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21	v.		OF MOTION T	O STOP DEFENDANTS LTING, ABUSING AND
22	GAVIN NEWSOM, et al.,			G AGAINST PEOPLE
23	Defendants.		DONOVAN CO	
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I, Michael Freedman, declare:

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I am an attorney duly admitted to practice before this Court. I am senior
 counsel to the law firm of Rosen Bien Galvan & Grunfeld LLP, counsel of record for
 Plaintiffs. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth herein, and if called as a
 witness, I could competently so testify. I make this declaration in support of Plaintiffs'
 Motion to Stop Defendants from Assaulting, Abusing and Retaliating Against People with
 Disabilities at R.J. Donovan Correctional Facility.

8 2. I have worked as Plaintiffs' counsel in Armstrong v. Newsom for most of the 9 past ten years. I have been one of the attorneys assigned to monitor Defendants' 10 compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, Rehabilitation Act, this Court's 11 orders, and the Armstrong Remedial Plan. In particular, I have been one of the attorneys 12 assigned to monitor conditions at Richard J. Donovan Correctional Facility ("RJD") in San 13 Diego. I conducted my first monitoring tour at RJD in November 2010. Since then, I have been to RJD approximately twenty times, including five times in the past year. During my 14 15 various visits and tours of RJD, I estimate that I have interviewed more than 400 Armstrong class members housed at the prison. 16

Attached hereto as Exhibit 1 is a true and correct copy of a letter without
attachments with the subject "Staff Misconduct at Richard J. Donovan Correctional
Facility" from Gay Crosthwait Grunfeld to Russa Boyd and Nicholas Weber dated
November 13, 2019.

4. Attached hereto as Exhibit 2 is a true and correct copy of a memorandum
 authored by Associate Warden Bishop dated December 10, 2018 and entitled "Findings of
 Inmate Interviews at Richard J. Donovan Correctional Facility, December 4-5, 2018."

5. Attached hereto as Exhibit 3 is a true and correct copy of a memorandum
dated January 26, 2018 [sic] (2019) authored by Sgt. To Patrick Covello, Warden
of RJD entitled "Richard J. Donovan Correctional Facility, Facility C, further
investigation/referral."

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6. Attached hereto as **Exhibit** 4 is a true and correct copy of a memorandum 1 dated January 26, 2018 [sic] (2019) authored by Sgt to Patrick Covello, Warden 2 3 of RJD entitled "Richard J. Donovan Correctional Facility, Facility C, non-referrals." FIFTY-FOUR INCARCERATED PEOPLE HAVE SUBMITTED 4 I. LARATIONS DESCRIBING MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED 5 **INSTANCES OF ASSAULTS, HARASSMENT, RETALIATION, AND** OTHER MISCONDUCT THEY EXPERIENCED AND WITNESSED AT R.ID 6 7 7. Attached to this declaration are declarations from fifty-four Armstrong and Coleman class members. The declarations describe instances where officers have 8 9 assaulted, harassed, retaliated against, and otherwise engaged in staff misconduct against 10 people with disabilities at RJD. Thirty-five of the declarants are both Armstrong and 11 Coleman class members, nine are only Armstrong class members, and ten are only Coleman class members. 12 13 8. Where relevant, I have also attached documents corroborating the 14 declarations, including, but not limited to, documents from peoples medical and custody 15 files, advocacy letters that Plaintiffs' counsel have sent to Defendants, Defendants' responses to the advocacy letters, and other documents from Defendants' investigations 16 17 into allegations of staff misconduct. With the exception of a report of a staff assault that 18 may have contributed to the death of an incarcerated person, the declarations are organized 19 in alphabetical order. 20 9. Plaintiffs' counsel provided copies of these declarations to Defendants 21 through a secure file sharing website. We shared forty-two of the class member 22 declarations on January 14, 2020 and the remainder on February 4, 2020, February 5, 23 2020, February 11, 2020, and February 18, 2020. , EOP, died on November 10, 2018 at RJD 24 A. 25 Two declarations from Armstrong class members implicate custody staff in 10. the November 2018 death of Coleman class member 26on 27 28 Case No. C94 2307 CW DECL. OF M. FREEDMAN ISO MOTION TO STOP DEFS. FROM ASSAULTING, ABUSING & RETALIATING AGAINST PEOPLE W/ DISABILITIES AT R.J. DONOVAN CORR. FACILITY

Facility C. See Ex. 50, ¶¶ 26-27; Ex. 51, ¶ 24. Attached hereto as Exhibit 5¹ are true and
 correct copies of documents related to Mr. death, including excerpted copies of
 documents from his medical file and excerpted copies of documents produced by
 Defendants in the *Coleman* litigation.

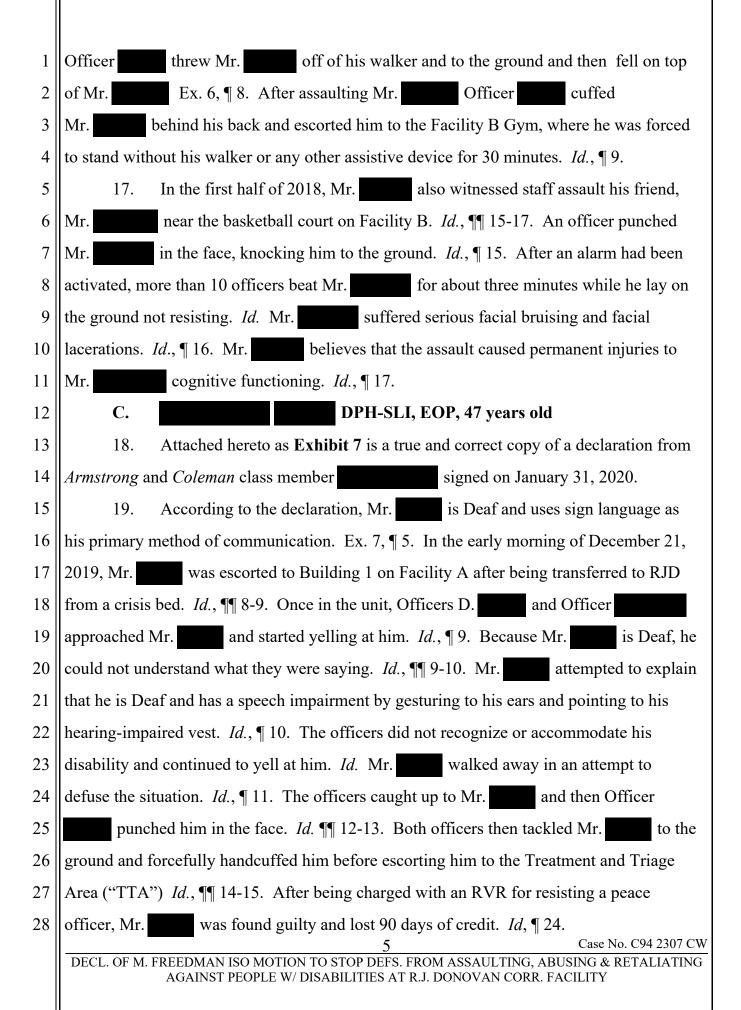
5 11. According to the documents, in the early morning of November 10, 2018, 6 and Mr. witnessed Officer and Officer use force the Ms. in Building 15. Ex. 50, ¶ 26; Ex. 51, 7 declarants believe caused the death of Mr. 8 ¶ 24. Prior to his death, Mr. was housed in a Mental Health Crisis Bed ("MHCB") at California State Prison - Lancaster, where he told his clinician on October 8, 2018 that 9 10 he was "in fear of his life from both inmates and custody" due to a PREA allegation he had made at RJD in July of 2016 and that he "cannot return back to RJD." Ex. 5, at 1, 44-45. 11 back to RJD. Id. at 44. On the day of 12 On October 9, 2018, CDCR transferred Mr. 13 his death, Mr. engaged in self-injurious behavior in his cell. Ex. 50, ¶ 26; Ex. 51, ¶ 24. Mr. cried for help and banged on his door. Ex. 50, \P 26; Ex. 51, \P 24. The 14 officers in Building 15 at the time, Officer and Officer ignored Mr. 15 Ex. 50, ¶ 26; Ex. 51, ¶ 24. About thirty to forty-five minutes after he had started yelling 16 for help, Officers and handcuffed Mr. in his cell and dragged him 17 18 out as he bled profusely from his wrists. Ex. 50, ¶ 26; Ex. 51, ¶ 24; Ex. 5, at 19-20, 47-49. 19 Staff then slammed Mr. to the ground. Ex. 51, ¶ 24. As Mr. lay on his stomach – restrained in handcuffs despite the deep lacerations on both of his wrists – one 20 back with all of his weight, using his hands to 21 of the officers stood on Mr. balance himself against the wall. Ex. 50, ¶ 26; Ex. 51, ¶ 24. The other officer pinned 22 23 Mr. down with his knee. Ex. 50, \P 26; Ex. 51, \P 24. The officers yelled, "You 24 woke us up motherfucker! Stop resisting!" Ex. 50, ¶ 26; Ex. 51, ¶ 24. Mr. cried 25 26 ¹ Where necessary, we have Bates-stamped documents corroborating the declarations to 27 assist the Court. 28

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out, "I can't breathe! I can't breathe!" Ex. 50, ¶ 26; Ex. 51, ¶ 24. Then he stopped saying
 anything and went still. Ex. 50, ¶ 26; Ex. 51, ¶ 24.

3 12. A third class member declarant, Mr. was told by other incarcerated people that Mr. had died after trying to get help from staff. Ex. 19, \P 7. 4 5 13. Although CDCR ultimately determined that Mr. cause of death was suicide, the suicide report identified two issues that suggest that custody staff 6 7 contributed, at least in part, to Mr. death. Ex. 5, 40-41. First, a first responder, Nurse Gunay, documented in the medical record that, upon arriving at the scene, 8 9 was "non-compliant" and "resisting correctional officers [by] pulling [his] Mr. 10 arms away." Id. at 3-7, 40. The incident reports submitted by eight correctional and medical staff members all omitted the fact that Mr. was resisting and that officers 11 12 had to use force. Id. at 9-35. The discrepancy between the incident reports and medical 13 note was referred to the Office of Internal Affairs ("OIA") for investigation. Id. at 40-42. 14 14. Second, the inquiry found that custody staff delayed in activating the Emergency Medical System for at least 17 minutes. Id. at 40. This delay in the provision 15 16 of assistance to Mr. during this emergent situation is consistent with the statements 17 of declarants, who noted that Officers and ignored Mr. cries for 18 help for approximately 30 to 45 minutes. Ex. 50, ¶ 26; Ex. 51, ¶ 24. The 17 minute delay 19 in calling for emergency assistance was also referred to OIA for investigation. Ex. 5, at 40-42. 20 B. 21 DPO, CCCMS, 53 years old 22 Attached hereto as Exhibit 6 is a true and correct copy of a declaration from 15. 23 Armstrong and Coleman class member signed on January 8, 2020. Attached 24 hereto as **Exhibit 6a** is a true and correct copy of Mr. disability accommodation 25 chrono dated October 5, 2017. objected to 26 16. According to the exhibits, in the first part of 2018, Mr. 27 Officer cuffing him behind his back, in violation of Mr. valid, disability-28 related chrono to be cuffed in front of his body. Ex. 6, ¶ 8; Ex. 6a, at 1. In response, Case No. C94 2307 CW DECL. OF M. FREEDMAN ISO MOTION TO STOP DEFS. FROM ASSAULTING, ABUSING & RETALIATING AGAINST PEOPLE W/ DISABILITIES AT R.J. DONOVAN CORR. FACILITY

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1	D. DPM, Acute ² , 46 years old
2	20. Attached hereto as Exhibit 8 is a true and correct copy of a declaration from
3	Armstrong and Coleman class member signed on February 18, 2020.
4	Attached hereto as Exhibit 8a are true and correct copies of excerpts of documents
5	corroborating Mr. declaration.
6	21. According to the exhibits, on January 13, 2020, in Building 14, Officer
7	ordered Mr. to submit to handcuffs after Mr. stated that he was
8	suicidal and had safety concerns. Ex. 8, ¶ 8. Mr. objected to being cuffed
9	behind his back in violation of his valid, disability-related chrono. $Id., \P 8$; Ex. 8a, at 1. In
10	response, Officer grabbed Mr. wrist, tripped him, and slammed him in
11	to the ground, knocking him unconscious upon impact. Ex. 8, \P 9; Ex. 8a, at 5. When he
12	regained consciousness, multiple officers, including Officers and and
13	were punching and kicking Mr. in the head, ribs, and legs as they
14	yelled "Stop resisting!" even though he was not resisting. Ex. 8, \P 10. The event was
15	witnessed by at least one class member. Ex. 32, \P 15-16. The officers then cuffed him in
16	violation of his front-cuffing chrono, and took him to the gym without the use of his
17	assistive devices. Ex. 8, ¶ 11. Mr. became suicidal as a result of the incident
18	and swallowed a razor blade while being held in the gym. <i>Id.</i> , ¶¶ 11-12; Ex. 8a, at 5.
19	22. At an outside hospital, Mr. was diagnosed with a cephalo-
20	hematoma of his scalp and periorbital swelling. Ex. 8a, at 9. When Mr. was
21	returned to RJD, he again attempted suicide. Ex. 8, ¶ 15; Ex. 8a, at 11-13. He told a
22	clinician at RJD that his suicidality was triggered by his being "assaulted by custody staff."
23	Ex. 8a, at 11. Mr. remains at an inpatient mental health care unit at the
24	Psychiatric Inpatient Program ("PIP") at California Health Care Facility. Ex. 8, ¶ 2.
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26	$\frac{1}{2}$ At the time of the incident described in Mr. declaration, he was a participant
27	in the Enhanced Outpatient Program. He is currently in an inpatient, mental health, acute care facility.
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1	E. DNH ³ , EOP 47 years old
2	23. Attached hereto as Exhibit 9 is a true and correct copy of a declaration from
3	Coleman class member and former Armstrong class member signed on
4	January 29, 2020.
5	24. According to the declaration, on November 27, 2019, Mr. was
6	housed in administrative segregation. Ex. 9, ¶ 6. At around 9:00 a.m., Officer
7	cuffed Mr. hands behind his back. Id. Officer then closed the door,
8	leaving Mr. handcuffed in his wheelchair and telling him that he would be "right
9	back." Id. Mr. was left cuffed in his cell for two days until midday on November
10	29, 2019. Id. He repeatedly called out to staff to remove the cuffs including during the
11	mandated welfare checks that should occur every thirty minutes in segregation. $Id., \P$ 7. In
12	response to his pleas for help, both Officer and Officer said to him, on
13	different occasions, "Don't file P[rison] R[ape] E[limination] A[ct] reports." Id., ¶ 8.
14	While stuck in handcuffs, Mr. experienced panic attacks and had to defecate in his
15	clothing because he was unable to change himself. Id., \P 10.
16	F. DPM, CCCMS, 56 years old
17	25. Attached hereto as Exhibit 10 is a true and correct copy of a declaration
18	from Armstrong and Coleman class member signed on January 29, 2020.
19	Attached hereto as Exhibit 10a are true and correct copies of excerpts of documents
20	corroborating Mr. declaration.
21	26. According to the exhibits, on July 14, 2019, Officer grabbed
22	Mr. arm and forced his hand behind his back for cuffing. Ex. 10, \P 10. Mr.
23	told the officer he was not supposed to be cuffed in the back as a result of his disability.
24	<i>Id.</i> ; Ex. 10a, at 1. Next, Officer slammed Mr. to the ground into the ground,
25	knocking him unconscious. Ex. 10, \P 11. When he came to, Mr. was unable to
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27	³ At the time of the incident described in Mr. declaration, he was designated as DPW.
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breathe because Officer knee was on his throat. $Id., \P$ 12. Officer began 1 2 kneeing Mr. repeatedly in the face and then cuffed Mr. so tightly that he lost 3 circulation in both of his arms. *Id.*, ¶ 12-13. Another officer flipped Mr. body over on the concrete, causing his face to smash into the concrete floor again. $Id., \P 13$. 4 5 27. While waiting to receive medical attention in the TTA, custody and medical staff subjected Mr. 6 to harassment and disability-related slurs. For example, Nurse Bradley asked him mockingly, "What are you, crippled now?" Id., ¶ 14. When he was 7 8 finally loaded into an ambulance to be transported to the hospital, one officer grabbed his neck and twisted it, telling Mr. "You ain't crippled, you're faking it." *Id.*, ¶ 15. 9 At the outside hospital, Mr. was diagnosed with multiple contusions of 10 28. 11 his head, neck, and back. Exhibit 10a, at 3-4. 29. 12 When Mr. returned to RJD, Nurse Bradley denied him access to a 13 requested wheelchair, saying to a nearby officer, "Fuck him, make him walk." Ex. 10, 14 ¶ 15. Mr. chronic and disability-related nerve pain was significantly worsened as a result of this incident. Id., ¶ 20. 15 16 30. Mr. was charged with a Rules Violation Report ("RVR") for battery on a peace officer and was punished by CDCR with a loss of 150 days of credit. 17 18 *Id.*, ¶¶, 16-17. Mr. has not received a response to the 602 staff complaint against 19 Officer he filed in August of 2019. *Id.*, ¶ 17; Ex. 10a, at 6-7. G. 20 DPM, EOP, 60 years old 21 31. Attached hereto as hereto as **Exhibit 11** is a true and correct copy of a declaration from Armstrong and Coleman class member 22 signed on January 23 25, 2020. Attached hereto as Exhibit 11a are true and correct copies of excerpts of declaration. 24 documents corroborating Mr. who uses a 25 32. According to the exhibits, on September 27, 2018, Mr. walker to ambulate, was thrown up against a wall by an officer in the Facility A dining hall 26 27 over a dispute regarding a hard-boiled egg. Ex. 11, ¶¶ 8-10. Mr. injured his ankle 28 during this incident. Id., \P 10. The officer next attempted to handcuff Mr. behind Case No. C94 2307 CW DECL. OF M. FREEDMAN ISO MOTION TO STOP DEFS. FROM ASSAULTING, ABUSING & RETALIATING AGAINST PEOPLE W/ DISABILITIES AT R.J. DONOVAN CORR. FACILITY

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1	his back, in violation of Mr. valid disability-related chrono for front cuffing, and
2	only stopped when other officers intervened, pointing out that Mr. had a walker. Id.,
3	¶ 11; Ex. 11a, at 1-2. Mr. was required to walk about 100 yards to the mental health
4	building on his badly injured ankle. Ex. 11, \P 12. This incident caused Mr.
5	preexisting mobility impairment to worsen, such that he now uses a wheelchair and his
6	DPP code was upgraded from DPM to DPO for a period of time. Id., ¶ 19; Ex. 11a, at 4.
7	33. On June 4, 2019, Officer in the control tower in Building 2 on
8	Facility A, closed the cell door on Mr. Ex. 11, ¶ 20-21. While Mr. was
9	trapped in the door, he saw Officer looking at him and laughing. $Id., \P 21$.
10	Mr. has also observed other incidents of misconduct involving Officer
11	<i>Id.</i> , ¶ 35.
12	34. On or around April 24, 2019, Mr. witnessed events relevant to the
13	staff assault on in Building 2 on Facility A. Id., ¶¶ 30-34. The incident
14	involving Mr. is discussed at Paragraphs 238-242, <i>infra</i> .
15	35. On or around November 18, 2018, Mr. witnessed staff assault
16	Ex. 11, ¶¶ 24-29. The incident involving Mr. is discussed at Paragraphs 78-
17	79, infra.
18	36. On July 12, 2019, Plaintiffs' counsel sent an advocacy letter, a true and
19	correct copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 11b, to Defendants requesting an
20	investigation into the incidents on September 27, 2018 and June 4, 2019 involving
21	Mr. On January 24, 2020, more than six months later, Defendants sent a letter, a
22	true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 11c, responding to Plaintiffs'
23	counsel's letter. Defendants found there were "no findings to support Mr.
24	staff misconduct" related to the September 27, 2018 incident. Ex. 11c, at 2. Defendants
25	indicated that the allegation regarding the June 4, 2019 incident was under investigation
26	because it was connected to Mr. allegations of staff misconduct against Officer
27	Id.
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1	D. DPO, 60 years old
2	37. Attached hereto as Exhibit 12 is a true and correct copy of a declaration
3	from Armstrong class member signed on January 7, 2020.
4	38. According to the declaration, on or around June 21, 2019, Mr. saw an
5	incarcerated person named Mr. Iving unconscious on the dayroom floor of Building
6	9 on Facility B. Ex. 12, ¶ 8. Officer and another officer yelled at him to get up,
7	and accused him of "faking it" then lifted his limp body to an upright position, before
8	dropping him and causing Mr. head to hit the concrete floor with extreme force.
9	Id.
10	39. On or around July 27, 2019, Mr. complained to staff in his housing
11	unit that they were denying him a shower in violation of policy. $Id., \P 11$. In response, the
12	officer yelled, "You don't fucking know who you are dealing with! You are on my list
13	now! I am going to fuck you up!" <i>Id</i> .
14	H. DNM, DNH, 74 years old
15	40. Attached hereto as Exhibit 13 is a true and correct copy of a declaration
16	from Armstrong class member signed on January 8, 2020. Attached hereto
17	as Exhibit 13a are true and correct copies of excerpts of documents corroborating
18	Mr. declaration.
19	41. According to the exhibits, in August 2018, Mr. filed a 602 staff
20	complaint against Officer alleging that Officer paid other incarcerated
21	people to steal his property. Ex. 13, ¶¶ 7, 9. Mr. then observed Officer
22	hand a note to Mr. " which Mr. placed on Mr.
23	door. $Id., \P 9$. The note said "You have 48 hours to leave the unit or else" $Id.$
24	42. On March 13, 2019 ⁴ , while showering, Mr. punched Mr.
25	in the face stating, "This is from $Id., \P 10$. Mr. was diagnosed with a
26	corneal abrasion and periorbital bruising. Id.; Ex. 13a, at 1-4.
27	⁴ Though Mr. declaration states that he was assaulted a few weeks after filing his
28	(footnote continued) 10 Case No. C94 2307 CW
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1	43. On or around April 23, 2019, Mr. witnessed a staff assault on an
2	incarcerated person known as "in Building 13 on Facility C. Ex. 13, ¶¶ 13-
3	17. Following an verbal altercation between and an officer, seven officers attacked
4	throwing him to the floor and handcuffing him. $Id., \P 13$. The officers continued to
5	beat after he was handcuffed, punching and kicking him for about three to four
6	minutes. <i>Id.</i> Officer kicked in the face three times and stomped on his
7	head. $Id.$, ¶ 14. By the end of the attack, Mr. counted 17 officers around and
8	observed a blood-soaked towel around neck. Id., ¶¶ 14-15. The incident
9	involving is also discussed by at Paragraph 87, <i>infra</i> .
10	44. In December 2018, Mr. saw Officer approach a <i>Coleman</i> class
11	member in the dining hall, grab Mr. food tray, and throw it
12	against the wall. Ex. 13, ¶ 20. Officer then beat Mr. with his baton, hitting
13	him in the head and kicking him, when Mr. got another food tray. Id. Another
14	officer later joined in on the beating. Id.
15	I. DPW, DPV, CCCMS, 85 years old
16	45. Attached hereto as Exhibit 14 is a true and correct copy of a declaration
17	from Armstrong and Coleman class member signed on January 6, 2020.
18	Attached hereto as Exhibit 14a are true and correct copies of excerpts of documents
19	corroborating Mr. declaration, including documents from the medical records of 70
20	year-old <i>Armstrong</i> class member DPW.
21	46. According to the exhibits, on May 13, 2019 ⁵ , Mr. witnessed four
22	officers stand by and watch an incarcerated person attack Armstrong class member
23	who was thrown from his wheelchair in the middle of the yard. Ex. 14, \P 15.
24	Mr. was beaten so badly that people in hazmat suits had to clean up the pool of
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26	appeal, his medical records indicate that the assault occurred on March 13, 2019.
27	⁵ Though Mr. ration states that the assault occurred in approximately June or medical records confirm that it occurred in May 2019.
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blood. Id. Staff failed to activate the alarm until about ten minutes after the start of the 1 2 attack. Id., ¶ 16. Mr. was diagnosed with multiple facial fractures requiring 3 surgery and an ear laceration at an outside hospital. Ex. 14a, at 6, 14. 4 47. was tortured as prisoner of war in Bosnia and had previously told Mr. 5 Officer that he had PTSD. Ex. 14, ¶¶ 5,11. After Officer became aware of condition, Officer harassed him on multiple occasions by coming up 6 Mr. 7 behind him to startle him. Id. Sometime between June and August 2019, Officer 8 started closing the sally-port door on Mr. which triggered Mr. PTSD. Id., 9 ¶¶ 7-9. Mr. saw Officer laughing at him as the door closed. *Id.* \P 9. ICF⁶, 36 years old J. 10 48. Attached here to as Exhibit 15 is a true and correct copy of a declaration 11 from *Coleman* class member signed on January 24, 2020. Attached hereto as 12 13 Exhibit 15a are true and correct copies of excerpts of documents corroborating 14 declaration. Mr. 15 49. According to the exhibits, on September 6, 2019, Officer choked while he was handcuffed to his hospital bed. Ex. 15, ¶¶ 8-10. Mr. 16 Mr. received a Rules Violation Report for "obstructing an officer" following this incident. Id., 17 18 ¶ 10. A few days after Mr. was returned to RJD, Sergeant Officer 19 and Officer brutally assaulted Mr. in his cell in administrative segregation while Mr. was handcuffed in waist chains. Id., ¶¶ 11-12. Officer 20 blocked 21 the doorway using a big shield while Sergeant and Officer entered the cell 22 and started kicking Mr. in the head. Id., ¶ 12. Mr. lost consciousness after 23 about 10 seconds of being kicked. Id. Mr. remained in his cell in waist chains, 24 drifting in and out of consciousness for the next five hours without receiving any medical 25 attention. *Id.*, ¶¶ 13-14. Mr. was taken to an outside hospital, where he reported the 26 ⁶ At the time of the events described in his declaration, Mr. was in the Enhanced Outpatient Program ("EOP"). He is now housed in an inpatient, Intermediate Care Facility 27 ("ICF"). 28 Case No. C94 2307 CW 12 DECL. OF M. FREEDMAN ISO MOTION TO STOP DEFS. FROM ASSAULTING, ABUSING & RETALIATING AGAINST PEOPLE W/ DISABILITIES AT R.J. DONOVAN CORR. FACILITY

staff assault and was diagnosed with a forehead hematoma, abrasions, and a probable
 concussion. Ex. 15, ¶ 15; Ex. 15a, at 2-3, 5.

50. Mr. also witnessed staff engage in other forms of misconduct,
including threatening incarcerated people with mental illness with violence to coerce them
into taking their medication, threatening to stomp people on the yard, and ignoring injured
incarcerated people. Ex. 15, ¶¶ 23-25.

7 51. On October 10, 2019, Plaintiffs' counsel sent an advocacy letter to 8 Defendants, a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 15b (Exhibits to 9 letter omitted), requesting an investigation into the incidents on September 6 and 10, 2019. 10 On October 30, 2019, Defendants sent a responsive letter, a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 15c. Defendants found that "there is insufficient information 11 12 to support a finding of excessive or unnecessary use of force" with respect to the 13 September 6, 2019 incident. Ex. 15c, at 2. Defendants reported that the September 10, 2019 allegations had been referred to OIA for an administrative investigation. Id. 14 15 Κ. EOP, 48 years old 16 52. Attached hereto as **Exhibit 16** is a true and correct copy of a declaration from Coleman class member signed on December 18, 2019. Attached 17 18 hereto as **Exhibit 16a** are true and correct copies of excerpts of documents corroborating 19 Mr. declaration. 20 53. According to the exhibits, on or around April 24, 2019, Mr. witnessed events relevant to the staff assault on in Building 2 on Facility A. Ex. 21 22 16, ¶¶ 6-13. The incident involving Mr. is discussed at Paragraphs 238-242, 23 infra. 54. On or around November 18, 2018, Mr. witnessed events relevant to 24 25 the staff assault on in Building 2 on Facility A. Ex. 16, ¶ 15. The incident involving Mr. is discussed at Paragraphs 78-79, *infra*. 26 27 55. On multiple occasions, Mr. witnessed Officer taunt and 28 threaten incarcerated people over the PA system, saying, "Get out of here with that bullshit Case No. C94 2307 CW DECL. OF M. FREEDMAN ISO MOTION TO STOP DEFS. FROM ASSAULTING, ABUSING & RETALIATING AGAINST PEOPLE W/ DISABILITIES AT R.J. DONOVAN CORR. FACILITY

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or someone is going to get shot today. I feel like shooting someone today" and "[I]'ve 1 2 been fired three times and they still can't get rid of me." Ex. 16, ¶¶ 16-17. Mr. told 3 his clinician about Officer conduct. Ex. 16a, at 1-2. DPM, DNH, 78 years old L. 4 5 56. Attached hereto as **Exhibit 17** is a true and correct copy of a declaration from Armstrong class member signed on January 7, 2020. 6 7 Attached hereto as Exhibit 17a is a true and correct copy of an excerpt of a document 8 corroborating Mr. declaration. 9 57. According to the exhibits, on December 9, 2019, staff closed the cell door on 10 Mr. knocking him off balance and into the wall, injuring his shoulder. Ex. 17, $\P 6$. estimates that staff close the cell door on him a few times per week. Id., \P 7. 11 Mr. 12 witnessed this incident. See Ex. 36, ¶ 13. Prior to the incident, Mr. Mr. 13 had asked staff for extra time because he moves slowly without his walker, which is left outside of his cell. Ex. 17, ¶¶ 6-8; Ex. 17a, at 1. 14 15 also witnessed staff close cell doors on other people with 58. Mr. disabilities in Building 20 on Facility D. Ex. 17, ¶ 9. 16 17 M. DLT, CCCMS⁷, 48 years old 18 59. Attached hereto as Exhibit 18 is a true and correct copy of a declaration 19 from Armstrong and Coleman class member signed on January 5, 2020. 20 Attached hereto as Exhibit 18a are true and correct copies of excerpts of documents 21 corroborating Mr. declaration. 22 60. According to the exhibits, on June 7, 2018, Mr. was stabbed by 23 another incarcerated person, Mr. as Officers and watched but did not 24 intervene for several minutes. Ex. 18 ¶¶ 6-7; Ex. 18a, at 1-2. Additionally, during the 25 incident, Officer yelled from the tower, "You're either going to fight, go to 26 ⁷ At the time of the incidents described in his declaration, Mr. was in the Enhanced 27 Outpatient Program ("EOP"). 28 Case No. C94 2307 CW 14 DECL. OF M. FREEDMAN ISO MOTION TO STOP DEFS. FROM ASSAULTING, ABUSING & RETALIATING AGAINST PEOPLE W/ DISABILITIES AT R.J. DONOVAN CORR. FACILITY

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1 2	chow, or go to your cell" without taking action to stop the fight. Ex. 18 , ¶ 7. Later, Mr. 10 told Mr. 10 that staff had paid Mr. 10 in tobacco to stab Mr. 1 <i>Id.</i> ,
3	¶ 8.
4	61. On August 3, 2018, despite reported safety concerns, Officers
5	and wheeled Mr. to Building 15 where they assaulted him, punching him in
6	the head as Mr. curled into a ball in his wheelchair. <i>Id.</i> , ¶¶ 20-23. Mr.
7	subsequently decompensated and swallowed a razor, leading to an MHCB placement. Id.,
8	¶¶ 25-27; Ex. 18a, at 4.
9	N. CCCMS ⁸ , 52 years old
10	62. Attached hereto as Exhibit 19 is a true and correct copy of a declaration
11	from <i>Coleman</i> class member signed on January 8, 2020.
12	63. According to his declaration, on October 11, 2019, staff placed an
13	incarcerated person named Mr. into Mr. cell and Officer J.
14	told both of them, "You all either fuck or fight." Ex. 19, ¶ 11. On January 7, 2020, after
15	Mr. received a response to his staff misconduct complaint against Officer
16	Officer threatened him with retaliatory RVRs and cell searches,
17	telling him, "I'm coming after you." Id.
18	64. Following the death of an incarcerated person, Mr. in Building 13 on
19	Facility C, Mr. heard Officer state that she was working in the unit
20	where his body was found and she joked "I see dead people," while walking around like a
21	zombie with her arms out in front of her. $Id., \P 9$.
22	O. CCCMS, 62 years old
23	65. Attached hereto as Exhibit 20 is a true and correct copy of a declaration
24	from Coleman class member signed on January 8, 2020. Attached hereto as
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27	⁸ At the time of the incidents described in his declaration, Mr. was in the EOP
28	program.
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1 Exhibit 20a are true and correct copies of excerpts of documents corroborating

declaration.

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Mr.

3 66. According to the exhibits, on May 30, 2019, in response to Mr. request to receive hot links on his food tray, two officers grabbed Mr. and dragged 4 5 him to the entrance of the Facility D dining hall, where they slammed his head against the door frame twice. Ex. 20, ¶¶ 7-10. One officer yanked and twisted his arm forcefully until 6 it snapped, then the officers threw him on the ground where he hit the concrete with the 7 wrist of his already-fractured arm. Id., ¶ 10-11. Officer 8 then jumped onto 9 Mr. back. Id., 12.

10 67. Mr. was diagnosed with two fractures in his forearm at an outside 11 hospital. Id., ¶ 15; Ex. 20a, at 1-2. Six weeks after the incident, Mr. underwent 12 orthopedic surgery to insert a plate and nine screws into his wrist. Ex. 20a, at 4-5. To this 13 day, Mr. arm and hand function is significantly impaired. Ex. 20, \P 23. 14 also continues to experience chronic mental health symptoms, including Mr. 15 recurring nightmares about officers beating him up, shooting, and hurting him. Id., ¶ 27.

P. DPM, CCCMS, 58 years old

17 68. Attached hereto as Exhibit 21 is a true and correct copy of a declaration
18 from *Armstrong* and *Coleman* class member **Coleman** dated February 7, 2020.
19 Attached hereto as Exhibit 21a are true and correct copies of excerpts of documents
20 corroborating Mr. Corroboration.

2169. According to the exhibits, on August 21, 2018, while picking up a heavy22package of legal mail, Mr. asked Officer why the package had not been

- 23 delivered to his housing unit, per his understanding of protocol. Ex. 21, \P 8. Mr.
- 24 who has a disability-related restriction that prevents him from lifting heavy objects, told
- 25 Officer he could not lift the package on his own. Id., ¶¶ 4, 7-8; Ex. 21a, at 1. A
- 26 verbal altercation ensued and Mr. **Security** indicated that he planned to file a staff
- 27 complaint against Officer for failing to help him carry the box or arrange for
- 28 assistance. Ex. 21, ¶ 9. Officer then yelled, "Get down on the ground you crippled 16 Case No. C94 2307 CW

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motherfucker," pepper sprayed Mr. in the face, and struck Mr. in the face 1 to fall to the ground. Id. Officer 2 with the pepper spray canister, causing Mr. 3 then kicked Mr. in the ribs and stomach and stomped on Mr. back and neck. Id. Mr. was found guilty of a rules violation for allegedly spitting on 4 5 Officer and given a term in a Security Housing Unit (SHU). Id., ¶ 10. Mr. did not spit on Officer Id. Mr. reported the assault by Officer and 6 7 the false rules violation to his mental health clinician. Ex. 21a, at 3-5. 8 70. On November 9, 2018, Plaintiffs' counsel sent a letter to Defendants, a true 9 and correct copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit 21b**, requesting an investigation 10 into the incident on August 21, 2018. In anticipation of this litigation, Defendants 11 produced a December 5, 2018 memorandum, a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit 21c**, indicating that RJD was investigating the allegations. See Ex. 21c, 12 13 at 2. In RJD's response to Plaintiffs' March 2019 Armstrong Monitoring Tour Report, Defendants indicated that the investigation had not identified any violations of CDCR 14 policy. Ex. 74, at 3-4. 15 16 71. More than nine months after this allegation was reported, CDCR included this allegation as an entry in the Armstrong accountability logs. However, on January 6 or 17 18 7, 2020, Tamiya Davis, an attorney for CDCR, told me that the confirmation of the 19 violation was in error. CDCR has yet to issue a revised log to correct this error. DLT, EOP, 68 years old 20 Q. 21 72. Attached hereto as **Exhibit 22** is a true and correct copy of a declaration from Mr. signed on January 8, 2020, approximately one month prior to his 22 23 death. 24 73. On February 19, 2020, CDCR produced a "Homicide Death Notification" for 25 Mr. Attached hereto as **Exhibit 22a** is a true and correct copy of the *Coleman* death notification for Mr. 26 Medical records, true and correct excerpted copies 27 of which are attached hereto as **Exhibit 22b**, indicate that Mr. was admitted to 28 an outside hospital after being assaulted by multiple other incarcerated people in Building Case No. C94 2307 CW DECL. OF M. FREEDMAN ISO MOTION TO STOP DEFS. FROM ASSAULTING, ABUSING & RETALIATING AGAINST PEOPLE W/ DISABILITIES AT R.J. DONOVAN CORR. FACILITY

1 on Facility A on February 4, 2020. Ex. 22b, at 1-23; id. at 7 multiple incarcerated people 1 2 involved in attack. Mr. died at a different hospital 15 days later. Ex. 22a, at 1. 3 Plaintiffs' counsel is currently investigating the circumstances of Mr. death. 74. In his declaration, Mr. stated that he "lived in fear that any day 4 [his] cell door would be popped open by staff and incarcerated people would be let in to 5 attack him" after he filed a lawsuit against Officer for telling people he was 6 "homosexual" and placing him great danger in prison. Ex. 22, ¶¶ 15-16. He was fearful 7 8 because a friend, Shariff, told him that Officer was offering \$1000 to anyone 9 *Id.*, ¶ 15. As stated above, Mr. is now dead who would attack Mr. 10 and his death is being investigated as a homicide. Ex. 22a, at 1. In early August 2019, Mr. 11 75. witnessed staff forcefully throw 12 Coleman class member to the ground and kick her in the face outside of the 13 Facility A mental health building. Ex. 22, ¶ 8. After Mr. reported the incident, asked him, "Why are you being a trouble maker?" Id., ¶ 9. When he 14 Sergeant returned to his housing unit, Officer "" " threatened him, telling him that "[he] should be 15 careful or things could happen to [him]." Id., ¶ 10. Due to these threats, Mr. 16 17 did not report the incident. Id. 18 76. observed Officer incite violence between incarcerated Mr. 19 people saying, in response to people who report problems to him, "I don't care, go kick his saw Officer 20 ass." Id., ¶¶ 11-12. Mr. destroy property, including 21 throwing a T.V. off the tier, and heard him insult and threaten incarcerated people multiple 22 times. *Id.*, ¶ 11. 23 R. DLT, EOP, 63 years old 24 77. Attached hereto as **Exhibit 23** is a true and correct copy of a declaration 25 from Armstrong and Coleman class member signed on January 8, 2020. 26 27 ⁹ Ms. CDCR number is BI9589, and she is in the Enhanced Outpatient Program. 28 Case No. C94 2307 CW 18 DECL. OF M. FREEDMAN ISO MOTION TO STOP DEFS. FROM ASSAULTING, ABUSING & RETALIATING AGAINST PEOPLE W/ DISABILITIES AT R.J. DONOVAN CORR. FACILITY

Attached hereto as Exhibit 23a are true and correct copies of excerpts of documents
 corroborating Mr. declaration.

3 78. According to the exhibits and declarations from multiple other incarcerated people, on November 18, 2018, Mr. approached Officer in the dayroom of 4 5 Building 2 to ask him to stop shining his flashlight in Mr. eyes, as it exacerbates his vision disability and is painful. Ex. 23, ¶ 8. An argument ensued, because Officer 6 was not taking Mr. disability needs seriously, and Mr. requested to speak to a 7 sergeant. Id., ¶¶ 8-9. In response, Officer activated his alarm. Id., ¶ 9. Next, 8 Officer rushed in to the unit and punched Mr. in the jaw with his closed fist. 9 10 *Id.*, ¶ 10. Mr. remembers falling and hitting the concrete with the bridge of his nose before everything went black. Id., ¶ 11. When he regained consciousness, he was in leg 11 restraints and handcuffs as four or five officers carried him into the sally-port. Id. His 12 13 eyes were burning and tearing up, leading him to believe that he had been pepper-sprayed while unconscious. *Id.* In the sally-port, Officer kicked him twice in his ribs 14 with extreme force. Id. After being escorted to the mental health services building on 15 Facility A, Officer threatened to charge him with a fabricated staff assault if he filed 16 17 a grievance about the incident. $Id_{.,}$ ¶ 12. After the incident, Mr. was taken to the TTA and his injuries were 18 79. documented and treated. Id., ¶ 14; Ex. 23a, at 1. In the immediate aftermath of the 19 20 incident. Mr. experienced mental health decompensation and engaged in selfinjurious behavior, including banging his head against the wall of his holding cell and 21 22 telling staff, "Come on, just kill me. You started it, now finish it." Ex. 23, ¶ 15; Ex. 23a, 23 at 3-5. Ultimately, Mr. was placed in a mental health crisis bed. Ex. 23, ¶ 16. Other incarcerated people later told Mr. that staff had assaulted him so badly that they 24 believed that he had died. *Id.*, ¶ 20; Ex. 11, ¶¶ 24-29; Ex. 54, ¶¶ 20-22. 25 26 80. On or around April 24, 2019, Mr. witnessed events relevant to the staff 27 assault on in Building 2 on Facility A. Ex. 23, ¶ 23-24. The incident is discussed at Paragraphs 238-242, infra. 28 involving Mr. Case No. C94 2307 CW DECL. OF M. FREEDMAN ISO MOTION TO STOP DEFS. FROM ASSAULTING, ABUSING & RETALIATING

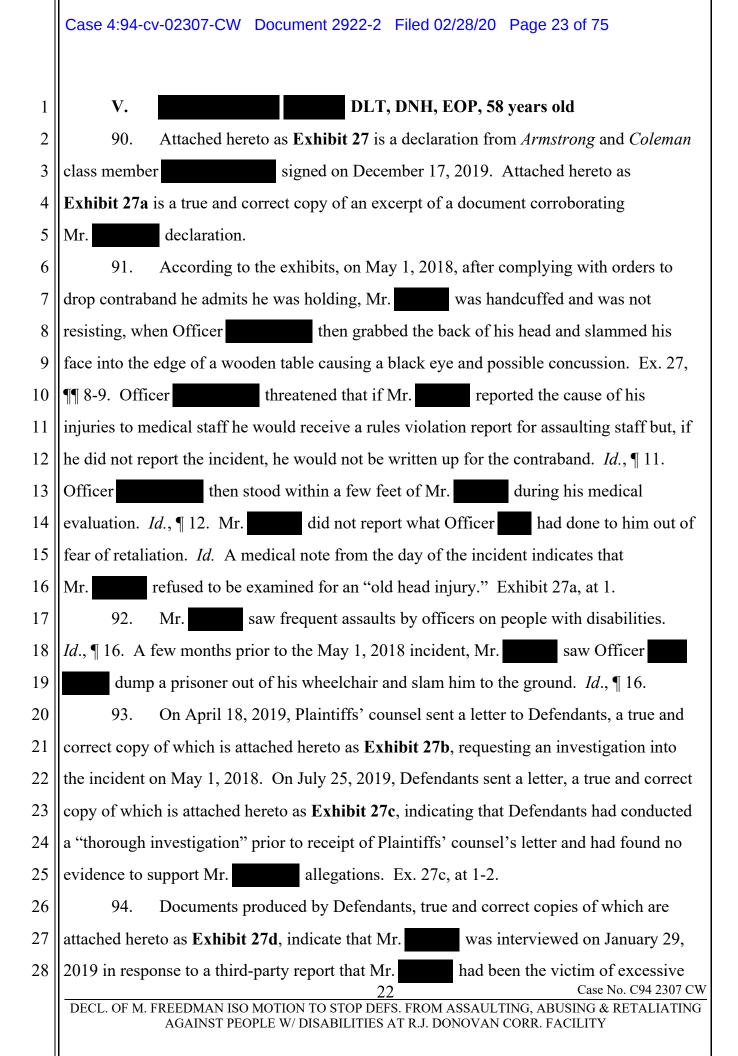
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1	81. Mr. observed Officer incite an incarcerated person over the
2	loudspeaker saying, "Man, I'll be at work at 2 p.m. tomorrow. Be on the yard then." Ex.
3	23, ¶ 25. Mr. also heard Officer threaten supervisory staff who told him that
4	he could be disciplined for his conduct, stating, "Get the fuck out of here, I'll beat your
5	ass." <i>Id.</i> , ¶ 30.
6	S. DPM, EOP, 69 years old
7	82. Attached hereto as Exhibit 24 is a true and correct copy of a declaration
8	from Armstrong and Coleman class member signed on January 7, 2020.
9	83. According to the declaration, on or around April 24, 2019, Mr.
10	witnessed events relevant to the staff assault on in Building 2 on
11	Facility A. Ex. 24, ¶¶ 7-17. The incident involving Mr. is discussed at
12	Paragraphs 238-242, infra.
13	84. Sometime in September or October 2019, Mr. witnessed Officer
14	close a cell door on an incarcerated person named Mr. trapping
15	Mr. arm. Ex. 24, ¶ 18. When Mr. called out to Officer to open
16	the door, Officer told him to, "Shut up and go to chow." Id.
17	T. DPO, DNH, CCCMS ¹⁰
18	85. Attached hereto as Exhibit 25 is a true and correct copy of a declaration
19	from Armstrong and Coleman class member signed on January 8, 2020.
20	Attached hereto as Exhibit 25a are true and correct copies of excerpts of documents
21	corroborating Mr. declaration.
22	86. According to the exhibits, Mr. has been closed in the cell door multiple
23	times by different officers. Ex. 25, ¶¶ 9, 11. On April 6, 2019, Officer closed
24	Mr. cell door on him. $Id., \P 11$. Mr. hand was pinned for about one to two
25	minutes until Officer finally opened the cell door. $Id., \P 11$. Medical staff noted
26	that Mr. did not have any "apparent injuries, pain, or deformities" Ex. 25a, at 1.
27	10 Mr. has a learning disability that is not yet verified by CDCR.
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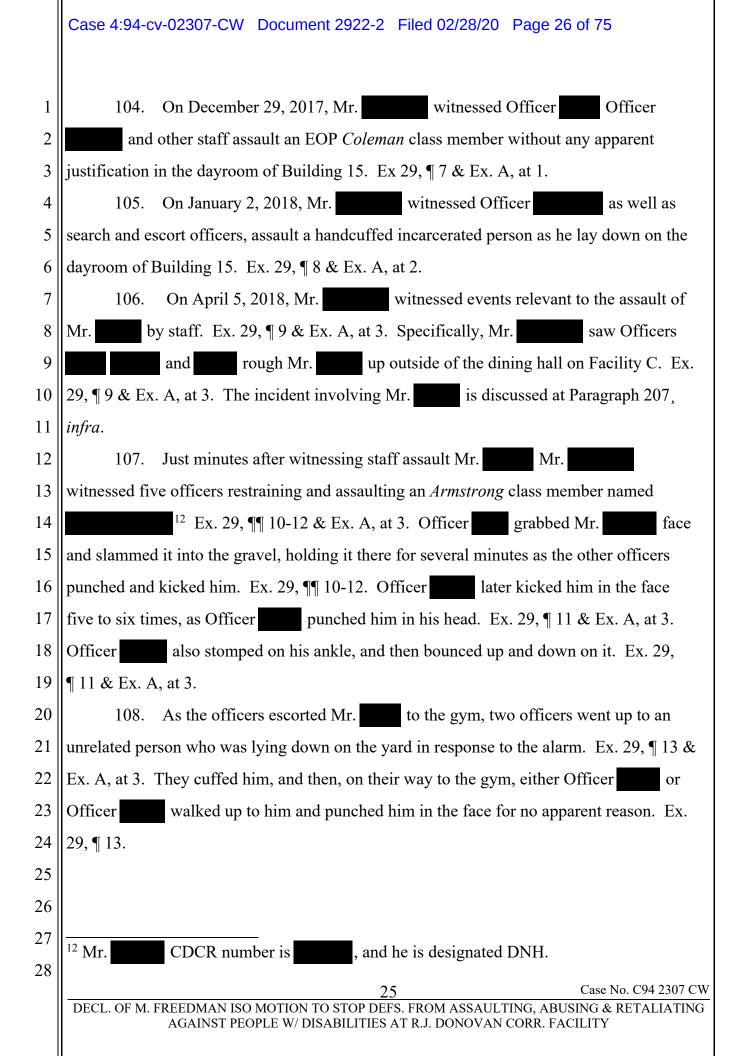
The next day, however, moderate swelling and tenderness was observed and documented 1 2 on Mr. right hand by medical staff at an outside hospital. Id. at 3-4. 3 87. On or around April 23, 2019, Mr. witnessed events relevant to the staff assault of an incarcerated person known as " in Building 13 on Facility C. Ex. 25, 4 5 ¶¶ 21-23. Mr. observed on the ground, in fetal position, handcuffed behind his back, while staff were kicking him in the head, beating him with batons and punching him. 6 recalls seeing Officer kick in the head and also observed 7 *Id.*, ¶ 21. Mr. and Officer participate in the assault. *Id.* During part of the attack 8 Officer was limp, as if unconscious. Id. was covered in blood. Id., ¶ 22. After the 9 heard a staff member bragging that was "as good as dead too." 10 incident, Mr. *Id.*, ¶ 23. Mr. took this to mean that staff had killed *Id.* The incident 11 was also witnessed by 12 involving and is discussed at Paragraph 43, 13 supra. U. DPM, CCCMS, 52 years old 14 15 88. Attached hereto as **Exhibit 26** is a true and correct copy of a declaration from Armstrong and Coleman class member signed on January 7, 2020. 16 89. 17 According to the declaration, on July 1, 2019, Officer escalated a 18 disagreement with Mr. sounded a "Code 1" alarm, and ordered him to be 19 handcuffed behind his back, despite his disability and cane. Ex. 26, ¶¶ 6-7. Officer 20 then grabbed Mr. arm and forced it behind his back as Officer pushed 21 took away his cane and grabbed his right arm. $Id., \P 8$. Officer towards the ground and yelled, "stop resisting" even though he was not 22 Mr. resisting. Id., ¶ 8-9. After the incident, Mr. was found guilty of battery on a 23 peace officer for which he received a credit loss of 150 days. *Id.*, ¶ 12-14. Mr. 24 25 was told his witnesses were not relevant and was not permitted to call any witnesses. Id., RVR has also been referred to the District Attorney for criminal 26 ¶ 12. Mr. 27 prosecution. Id., ¶ 13. 28 Case No. C94 2307 CW 21 DECL. OF M. FREEDMAN ISO MOTION TO STOP DEFS. FROM ASSAULTING, ABUSING & RETALIATING AGAINST PEOPLE W/ DISABILITIES AT R.J. DONOVAN CORR. FACILITY



1	force. Ex. 2	7d, at DOJ00001061. The interviewing staff informed Mr.	
2	"had been id	lentified as being involved in an incident in which staff utilized excessive	
3	and or unnecessary force on him." Id. The interviewing staff did not identify the date or		
4	nature of the	e incident or identify Officer by name. <i>Id.</i> Defendants have not produced	
5	any docume	nts indicating that Defendants conducted any investigation into Mr.	
6	allegations a	after receipt of Plaintiffs' counsel's letter, when Mr. was no longer at	
7	RJD.		
8	W.	DPM, DNH, 58 years old	
9	95.	Attached hereto as Exhibit 28 is a true and correct copy of a declaration	
10	from Armstr	<i>cong</i> and <i>Coleman</i> class member signed on January 7, 2020.	
11	96.	According to his declaration, on May 30, 2019, Mr. witnessed	
12	events relev	ant to the staff assault on in the Facility D dining hall. Ex. 28,	
13	¶¶ 7-9. The	incident involving Mr. is further discussed at Paragraphs 66-67, <i>supra</i> .	
14	97.	In September 2019, Mr. saw Officer approach an	
15	incarcerated	person in the dining hall and punch him without any provocation. Ex. 28,	
16	¶ 10.		
17	Х.	DNH, ICF ¹¹ , 53 years old	
18	98.	Attached hereto as Exhibit 29 is a declaration from Armstrong and Coleman	
19	class membe	signed on February 10, 2020. Attached hereto as	
20	Exhibit 29a	are true and correct copies of excerpts of documents corroborating	
21	Mr.	declaration.	
22	99.	According to the exhibits, on December 2018, Mr. participated in	
23	interviews c	onducted by a team of outside investigators regarding his experiences with	
24	staff misconduct at RJD. Ex. 29, ¶¶ 26-27; Ex. 2, at 17. After Mr. participated		
25	in a follow-u	up interview with investigators on February 11, 2019, staff on Facility C – who	
26	$\frac{11}{11}$ At the time	e of the events described in Mr. declaration, Mr. was in	
27	the Enhance Facility.	d Outpatient Program ("EOP"). He is now at an inpatient, Intermediate Care	
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1 had become aware of the fact that Mr. was speaking with outside investigators – began threatening him. Ex. 29, ¶¶ 32-34. The next day, February 12, 2019, Officer 2 3 demanded to know what the investigation was about and what Mr. had said to investigators. Id., ¶ 35. Mr. admitted that the interview was about staff 4 5 misconduct on Facility C, but said he had not told investigators anything. Id. Officer 6 next asked Mr. whether he was coming out for dayroom later that day, said he was. Id. 7 and Mr. 8 100. At evening dayroom, Mr. was assaulted, struck from behind, and knocked to the ground by another incarcerated person, who then repeatedly kicked and 9 10 stomped Mr. in the head until Mr. lost consciousness. *Id*.¶ 36. At the hospital, a surgery was performed to mend a fracture in his orbital wall. Id. ¶ 37; Ex. 29a, 11 12 at 3-4. 13 101. Mr. was told later by an incarcerated person that Mr. had assaulted him, that he was seen talking to Officers and immediately 14 a pair of gloves immediately 15 before the attack, and that the officers gave Mr. before the attack. Ex. 29, \P 40. 16 17 102. Mr. decompensated as a result of the incident. Id., \P 41. He was ultimately transferred to an inpatient program and, to this day, Mr. 18 experiences 19 suicidal ideation as a direct result of his experiences with staff misconduct at RJD. Id., ¶¶ 42, 45. 20 21 From December 2017 through January 2019, Mr. 103. maintained a log, 22 a true and correct copy of which is attached to his declaration as Exhibit A, of events he 23 witnessed in order to document the frequency and severity with which staff assaulted people with disabilities and mental illness. $Id., \P 6$. The events were generally recorded 24 25 within an hour of witnessing the officers' misconduct, or as soon as he got back to his cell. Id. The log contains at least 43 discrete entries. See Ex. A to Ex. 29. 26 27 28 Case No. C94 2307 CW DECL. OF M. FREEDMAN ISO MOTION TO STOP DEFS. FROM ASSAULTING, ABUSING & RETALIATING AGAINST PEOPLE W/ DISABILITIES AT R.J. DONOVAN CORR. FACILITY



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1	109. On or around May 7, 2018, Mr. witnessed events relevant to the
2	staff assault on in the dining hall on Facility C. Ex. 29, ¶ 17 & Ex. A, at 6-
3	7. The incident involving Mr. is discussed at Paragraph 201, <i>infra</i> .
4	110. On August 25, 2018, Mr. observed Officers and allow
5	two ADA workers to assault an incarcerated person named Mr. Ex. 29, ¶ 18 & Ex.
6	A, at 8.
7	111. On September 7, 2018, Mr. left his cell in Building 15 to go to
8	dinner. Ex. 29, ¶ 20 & Ex. A, at 9-10. While on the way, he heard medical staff tell
9	Officer and Officer "You got a body laying outside the building He's
10	all fucked up and not moving." Ex. 29, ¶ 20. As Mr. walked toward the dining
11	hall, he observed Mr. Using against the chain link fence next to the building
12	security gate. Id. Mr. looked clearly unconscious, had multiple wounds on his
13	face, and blood was running from his eyes and nose. Id. Upon discovering Mr.
14	Officer activated his alarm. <i>Id.</i> Officers and then walked over to
15	Mr. and started kicking and taunting him. $Id.$, ¶ 21. Officer first grabbed
16	Mr. by the arm and pushed him against the fence, calling him a "fucking piece of
17	shit." <i>Id.</i> He then began slapping Mr. and smashing his face against the chain link
18	fence. <i>Id.</i> Officer held him pinned against the fence until the ambulance arrived.
19	Id.
20	112. On September 30, 2018, Mr. saw Officer shove an elderly
21	person named Mr. to the ground after Mr. protested the fact that Officer
22	denied him breakfast. Ex. 29, ¶ 22 & Ex. A, at 11-12.
23	113. On October 24, 2018, Mr. saw Officer push an incarcerated
24	person named Mr. to the ground and kick him twice in the head in the middle of the
25	dining hall. Ex 29, ¶ 23 & Ex. A, at 14-15. After dinner, Officer and another
26	officer chased Mr. toward Building 14. Ex. 29, ¶ 24 & Ex. A, at 14-15. The
27	officers tackled him, beat him up, and then dragged him to the gym. Ex. 29, ¶ 24. When
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1	Mr. tried to report what he had witnessed to a nearby sergeant and Lieutenant
2	staff ignored him. Ex 29, ¶ 25 & Ex. A, at 14-15.
3	114. On January 21, 2019, Mr. witnessed Officer and Officer
4	assault <i>Armstrong</i> and <i>Coleman</i> class member Ex. 29, ¶ 29 & Ex.
5	A, at 21. The incident is further described at Paragraph 259, <i>infra</i> .
6	Y. DPM ¹³ , EOP, 55 years old
7	115. Attached hereto as Exhibit 30 is a declaration from <i>Armstrong</i> and <i>Coleman</i>
8	class member signed on January 6, 2020. Attached hereto as
9	Exhibit 30a are true and correct copies of excerpts of documents corroborating
10	Mr. declaration.
11	116. According to the exhibits, on April 14, 2018, Mr. approached
12	Sergeant in the Facility E dining hall to ask why he had been released late for
13	breakfast, impacting his ability to obtain his special diet. Ex. 30, ¶¶ 9-10. In response,
14	Sergeant ordered Officers and to handcuff Mr. and
15	escort him to the program office. $Id., \P 10$. Once in the program office, the officers
16	slammed Mr. against the wall, dragged him into the doorway of a holding cell,
17	and Officer punched him in the back of his head, causing him to fall face-first into
18	the concrete floor of the holding cell. Id., ¶¶ 12-14. After being interviewed by Lieutenant
19	Mr. Mr. received medical attention at the TTA, where a 4.2 centimeter
20	laceration was documented on his chin and repaired with 5 sutures. Id., \P 18; Ex. 30a, at 1-
21	5. That night, Officer refused Mr. repeated requests for medical
22	attention despite the fact that Mr. reported he was in serious pain. Ex. 30, ¶ 19.
23	After the incident, Officer bragged to another incarcerated person about the fact
24	that he had worsened Mr. disability. $Id., \P 25$.
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27	¹³ At the time of the events described in his declaration, Mr. was designated DLT.
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1	117. Sometime in 2018, Mr. witnessed Officers and
2	assault a person who refused to take off his hat in the dining hall. The officers slammed
3	the person against the wall of the dining hall and then dragged him toward the direction of
4	the program office. $Id.$, ¶ 27.
5	118. Documents produced by Defendants, true and correct excerpted copies of
6	which are attached hereto as Exhibit 30b, indicate that Defendants concluded that there
7	was "no substantiating evidence of anyallegations made against Officers
8	and Sergeant and "it is conceivable that he possibly caused his
9	own injury." Exhibit 30b, at DOJ00001268-69. The Warden, through the Institutional
10	Executive Review Committee ("IERC"), signed off on this finding. Id. at DOJ00001260.
11	Z. DD2, DPM, EOP, 71 years old
12	119. Attached hereto as Exhibit 31 is a declaration from <i>Armstrong</i> , <i>Clark</i> , and
13	Coleman class member signed on January 8, 2020.
14	120. According to the declaration, sometime in the latter half of 2019, Mr.
15	witnessed Officers and pepper spray an incarcerated person in response to
16	his request to go to a crisis bed. Ex. 31 , ¶ 9. After spraying him, the officers left him in
17	his cell without decontaminating him or otherwise providing him with assistance. Id.
18	121. Mr. witnessed many people in Building 15 commit suicide after
19	being ignored by staff while they loudly call out for help. $Id., \P 11$.
20	122. In April 2017, Mr. witnessed the aftermath of the murder of an
21	incarcerated person, in Building 15. Id., ¶ 13. Officers left Mr.
22	body in his cell for three or four days, and Mr. recalls that the entire unit smelled
23	of rot. <i>Id.</i>
24	AA. EOP, 32 years old
25	123. Attached hereto as Exhibit 32 is a declaration from <i>Coleman</i> class member
26	Tony signed on January 30, 2020.
27	124. According to the declaration, in August 2019, Mr. asked Officer
28	to speak with his clinician because he was feeling suicidal. Ex. 32, \P 7. In 28 Case No. C94 2307 CW
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response, Officer told Mr. "You are crying too much. You need to shut up 1 2 and do what everyone is doing in the dayroom." *Id.* Officer then started searching 3 cell. Id., ¶ 8. After Mr. stated that he intended to report Officer Mr. Officer forcefully took Mr. to the ground, pinned his head to the floor, and 4 5 kneed him in the back. Id. In October 2019, Mr. told Officer that he was feeling suicidal 6 125. and needed to speak with his clinician. Id., ¶9. Instead, Officer 7 returned him to his cell and told him, "Go ahead and cut yourself." Id. Another officer present stated, 8 9 "We will give you a razor." Id. 10 126. Mr. also witnessed events relevant to the staff assault of Armstrong 11 and Coleman class member in January 2020. Id., ¶¶ 15-16. The is discussed at Paragraph 21, supra. 12 incident involving Mr. 13 127. In the summer of 2019, Mr. witnessed Officer throw a person to the ground and knee him in the back. $Id., \P 13$. As named Mr. 14 15 lay on the ground in handcuffs, seven or eight officers piled on him, Mr. roughed him up, and smashed his face into the ground. Id. 16 17 BB. DPO, EOP, 59 years old 18 128. Attached hereto as **Exhibit 33** is a declaration from *Armstrong* and *Coleman* 19 signed on January 8, 2020. Attached hereto as Exhibit 33a class member are true and correct copies of excerpts of documents corroborating Mr. 20 declaration. 21 129. According to the exhibits, on November 8, 2017, staff attempted to house 22 with an incarcerated person with whom he felt unsafe. Ex. 33, ¶ 9. When Mr. expressed his concerns, Officer cuffed him and placed him in a cage in 23 Mr. the Facility C gym. Id. A few minutes later, Officers 24 and 25 forced Mr. out of the cage, pepper sprayed, kicked, punched, and stomped on him while he lay on the floor. Id., \P 10. Mr. suffered fractures to his right foot and a 26 27 finger on his left hand as a result of the attack. Id.; Ex. 33a, at 1-6. 28 29 Case No. C94 2307 CW DECL. OF M. FREEDMAN ISO MOTION TO STOP DEFS. FROM ASSAULTING, ABUSING & RETALIATING AGAINST PEOPLE W/ DISABILITIES AT R.J. DONOVAN CORR. FACILITY

1 130. After Mr. filed a lawsuit about the incident, Officers and and harassed him in a number of ways, including threatening to place an assaultive person in
 3 his cell in February 2019 and manufacturing PREA charges against him in May 2019. Ex.
 4 33, ¶¶ 17, 18.

5 131. In 2018, Mr. witnessed Officer with grab an elderly *Coleman* class
6 member bystander and slam him to the ground after he asked staff to let him move out of
7 the way of a stream of pepper-spray. *Id.*, ¶ 20. Officer with grabbed the man's face and
8 forced it into the pool of pepper spray on the ground. *Id.* Once a group of officers had
9 finished assaulting the elderly man, the officers picked up his bloody head, showing it off
10 to the rest of the dining hall. *Id.*

11 132. In December 2018, Mr. Saw staff escort a transgender person named
12 "In December 2018, Mr. Saw staff escort a transgender person named
13 into the gym. Id., ¶ 22. Mr. Saw heard her yell from inside the gym, "That's
13 enough, that's enough. Alright. Please stop!" Id. When Mr. Saw returned to his
14 housing unit, there was a big pool of blood on the dayroom floor, and everyone in the unit
15 said that it was saw blood. Id.

CC. CCCMS, 26 years old 16 17 Attached hereto as Exhibit 34 is a declaration from transgender Coleman 133. 18 signed on January 7, 2020. Attached hereto as Exhibit 34a class member 19 are true and correct copies of excerpts of documents corroborating Ms. declaration. 20 According to the exhibits, on June 19, 2019, Officer 134. ordered 21 Ms. to strip for an unclothed search in Building 10 on Facility B. Ex. 34, ¶ 7. When 22 asked to be searched by a female officer instead, Officer called her a "gay Ms. 23 boy," and a "tranny," and then handcuffed her and locked her in the shower. Id. Once everyone had left the housing unit, Officer returned with five to ten other officers 24 and ordered Ms. to remove her underwear. Id., ¶ 8. She complied out of fear. Id.25 then pushed her onto the ground, and started knocking Ms. 26 Officer head 27 against the ground with one hand and choking her with the other as the other officers 28 watched. Id. The beating continued for two minutes. Id. After Officer restrained Case No. C94 2307 CW

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1	and handcuffed her, Ms. $III attempted to pull her underwear back up. Id., ¶ 9. In$
2	response, Officer pulled her underwear down and forcefully penetrated her anus
3	with his finger. Id. After officers escorted Ms. to the TTA, one officer told medical
4	staff that Ms. $Id. $ had fallen in the shower. <i>Id.</i> \P 10. Ms. $Id.$ told medical staff that she
5	had in fact been assaulted by staff, and medical staff documented bruises, abrasions,
6	bleeding, and redness on Ms. upper face. Id.; Ex. 34a, at 1-5. In the days
7	following the incident, Ms. experienced sensitivity to light and headaches, leading
8	her to believe that she suffered a concussion related to the incident. Ex. 34, \P 13.
9	135. On November 19, 2019, Ms. witnessed staff assault a transgender
10	Coleman class member, for the dining hall on Facility A. Id., ¶ 15.
11	After Ms. refused an officer's order to tuck her shirt in, one officer forcibly
12	grabbed her pants and yanked them up, then three officers took her to the ground,
13	restrained her, and escorted her out of the dining hall. Id. Armstrong and Coleman class
14	member declarant also witnessed the assault on Ms. See Ex. 52,
15	¶ 8.
16	DD. DPO, DNH, CCCMS, 59 years old
17	136. Attached hereto as Exhibit 35 is a declaration from <i>Armstrong</i> and <i>Coleman</i>
18	class member signed on January 7, 2020. Attached hereto as
19	Exhibit 35a are true and correct copies of excerpts of documents corroborating
20	Mr. declaration.
21	137. According to the exhibits, on February 19, 2019, Officer refused to
22	provide Mr. with a wheelchair pusher because he claimed that Mr.
23	could walk. Ex. 35, ¶ 8. Later that day, Officer denied Mr. access to
24	the shower after he had an accident, making him wear a dirty diaper all day. $Id., \P 9$. Two
25	days later, Officer screamed at Mr. telling him, "Put your fucking
26	[disability] vest on you piece of shit. Get the fuck out of here, you don't need a
27	$\frac{14}{14}$ Ms. CDCR number is and she is at the CCCMS level of care.
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wheelchair." Id., ¶ 10. After he filed 1824 disability grievance about Officer 1 2 misconduct, a lieutenant pressured Mr. into withdrawing his 1824. Id., ¶ 11; 3 Ex. 35a, at 1-4. Mr. withdrew the 1824 because he feared further retaliation. Ex. 35, ¶ 11. 4 5 EE. DPM, 65 years old Attached hereto as Exhibit 36 is a declaration from Armstrong class member 6 138. 7 signed on January 7, 2019. Attached hereto as Exhibit 36a are true and 8 correct copies of documents corroborating Mr. declaration. 9 139. According to the exhibits, in approximately April 2017, Officer 10 stuck her hands inside Mr. pants and kept them there for approximately thirty seconds during a search outside of the chapel. Ex. 36, ¶ 7. Mr. 11 reported the 12 incident to his pastor as well as Officer *Id.* In response to his complaint, Officer 13 went and got Officers and who proceeded to threaten him saying, "We know where you live, we are going to get you." Id. Officer 14 also joined in, 15 telling him that the lieutenant wanted his allegations "dropped." *Id.* Mr. agreed to not file an appeal out of fear of retaliation. Id. 16 17 140. On April 19, 2018 Officer closed a cell door on Mr. 18 who ambulates slowly and with a walker. $Id., \P 8$. Five days later, on April 24, 2018, 19 Officer closed the door on him twice in one day, knocking him down against the wall with his walker. Id. Each time, Mr. observed Officer 20 smiling at him as she moved his door back and forth. Id. 21 22 141. On September 29, 2019, Officer crushed Mr. hand in his 23 cell door. $Id., \P 9$. Mr. filed an 1824 about this issue. *Id.*; Ex. 36a, at 1-2. The next day, Officer Officer cousin, threatened Mr. 24 "Heard you're going to sue my cousin?," which led Mr. to withdraw his 1824 out of 25 fear. Ex. 36, ¶10. On December 3, 2019, Office closed the cell door on 26 27 injuring one of his ribs. *Id.*, ¶ 11. Mr. 28 Case No. C94 2307 CW DECL. OF M. FREEDMAN ISO MOTION TO STOP DEFS. FROM ASSAULTING, ABUSING & RETALIATING AGAINST PEOPLE W/ DISABILITIES AT R.J. DONOVAN CORR. FACILITY

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1	142. Mr. also witnessed Officer close the cell door on
2	Mr. in the spring of 2019, discussed in Paragraph 57, <i>supra</i> . Id., ¶ 13.
3	FF. DNM, CCCMS, 45 years old
4	143. Attached hereto as Exhibit 37 is a declaration from <i>Armstrong</i> and <i>Coleman</i>
5	class member signed on January 8, 2020. Attached hereto as
6	Exhibit 37a are true and correct copies of excerpts of documents corroborating
7	Mr. declaration.
8	144. According to the exhibits, on November 2, 2019, Officer asked if
9	Mr. was "retarded or stupid" after Mr. had gotten up to throw
10	away his food. Ex. 37, ¶ 8. In response to Mr. asking for Officer
11	name so he could report his comment, Officer told him to step
12	outside and then proceeded to conduct a forceful search whereby he squeezed
13	Mr. nipples and whispered in his ear, "Next time, do the fuck what you are
14	told." Id. Two days later, Mr. told a clinician about Officer
15	misconduct. Ex. 37a, at 1-3.
16	145. After Mr. filed a grievance against Officer Officer
17	harassed Mr. on a number of occasions. Ex. 37, ¶¶ 11-14. On
18	November 10, 2019, Officer shined his flashlight into Mr. cell
19	while staring and smiling at him in a threatening manner. $Id., \P 11$. The next day, Officer
20	smiled at Mr. again and blew him a kiss. <i>Id.</i> , ¶ 12.
21	Mr. reported the harassment to his clinician. Ex. 37a, at 5-7. Finally, on
22	December 1, 2019, staff attempted to transfer Mr. to Building 13, the unit
23	where Officer regularly works. Ex. 37, ¶ 15.
24	146. Mr. witnessed Officers and allow
25	incarcerated people to attack other incarcerated people in multiple instances. $Id., \P$ 18. He
26	has seen staff members laugh when incarcerated people get attacked. Id.
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1	147. Mr. witnessed Officer encourage a suicidal person to
2	harm themselves, saying, "Go ahead! I don't believe you, you're all talk until I see you do
3	it. Prove it" Id., ¶ 19.
4	GG. DNH, DNM, EOP, 51 years old
5	148. Attached hereto as Exhibit 38 is a declaration from <i>Armstrong</i> and <i>Coleman</i>
6	class member signed on December 16, 2019. Attached hereto as
7	Exhibit 38a are true and correct copies of excerpts of documents corroborating
8	Mr. declaration.
9	149. According to the exhibits, in August 2018, Mr. participated in Joint
10	Audit interviews conducted by Plaintiffs' counsel and members of CDCR's Office of
11	Audits and Court Compliance ("OACC") where he reported witnessing Officer
12	engage in misconduct. Ex. 38, ¶ 6. A month later, on September 18, 2018,
13	Mr. was interviewed by ISU Lieutenant about whether he had any
14	complaints against Officer $Id., \P$ 7. Approximately one month later, on
15	October 14, 2018, Mr. was critically injured when he was stabbed by incarcerated
16	people on the yard of Facility C. Id., ¶¶ 8-9. After being hospitalized for twelve days,
17	Mr. was returned to RJD on October 27, 2018. Id., ¶ 10; Ex. 38a, at 1. On his
18	return, one of Mr. attackers indicated that he had been paid by Officer
19	with a cell phone to stab Mr. Ex. 38 , ¶ 10.
20	150. On January 8, 2019, Plaintiffs' counsel sent an advocacy letter, a true and
21	correct copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 38b, to Defendants requesting an
22	investigation into Mr. allegations. On July 17, 2019, Defendants sent a
23	responsive letter, a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 38c,
24	indicating that Defendants had found that Mr. allegations had been "discredited
25	by overwhelming evidence." Ex. 38c, at 3. Despite Mr. allegation that he had
26	been stabbed in retaliation for participating in the joint monitoring audit conducted by
27	Plaintiffs' counsel and OACC, Defendants did not log Mr.
28	Armstrong non-compliance logs.
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1	151. In June 2018, Mr. witnessed Officer jump on
2	and throw him to the ground because he did not respond to Officer
3	calling his name as he was walking back to his cell. Ex. 38, ¶ 15.
4	152. In June or July 2018, Mr. witnessed Officer grab an
5	elderly Armstrong class member in a wheelchair by the neck and slam him to the ground in
6	Building 12 because he did not immediately return to his cell after Officer
7	ordered him to do so. Officer and other officers then punched the person
8	repeatedly in the face and kneed him in the neck. $Id., \P 16$.
9	153. In another instance, Mr. saw Officer place a person in a
10	chokehold and then slam him to the ground. Id., \P 17. After the person was cuffed,
11	Officer and Officer continued to assault him. Id.
12	154. In April or May 2017, Mr. saw Officer and other
13	officers flip an Armstrong class member out of his wheelchair and beat him while he lay
14	defenseless. $Id.$, ¶ 18. After the assault, the person's face was covered in blood. $Id.$
15	HH. DPM, CCCMS, 65 years old
16	155. Attached hereto as Exhibit 39 is a declaration from <i>Armstrong</i> and <i>Coleman</i>
17	class member signed on January 7, 2020.
18	156. According to the declaration, on August 27, 2018, only a few days after
19	Mr. had been transferred to RJD, Officer told Sergeant that
20	Mr. was "a problem." Ex. 39, ¶ 6. The sergeant then ordered Mr. to go
21	with Officer to a medical trailer. $Id.$, ¶ 7. Once they got there, Officer
22	pushed Mr. twice without any provocation, and slammed his body into a nearby
23	desk, before leaning his full body weight on Mr. <i>Id.</i> Officer then ripped
24	out some of Mr. Second beard and attempted to incite him into fighting back. <i>Id.</i>
25	157. After Mr. filed a staff misconduct complaint against Officer
26	on September 27, 2018, Officer confronted him and ordered him, "Drop the 602!"
27	Id., ¶ 9. On October 3, 2018, Officer gestured for Mr. to enter the sally-
28	port of Building 3 with him. Id., ¶ 10. Fearing an assault, Mr. refused. Id. On
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1 October 3, 2018, as Mr. was waiting for a medical appointment, Officer 2 threatened to knock out Mr. remaining eye (he is missing one eye) and blind 3 him. *Id.*, ¶ 11. П. DPW, CCCMS, 58 years old 4 5 Attached hereto as Exhibit 40 is a declaration from Armstrong and Coleman 158. 6 class member signed on January 19, 2020. 7 According to the declaration, on June 9, 2017, Mr. filed a 602 staff 159. 8 misconduct grievance against the tower officer in Building 5 on Facility A for denying him 9 access to religious services. Ex. 40, \P 6. In the year that followed, Mr. faced a 10 number of instances of harassment by officers. On August 14, 2017, staff closed the cell leaving him pinned in his wheelchair for about 15 minutes. $Id., \P$ 7. 11 door on Mr. 12 On many occasions, Officers and denied him access to dayroom and 13 Officer violated the confidentiality of his legal mail by reading it before handing it to him. Id., ¶ 8. Staff also refused him access to ADA workers, the shower, the yard, and 14 15 the dayroom phones. *Id.*, \P 10. 16 Plaintiffs' counsel reported Mr. allegations in their October 2017 160. Armstrong Monitoring Tour Report. Ex. 73, at 3. Defendants' response to Plaintiffs' 17 18 Report indicated that Mr. allegations could not be confirmed. Ex. 73, at 4-5. 19 Documents produced by Defendants in the current litigation, true and correct excerpted 20 copies of which are attached hereto as **Exhibit 40a**, indicate that Mr. allegations were not confirmed and contend that he was retaliating against staff for raising the issue 21 22 with Plaintiffs' counsel in addition to filing an 1824. Ex. 40a, DOJ00000173, 175. The 23 1824 response he received failed to address his issue stating, "this request raises no Americans with Disabilities Act ... issue." Ex. 40a, DOJ00000181, 184, 189-191. 24 25 In approximately June 2017, Mr. witnessed staff assault an unresisting 161. EOP prisoner on the yard of Facility A while Sergeant watched. Ex. 40, ¶ 13. 26 27 28

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1	JJ. DPM, 43 years old
2	162. Attached hereto as Exhibit 41 is a declaration from <i>Armstrong</i> class member
3	signed on January 30, 2020. Attached hereto as Exhibit 41a are true and
4	correct copies of excerpts of documents corroborating Mr. declaration.
5	163. According to the exhibits, on December 16, 2018, Mr. who uses a cane
6	and walker to ambulate, asked Officer for access to an ADA shower. Ex. 41,
7	¶ 8. In response, Officer told Mr. to "Shut the fuck up," and "[i]f you
8	write me up, I'm going to have other inmates fuck you up." Id. In the months that
9	followed, Officer harassed and threatened Mr. on numerous occasions.
10	<i>Id.</i> , ¶ 9. In one instance, on January 26, 2019 Officer approached Mr.
11	while he was showering and shined his flashlight on Mr. genitals while staring him
12	down. Id. After filing a staff misconduct grievance about this incident, an Investigative
13	Services Unit ("ISU") sergeant told Mr. on January 29, 2019 that he did not believe
14	him and that nothing was going to come of Mr. $III.$ complaint. $Id., \P$ 10.
15	164. Mr. also faced threats of retaliation after filing his 602 staff misconduct
16	complaint against Officer $Id., \P 11$. Sometime around the end of February,
17	Officer approached him and told him, "You like writing us up? We're going to
18	fuck your ass up. We're part of the Green Wall." Id. A few days later, two incarcerated
19	people approached Mr. and told him, "If you don't drop the 602 [against Officer
20	we'll fuck you up." $Id.$, ¶ 12.
21	165. Mr. also received multiple threats of violence from incarcerated people
22	after he filed a 602 staff misconduct complaint against Officer for refusing to
23	provide Mr. access to his diabetic medications in March 2019. Id., ¶ 14.
24	166. On April 18, 2019, three incarcerated people stabbed Mr. on the track of
25	the Facility C yard. Id., ¶15; Ex. 41a, at 1-2. Mr. believes that Officer
26	orchestrated the attack on him because Officer had threatened to have Mr.
27	assaulted multiple times and, before the stabbing, Mr. also witnessed Officer
28	afford special privileges to his attackers. $Id.$, ¶ 17. 37 Case No. C94 2307 CW
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167. On February 26, 2019, Plaintiffs' counsel sent a letter to Defendants, a true 1 2 and correct copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit 41b** (enclosures to letter omitted), 3 requesting an investigation into Mr. allegations. On October 23, 2019, Plaintiffs' counsel sent a supplemental letter to Defendants, a true and correct copy of which is 4 5 attached hereto as Exhibit 41c, requesting an investigation into the allegation that Officer orchestrated the attack on Mr. On October 23, 2019, Defendants sent a 6 7 letter, a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit 41d**, indicating that 8 Defendants had "investigated the allegation a month before receiving" Plaintiffs' 9 February 26, 2019 letter and found that "none of the allegations could be substantiated by 10 evidence." Ex. 41d, at 1, 3. Notably, Defendants did not address Mr. allegations 11 that Officer threatened Mr. on multiple occasions with physical violence 12 in retaliation for utilizing the appeals system. Ex. 41d. Defendants have also not 13 responded to any of the allegations contained in Plaintiffs' October 23, 2019 letter. 14 In their response, Defendants explained that Mr. allegations had been 168. referred to OIA, who rejected the allegation and returned it to RJD for further inquiry. Ex. 15 41d, at 2. As part of the further inquiry, Mr. was interviewed again on July 30, 2019, 16 and he raised three other allegations involving Officer *Id.* In making the 17 18 determination that these allegations were unsupported, Defendants stated that "additional 19 staff and inmates were interviewed, including a former cellmate who reported that Mr. routinely files false complaints against staff." Id. 20 21 169. Documents produced by Defendants, true and correct copies of which are 22 attached hereto as **Exhibit 41e**, indicate that the initial inquiry found that "Inmate was 23 being misleading in his allegation with an ulterior motive of discrediting Officer and 24 determined that his allegations could not be substantiated. Ex. 41e, at DOJ00002946-25 2949. KK. DPW, CCCMS, 55 years old 26 27 Attached hereto as Exhibit 42 is a declaration from Armstrong and Coleman 170. 28 signed on January 7, 2020. Attached hereto as Exhibit 42a class member Case No. C94 2307 CW 38 DECL. OF M. FREEDMAN ISO MOTION TO STOP DEFS. FROM ASSAULTING, ABUSING & RETALIATING AGAINST PEOPLE W/ DISABILITIES AT R.J. DONOVAN CORR. FACILITY

are true and correct copies of excerpts of documents corroborating Mr.
 declaration.

According to the exhibits, on August 6, 2019, two transportation officers 3 171. wheeled Mr. through the Facility B gate for an outside medical appointment. 4 5 Exhibit 42, \P 6. The officer pushing Mr. wheelchair – Officer 1 – proceeded to directly into a large and visible hole in the pavement. Id. Although the push Mr. 6 7 wheel became stuck in the hole, Officer 1 kept pushing, launching Mr. from his 8 wheelchair and onto the pavement. Id. Mr. injuries were then documented by medical staff at the TTA. Id., ¶ 10; Exhibit 42a, at 1-3. Mr. still experiences 9 10 chronic pain in his knee and wrist related to this incident. Exhibit 42, ¶ 17; Exhibit 42a, at 11 5-6. 12 After filing a 602 staff misconduct appeal against Officer 1, Mr. 172. was 13 interviewed by a sergeant, a lieutenant, and Officer 1. Exhibit 42, ¶ 12-13. During the interview, after Mr. described the events, the sergeant pointed to an officer 14 standing in the room and asked if he was the officer responsible. $Id., \P 13$. Mr. 15 had not realized that Officer 1 was present during the interview because he was wearing a 16 hat very low on his head. *Id.* After the interview, Officer 1 threatened Mr. 17 18 saying, "I remember everything." Id., ¶¶ 13-14. 19 LL. DPM, 48 years old Attached hereto as Exhibit 43 is a declaration from Armstrong class member 20 173. 21 signed on January 7, 2020. Attached hereto as Exhibit 43a are true and 22 correct copies of excerpts of documents corroborating Mr. declaration. 23 174. According to the exhibits, on May 17, 2019, after an argument with a group of incarcerated people about his cellmate's debts, Mr. observed that group talking 24 25 to Officers and while looking at him. Ex. 43, ¶¶ 7-8. After Mr. entered his cell and staff closed the door, three people from the group approached his cell 26 27 and asked Mr. to turn over his cellmate's T.V. Id., ¶9. Mr. told them to 28 take up the problem with his cellmate. Id. Officer the control tower officer then Case No. C94 2307 CW 39 DECL. OF M. FREEDMAN ISO MOTION TO STOP DEFS. FROM ASSAULTING, ABUSING & RETALIATING AGAINST PEOPLE W/ DISABILITIES AT R.J. DONOVAN CORR. FACILITY

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opened the cell door. *Id.* Two people from the group entered Mr. cell and 1 2 assaulted him while the third person stood watch. Id., ¶ 9-10. The attack lasted minutes 3 and Mr. thought the people were going to kill him. Id \P 10. While being attacked, Mr. saw Officers and look over at him as he lay on the 4 5 floor of his cell and then saw them walk to a section of the housing unit where they could no longer see the attack. Id., ¶ 11. None of the officers present sounded their alarms. Id. 6 7 175. After the incident, Mr. attempted to get medical attention but was 8 not let out of his cell to access medical care for three hours. Id., ¶ 14; Ex. 43a, at 1-2. He 9 witnessed other incarcerated people attempt to obtain medical attention on Mr. 10 behalf, but saw Officers and wave them away. Ex. 43, ¶ 13. Eventually, 11 was transported to an outside hospital, where he was diagnosed with three Mr. 12 facial fractures. Id., ¶ 15; Ex. 43a, at 4. Mr. required two surgeries to repair the 13 damage. Ex. 43a, at 6-9. 14 176. On July 17, 2019, Plaintiffs' counsel sent a letter to Defendants, a true and 15 correct copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit 43b**, requesting an investigation into the March 17, 2019 incident. On November 19, 2019, 125 days later, Defendants sent a 16 letter to Plaintiffs' counsel, a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as 17 18 Exhibit 43c, indicating that Defendants had conducted a "thorough investigation" prior to 19 receipt of Plaintiffs' counsel's letter and had found that Mr. allegations were not supported by the evidence. Ex. 43c, at 1-3. Despite medical evidence of serious injuries, 20 21 CDCR reaches that conclusion because: (1) staff implicated in the allegations denied that 22 there was an incident on March 17, 2019 and (2) three incarcerated people interviewed 23 denied observing an incident consistent with Mr. allegations. Ex. 43c. The 24 letter did not mention or provide an explanation for how Mr. sustained his 25 injuries. Id. Documents produced by Defendants, true and correct copies of which are 26 attached hereto Exhibit 43d, indicate that Mr. medical records were not 27 consulted during RJD's inquiry. Ex. 43d, at DOJ00012972-77. In finding that there was 28 "no merit" to Mr. complaint, the inquiry relied on interviews with staff Case No. C94 2307 CW DECL. OF M. FREEDMAN ISO MOTION TO STOP DEFS. FROM ASSAULTING, ABUSING & RETALIATING AGAINST PEOPLE W/ DISABILITIES AT R.J. DONOVAN CORR. FACILITY

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members – all of whom denied witnessing any incident involving Mr. on March 1 2 17, 2019. Id. at DOJ00012973-75. 3 177. In 2016, Mr. witnessed staff assault a Coleman class member after he tried to get more Kool-Aid during dinner. Ex. 43, ¶ 21. After the incarcerated person 4 walked out of the dining hall, Officer and other officers tackled him to the ground 5 during a search and beat him, stomping on his arm and punched and kicking him while he 6 7 lay on the ground. Id. Acute¹⁵, 38 years old MM. 8

9 178. Attached hereto as **Exhibit 44** is a true and correct copy of a declaration signed on February 6, 2020. Attached 10 from *Coleman* class member hereto as Exhibit 44a are true and correct copies of documents corroborating 11 12 Mr. declaration. 13 179. According to the exhibits, on December 4, 2019, Officer escorted 14 and left him in handcuffs in his cell from 9:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m. the next Mr.

15 morning. Ex. 44, ¶¶ 10-14. In the middle of the night, Mr. \mathbf{M} experienced a 16 diabetic emergency. *Id.*, ¶ 13. When an officer responded, Mr. \mathbf{M} held up his

17 glucometer to the cell window such that the officer could see the cuffs on his wrist. *Id.*

18 The officer, however, did not remove Mr. cuffs. *Id.* The next morning, after a

 19
 lieutenant conducted an interview with Mr.
 Sergeant
 removed the cuffs

20 at around 7:00 a.m. *Id.*, ¶ 14. Logs maintained by housing unit staff in Building 6 indicate

21 that staff did not log any activity in the nearly ten hour period between Mr.

22 return from the hospital and the discovery of the situation by Sergeant at 6:40 a.m.

23 Exhibit 44a, at 1-2. Sergeant entry reads: "removed from cell due to flex cuff.

24 CDCR 7219 completed, video interview conducted." *Id.* at 2.

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At the time of the events described in his declaration, Mr. was in the Enhanced Outpatient Program. He is now housed in an inpatient acute mental health care facility.

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DPM, DNH, 57 years old NN. 1 180. Attached hereto as **Exhibit 45** is a true and correct copy of a declaration 2 3 from Armstrong class member Andre signed on January 7, 2020. Attached hereto as Exhibit 45a are true and correct copies of excerpts of documents corroborating 4 5 declaration. Mr. According to the exhibits, on September 1, 2019, Officer cuffed 6 181. 7 in order to administer a urinalysis test. Ex. 45, ¶¶ 5-6. When Mr. Mr. asked 8 for an accommodation – to be cuffed using waist-chains so that he could use his walker or 9 cane for support – Officer refused and replied, "You're an asshole...You're the cause of a lot of stuff around here." *Id.*, ¶ 6. After Mr. asked for a sergeant, Officer 10 again called him an "asshole" and then threw him to the concrete ground. Id., $\P 8$. 11 12 After an officer from the yard arrived ("Officer B"), Officer and Officer B 13 escorted Mr. to the toilet. Id., \P 9. Without warning, Officer B pulled down 14 pants and underwear, and held a urine collection cup to his penis. Id., ¶ 10. Mr. 15 Mr. was not uncuffed and ended up urinating all over himself. *Id.* Mr. was later denied medical attention by Officer *Id.*, ¶ 11. When Mr. was seen by 16 medical staff two days later Mr. reported that staff had thrown him to the ground 17 18 after a verbal altercation. Exhibit 45a, at 1. Mr. initially received an RVR for 19 delaying an officer, however that was dismissed on October 4, 2019 "based on the lack of adherence to the UA collection process." Ex. 45c, at DOJ00000503. 20 21 182. On October 29, 2019, Plaintiffs' counsel sent a letter to Defendants, a true 22 and correct copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit 45b** (Exhibits to letter omitted), 23 requesting an investigation into the September 1, 2019 incident. 24 183. Documents produced by Defendants in the current litigation, true and correct 25 excerpted copies of which are attached hereto as **Exhibit 45c**, include a signed memorandum from ADA Coordinator ("ADAC") Juarez to myself responding to the 26 27 allegations contained in Plaintiffs' October 29, 2019 letter. Ex. 45c, at DOJ00000502-04. 28 The memo finds that Mr. allegations of non-compliance could not be confirmed, Case No. C94 2307 CW DECL. OF M. FREEDMAN ISO MOTION TO STOP DEFS. FROM ASSAULTING, ABUSING & RETALIATING AGAINST PEOPLE W/ DISABILITIES AT R.J. DONOVAN CORR. FACILITY

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but notes that the Chief Disciplinary Officer "elected to dismiss the RVR based on the UA 1 without any further explanation as to 2 collection not being followed by Officer 3 how the violation was disconfirmed. Id. at DOJ00000503-04 also witnessed officers assault a person named 4 184. Mr. 5 sometime in September 2019. Ex. 45, ¶ 20. Following a verbal altercation, three officers rushed into Mr. cell, knocked him to the floor, and assaulted him 6 despite his being compliant and non-resistive through the incident. $Id., \P 21$. 7 8 00. DPM, CCMS, 79 years old 185. Attached hereto as Exhibit 46 is a true and correct copy of a declaration 9 10 from Armstrong and Coleman class member signed on January 7, 2020. According to the declaration, on September 2019, Mr. overheard an 11 186. elderly Armstrong class member ask an officer for toilet paper, soap, and a mop in 12 13 Building 20 on Facility D. Ex. 46, ¶ 7. After the officers denied him, the class member walked away and said, "Damn you lazy bastards." Id. In response, the officers rushed into 14 15 his cell and slammed him against his locker and bed as they punched him repeatedly for about two minutes. Id., ¶ 8. After the assault, the officers left the cell laughing. Id. 16 DPO¹⁶, DNH, CCCMS PP. 17 18 Attached hereto as Exhibit 47 is a true and correct copy of a declaration 187. 19 from Armstrong and Coleman class member Lee signed on January 29, 2020. 20 Attached hereto as Exhibit 47a are true and correct copies of excerpts of documents 21 corroborating Mr. declaration. 22 188. According to the exhibits, on April 23, 2019, in response to a refusal by

23 to accept a cell move due to safety concerns, as many as eight officers, Mr.

24 including Officers and and Sergeant A. assaulted Mr.

while sitting in his wheelchair in Building 13 on Facility C at RJD. Ex. 47, ¶ 8-9. Officers 25 26

27	¹⁶ Mr. currently des	was designated as DPO at the time of the incident. Exhibit 1a, \P 5. He is ignated as DNM.
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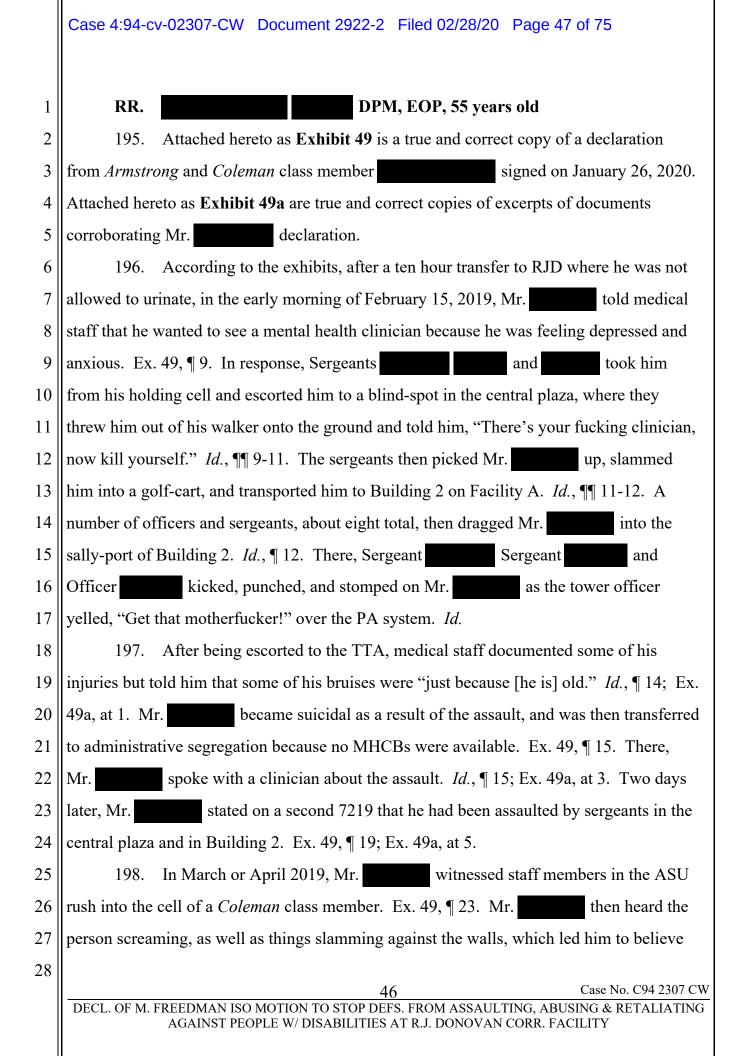
first-pepper sprayed Mr. in the face, causing him to fall out of his wheelchair. *Id.* 1 2 ¶ 9. Officers then proceeded to punch him in the face, stomp on his chest, and kick him all kicked Mr. 3 over his body. Id. Officer multiple times after he was restrained in handcuffs and lying on the ground. *Id.* Officers then dragged Mr. 4 approximately 5 200 yards to a holding cage in the Facility C Gym, without his wheelchair or any assistive devices. Id. ¶ 10. After Mr. lost consciousness, CDCR took him to an outside 6 7 hospital, where he was diagnosed with three broken ribs, a laceration to his lip that 8 required stitches, loss of consciousness, an acute closed head injury, facial contusions, 9 abrasions, hematoma, and blunt abdominal trauma. Id. ¶ 12; Ex. 47a, at 1-4. Mr. 10 was returned to RJD after four days in the hospital and placed in administrative 11 segregation. Ex. 47, ¶ 13. RJD failed to provide him with a wheelchair for the first three 12 or four days following his return to the prison. Id. 13 189. On May 24, 2019, Plaintiffs' counsel sent an advocacy letter, a true and 14 correct copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit 47b**, to Defendants requesting an allegations. Nearly seven months later, on January 23, 15 investigation into Mr. 2020, Defendants confirmed in a letter, a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto 16 as **Exhibit 47c**, that RJD failed to provide Mr. with a wheelchair upon his return to 17 18 RJD from the outside hospital. Ex. 47c, at 2. Defendants' letter indicates that the ADA 19 non-compliance inquiry into the allegation regarding the wheelchair was not initiated for 20 49 days until July 12, 2019. Id. at 2. 21 190. On February 3, 2020, Defendants provided a response, a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit 47d**, to Mr. 22 other allegations of staff 23 misconduct. Defendants concluded after an administrative review that Mr. allegations "were not supported by the evidence" and that Mr. 24 25 use of force used by the officers. Ex. 47d, at 3. Defendants did, however, confirm that

26 during the incident staff punched Mr. in the face. *Id.* at 2. Defendants' response

27 also minimizes Mr. injuries, stating that "minimally displaced factures...[are] not

28 considered to be serious bodily injury (SBI)." *Id.* This position is at odds with CDCR 44 Case No. C94 2307 CW policy, which explicitly defines serious bodily injury to include bone fractures regardless
 of the degree of displacement. *See* Department Operations Manual § 51020.4.

3 191. Documents produced by Defendants, true and correct copies of which are attached hereto as **Exhibit 47e**, show that Mr. cellmate provided an eye witness 4 5 account of the incident that was consistent with Mr. statement of events. See Ex. 47e, at DOJ00001370. Mr. and his cellmate would not have had any opportunity 6 to confer regarding the incident, as Mr. was in the hospital and then in 7 8 administrative segregation, and Mr. emained in his same cell for the period of time 9 between the date of the incident and the date Mr. cellmate provided a statement. 10 Id. at DOJ000001369. RJD's warden identified that "the injuries that Inmate claims he sustained due to the Use of Force utilized in the incident are not consistent with the 11 12 officers' [sic] [incident reports], the force reported and the CDCR 7219 submitted with the 13 Incident Package." Id. at DOJ000001364. 14 00. DPW, EOP, 58 years old 192. Attached hereto as Exhibit 48 is a true and correct copy of a declaration 15 from Armstrong and Coleman class member signed on January 6, 2020. 16 17 According to the declaration, on or around November 5, 2018, Mr. 193. 18 observed staff assault a Coleman class member in mental health crisis outside of Building 19 1 on Facility A. Ex. 48, ¶¶ 9-13. One officer – Officer 1 – charged at and tackled the man 20 before two other officers piled on. $Id., \P 12$. Officer 1 then began kicking the man in his face and ribs about six or seven times while screaming at the man, "You're a bitch, yeah, 21 22 you motherfucker." Id., ¶ 13. Other officers had to physically restrain Officer 1. Id. 23 When the victim returned to Facility A, he had bruises all over his face. $Id., \P 14$ 24 194. Mr. also observed Officer instruct incarcerated people 25 who worked for him to assault other incarcerated people. Id., ¶¶ 16-17. Prior to these incidents, Mr. give extra privileges to the people 26 observed Officer 27 working for him, including additional food and allowing them to violate prison rules 28 without facing punishment. Id., \P 20. Case No. C94 2307 CW 45 DECL. OF M. FREEDMAN ISO MOTION TO STOP DEFS. FROM ASSAULTING, ABUSING & RETALIATING AGAINST PEOPLE W/ DISABILITIES AT R.J. DONOVAN CORR. FACILITY



that the officers were assaulting the class member. *Id.* When the class member returned to
 Building 6 a few days later, he was wearing a cast on his arm. *Id.*

199. Mr. also observed Officer abuse a person in Building 6
over a two week period in 2019. *Id.*, ¶ 24. Nearly every day, Officer would leave
a particular incarcerated person cuffed in a holding cage for the entirety of his shift. *Id.*The incarcerated person often urinated on himself, leaving a puddle of urine in the cage at
the end of the shift. *Id.*

DPW, ICF¹⁷, 55 years old SS. 8 9 200. Attached hereto as **Exhibit 50** is a true and correct copy of a declaration 10 from Armstrong and Coleman class member signed on January 1, 2020. 11 Attached hereto as **Exhibit 50a** are true and correct copies of excerpts of documents 12 corroborating Mr. declaration. Attached hereto as Exhibit 50c is a true and 13 correct copy of a note from Mr. medical file. 14 201. According to the exhibits, on May 7, 2018, during a dispute regarding 15 bagged lunch, Officer grabbed Mr. wheelchair and tipped it over, throwing Mr. to the ground. Ex. 50, \P 9. Officer cuffed Mr. 16 and 17 who was motionless on the ground because he is paralyzed. Id., then sat on Mr. by his hair and, pulling him up by his 18 ¶ 10. Officer then yanked Mr. 19 iacket collar, and placed him in his wheelchair. Id., ¶ 11. Officer took to the gym where he pulled Mr. t-shirt over his head and then 20 Mr. 21 started to punch him in the torso, face, and stomach as he called Mr. a "faggot" and a "piece of shit." *Id.*, ¶ 13. Officers and joined in at some point and 22 23 used so much force against Mr. that he thought they were going to kill him. Id., ¶ 15. The assault was witnessed in part by class member declarant 24 See 25 Ex. 29, ¶ 17 & Ex. A, at 6-7. 26 ¹⁷ At the time of the incidents described in his declaration, Mr. was in the EOP program. He is now housed in an inpatient, intermediate care facility for mental health 27 reasons. 28 Case No. C94 2307 CW 47 DECL. OF M. FREEDMAN ISO MOTION TO STOP DEFS. FROM ASSAULTING, ABUSING & RETALIATING

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202. After the incident, Mr. was thrown into a holding cage without his 1 2 wheelchair and stripped naked. Ex. 50, \P 17. For the next three and a half hours, he was 3 left without any medical attention. Id., ¶ 18. Because Officers and were standing right there when medical staff did arrive, Mr. stated that nothing 4 was ultimately charged with battery on a peace officer for 5 happened. Id. Mr. allegedly throwing a bag lunch at Officer and 365 days were added to his sentence. 6 *Id.*, \P 23. In the days following the incident, Mr. 7 told medical staff that he had 8 been assaulted, and his injuries were documented. Exhibit 50a, at 1-5. 9 mental health deteriorated after the assault and its 203. Mr. 10 consequences, leading to a May 14, 2019 suicide attempt and placement in an inpatient 11 psychiatric program for subsequent weeks. Id., ¶ 24; Ex. 50c. While waiting to be 12 transported to the hospital after cutting his wrists, Mr. told a clinician, "I just 13 want to go to sleep, I just want to die.... I got beat up by officers on the yard, look at my bruises.... I can't do it anymore." Id. 14 15 204. Plaintiffs reported on Mr. allegations in their Armstrong March 2019 Monitoring Tour Report. Ex. 73, at 3. Defendants' response indicated that 16 allegations were not confirmed but did not provide any explanation for this 17 Mr. 18 determination. Ex. 73, at 4. 19 205. Documents produced by Defendants, true and correct copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibit 50b, include an 1824 dated May 22, 2018 reporting that Officer 20 21 had thrown Mr. from his wheelchair on May 7, 2018 and then took his 22 wheelchair gloves and seat cushion. Ex. 50b, at 5. Defendants opened a non-compliance 23 inquiry regarding the DME-related allegation and concluded it could not be confirmed. 24 *Id.*, Ex. 50b, at 1-3. No inquiry was conducted into Mr. allegation that Officer 25 flipped him out of his wheelchair. Id. Months later, a review of how RJD staff 26 handled his 1824 completed by the Non-Compliance Review Committee found no areas of 27 concern even though the central allegation – that he was thrown from his wheelchair by 28 Officer - was never addressed. Ex. 50b, at 7. Case No. C94 2307 CW 48 DECL. OF M. FREEDMAN ISO MOTION TO STOP DEFS. FROM ASSAULTING, ABUSING & RETALIATING

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1	206. Mr. also witnessed events relevant to the staff assault that
2	contributed to the death of <i>Coleman</i> class member in November 2018. Ex.
3	50, ¶¶ 26-27. The circumstances surrounding Mr. death is discussed at
4	Paragraphs 10-11, <i>supra</i> .
5	207. In April 2018, Mr. witnessed staff push a person, Mr. up
6	against the wall so hard that it appeared that they broke his jaw. Ex. 50, \P 28. The next
7	day, Mr. was attacked by a group of prisoners. <i>Id.</i>
8	208. In July 2018, Mr. witnessed Officer shoot a person known as
9	"the in the face following an attack on the by two incarcerated people. $Id.$, ¶ 29. The
10	day before, Mr. saw one of assailants talking to Officer <i>Id.</i> He
11	heard Officer say something to the effect of, "Just stay out of the way so I don't hit
12	you." Id.
13	TT. DPW ¹⁸ , EOP, 41 years old
14	209. Attached hereto as Exhibit 51 is a true and correct copy of a declaration
15	from transgender Armstrong and Coleman class member signed on signed on
16	January 7, 2020. Attached hereto as Exhibit 51a are true and correct excerpts of copies of
17	documents corroborating Ms. declaration.
18	210. According to the exhibits, on February 4, 2019, Ms. approached
19	Officer to ask to speak with a mental health clinician because she was having safety
20	concerns. Ex. 51, ¶ 9. Officer responded, "I don't give a damn. Go handle your
21	business." Id. Ms. continued to decompensate due to her safety concerns, resulting
22	in her slicing her arm deeply from her hand to her inner elbow. $Id., \P 11$. Ms.
23	laceration required 31 stitches. Id., ¶ 12; Ex. 51a, at 1-2.
24	211. After Ms. filed a 602 against Officer he told her, "Am I
25	supposed to give a fuck if you kill yourself? If you didn't already have a razor, I would
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27	¹⁸ At the time of the incidents described in her declaration, Ms. was designated DPO.
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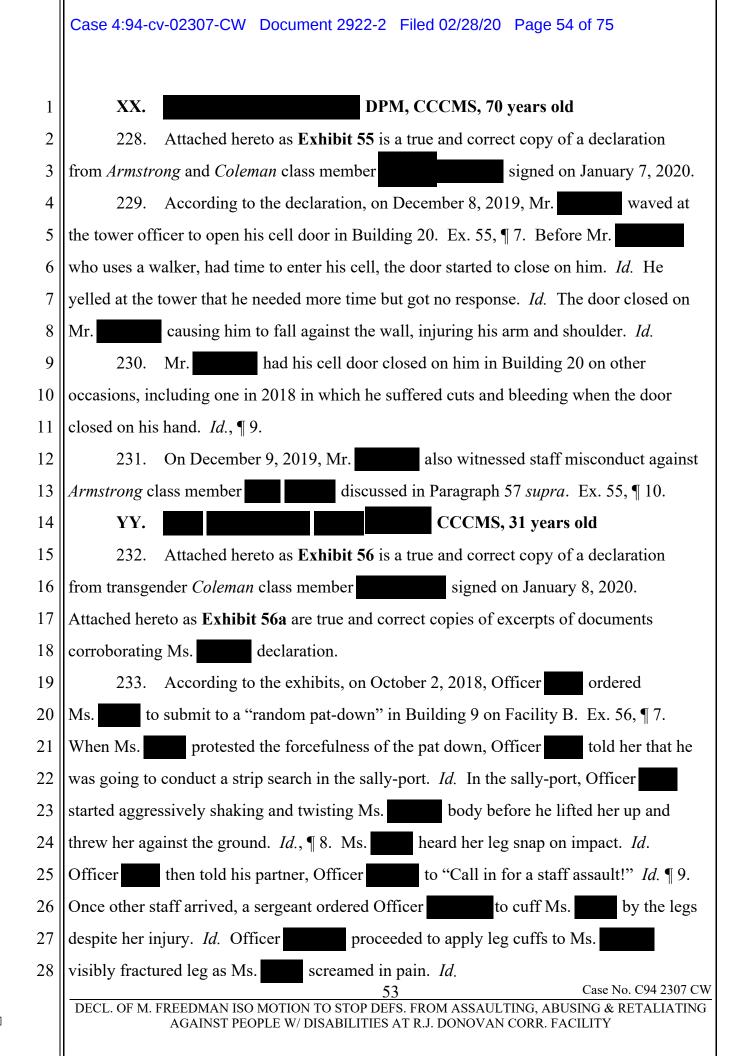
have given you one to kill yourself." Ex. 51, ¶ 15. On February 20, 2019, Officer 1 2 denied Ms. toilet paper in spite of her incontinence. Id., ¶ 16. On February 23, 3 2019, a friend told Ms. that Officer was attempting to contract with also spoke about incarcerated people to have Ms. assaulted. Id., ¶ 19. Ms. 4 5 her fear of Officer ongoing misconduct with class member declarant 6 See Ex. 49, ¶ 25. 7 212. Ms. also witnessed events relevant to the staff assault that contributed 8 to the death of Coleman class member in November 2018. *Id.*, ¶¶ 24-26. 9 death is discussed at Paragraphs 10-11, The circumstances surrounding Mr. 10 supra. On June 28, 2019, Plaintiffs' counsel sent a letter to Defendants, a true and 11 213. 12 correct copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit 51b**, requesting an investigation into 13 the February 4, 2019 incident and any subsequent retaliation faced by Ms. On January 9, 2020, Defendants sent a letter, a true and correct copy of which is attached 14 15 hereto as **Exhibit 51c** (extraneous Attachments to letter omitted), indicating that Defendants "cannot confirm that any of these allegations occurred." Exhibit 51c, at 2. 16 17 Documents produced by Defendants, true and correct copies of which are 214. 18 attached hereto as **Exhibit 51d**, indicate that two incarcerated people were interviewed as 19 witnesses during the inquiry into Ms. February 4, 2019 allegation. Ex. 51d, at 20 DOJ00003685. These documents do not address allegations from Plaintiffs' letter that 21 Officer used disrespectful and demeaning language after learning that she filed a 602; that Officer denied her toilet paper; and that Officer was attempting to 22 23 pay other people to have Ms. assaulted. Id., DOJ00003685-3689. UU. 24 DPO, 57 years old 25 Attached hereto as **Exhibit 52** is a true and correct copy of a declaration 215. from Armstrong class member 26 signed on January 7, 2020. 27 216. According to the declaration, on November 2019, Mr. witnessed officers in Facility A dining hall assault a transgender prisoner, Ms. 28 (nicknamed Case No. C94 2307 CW DECL. OF M. FREEDMAN ISO MOTION TO STOP DEFS. FROM ASSAULTING, ABUSING & RETALIATING AGAINST PEOPLE W/ DISABILITIES AT R.J. DONOVAN CORR. FACILITY

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1 "Addicted"). Ex. 52, ¶ 8. The officers threw her to the ground, jumped on her, kneed her and roughed her up for about five minutes because she refused to tuck her shirt in. Id. 2 3 Coleman class member declarant Donovan also witnessed the assault on 4 *See* Ex. 34, ¶ 15. Ms. 5 217. Sometime in mid-2019, Mr. witnessed an officer grab Mr. an elderly incarcerated person housed in Building 9, and throw him violently to the ground 6 7 after Mr. had cursed at him. *Id.*, \P 9. 8 218. Mr. witnessed other types of staff misconduct on Facility B, including: 9 apparent extortion of incarcerated people by officers; officers claiming publicly that certain incarcerated people are child molesters, placing them at great risk of assault; and 10 11 staff allowing fights to occur between incarcerated persons. *Id.*, ¶¶ 10-12. VV. 12 DPW, 76 years old 13 219. Attached hereto as **Exhibit 53** is a true and correct copy of a declaration 14 from Armstrong class member signed on January 7, 2020. 15 220. According to the declaration, on December 19, 2016, Officer conducted a search of Mr. cell whereby he destroyed property and then left the 16 property, including a mattress, strewn across the cell floor. Ex. 53, ¶¶ 6, 8. Mr. 17 а 18 full-time wheelchair user, was trapped in his cell and unable to move his wheelchair 19 because property was covering the floor. Id. For the next three days, Mr. was 20 forced to sleep on the floor because he could not move his mattress onto his bed due to his disability. Id., ¶¶ 9-14. During that time, staff refused to provide him with any assistance 21 22 in restoring his cell to a wheelchair-accessible condition. Id. After Mr. filed a 23 602 staff misconduct appeal against Officer Officer again trashed cell. *Id.*, ¶ 16. 24 Mr. 25 In February or March 2019, Mr. witnessed five to seven officers 221. brutally beat an incarcerated person on the Facility B yard. Id., ¶ 19. The officers used 26 27 pepper spray and batons to assault the person as he lay on the ground and not resisting. Id. 28 Case No. C94 2307 CW 51 DECL. OF M. FREEDMAN ISO MOTION TO STOP DEFS. FROM ASSAULTING, ABUSING & RETALIATING AGAINST PEOPLE W/ DISABILITIES AT R.J. DONOVAN CORR. FACILITY

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When the person returned to RJD a few days later, his face was bruised, his eye socket was 1 broken, and he had multiple stitches in his right eyebrow and lips. Id., \P 20. 2 3 222. In early 2018, Mr. witnessed an officer in the Facility B dining hall assault and pepper spray a person for no apparent reason. $Id., \P 23$. 4 5 WW. CCCMS, 30 years old Attached hereto as Exhibit 54 is a true and correct copy of a declaration 223. 6 7 from Coleman class member signed on January 7, 2020. 8 224. According to the declaration, on or around April 24, 2019, Mr. 9 witnessed events relevant to the staff assault on in Building 2 on 10 Facility A. Ex. 54, ¶¶ 5-19. The incident involving Mr. is discussed at 11 Paragraphs 238-242, infra. 12 On or around November 18, 2018, Mr. witnessed staff assault 225. in Building 2 on Facility A. Ex. 54, ¶¶ 20-22. The incident involving Mr. 13 is 14 discussed at Paragraph 78, supra. 15 witnessed Officers and 226. In June 2019, Mr. respond to an ongoing fight involving and another incarcerated person. Ex. 54, ¶ 23. 16 were striking Mr. with their batons even after Mr. 17 Officers and 18 had gotten down on the ground in compliance with their orders. Id. Officer hit 19 Mr. in the head with so much force that his baton broke on impact. Id. On May 21, 2016, Mr. observed an ongoing fight on the yard of 227. 20 Facility A. Id., \P 24. After the alarm was sounded – and while Mr. 21 was on the ground and fully compliant – Officer began striking him forcefully with a baton. Id., 22 23 ¶ 26. Officer only stopped when another officer intervened. *Id.* Mr. believes that Officer took that opportunity to strike him during an incident on the 24 25 yard, even though Mr. was not involved in the incident, because he had filed a 602 staff misconduct grievance against Officer *Id.*, ¶¶ 29-30. 26 27 28 Case No. C94 2307 CW DECL. OF M. FREEDMAN ISO MOTION TO STOP DEFS. FROM ASSAULTING, ABUSING & RETALIATING AGAINST PEOPLE W/ DISABILITIES AT R.J. DONOVAN CORR. FACILITY



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1	234. Staff then forced her to walk to the ambulance and at the ambulance, refused
2	to help her climb in. $Id.$, ¶ 10. After being transferred to an outside hospital, Ms.
3	was diagnosed with fractures in both the tibia and fibula of her left leg, necessitating the
4	surgical installation of a plate and several screws. Id., ¶¶ 11-12; Ex. 56a, at 1-4. For
5	nearly three months after the incident, Ms. was housed in the Correctional
6	Treatment Center ("CTC"). Ex. 56a, at 6-7. Ms. was found guilty of an RVR for
7	battery on a peace officer following this incident. Ex. 56, ¶ 10. The assault exacerbated
8	Ms. existing mental illness. Id., ¶ 17; Ex. 56a, at 9. Ms. received physical
9	therapy for her leg through November 2019. Ex. 56a, at 11.
10	235. In November 2019, Ms. was told that Officer granted two
11	people permission to assault her, telling them, "Do it. I don't like anyway." Ex. 56,
12	¶ 18. Two days later, two incarcerated people assaulted Ms. on the dayroom floor
13	of Building 12 while Officer and Officer watched. Id.
14	236. In June or July 2019, Ms. saw officers assault an older incarcerated
15	Coleman class member who refused to enter his cell. Id., \P 19. Officer and
16	another officer slammed the class member into the ground and beat him with closed fists
17	and batons for about three to four minutes. Id.
18	ZZ. DLT, DNH, EOP, 64 years old
19	237. Attached hereto as Exhibit 57 is a true and correct copy of a declaration
20	from Armstrong and Coleman class member signed on January 7, 2020.
21	Attached hereto as Exhibit 57a are true and correct copies of excerpts of documents
22	corroborating Mr. declaration.
23	238. According to the exhibits and declarations from multiple other incarcerated
24	people, on April 24, 2019, at around 5:00 p.m., Mr. was assaulted in the sally-
25	port of Building 2 by Officers A. A. and and who broke his arm and
26	jaw. Ex. 57, ¶pp 8, 10. Prior to the assault, Officer the control tower officer, kept
27	Mr. locked in his cell in Building 2 while he released all other incarcerated
28	people for dinner and ensured that no incarcerated people remained in the dayroom. <i>Id.</i> , 54 Case No. C94 2307 CW
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¶ 7; Ex. 11, ¶ 30; Ex. 16, ¶ 6; Ex. 23, ¶ 23; Ex. 24, ¶¶ 7-11; Ex. 54, ¶¶ 5-6. Officer 1 then released Mr. *Id.* When Mr. passed through one of the 2 3 sallyport gates, Officer closed the gate behind Mr. $Id., \P 8$. Officers 4 and then rushed into the sally-port, trapping Mr. between them and the gate. *Id.*, ¶ 8; Ex. 24, ¶¶ 12-13; Ex. 54, ¶¶ 7-8. Officer 5 threatened Mr. telling him, "I'm gonna kick your ass," as the officers closed in 6 on him. *Id.* When Officer attempted to assume a fighting position but inadvertently 7 slipped, the two other officers started kicking Mr. **In the chest**, throwing him to 8 the ground. *Id.* Once Officer stood up, he began punching Mr. 9 in the face stomped on him. Id. During the assault, Officer 10 as Officer watched but failed to intervene, and Officer was seen by Mr. filming the incident 11 on a cell phone from the control tower. *Id.*, \P 9. 12 13 239. At no point did Mr. receive an RVR or any other form of discipline in connection with the incident. Id., ¶ 12; Ex. 57a, at 1. At no time during the assault did 14 15 staff use their radios to call for assistance nor their personal alarm devices. Ex. 57, ¶ 12. 16 240. Mr. who was bleeding and had a broken arm, requested medical and another officer had help from Nurse who refused stating that Officer 17 18 instructed her to deny Mr. a medical pass. *Id.* ¶ 15. 19 At around 7:00 p.m., when the building opened up for evening dayroom, 241. again refused Mr. 20 medical attention. Id., ¶ 17. When Nurse 21 asked Officer Officer stated to him, "You shouldn't have Mr. been talking shit" and "nothing happened, so you don't need medical care." Id., ¶ 18. In 22 23 response to other incarcerated people such as declarants obtain medical treatment, Officer 24 and attempting to help Mr. 25 ordered Mr. into his cell claiming that he was inciting a riot. *Id.*; Ex. 11, ¶¶ 31-34; Ex. 16, ¶¶ 10-14; Ex. 54, ¶¶ 9-16; Ex. 57, ¶ 12. At around 8:30 p.m., Officer 26 27 told Mr. he was supposed to take him to the TTA but Mr. denied 28 Case No. C94 2307 CW 55 DECL. OF M. FREEDMAN ISO MOTION TO STOP DEFS. FROM ASSAULTING, ABUSING & RETALIATING AGAINST PEOPLE W/ DISABILITIES AT R.J. DONOVAN CORR. FACILITY

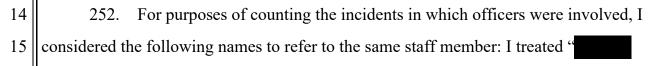
out of fear that Officer would assault him as a result of prior negative experiences
 with this officer. *Id.*, ¶ 20; Ex. 57a, at 3.

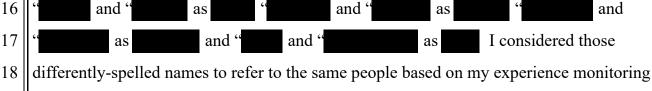
3 242. Finally, at around 1:00 a.m. on April 25, 2019, about eight hours after the incident itself, a nurse escorted him to the TTA, where medical staff treated and 4 5 documented his injuries. Ex. 57, ¶ 21; Ex. 57a, at 6-9. Later, he reported the incident to his mental health clinician. Ex. 57, ¶ 22; Ex. 57a, at 10. In the ensuing weeks, 6 7 was diagnosed with a broken arm and a broken jaw. Ex. 57, ¶ 21; Ex. 57a, at Mr. 8 12-16. As of his most recent orthopedic consultation in October 2019, nearly six months 9 arm is "slowly" healing with a visible fracture line still after the incident, Mr. 10 faintly visible. Ex. 57, ¶ 24; Ex. 57a, at 18-19. In addition, Mr. mental illness 11 has worsened as a result of this incident. Ex. 57, ¶ 24; Ex. 57a, at 21. 12 On May 31, 2019, Plaintiffs' counsel sent an advocacy letter, a true and 243. 13 correct copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit 57b**, to Defendants requesting an investigation into Mr. allegations. On July 12, 2019, Plaintiffs' counsel sent a 14 15 supplemental letter, a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit 57c**, providing additional information and witnesses relevant to the allegation. Nearly seven 16 months later, on December 30, 2019, Defendants provided a status update letter, a true and 17 18 correct copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit 57d**, indicating that an inquiry into the 19 allegations was completed after the receipt of Plaintiffs' May 31, 2019 letter but before receipt of Plaintiffs' July 12, 2019 letter. The inquiry resulted in a July 17, 2019 referral to 20 21 the OIA, which opened an official investigation on August 14, 2019. Ex. 57d, at 1. 22 DPM, EOP, 63 years old AAA. 23 244. Attached hereto as **Exhibit 58** is a true and correct copy of a declaration 24 from Armstrong and Coleman class member signed on December 16, 2019. 25 Attached hereto as Exhibit 58a are true and correct excerpts of copies of documents 26 corroborating Mr. declaration. 27 According to the exhibits, on July 6, 2018, Mr. was forcefully 245. 28 searched by an officer outside of the Facility C dining hall after Mr. asked the Case No. C94 2307 CW DECL. OF M. FREEDMAN ISO MOTION TO STOP DEFS. FROM ASSAULTING, ABUSING & RETALIATING AGAINST PEOPLE W/ DISABILITIES AT R.J. DONOVAN CORR. FACILITY

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officer if he could refill the Kool-Aid. Ex. 58, ¶ 12. During the search, the officer grabbed 1 2 Mr. walker and threw it several feet away, and then grabbed and broke his 3 glasses. *Id.*; Ex. 58a, at 1-2. The officer then removed Mr. shoes, shirt, and pants, forcing him to walk back to his housing unit in only a shirt and underwear. Ex. 58, 4 5 experienced mental health decompensation after this incident, including ¶ 13. Mr. suicidal ideation. Id., ¶ 14. After speaking with his clinician about the incident, 6 7 was placed in a mental health crisis bed. Id.; Ex. 58a, at 4. Mr. 8 246. Mr. witnessed Officer and another officer in Building 14 drag 9 a transgender person back to her cell after she reported feeling suicidal. Ex. 58, ¶ 16. 10 Later that day, the person was yelling that she had cut herself, but staff ignored her. Id. 11 The next morning, officers escorted the person, whose wrists were bandaged, out of the unit. Id. 12 13 247. In the first half of 2018, Mr. frequently saw Officers and 14 allow incarcerated people to fight while they stood by and watched. Id., \P 17. 15 **ANALYSIS OF DECLARATIONS** II. 16 I reviewed all fifty-four declarations to determine the number of staff 248. misconduct incidents the declarants described. For purposes of counting the incidents of 17 18 staff misconduct, I considered a continuing course of misconduct to count as one incident 19 of misconduct. For example, if a class member was assaulted by staff and then subjected 20 to retaliation for filing a staff complaint about the assault, I counted those events as only 21 one staff misconduct incident. This methodology is conservative. CDCR policy would treat the above example as involving at least two separate instances of misconduct for 22 23 which an employee could face discipline. Using this conservative methodology, I 24 determined that the class member declarations describe well over one hundred discrete 25 incidents of staff misconduct. 26 249. I reviewed each declarations and created a tally of every incident described 27 in the declarations as well as the names of officers involved in each incident. I determined 28 that the declarations describe by name eighty-nine unique officers involved in misconduct. Case No. C94 2307 CW 250. In my review, I determined that the declarations also included information
 about dozens of officers who perpetrated staff misconduct against class members but for
 whom the declarants did not know the names of the officers. For that reason, the number
 of officers involved in misconduct against class members at RJD likely exceeds eightynine
 by a great deal.

I also made a list of the officers who the declarants identified by name as 251. 6 7 being involved in misconduct, as well as the number of staff misconduct incidents in 8 which each named officer was involved. In compiling this information, I only included 9 officers who engaged in acts or omissions that resulted in harm to an incarcerated person. 10 I did not include officers who were bystanders to incidents of excessive and/or unnecessary uses of force. I also made sure that each incident associated with an officer 11 12 was unique to avoid double-counting in cases where multiple declarations described the 13 same incident.





RJD, my knowledge of the officers involved in misconduct at RJD, and information aboutstate employee salaries available on transparentcalifornia.com.

21 253. Through this analysis, I determined that thirty-nine officers were identified
22 as having participated in more than one incident of staff misconduct. The following
23 officers were involved in the number of incidents indicated in parentheses:

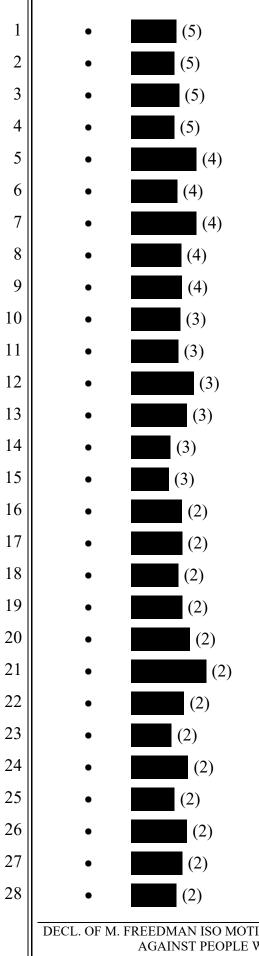


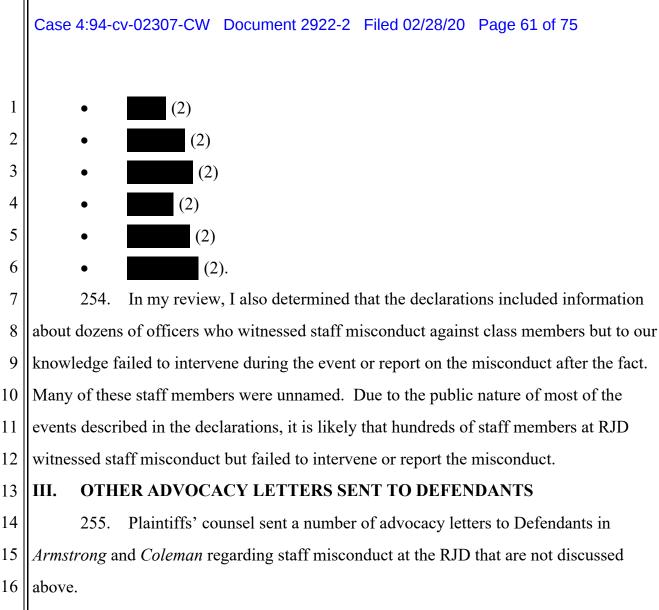
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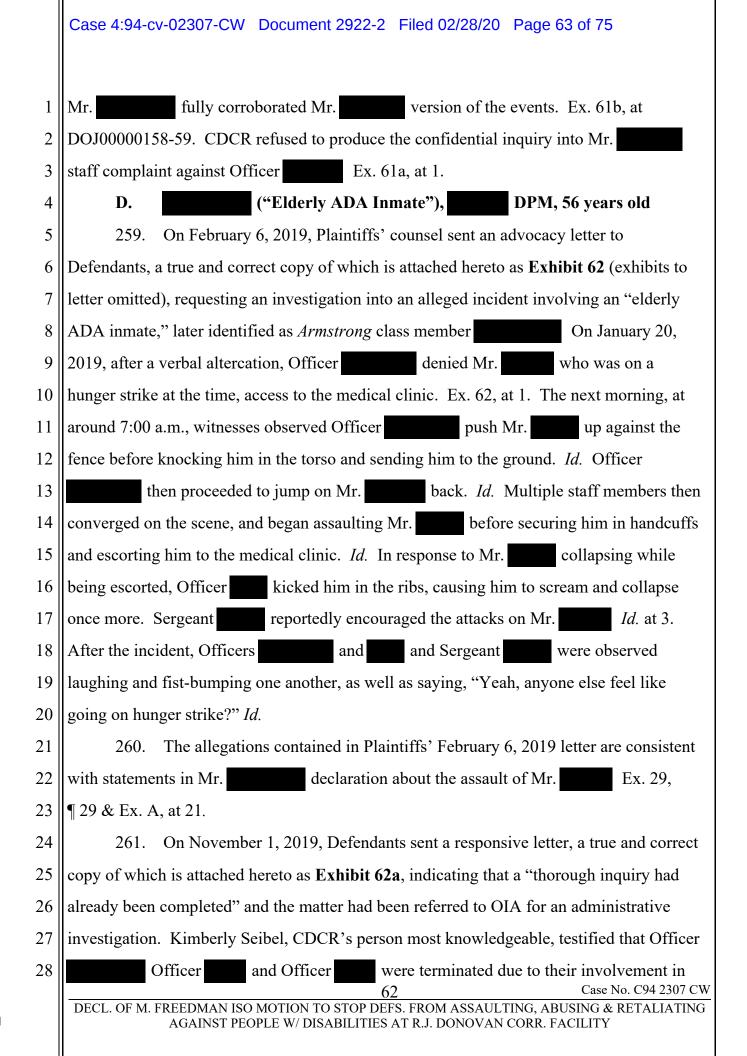
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Unknown EOP Person

18 256. On November 14, 2017, Plaintiffs' counsel sent an advocacy letter to 19 Defendants, a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 59, requesting 20 an investigation into allegations of staff misconduct in Building 15, a housing unit for 21 incarcerated people with serious mental illness. Class member declarant 22 reported to Plaintiffs' counsel that, sometime in the early part of 2017, after a verbal 23 altercation, Sergeant dragged a person (name unknown) by his feet down a flight 24 of stairs, banging the person's head on the steps along the way. Ex. 59, at 1. Multiple 25 class members reported witnessing this incident, but only Mr. was comfortable 26reporting the allegation. Id. Defendants have not responded to the allegations contained in 27 Plaintiffs' November 14, 2017 letter.

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1 2	B. DPM old;
3	257. On March 2, 2018, Plaintiffs' counsel sent an advocacy letter to Defendants,
4	a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 60 (exhibits to letter
5	omitted), requesting an investigation into allegations of staff misconduct made by
6	Armstrong and Coleman class members and and Coleman class
7	member during a July 14, 2017 incident in Building 14 on Facility C. In
8	the letter, Plaintiffs' counsel alleged that Officer Officer of And Officer and Officer
9	used excessive and unnecessary force against Mr. , Mr. and
10	Mr. to prevent them from reporting the excessive use of force against another
11	incarcerated person. Ex. 60, at 2-4. Defendants have not yet responded to Plaintiffs'
12	July 14, 2017 letter.
13	C. DPO, 65 years old
14	258. On March 14, 2018, Plaintiffs' counsel sent an advocacy letter to
15	Defendants, a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 61 (exhibits to
16	letter omitted), requesting an investigation into a December 6, 2017 incident involving
17	Armstrong class member who used a wheelchair intermittently at the time.
18	In the letter, Plaintiffs' counsel alleged that Officer forced Mr. to stand
19	without any assistive devices during a body search conducted in an occupied dayroom.
20	Ex. 61, at 1. Plaintiffs' also alleged that Officer pulled Mr. pants down
21	during the search. Id. Following the search, Mr. was reportedly made to walk
22	without assistance to collect his wheelchair and cane. Id. On June 12, 2018, Defendants
23	sent a responsive letter, a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 61a
24	(Attachments to letter omitted), indicating that Mr.
25	reviewed according to the Armstrong accountability protocol, which found that no
26	violation of CDCR policy had occurred. Ex. 61a, at 1. Documents produced by
27	Defendants in the course of this litigation, true and correct copies of which are attached
28	hereto as Exhibit 61b , show that at least one of the witnesses interviewed during inquiry, 61 Case No. C94 2307 CW DECL. OF M. FREEDMAN ISO MOTION TO STOP DEFS. FROM ASSAULTING, ABUSING & RETALIATING AGAINST PEOPLE W/ DISABILITIES AT R.J. DONOVAN CORR. FACILITY



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the incident involving Mr. Ex. 83, at 67:16-18. She further testified that video 1 2 surveillance was used to determine that the officers' reports of force were inconsistent with 3 the force actually used and the injuries sustained by Mr. *Id.* at 67:1-6. Exhibit 11 to the Deposition of Patricia Ramos, a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as 4 5 Exhibit 62b, is the investigation reports from OIA regarding their investigation into the incident involving Mr. The reports indicate that Officer claimed in his 6 threw himself on the ground in a forward motion without 7 incident report "that 8 ever making any physical contact with them." Ex. 62b, at 11. Investigators who reviewed the video surveillance found that Officer 9 "grabbed 10 by his back and shoulder area, throwing him to the ground [out of his walker]." Id. stated that he used force because 11 at 2. In interviews with investigators, Officer 12 "he was in fear for his life....and deemed [an imminent threat." Id. at 10. All three 13 officers involved in the incident were found by the OIA investigation to have submitted false reports. Ex. 83, at 69:9-11. 14 DNH, 36 years old 15 E. 262. On February 26, 2019, Plaintiffs' counsel sent an advocacy letter to 16 Defendants, a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 63, requesting 17 18 an investigation into allegations of staff misconduct raised by Armstrong class member 19 who claimed that Officer retaliated against him for filing a staff misconduct lawsuit. Attached hereto as Exhibit 63a are true and correct excerpts of 20 21 copies of documents related to Mr. allegations. The letter alleged that, on 22 December 14, 2018, Officers and intentionally slammed the food port on 23 Mr. hands in Building 7 after Mr. had asked them for copies of his legal 24 mail, resulting in a fracture in his hand. Ex. 63, at 1; Ex. 63a, at 1-3. Before staff they cited his pending lawsuit against Officer 25 slammed the food port on Mr. 26 Ex. 63, at 1. In a second incident, on December 17, 2018, three officers and Sergeant uffed and shackled Mr. in the building sallyport before 27 28 returning him to his cell. Id. at 1-2. After cuffing and removing his cell mate, Sergeant Case No. C94 2307 CW DECL. OF M. FREEDMAN ISO MOTION TO STOP DEFS. FROM ASSAULTING, ABUSING & RETALIATING AGAINST PEOPLE W/ DISABILITIES AT R.J. DONOVAN CORR. FACILITY

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1 gestured to the tower officer to close the cell door on Mr. neck and 2 chin, causing him to lose feeling and buckle to the ground. Id. at 2. When examined, a 3 custody officer told medical staff that Mr. "got down on his hands and knees ant [sic] put his head in the way and acted like it was struck by door, but never actually made 4 5 contact with the object." Ex. 63a, at 5. This explanation is inconsistent with medical documentation, which indicates that Mr. suffered a neck contusion in relation to 6 this incident. Id. at 8. 7 8 263. On March 15, 2019, Defendants sent a responsive letter, a true and correct

copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 63b, indicating that the allegations contained
in Plaintiffs' February 26, 2019 letter had been forwarded to the Director of the Division of
Adult Institutions. Defendants have not provided any further response to Plaintiffs'
February 26, 2019 letter.

13 F. DPM, EOP, 62 years old 14 On February 28, 2019, Plaintiffs' counsel sent an advocacy letter to 264. 15 Defendants, a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit 64**, requesting an investigation into allegations of staff misconduct raised by Armstrong class member 16 17 Attached hereto as **Exhibit 64a** are true and correct excerpts of copies of 18 documents related to Mr. allegations. The letter alleged that, on June 25, 2018, 19 and H. Officers F. assaulted him after he expressed that he was feeling suicidal and wanted to go to a crisis bed. Ex. 64, at 1. These officers reportedly 20 21 threw him to the ground, and then began kicking, kneeing, and stomping on him. Id. After 22 sounding an alarm, the officers told a psychiatric technician, who had begun administering 23 first aid on Mr. to "just leave him." *Id.* at 2. Mr. was then dragged to the gym and placed in a holding cage, where Officer F. hit him in the back of his head and 24 25 kicked him in his groin. Id. Medical records indicate that Mr. suffered abrasions, scratches, and bleeding from his forehead. Ex. 64a, at 1-2. After the incident, Mr. 26 27 was admitted to a crisis bed. Id. at 4-6. 28 Case No. C94 2307 CW 64 DECL. OF M. FREEDMAN ISO MOTION TO STOP DEFS. FROM ASSAULTING, ABUSING & RETALIATING

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1	265. On December 17, 2019, Defendants sent a responsive letter, a true and
2	correct copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 64b, indicating that, after a "thorough
3	inquiry" had been completed prior to the receipt of Plaintiffs' letter, Defendants found that
4	the allegations raised by Mr. were "not supported by the evidence." Ex. 64b, at 1-2.
5	In making that determination, CDCR relied on staff interviews, a contemporaneous 7219,
6	Mr. 602, and a review conducted by the IERC. Id. Defendants have not produced
7	any documents underlying their determination that Mr. allegations were "not
8	supported by the evidence."
9	G. EOP, 66 years old
10	266. On March 21, 2019, Plaintiffs' counsel sent an advocacy letter to
11	Defendants, a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 65, requesting
12	an investigation into allegations of staff misconduct raised by Armstrong class member
13	The letter alleged that, on March 21, 2019, Officer pushed and
14	prodded Mr. on his way back to his cell. Ex. 65, at 1. In the doorway, Officer
15	pushed Mr. with such force that he fell to the ground, and was unable to get up.
16	267. On July 31, 2019, Defendants sent a responsive letter, a true and correct copy
17	of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 65a, indicating that Mr. allegations were
18	not confirmed. Ex. 65a, at 3.
19	H. EOP, 37 years old
20	268. On October 4, 2019, Plaintiffs' counsel sent an advocacy letter to
21	Defendants, a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 66 (exhibits to
22	letter omitted), requesting an investigation into allegations of staff misconduct raised by
23	Coleman class member True and correct copies of excerpts from
24	Mr. medical and custody records are attached hereto as Exhibit 66a .
25	Contemporaneous medical records indicate that Mr. suffered injuries on his face
26	consistent with forceful strikes to his head. Ex. 66a, at 1.
27	269. The letter alleged that, on May 11, 2018, Officer kicked Mr.
28	twice in the head with extreme force despite the fact that Mr. was already on the Case No. C94 2307 CW
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ground and compliant with officers' orders. Ex. 66, at 2. A CDCR staff psychologist, 1 2 , witnessed the incident and wrote that Mr. was not a threat but that 3 Officer nevertheless used "extreme force" in kicking him twice in the head. Ex. 66, at 3; Ex. 66a, at 6. Mr. was found guilty of an RVR for assaulting staff. Ex. 66, at 4 5 3; Ex. 66a, at 15-30. According to reports attached to the RVR, the supervising Lieutenant claimed that Mr. injuries resulted from Officer slipping on discharged 6 7 pepper spray and "str[iking]" Mr. in the torso. Ex. 66, at 3; Ex. 66a, at 15-30. 8 270. On December 26, 2019, Defendants sent a responsive letter, a true and 9 correct copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit 66b**, indicating that Mr. 10 allegations were sustained after an investigation completed by OIA on April 5, 2019. 11 Later representations from CDCR officials testified that Officer was terminated in 12 relation this allegation, and CDCR relied on the statement of a "clinician witness" to 13 support its decision to terminate Officer Ex. 83, at 66:12-17, 68:1-4. Officer had been implicated in multiple allegations of staff misconduct, more than one of 14 15 which resulted in such allegations being referred by the Hiring Authority to the OIA for an administrative investigation. Id. at 68:9-15 Notably, despite the multiple allegations 16 Officer 17 involving Officer was not placed on administrative time off at any point during any inquiry or investigation into such allegations. Id. at 69:22-70:1. 18 IV. PLAINTIFFS' COUNSEL'S MONITORING REPORTS AND 19 **DEFENDANTS' RESPONSES** 20 Attached hereto as Exhibit 67 is a true and correct excerpted copy of 21 271. 22 Plaintiffs' Report regarding the September 2016 Armstrong monitoring tour of RJD, issued 23 on November 15, 2016. 24 272. Attached hereto as **Exhibit 68** is a true and correct excerpted copy of 25 Defendants' Response to Plaintiffs' Report regarding the September 2016 Armstrong 26 monitoring tour of RJD, issued by Defendants on February 17, 2017. 27 28 Case No. C94 2307 CW 66 DECL. OF M. FREEDMAN ISO MOTION TO STOP DEFS. FROM ASSAULTING, ABUSING & RETALIATING AGAINST PEOPLE W/ DISABILITIES AT R.J. DONOVAN CORR. FACILITY

273. Attached hereto as Exhibit 69 is a true and correct excerpted copy of
 Plaintiffs' Report regarding the April 2017 *Armstrong* monitoring tour of RJD, issued on
 May 26, 2017.

4 274. Attached hereto as Exhibit 70 is a true and correct excerpted copy of
5 Defendants' Response to Plaintiffs' Report regarding the April 2017 *Armstrong*6 monitoring tour of RJD, issued by Defendants on April 17, 2018.

7 275. Attached hereto as Exhibit 71 is a true and correct excerpted copy of
8 Plaintiffs' Report regarding the October 2017 *Armstrong* monitoring tour of RJD, issued
9 on November 14, 2017.

10 276. Attached hereto as Exhibit 72 is a true and correct excerpted copy of
11 Defendants' Response to Plaintiffs' Report regarding the October 2017 *Armstrong*12 monitoring tour of RJD, issued by Defendants on August 21, 2018.

13 277. Attached hereto as Exhibit 73 is a true and correct excerpted copy of
14 Plaintiffs' Report regarding the March 2019 *Armstrong* monitoring tour of RJD, issued on
15 May 3, 2019.

16 278. Attached hereto as Exhibit 74 is a true and correct excerpted copy of
17 Defendants' Response to Plaintiffs' Report regarding the March 2019 *Armstrong*18 monitoring tour of RJD, issued by Defendants on January 24, 2020.

19 V. ANALYSIS OF PRIOR ADVOCACY AND DAI EMPLOYEE NON-COMPLIANCE LOGS

21 279. I also reviewed Plaintiffs' *Armstrong* monitoring tour reports and advocacy
22 letters to count the number of discrete misconduct incidents of which Plaintiffs' counsel
23 have notified Defendants. I used the same conservative counting method as described
24 above. I considered a continuing course of misconduct to count as one incident of
25 misconduct. For example, if a class member was assaulted by staff and then subjected to
26 retaliation for filing a staff complaint about the assault, I counted those events as only one
27 staff misconduct incident. Using this methodology, Plaintiffs' counsel shared with

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Defendants fifty-four discrete allegations of staff misconduct involving *Armstrong* class
 members in tour reports and letters from September 2016 through December 2019.

280. I have reviewed all DAI Employee Non-Compliance Logs ("Accountability
Logs") for the months of September 2016 through December 2019, which is the most
recent log produced to Plaintiffs' counsel by Defendants. True and correct copies of these
logs are attached hereto as Exhibit 75. In that period, CDCR did not log the following
twelve *Armstrong*-related allegations of staff misconduct raised in Plaintiffs' counsel's
advocacy letters and tour reports:

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9	•	Plaintiffs' October 23, 2019 advocacy letter alleged that Officer
10		orchestrated a physical assault on Armstrong class member in
11		retaliation for filing disability-related 602s. Ex. 41b.
12	•	Plaintiffs' July 12, 2019 advocacy letter alleged that an unknown ISU officer
13		assaulted Armstrong class member and attempted to cuff him
14		in violation of his valid, disability-related front-cuffing chrono. Ex. 11b.
15	•	Plaintiffs' June 28, 2019 advocacy letter alleged that Officer denied
16		accommodations to Armstrong class member after
17		Ms. filed a staff complaint against him. Ex. 51b.
18	•	Plaintiffs' May 24, 2019 letter alleged that Officer Officer
19		and Sergeant A. assaulted <i>Armstrong</i> class member Lee
20		before denying Mr. his wheelchair, telling him to, "shut the fuck up,
21		rat," and forcing him to walk 200 yards without any assistive devices. Ex.
22		47b.
23	•	Plaintiffs' April 18, 2019 letter alleged that Officer grabbed
24		Armstrong class member hand and cane and caused him to
25		become unsteady before slamming his head into a table. Ex. 27b.
26	•	Plaintiffs' February 26, 2019 letter alleged that officers threw a person out of
27		his walker before jumping on his back. Ex. 62.
28	•	Plaintiffs' January 8, 2019 letter alleged that Officer 68 Case No. C94 2307 CW
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1	orchestrated the assault of <i>Armstrong</i> class member
2	retaliation for participation in the <i>Armstrong</i> joint audit in 2018.
2	Ex. 38b.
4	• Plaintiffs' March 2019 Report alleged that staff trapped <i>Armstrong</i> class
5	member a wheelchair user, in his cell door for 15 minutes.
6	Ex. 73.
7	• Plaintiffs' March 2019 Report alleged that officers flipped Armstrong class
8	member over while he was in his wheelchair on May 7,
9	2018. Ex. 73.
10	• Plaintiffs' October 2017 Report alleged that officers in Building 10
11	commonly close cell doors on people with disabilities. Ex. 71.
12	• Plaintiffs' April 2017 Report alleged that staff make discriminatory remarks
13	to people with disabilities, like "go sit your crippled ass down." Ex. 69.
14	• Plaintiffs' September 2016 Report alleged that officers in Building 8
15	commonly close cell doors on people with disabilities. Ex. 69.
16	281. CDCR did log some of the allegations included in Plaintiffs' counsel's
17	advocacy letters and tour reports. CDCR did not, however, confirm any of those
18	allegations. In addition, in seventeen instances, Defendants failed to initiate inquiries
19	within ten business days of receipt of notice of allegations from Plaintiffs' counsel. In
20	twelve of these instances, more than 120 business days elapsed between Plaintiffs' notice
21	and the initiation of an inquiry by Defendants. In the case of Mr. — who alleged
22	that he was assaulted by staff in response to requesting an accommodation for his disability
23	- a staggering 206 business days elapsed between Plaintiffs' notice and the initiation of an
24	inquiry.
25	282. I also reviewed the Accountability Logs to determine whether any of the
26	allegations of staff misconduct made by people on Facility C who were interviewed by
27	CDCR on December 4-5, 2018 were included on the Logs. Following those interviews,
28	the lead investigator issued a report, which is attached as Exhibit 2, on December 10, 2018. 69 Case No. C94 2307 CW
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On pages 14-17 of the report, the lead investigator included a list of specific allegations of
misconduct raised by forty-eight specific incarcerated people. The list included the
incarcerated persons' names and CDCR numbers. To determine whether CDCR included
any of these allegations on its Accountability Logs, I used the search function in Adobe
Acrobat to search for the CDCR numbers of each of the forty-eight incarcerated people
listed on pages 14-17 of Exhibit 2. My review showed that none of the allegations from
were included on the logs.

8 283. I also reviewed the Accountability Logs to determine the results of 9 investigations into allegations of staff misconduct that Defendants did include on the Logs. 10 For purposes of this review, I only considered log entries that involved the types of staff 11 misconduct at issue in Plaintiffs' motion, including allegations of assaults by officers, 12 assaults by incarcerated people working for officers, officers closing cell doors on people, 13 officers harassing people, officers retaliating against people, and officers using 14 inappropriate language toward people with disabilities. I did not include any other 15 allegations, including allegations solely involving denials of disability accommodations, 16 such as denials of wheelchair pushers, incontinence supplies, or effective communication. 17 From September 2016 to December 2019, Defendants logged thirty-two allegations of staff misconduct of the type at issue in this motion. CDCR confirmed only one such allegation, 18 19 which involved officers closing a cell door on a person. CDCR referred two allegations to OIA. 20

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VI. OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS

22 284. Attached hereto as Exhibit 76 is a true and correct excerpted copy of
23 Plaintiffs' Report regarding the May 2019 *Armstrong* monitoring tour of California State
24 Prison – Los Angeles County ("LAC"), issued on July 16, 2019.

25 285. Attached hereto as Exhibit 77 is a true and correct copy of a letter dated
26 July 23, 2019 from Erin D. Anderson, CDCR Office of Legal Affairs, to Thomas Nolan,
27 Plaintiffs' counsel, responsive to allegations of staff misconduct raised in Plaintiffs' May
28 2019 Report of LAC.

286. Attached hereto as Exhibit 78 is a true and correct copy of a letter with
 exhibits omitted dated April 10, 2019 from Thomas Nolan, Plaintiffs' counsel, to Nicholas
 Weber, Melissa Bentz, Dillon Hockerson, and Jerome Hessick, CDCR Office of Legal
 Affairs, regarding allegations of staff misconduct against *Coleman* class members at LAC.

5 287. Attached hereto as Exhibit 79 is a true and correct copy of four letters dated
6 February 13, 2020 from Alan L. Sobel, CDCR Officer of Legal Affairs, to Thomas Nolan,
7 Plaintiffs' counsel, responsive to Plaintiffs' April 10, 2019 letter.

8 288. Attached hereto as Exhibit 80 is a true and correct copy of a letter dated
9 January 24, 2020 from Margot Mendelson and Amber Norris, Plaintiffs' counsel, to Russa
10 Boyd and Nicholas Weber, CDCR Office of Legal Affairs, regarding allegations of staff
11 misconduct against *Armstrong* class members at California Institution for Women.

12 289. Attached hereto as Exhibit 81 is a true and correct copy of a letter dated
13 February 12, 2020 from Patrick Booth, Plaintiffs' counsel, to Russa Boyd, CDCR Office
14 of Legal Affairs, regarding allegations of staff misconduct against an *Armstrong* class
15 member at California State Prison – Corcoran ("COR"), without the exhibits attached to
16 the letter.

17 290. Attached hereto as Exhibit 82 is a true and correct copy of a letter dated
18 February 14, 2020 from Patrick Booth and Margot Mendelson, Plaintiffs' counsel, to
19 Nicholas Weber, CDCR Office of Legal Affairs, regarding allegations of staff misconduct
20 against a *Coleman* class member at California State Prison – Sacramento ("SAC"), without
21 the exhibits attached to the letter.

22 291. Attached hereto as Exhibit 83 is a true and correct copy of excerpts from the
23 confidential portion of the transcript for the January 29, 2020 deposition of Kimberly A.
24 Seibel, Deputy Director of Facility Operations.

25 292. Attached hereto as Exhibit 84 is a true and correct copy of the transcript for
26 the February 13, 2020 deposition of 2010 and a correct copy of a letter dated
27 293. Attached hereto as Exhibit 85 is a true and correct copy of a letter dated
28 March 27, 2019 from Rita Lomio and Amber Norris, Plaintiffs' counsel, to Russa Boyd, 71 Case No. C94 2307 CW

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CDCR Office of Legal Affairs, regarding allegations of staff misconduct against
 Armstrong class members at SAC.

3 294. Attached hereto as Exhibit 86 is a true and correct excerpted copy of
4 Plaintiffs' Report regarding the April and June 2019 monitoring tour of the Substance
5 Abuse Treatment Facility and State Prison, Corcoran, issued on August 14, 2019.

6 295. Attached hereto as Exhibit 87 is a true and correct excerpted copy of
7 Plaintiffs' Report regarding the August 2019 monitoring tour of SAC issued on
8 January 10, 2020.

9 296. Attached hereto as **Exhibit 88** is a true and correct copy of a declaration 10 from Coleman class member signed on January 8, 2020. 297. According to his declaration, Officer threatened to "beat [Mr. 11 12 ass" on August 3, 2019 in response to Mr. attempts to obtain medical 13 attention for an elderly Armstrong class member who was experiencing a medical emergency. Ex 88, ¶¶ 6-7. On November 21, 2019, Officer refused Mr. 14 access to the mental health services building for an appointment, and then yelled threats 15 and insults at Mr. which made him believe the officer was provoking him to fight. 16 17 *Id.*, ¶ 8.

18 298. On July 1, 2019, I participated in a telephone conference with Ursula Stuter 19 and Russa Boyd (both from the CDCR Office of Legal Affairs), Kimberly Seibel (the then-20 Associate Director over the Reception Center Mission for CDCR headquarters), and Patrick Covello (the then-Acting Warden at RJD). The CDCR participants provided me 21 22 with an update regarding Defendants' efforts to remedy staff misconduct problems at RJD. 23 They stated that these efforts included the hiring of a new captain for Facility C, the hiring 24 of additional sergeants to conduct additional training on second and third watch on 25 Facility C, the redirection of five employees off of Facility C, the replacement of staff in 26 the Investigative Services Unit, changes to the process for collecting appeals on Facility C, 27 the upgrading of existing cameras on Facility C, and the dismissal of three employees for 28 staff misconduct. The CDCR participants also indicated that they were investigating forty-Case No. C94 2307 CW DECL. OF M. FREEDMAN ISO MOTION TO STOP DEFS. FROM ASSAULTING, ABUSING & RETALIATING

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three specific allegations of misconduct discovered during interviews with incarcerated
 people on Facility conducted in December 2018. Lastly, Warden Covello indicated that
 the remaining yards at RJD would be getting camera coverage in FY 2019-20. None of the
 CDCR participants provided any information about the specific findings from the
 December 2018 interviews, including the findings regarding staff abuses of people with
 disabilities. Nor was I informed of the existence of the Bishop or Reports.

299. Some of Plaintiffs' counsel's advocacy letters and Defendants' responses to
those letters were designated by the parties as attorneys' eyes only. In advance of the
filing of this motion, the parties met and conferred regarding those designations and
agreed, on February 24, 2020, that the letters and responses are not attorneys' eyes only
and may be filed in court so long as the parties redact information in accordance with the
existing protective orders in this case.

13 300. Attached hereto as **Exhibit 89** is a true and correct copy of a video, produced by Defendants to Plaintiffs on February 26, 2020. Defendants have informed Plaintiffs 14 15 that this video depicts the January 21, 2019 incident discussed in Paragraph 259, supra, 16 involving At approximately 1:50 in the video, the video shows an 17 officer throwing Mr. to the ground from the seat of his walker. At approximately 18 2:15, the video appears to show officers throwing Mr. to the ground again. 19 Attached hereto as **Exhibit 90** is a true and correct copy of the same video, zoomed in on the area where the officer threw Mr. to the ground. At approximately 0:30 into the 20 zoomed-in video, officers can be seen throwing Mr. to the ground from the seat of 21 his walker. At approximately 0:55 into the video, the video appears to show officers 22 throwing Mr. 23 to the ground again. 111 24 25 /// 26 /// 27 /// 28 111 Case No. C94 2307 CW 73 DECL. OF M. FREEDMAN ISO MOTION TO STOP DEFS. FROM ASSAULTING, ABUSING & RETALIATING AGAINST PEOPLE W/ DISABILITIES AT R.J. DONOVAN CORR. FACILITY

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2	that the foregoing is true and correct, and that this declaration is executed at San Francisco,			
3	California this 27th day of February, 2020.			
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