FILED

04 SEP 16 PM 3: 52

KEVIN V. RYAN (CSBN 118321) United States Attorney JOANN M. SWANSÓN (CSBN 88143) Chief, Civil Division TRACIE L. BROWN (CSBN 184339) Assistant United States Attorney

4

1

2

3

450 Golden Gate Avenue, Box 36055 San Francisco, California 94102-3495 Telephone: (415) 436-6917 FAX: (415) 436-6748

ROBERT-JOHN:FOTI; JOE NEUFELD;

OFFICER McHUGH and other unknown

FEDERAL PROTECTIVE SERVICE,

б

7

5

Attorneys for Defendants

KEN AUGUSTINE,

Plaintiffs,

Defendants.

8

9 10

11

12

13

14

15

number of unnamed officers of the U.S. 16 Marshals Service and the Federal Protective Service; U.S. MARSHALS SERVICE;

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

26

27

28

NTC. OF MTN AND MTN TO DISMISS C 04-2567 PJH

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

No. C 04-2567 PJH

NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION TO DISMISS PLAINTIFFS' **COMPLAINT**

Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2004

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Judge: Honorable Phyllis J. Hamilton

Courtroom 3, 17th Floor



_		
_		

2 3

4

5

6

7

8

9

10 11

12

13 14

15

16

17

18 19

20

21

22 23

24 25

26

27

28

Dismiss.

NOTICE OF MOTION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Defendants hereby move pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure Rule 12(b)(1) and 12(b)(6) for dismissal of the Complaint filed by Plaintiffs Robert-John; Foti, Joe Neufeld and Ken Augustine ("Plaintiffs"). This motion is based upon the Notice of Motion and Memorandum of Points and Authorities contained herein, the Declarations of Gerald Auerbach and Carol Lazzaro, the papers and pleadings on file in this action, and any other matters that the Court may wish to consider. This motion will be heard on October 27, 2004, at 9:00 a.m., before the Honorable Phyllis J. Hamilton, at the United States Courthouse, Courtroom 3, 17th Floor, 450 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California.

RELIEF REQUESTED

Defendants request the dismissal of Plaintiffs' case in its entirety.

ISSUES PRESENTED

- 1. Whether Plaintiffs' tort claims must be dismissed because Plaintiffs have failed to exhaust their mandatory administrative remedies under the Federal Tort Claims Act?
- 2. Whether Plaintiffs' constitutional claims against the U.S. Marshals Service and the Federal Protective Service must be dismissed because such claims cannot be brought against federal agencies?
- Whether Plaintiffs' claims against Officer Timothy McHugh and "other unknown 3. number of unnamed officers of the U.S. Marshals Service and the Federal Protective Services" must be dismissed because these individual Defendants are entitled to qualified immunity?

INTRODUCTION/STATEMENT OF FACTS¹

Plaintiffs' claims arise out of their May 21, 2004 attempt to enter the Phillip Burton Federal Building at 450 Golden Gate Avenue in San Francisco ("Federal Building") without showing any identification, as requested by officers of the U.S. Marshals Service ("USMS") and the Federal Protective Service ("FPS"). Complaint, ¶ 5, 6, 8. Apparently relying on Bivens v. Six Unknown Named Agents of the Federal Bureau of Narcotics, 403 U.S. 388 (1971)

Defendants accept Plaintiffs' allegations solely for purposes of this Motion to

("Bivens"), 42 U.S.C. section 1983, and 28 U.S.C. sections 1331, 1332 and 1343, Plaintiffs purport to bring state-law claims against Defendants for assault, battery, false arrest, false imprisonment and kidnaping, as well as constitutional claims for alleged violations of Plaintiffs' rights under the First, Fourth, Fifth, Thirteenth and Fourteenth Amendments. Complaint, ¶¶ 1, 2, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21.

ARGUMENT

I. <u>Plaintiffs' State Law Claims Must Be Dismissed For Failure to Exhaust Their Administrative Remedies.</u>

This Court lacks jurisdiction over Plaintiffs' state-law tort claims for assault, battery, false arrest, false imprisonment and kidnaping because Plaintiffs have failed to comply with the prerequisites for federal court jurisdiction over their claims. It is axiomatic that, "[a]bsent a waiver, sovereign immunity shields the Federal Government and its agencies from suit." Federal Deposit Ins. Corp. v. Meyer, 510 U.S. 471, 475 (1994). The Federal Tort Claims Act ("FTCA"), 28 U.S.C. §§ 1346(b) & 2674, is a limited waiver of sovereign immunity for state-law tort claims such as those asserted by Plaintiffs, but only if claimants comply with certain prerequisites: "The FTCA bars claimants from bringing suit in federal court until they have exhausted their administrative remedies." McNeil v. United States, 508 U.S. 106, 113 (1993).

As a threshold matter, Plaintiffs cannot assert their state-law tort claims against the USMS and FPS, as the only proper defendant in an FTCA case is the United States, not its agencies. 28 U.S.C. §§ 1346(b) & 2679(a); City of Whittier v. United States Dept. of Justice, 598 F.2d 561, 562 (9th Cir. 1979) (FTCA claim against Department of Justice dismissed because "it is 'well established that federal agencies are not subject to suit Eo nomine unless so authorized by Congress in explicit language."") (quoting Blackmar v. Guerre, 342 U.S. 512, 515 (1952)).

Even assuming Plaintiffs had properly named the United States as the defendant, this Court lacks jurisdiction over Plaintiffs' state-law tort claims because they have not satisfied the specific jurisdictional prerequisites for an FTCA suit in federal court. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. section 2675(a), the claimant must first submit an administrative tort claim to the appropriate federal agency. The federal agency then has six months to make a final determination on the

NTC. OF MTN AND MTN TO DISMISS C 04-2567 PJH

10 11 12

13

14 15

16 17

18

19 20

21

22 23

24

26

25

27 28

claim. The claimant may file a lawsuit against the United States in the appropriate district court only after the appropriate agency makes a final determination on the claim or six months has run from the date of presentment of the claim - in other words, the district court does not have jurisdiction over FTCA claims until denial of the claim or the running of six months. Id. See also 28 U.S.C. § 2401(b); Jerves v. United States, 966 F.2d 517 (9th Cir. 1992) (suit dismissed because it was prematurely filed before receipt of agency's final denial and before six months from date of submission of the claim); Sparrow v. United States Postal Serv., 825 F. Supp. 252 (E.D. Cal. 1993) (filing complaint before administrative claim was finalized could not be cured through an amended complaint; new complaint must be filed).

Critically, failure to comply with the mandatory administrative requirements divests a district court of jurisdiction to hear a party's FTCA claim. Jerves, 966 F.2d at 519. Because this requirement is jurisdictional, it cannot be waived. Meridian Int'l Logistics, Inc. v. United States, 939 F.2d 740, 743 (9th Cir. 1991).

Here, Plaintiffs have not alleged that they satisfied the administrative claim requirement under 28 U.S.C. § 2675(a) before filing suit. Indeed, it is clear that Plaintiffs have not submitted the required administrative claims with either the USMS or FPS. See Declarations of Gerald Auerbach and Carol Lazzaro.2

Accordingly, because Plaintiffs have not satisfied the jurisdictional prerequisites of the FTCA, this Court lacks jurisdiction over their state-law claims for assault, battery, false arrest, false imprisonment and kidnaping. These claims must therefore be dismissed.

Plaintiffs' Constitutional Claims Against the USMS and FPS Must Be Dismissed Because Plaintiffs Have Not Sustained Their Burden Of Establishing A Waiver Of Sovereign Immunity For These Claims.

As noted above, it is well established that a plaintiff who sues the United States or its

These declarations are submitted only to challenge the Court's jurisdiction under Rule 12(b)(1). Defendants request that the Court consider these matters outside the pleadings as they are relevant to the issue of this Court's subject matter jurisdiction. Capitol Industries-EMI Inc. v. Bennett, 681 F.2d 1107, 1118 n.29 (9th Cir. 1982) (matters outside pleadings related to the issue of subject matter jurisdiction can be considered on motion to dismiss). "Where subject matter jurisdiction is lacking, dismissal, not summary judgment, is the appropriate disposition." MacKay v. Pfiel, 827 F.2d 540, 543 (2th Cir. 1987).

agencies "must point to an unequivocal waiver of sovereign immunity"; otherwise, the court lacks subject matter jurisdiction over the suit. *Blue v. Widnall*, 162 F.3d 541, 544 (9th Cir. 1998); see also Lane v. Pena, 518 U.S. 187 (1996) (waiver of sovereign immunity must be unequivocal and will not be implied). The burden is on plaintiff to point to such an unequivocal waiver of sovereign immunity. Cato v. United States, 70 F.3d 1103, 1107 (9th Cir. 1995) (quotations and citations omitted). This Plaintiffs have failed to do.

A. Plaintiffs Cannot Sue the USMS and FPS For Damages.

Plaintiffs cannot sue federal agencies such as the USMS and FPS for damages based on alleged constitutional violations.³ Although Plaintiffs cite *Bivens*, *see* Complaint, ¶ 1, *Bivens*-type claims for damages may only be brought against federal officers in their individual capacities – subject, of course, to the defense of qualified immunity, discussed below.

*Correctional Servs. Corp. v. Malesko, 524 U.S. 61, 70 (2001) ("The purpose of *Bivens* is to deter individual federal officers from committing constitutional violations.") (emphasis added). The Supreme Court has made abundantly clear, however, that *Bivens* provides no basis for constitutional tort claims for damages against federal agencies themselves. In *Federal Deposit Ins. Corp. v. Meyer*, 510 U.S. 471 (1994), the Court reversed the Ninth Circuit's holding that permitted Meyer's due process claim to go forward against a federal agency, and explained:

Meyer's proposed "solution"— essentially the circumvention of qualified immunity—would mean the evisceration of the *Bivens* remedy, rather than its extension. . . . If we were to imply a damages action directly against federal agencies, thereby permitting claimants to bypass qualified immunity, there would be no reason for aggrieved parties to bring damages actions against individual officers. Under Meyer's regime, the deterrent effects of the *Bivens* remedy would be lost. . . . If we were to recognize a direct action for damages against federal agencies, we would be creating a potentially enormous financial burden for the Federal Government.

Id. at 484-86.

Under Meyer, then, any claims for damages against the USMS and FPS based on alleged

NTC. OF MTN AND MTN TO DISMISS

C 04-2567 PJH

It is not entirely clear from the Complaint whether Plaintiffs seek damages from the USMS and FPS; to the extent they do intend to assert such claims for damages from the agencies, Defendants address this request for relief.

B. Plaintiffs' Claims For Injunctive Relief Based On Alleged Constitutional Violations Must Be Dismissed Because The Authorities Plaintiffs Cite Do Not Establish A Waiver Of Sovereign Immunity For Such Claims.

Plaintiffs also request an injunction preventing the USMS and/or FPS from requiring them to show identification prior to entering the Federal Building. Complaint, ¶ 23. Although Plaintiffs purport to rely on *Bivens*, 42 U.S.C. section 1983 and 28 U.S.C. sections 1331, 1332 and 1343, see id., ¶ 1, none of these authorities helps Plaintiffs discharge their burden of pointing to an unequivocal waiver of sovereign immunity that would permit assertion of constitutional claims for injunctive relief against the USMS and FPS. See Cato, 70 F.3d at 1107.

As discussed above, the Supreme Court's decision in *Bivens* permits suits for money damages only against individual federal officers – not claims against agencies for either damages or injunctive relief. Plaintiffs' citation to *Bivens* is therefore unavailing. *See* Section II.A. *supra*.

Nor does reliance on 42 U.S.C. section 1983 aid Plaintiffs. That statute applies to suits where the official is alleged to have acted "under color of any statute, ordinance, regulation, custom, or usage, of any State or Territory or the District of Columbia" 42 U.S.C. § 1983. As noted by the Supreme Court in *District of Columbia v. Carter*, 409 U.S. 418, 424-35 (1973), the federal government and its officers are "exempt from [section 1983's] proscriptions." *See also Gerritsen v. Consulado General de Mexico*, 989 F.2d 340, 342-43 (9th Cir. 1993) (constitutional and section 1983 claims against FBI held properly dismissed because federal courts "lack jurisdiction over suits against a federal agency absent express statutory authorization").

Similarly, 28 U.S.C. sections 1331, 1332 and 1343 do not constitute express waivers of sovereign immunity for Plaintiffs' constitutional claims seeking injunctive relief against the federal government. Those statutes are nothing more than statutes relating to district courts' jurisdiction *generally*, and do not in any way speak to whether the federal government has waived its sovereign immunity for the specific type of claims asserted by Plaintiffs against the agencies here. *See, e.g., Hughes v. United States,* 953 F.2d 531, 538 n.5 (9th Cir. 1991) (citations omitted) (noting that general jurisdiction statutes such as 28 U.S.C. § 1331 "cannot, however,

б

waive the government's sovereign immunity.").

Accordingly, Plaintiffs have failed to sustain their burden of establishing an unequivocal waiver of sovereign immunity for their constitutional claims seeking injunctive relief from the USMS and FPS. See Cato, 70 F.3d at 1107.4

III. Plaintiffs' Claims Against FPS Officer McHugh and the Unnamed Officers Must be Dismissed Because the Individual Defendants Are Entitled to Qualified Immunity.

Relying on *Bivens*, Plaintiffs also claim that they are entitled to damages from FPS

Officer Timothy McHugh and the unnamed officers whom they encountered when they
attempted to enter the Federal Building after refusing to present identification. Plaintiffs' *Bivens*claims must be dismissed because the individual Defendants are entitled to qualified immunity,
as there is no clearly established law prohibiting federal officials from requesting identification at
a security checkpoint in a federal courthouse.

Bivens defendants are entitled to qualified immunity unless their conduct violated "clearly established statutory or constitutional rights of which a reasonable person would have known."

Harlow v. Fitzgerald, 457 U.S. 800, 818 (1982). In Saucier v. Katz, 533 U.S. 194 (2001), the Supreme Court established a two-part analysis for determining whether qualified immunity is appropriate in a suit against an officer for an alleged violation of a constitutional right. "Under Saucier, courts 'must examine first whether the [officers] violated [the plaintiff's] constitutional rights on the facts alleged and, second, if there was a violation, whether the constitutional rights were clearly established." Desyllas v. Bernstine, 351 F.3d 934, 939 (9th Cir.2003) (quoting Saucier, 533 U.S. at 201) (bracketed material in original). "As to the second inquiry, the Supreme Court has held that '[i]f the law did not put the officer on notice that his conduct would be clearly unlawful, summary judgment based on qualified immunity is appropriate." Boyd v. Benton County, 374 F.3d 773, 778 (9th Cir. 2004) (quoting Saucier, 533 U.S. at 202).

The Supreme Court has long held that qualified immunity protects "all but the plainly

NTC. OF MTN AND MTN TO DISMISS

C 04-2567 PJH

Should Plaintiffs present on opposition a new basis for a waiver of sovereign immunity for their constitutional claims against the USMS and FPS, or should the Court permit these claims to go forward, Defendants reserve the right to address the merits (or lack thereof) of Plaintiffs' constitutional claims in subsequent briefing.

incompetent or those who knowingly violate the law." *Malley v. Briggs*, 475 U.S. 335, 341 (1986). Thus, if "officers of reasonable competence could disagree on th[e] issue, immunity should be recognized." *Id*.

In this case, even assuming arguendo that Plaintiffs could convince this Court that their Complaint satisfies the first prong of the Saucier inquiry (i.e., that their constitutional rights had been violated), the individual Defendants are nonetheless entitled to qualified immunity because there is no "clearly established" law informing the officers that it was unconstitutional to request identification from a person seeking entry into a federal building – particularly in the wake of the Oklahoma City bombing and the events of September 11, 2001. Harlow, 457 U.S. at 818. Indeed, research has revealed not a single case holding it to be "clearly unlawful" for federal officers to request for identification at a federal courthouse security checkpoint. Saucier, 533 U.S. at 202. Thus, because there was no law clearly establishing that the request for Plaintiffs' identification was unconstitutional, the individual Defendants are entitled to qualified immunity. Cf. Meredith v. Erath, 342 F.3d 1057, 1063-64 (9th Cir. 2003) (holding defendant entitled to qualified immunity notwithstanding his violation of plaintiff's constitutional rights because "until the filing of this opinion, it had not been clearly established" that the conduct was unconstitutional).

Furthermore, although there is no case addressing these factual circumstances, the law of which a reasonable officer would have known strongly indicates that the individual Defendants' request for Plaintiffs' identification prior to permitting entry into the federal courthouse was lawful. The Constitution itself provides that "Congress shall have power to dispose of and make all needful rules and regulations respecting the territory or other property of the United States."

U.S. Const., Art. IV, sec. 3. Congress has authorized the USMS to "provide for the security... of the United States District Courts," and to "provide for the personal protection of federal jurists, court officers, witnesses and other[s]..." 28 U.S.C. § 566(a), (e)(1)(A). Similarly, Congress has authorized the Department of Homeland Security (of which FPS is a component agency) to "prescribe regulations necessary for the protection and administration of property owned or occupied by the Federal Government and persons on the property" in consultation with

General Services Administration ("GSA"). 40 U.S.C. § 1315(c)(1); see also 41 C.F.R. Part 102-74, Subpart C (regulations governing conduct on and admission to federal property).

Included in such regulations is the requirement that the agencies must "[e]nsure, when property or a portion thereof is closed to the public, that admission to the property, or the affected portion, is restricted to authorized persons who must register upon entry to the property and must, when requested, display Government or other identifying credentials to Federal police officers or other authorized individuals when entering, leaving or while on the property." 41 C.F.R. § 102.74-375(c) (emphases added). Thus, Officer McHugh and the unnamed officers reasonably (and correctly) believed they were acting in accordance with Constitutional, statutory and regulatory authority when they requested identification from Plaintiffs at the security checkpoint at the Federal Building's entrance.

Moreover, in addition to these statutory and regulatory authorities, it has long been recognized that an individual does not have an unfettered right of access to government property. In Adderley v. Florida, 385 U.S. 39, 47 (1966), the Supreme Court held that the government, "no less than a private owner of property, has the power to preserve the property under its control for the use to which it is lawfully dedicated." The Court further stated that there was "no merit to petitioners' argument that they had a constitutional right to stay on the [jailhouse] property" despite the objections of the state government. Id. In affirming petitioners' convictions, the Court squarely rejected petitioners' position that they had a constitutional right to access government property for their own purposes "whenever and however and wherever they please." Id. at 47-48. The Court held: "The United States Constitution does not forbid a State to control the use of its own property for its own lawful nondiscriminatory purpose." Id. at 47-48.

The argument rejected by the Supreme Court in Adderley is precisely the argument that Plaintiffs advance here. Complaint, ¶ 7. Contrary to Plaintiffs' conclusory assertions and assumptions, there is nothing in the Constitution and no case law prohibiting federal officials

C 04-2567 PJH

Defendants request that the Court take judicial notice of the fact that several portions of the Federal Building – including, e.g., the FBI offices and the Judges' chambers – are closed to the public. Fed. R. Evid. 201.

NTC. OF MTN AND MTN TO DISMISS

from requesting identification at a security checkpoint as a means to control access to federal courtrooms and property.

Plaintiffs' citation to Florida v. Royer, 460 U.S. 491 (1983), and Carey v. Nevada Gaming Auth., 279 F.3d 873 (9th Cir. 2002), is unavailing. Complaint, ¶9, n.10. First, neither case involves access to a federal courthouse, property that the government unquestionably has the duty and right to control. See 28 U.S.C. § 566(a); Adderley, 385 U.S. at 47. Furthermore, the plurality in Royer made clear that "[a]sking for and examining Royer's [airplane] ticket and driver's license were no doubt permissible in themselves." Royer, 460 U.S. at 501 (emphasis added). Asking for identification is exactly what Plaintiffs allege the federal agents did here. The constitutional violation in Royer occurred because the officers retained Royer's airplane ticket and license, then took him to a large storage closet where he was detained and interrogated for fifteen minutes before being placed under arrest. Here, by contrast, Plaintiffs were not taken away and arrested; they were simply instructed to leave the area. Complaint, ¶8.

Nor does *Carey* aid Plaintiffs' case. There, the Ninth Circuit held unconstitutional Nevada statutes under which officers arrested Carey and put him in jail overnight for refusing to identify himself. 279 F.3d at 880-81. *Carey* is thus irrelevant because not only does it not involve access to government property, Plaintiffs do not allege that they were ever placed under arrest by the individual Defendants; again, they specifically allege that after they refused to provide identification, they were told to leave. Complaint, ¶ 8; see also United States v. *Christian*, 356 F.3d 1103, 1106 (9th Cir. 2004) (explaining that *Carey* and similar cases stand for the proposition that "failure to identify oneself cannot, on its own, justify an arrest," but noting that "nothing in our case law prohibits officers from asking for, or even demanding" identification).

Moreover, Carey has since been effectively overruled by Hilbel v. Sixth Judicial Dist.

Court of Nevada, __ U.S. __, 124 S.Ct. 2451 (2004). In that case, the Supreme Court reviewed the same Nevada "stop and identify" statute at issue in Carey and held arresting Hilbel for refusing to comply with the state requirement that he identify himself when asked by a police officer "did not contravene the guarantees" of the Fourth of Fifth Amendments. Id. at 2459-61.

In the course of rejecting Hiibel's constitutional challenges, the Court reiterated its prior holdings 1 that, "[i]n the ordinary course a police officer is free to ask a person for identification without 2 implicating the Fourth Amendment. Interrogation relating to one's identity or a request for 3 identification by the police, without more, does not constitute a Fourth Amendment seizure." Id. 4 5 at 2458 (internal quotations and citations omitted). Thus, contrary to Plaintiffs' claims, Rover and Carey in no way deprive the individual Defendants of qualified immunity. 6 Accordingly, because there was no clearly established law holding that the individual 7 Defendants' request for identification at the Federal Building security checkpoint was unlawful, 8 Plaintiffs' Bivens claims must be dismissed. Saucier, 533 U.S. at 202. 9 CONCLUSION 10 This Court lacks jurisdiction over Plaintiffs' FTCA claims because Plaintiffs have failed 11 to comply with the mandatory administrative exhaustion requirements. Plaintiffs' claims against 12 the USMS and FPS should likewise be dismissed because they have failed to establish a waiver 13 of sovereign immunity for either damages or injunctive relief claims against the agencies. 14 Finally, this Court should dismiss Plaintiffs' Bivens claims against Officer McHugh and the other 15 unnamed officers because those individual Defendants are entitled to qualified immunity. 16 Accordingly, Defendants respectfully request that this action be dismissed with prejudice. 17 DATED: September 16, 2004 Respectfully submitted, 18 KEVIN V. RYAN 19 United States Attorney 20 21 22 Assistant United States Attorney 23 24 25 26 27 28

NTC. OF MTN AND MTN TO DISMISS C 04-2567 PJH

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that she is an employee of the Office of the United States 1 Attorney for the Northern District of California and is a person of such age and discretion to be 2 competent to serve papers. The undersigned further certifies that she is causing a copy of the following: 3 Notice of Motion and Motion to Dismiss Plaintiffs' Complaint 4 2. Declaration of Carol Lazzaro in Support of Defendants' Motion to Dismiss Plaintiffs' Complaint 5 Declaration of Gerald Auerbach in Support of Defendants' Motion to Dismiss Plaintiffs' 3. Complaint 6 7 Foti, et al. v. McHugh, et al. C 04-2567 PJH 8 to be served this date upon the party in this action by placing a true copy thereof in a sealed envelope, 9 and served as follows: 10 FIRST CLASS MAIL by placing such envelope(s) with postage thereon fully prepaid in the designated area for outgoing U.S. mail in accordance with this office's practice. 11 **CERTIFIED MAIL** (#) by placing such envelope(s) with postage thereon fully prepaid in the 12 designated area for outgoing U.S. mail in accordance with this office's practice. 13 PERSONAL SERVICE (BY MESSENGER) 14 FEDERAL EXPRESS 15 FACSIMILE (FAX) 16 HAND-DELIVERED 17 to the party addressed as follows: 18 Robert-John Foti Joseph Leonard Neufeld 19 General Delivery General Delivery Mission Rafael Station Woodacre, CA 94973 20 San Rafael, Ca 94915-9999 21 Kenneth Augustine 53 Mark Drive 22 San Rafael, CA 94903 Ph. 415-472-4952 23 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true 24 and correct. Executed on September 16, 2004 at San Francisco, California. 25 26 27