, she said case. COURT ORDERED, motion is GRANTED IN PART as to the Statute of Limitations and DEFERRED IN PART as to the civil conspiracy and concerted action. Mr. Wright to prepare the Order on the Statute of Limitations and is to wait to complete the order on the two pending issues. 10-18-3:00 AM DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO DISMISS AS TO CIVIL CONSPIRACY AND CONCERTED ACTION;

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Motion to Dismiss (2:42 PM) (Judicial Officer: Miley, Stefany)

Defendant's Motion to Dismiss as to Civil Conspiracy and Concerted Action Granted; Defendant's Motion to Dismiss as to Civil Conspiracy and Concerted Action Journal Entry Details:

The COURT GRANTS Defendant s Motion to Dismiss as to Plaintiff s fifth cause of action, Concerted Action. The dismissal of the other tortious causes of action found in Plaintiff's Complaint render the pleadings insufficient to satisfy the element that two or more persons act together while committing a tort pursuant to a common design or plan. Furthermore, this cause of action would also be barred by the two-year statute of limitations imposed on the

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other dismissed causes of action. Plaintiff s attorney presented the COURT with Nevada Supreme Court case Dow Chem. Co. v. Mahlum 114 Nev. 1468 (1998), abrogated by GES, Inc. v. Corbitt, 117 Nev. 265, 21 P.3d 11 (2001) in support for Plaintiff s Opposition to dismissal of the fourth cause of action: Civil Conspiracy. The COURT FINDS that there are no remaining causes of action to satisfy the unlawful objective element presented in Dow. Id. at 1488. The United States District Court, District of Nevada more recently stated that under Nevada law, a plaintiff must show the commission of an underlying tort to establish a civil conspiracy claim. Boorman v. Nevada Mem 1 Cremation Soc y, Inc., 772 F. Supp. 2d 1309, 1315 (D. Nev. 2011). Any underlying torts have been dismissed in this action and the COURT grants Defendant s Motion to Dismiss in full. IT IS SO ORDERED CLERK'S NOTE: The above minute order has been distributed via e-mail to: John H. Wright Esq. and Joseph R. Ganley Esq. 09/17/19 kls The above minute order has been removed from the incorrect Motion to Dismiss and attached to the proper motion. 10/21/19 kls;

DATE	FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Defendant Sanchez-Flores, Ricardo Total Charges Total Payments and Credits Balance Due as of 11/18/2019	253.00 0.00 253.00
Plaintiff Fausto, Jaqueline	
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Plaintiff Fausto, Jaqueline Appeal Bond Balance as of 11/18/2019	500.00

DISTRICT COURT CIVIL COVER SHEET Clark County, Nevada

Case No. (Assigned by Clerk's Office) I. Party Information (provide both home and mailing addresses if different) Defendant(s) (name/address/phone):

Ricardo Sanchez-Flores, an individual:

1.02 Plaintiff(s) (name/address/phone): Jaqueline Fausto, an individual Verenice Ruth Flores, an Individual Department 23 Attorney (name/address/phone): Attorney (name/address/phone): Jason D. Guinasso, Esq., Hutchison & Steffen, PLLC 500 Damonte Ranch Parkway, Suite 980 Reno, NV 89521 P:(775) 853-8746; F: (775) 201-9611 II. Nature of Controversy (please select the one most applicable filing type below) Civil Case Filing Types Real Property Torts Landlord/Tenant Negligence Other Torts Unlawful Detainer Auto Product Liability Other Landlord/Tenant Premises Liability Intentional Misconduct Title to Property Other Negligence Employment Tort Judicial Foreclosure Malpractice Insurance Tort Other Title to Property Medical/Dental Other Tort Other Real Property Legal Condemnation/Eminent Domain Accounting Other Real Property Other Malpractice Construction Defect & Contract **Probate** Judicial Review/Appeal Probate (select case type and estate value) **Construction Defect** Judicial Review Summary Administration Chapter 40 Foreclosure Mediation Case General Administration Other Construction Defect Petition to Seal Records Special Administration **Contract Case** Mental Competency Set Aside Uniform Commercial Code Nevada State Agency Appeal Trust/Conservatorship Building and Construction Department of Motor Vehicle Other Probate Insurance Carrier Worker's Compensation **Estate Value** Commercial Instrument Other Nevada State Agency Over \$200,000 Collection of Accounts Appeal Other Between \$100,000 and \$200,000 Employment Contract Appeal from Lower Court Under \$100,000 or Unknown Other Contract Other Judicial Review/Appeal Under \$2,500 Other Civil Filing Civil Writ Civil Writ Other Civil Filing Writ of Habeas Corpus Writ of Prohibition Compromise of Minor's Claim Writ of Mandamus Other Civil Writ Foreign Judgment Writ of Quo Warrant Other Civil Matters Business Court filings should be filed using the Business Court civil coversheet. Signature of initiating party or representative

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Defendants' Motion to Stay.

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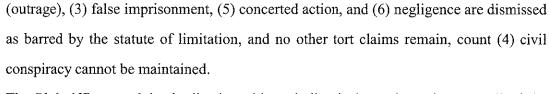
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FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Plaintiff's complaint alleges tort claims occurred on or about December 30, 2016 and/or December 31, 2016.
- 2. Plaintiff knew of her alleged injuries at that time because (1) she sought counseling, (2) she made two reports to the police, and (3) conducted a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Exam shortly following the alleged injury.
- 3. Plaintiff filed her complaint on July 3, 2019, more than two years and a half years after the date she alleged the torts occurred.
- 4. Plaintiff's complaint did not address the two year statue of limitation for the tort claims.
- 5. Plaintiff's complaint did allege that the statute of limitation should be tolled.
- 6. Plaintiff's complaint did not allege any facts which would warrant tolling of the statute of limitation.
- 7. On July 24, 2019, Defendants timely filed a motion to dismiss.
- 8. On August 9, 2019, Plaintiff's opposition to the motion to dismiss, for the first time, requested that statute of limitation be tolled on her tort claims.
- 9. On September 10, 2019, Plaintiff's addendum to her opposition to the motion to dismiss, for the first time, alleged that she was not sure what happened on the night in question.
- 10. The Court found that Plaintiff's complaint was filed more than two years after the accrual date.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. None of the claims in Plaintiff's complaint were tolled.
- 2. The statute of limitation was not tolled by the Discovery Rule, because Plaintiff knew about her alleged injury on December 30, 2016, more than two years prior to filing her complaint on July 8, 2019.
- 3. Equitable tolling does not apply in this case, because Plaintiff was not prevented from obtaining vital information bearing on the existence of her claim.
- 4. Pursuant to NRS 11.190(4)(e), any action to recover damages for injuries to a person caused by a wrongful act or neglect must be commenced within two (2) years of the alleged

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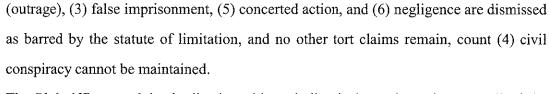
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DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

Other Tort COURT MINUTES September 17, 2019

A-19-797890-C Jaqueline Fausto, Plaintiff(s)

VS.

Ricardo Sanchez-Flores, Defendant(s)

September 17, 2019 9:30 AM Motion to Dismiss Defendant's Motion

to Dismiss or in the Alternatice Motion to

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HEARD BY: Miley, Stefany **COURTROOM:** RJC Courtroom 12C

COURT CLERK: Katherine Streuber

RECORDER: Maria Garibay

REPORTER:

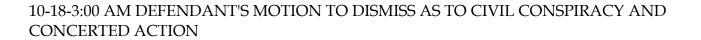
PARTIES

PRESENT: Wright, John H. Attorney

JOURNAL ENTRIES

- Alexander Velto Esq., present on behalf of Plaintiff. Argument by Mr. Wright regarding Statute of Limitations. Argument by Mr. Velto. Court noted Plaintiff knew sexual assault had occurred when SANE exam had been completed as there was DNA on her clothes. Mr. Velto advised they did not have evidence at the time the claim was filed. Court reiterated Plaintiff knew. Further argument by Mr. Velto regarding equitable tolling and clear and binding laws. Objection by Mr. Wright. Additional argument by Mr. Velto noting 1998 case. Court pointed out it was not in the brief. Continued argument by Mr. Velto. Court pointed out the unlawful act is the rape itself. Mr. Vieto argued the Defendant helped get the Plaintiff intoxicated, driving her home and helped the rape occur. Statement by the Court regarding civil conspiracy. Mr. Vieto then argued the back log of rape kits. Argument by Mr. Wright regarding underlying tort. Additional argument by Mr. Vieto noting discovery is not completed, noted Plaintiff had trusted the process and stated she was waiting on the Attorney General's Office. Further argument by Mr. Wright regarding he said, she said case. COURT ORDERED, motion is GRANTED IN PART as to the Statute of Limitations and DEFERRED IN PART as to the civil conspiracy and concerted action. Mr. Wright to prepare the Order on the Statute of Limitations and is to wait to complete the order on the two pending issues.

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DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

Other Tort COURT MINUTES September 17, 2019 Jaqueline Fausto, Plaintiff(s) A-19-797890-C Ricardo Sanchez-Flores, Defendant(s) **Motion to Dismiss** Defendant's Motion **September 17, 2019** 2:42 PM to Dismiss as to Civil Conspiracy and **Concerted Action COURTROOM:** RJC Courtroom 12C **HEARD BY:** Miley, Stefany **COURT CLERK:** Katherine Streuber **RECORDER: REPORTER:**

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PARTIES PRESENT:

- The COURT GRANTS Defendant s Motion to Dismiss as to Plaintiff s fifth cause of action, Concerted Action. The dismissal of the other tortious causes of action found in Plaintiff s Complaint render the pleadings insufficient to satisfy the element that two or more persons act together while committing a tort pursuant to a common design or plan. Furthermore, this cause of action would also be barred by the two-year statute of limitations imposed on the other dismissed causes of action. Plaintiff s attorney presented the COURT with Nevada Supreme Court case Dow Chem. Co. v. Mahlum 114 Nev. 1468 (1998), abrogated by GES, Inc. v. Corbitt, 117 Nev. 265, 21 P.3d 11 (2001) in support for Plaintiff s Opposition to dismissal of the fourth cause of action: Civil Conspiracy. The COURT FINDS that there are no remaining causes of action to satisfy the unlawful objective element presented in Dow. Id. at 1488. The United States District Court, District of Nevada more recently stated that under Nevada law, a plaintiff must show the commission of an underlying tort to establish a civil conspiracy claim. Boorman v. Nevada Mem l Cremation Soc y, Inc., 772 F. Supp. 2d 1309, 1315 (D. Nev. 2011). Any underlying torts have been dismissed in this action and the COURT grants Defendant s Motion to Dismiss in full. IT IS SO ORDERED

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CLERK'S NOTE: The above minute order has been distributed via e-mail to: John H. Wright Esq. and Joseph R. Ganley Esq. 09/17/19 kls The above minute order has been removed from the incorrect Motion to Dismiss and attached to the proper motion. 10/21/19 kls

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Dept No: XXIII

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto Set my hand and Affixed the seal of the Court at my office, Las Vegas, Nevada This 18 day of November 2019.

Steven D. Grierson, Clerk of the Court

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