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***Re: Matthew Massucci***

**NOTICE OF CLAIM  
Pursuant to A.R.S. § 12-821.01**

Greetings:

This notice of claim is being submitted on behalf of Matthew Massucci. Chief Dustin Parra, along with members of his family and Prescott Police Detective John Hanna, initiated a prosecution against Matthew without probable cause and for malicious purposes. After the prosecution was dismissed, Chief Amy Bonney of the Prescott Police Department published false and defamatory statements about Matthew in order to protect and distract from the wrongdoing of Detective Hanna and the failures of the police department.

The purpose of this notice of claim is to provide you with "facts sufficient to permit [you] to understand the basis on which liability is claimed" and "a specific amount for which the claim can be settled and the facts supporting that amount." See A.R.S. § 12-821.01.

This notice of claim is being presented based upon the information currently available to Matthew. Substantially, all the facts surrounding this matter are within the control of Chief Parra, Chief Bonney, Detective Hanna, or the City of Prescott. In the event that any portion of this notice is read to a jury, fairness dictates that the entire notice be read to the jury.



## **I. Factual Background**

### **a. Chief Parra assaults Matthew at the Star Mart.**

On July 16, 2023, Central Arizona Fire and Medical Authority Fire Chief Dustin Parra (“Chief Parra”) drunkenly assaulted Matthew in the parking lot of a Prescott Star Mart. After making a purchase at the Star Mart, Matthew walked out of the store and toward his car. As he did so, he walked past Chief Parra’s Tacoma. Matthew was unarmed and did not gesture at or speak to anyone in the Tacoma.

When Matthew reached his car, he was accosted by a very drunk Chief Parra. Matthew was startled and afraid of Chief Parra, who was agitated, drunk, and screaming. Matthew attempted to close his car door but was unable to do so because Chief Parra was holding the door, preventing it from closing. Chief Parra’s actions prevented Matthew and his female passenger from leaving in their car.

Chief Parra was trying to enter Matthew’s car and to forcibly remove him from the car. Chief Parra’s actions reasonably led Matthew to believe that Chief Parra posed an immediate risk of serious bodily injury to Matthew and his female passenger. Chief Parra was then joined by his minor son, G.P., at the door of the car. Matthew displayed his legally purchased and legally carried pistol, which was in the car as permitted by A.R.S. § 13-418. Upon seeing the pistol, Chief Parra and his son immediately left the car and went to Chief Parra’s Tacoma. Matthew then closed the door to his car and drove away.

### **b. Chief Parra, Malan Parra, G.P., and Detective Hanna initiate a false arrest and malicious prosecution without probable cause.**

After the incident at the Star Mart, Chief Parra, Malan Parra, and G.P. made a series of false reports to the police to have Matthew falsely arrested and prosecuted and to protect Chief Parra from criminal liability for his own conduct. They did this to protect Chief Parra, who was the drunken aggressor in the incident.

Immediately after Matthew left the Star Mart, Malan Parra, with G.P., called 9-1-1. In the 9-1-1 call, G.P. admitted that Matthew had not said anything to anyone in the Parra family before Chief Parra’s assault. Malan Parra made multiple statements that were not true and that were obviously designed to protect her husband from criminal liability for his drunken and assaultive conduct. Specifically, Malan and G.P. told 9-1-1 that Matthew had walked around their Toyota Tacoma and stated, “I’m going to kick some 15-year-old ass.”

While Malan and G.P. were on the phone with 9-1-1, Chief Parra called his friend Detective Hanna. In violation of Prescott policy, Detective Hanna failed to record the phone call or document its contents. Approximately 20 minutes after the 9-1-1 call and Chief Parra’s unrecorded call with Detective Hanna, Prescott Officer Astorga interviewed

G.P. In this interview, G.P. changed his story to claim that Matthew had said, “the fuck you want?”

Because his friendship with Chief Parra created an obvious conflict of interest, Prescott Police policy and sound police policies and practices barred Detective Hanna from investigating this incident. Detective Hanna ignored Prescott policy and pursued a malicious prosecution of Matthew in order to help his friend Chief Parra and to cover up Chief Parra’s wrongdoing. Further, on information and belief, Detective Hanna directed Officer Astorga not to interview Chief Parra on the night of the incident because Chief Parra was “too intoxicated.”

Days after the incident, Detective Hanna interviewed G.P., who made claims that were verifiably false and that contradicted his prior statements. G.P. claimed that Matthew had a gun in his waistband and that he pointed the gun at Chief Parra while outside of his car. G.P. also claimed that when he walked by the Tacoma, Matthew not only said, “What the fuck do you want?” but that he “threw his hands up...like freaking out,” and then continued cussing.

On the date of Detective Hanna’s interview with G.P., he knew that G.P.’s statements in that interview, as well as his prior statements and the statements of Malan Parra, were false. Detective Hanna knew this because he had already obtained the videos from the Star Mart, which demonstrated that they were false and that Chief Parra was the aggressor who had assaulted Matthew and attempted to enter Matthew’s vehicle.

On or before July 20, 2023, Detective Hanna obtained the two Star Mart surveillance videos that captured the majority of the incident from both inside and outside the store. The videos show that Malan Parra could not have seen any of the things that she reported in her 9-1-1 statement because she was inside the store buying beer when the encounter occurred.

The videos show Matthew walking in front of and away from the Parras’ Tacoma in order to exit the store and go to his own car. The videos show Chief Parra exiting the Tacoma and pursuing Matthew to his car. The videos show that Matthew is in his car as Chief Parra unlawfully opens the door to the car and attempts to obtain access to it (please note that the timeclocks on the Star Mart videos are off by a matter of minutes):

- At approximately 8:34 p.m. on the store security cameras, Matthew is inside the store completing his purchase.
- The front and back of Matthew’s waistband is visible in the video, and it is clear that he does not have a firearm or other weapon.
- At approximately 8:34:32 p.m. on the store security camera, the Parra family Tacoma pulls into a parking spot directly in front of the store’s front door.
- At approximately 8:34:54 p.m. on the store security camera, Malan Parra gets out of the backseat and goes into the Star Mart.

- At approximately 8:35:12 p.m. on the store security camera, Matthew walks out of the store and walks by the Parra Tacoma that is parked directly in front of the door of the Star Mart.
- Matthew does not make any physical gestures towards the occupants of the Parra vehicle.
- Matthew walks out of the view of the internal store security camera toward his car.
- Seconds later, at 8:35:24 p.m. on the store security camera, Chief Parra exits the rear driver's side seat of the Tacoma and follows after Matthew, walking out of view of the internal security camera.
- At approximately 8:35:25 p.m. on the exterior store security camera, Chief Parra is visible at the driver's side door of Matthew's car.
- The exterior camera shows that Matthew and a passenger are in the car.
- The internal security video shows G.P. exiting the front passenger seat of the Tacoma and running toward Matthew's vehicle and out of view of the security camera.
- The video then shows Chief Parra and G.P. moving away from Matthew's car toward the back of the Tacoma.
- Chief Parra's daughter then exits the driver's side door of the Tacoma and joins her father and brother at the rear of the Tacoma.
- Malan Parra is seen exiting the Star Mart and goes to the back of the Parra vehicle with her husband and children.
- Matthew's vehicle drives away from the Star Mart.

Even though the video showed that Malan and G.P.'s account was false, Detective Hanna falsified his report to assert that the video supported Malan and G.P.'s account of the incident. By placing false statements in his report, Detective Hanna deliberately fabricated evidence. He did this in order to protect his friend, Chief Parra.

Based on the false statements of the Parra family, on July 20, 2023, at approximately 1826 hours, Prescott police officers performed a high-risk traffic stop on Matthew's vehicle. Matthew and his passenger were ordered out of the car at gunpoint. Matthew was detained and ultimately arrested on two falsified counts of aggravated assault (as to Chief Parra and G.P.), and one count of disorderly conduct with a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument and booked into the Yavapai County jail. The judge set a \$20,000.00 cash-only bond, which Matthew's family was forced to raise. Matthew was ultimately released from jail on July 22, 2023.

Detective John Hanna, acting within the course and scope of his employment as a detective with the Prescott Police Department, intentionally initiated and pursued false criminal charges against Matthew. Despite a lack of probable cause, Detective Hanna reported, endorsed, or presented false or misleading information to the Yavapai County Attorney's Office, which resulted in Matthew being arrested at gunpoint and held in jail for approximately two days, and subsequently prosecuted for serious felonies.

On July 25, 2025, the criminal charges against Matthew were dismissed without prejudice.

**c. Chief Amy Bonney's false and defamatory statements.**

On October 10, 2025, in response to media reports about the failures in the City's investigation, Prescott Police Chief Amy Bonney circulated an email to various Prescott officials. The purpose of this email was not to provide information for use in City business or council deliberations, but to provide talking points for the officials to use "in case you are asked." The email contains multiple false and misleading statements that are intended to harm Matthew's reputation and to defend the Parra family, Detective Hanna, and the Prescott Police Department. The email fails to mention multiple false statements made by G.P. and Malan Parra that are directly contradicted by the video.

The email falsely asserts that there was probable cause for Matthew's arrest and attempts, falsely, to prevent the case as "he said/she said," when, in fact, the City of Prescott and Detective Hanna had known for years that the video directly contradicted the Parras' claims of being attacked. Instead, the video shows that Chief Parra was the aggressor. The email also fails to mention that Prescott policy forbade Detective Hanna from investigating a matter involving his friend Chief Parra, but that Hanna nevertheless pursued the investigation to help and protect his friend.

**II. Damages**

Matthew Massucci grew up in Long Island, NY, and moved to Prescott in approximately 2019. Matthew leads a quiet and simple life. For over two years, he has been in a committed relationship, sharing his days with his girlfriend, their dog, and their cat. Together, they enjoy hiking, kayaking, and generally embracing an active and nature-filled lifestyle. Matthew is very family-oriented, and he visits his parents weekly.

After his release from custody, Matthew felt unsafe in Prescott and obtained permission to return to New York. He is currently employed as a maintenance professional for apartment buildings in New York. Prior to moving to New York, he successfully operated a construction company in Arizona, bringing extensive expertise to his current role. He consistently works six days a week, providing reliable upkeep and outstanding service.

These serious charges, which carried potential prison time, loomed over Matthew's head for two years. As a result of the malicious prosecution, Matthew sustained damages including, but not limited to, attorneys' fees incurred in defending the underlying criminal action, lost income, emotional distress and mental anguish, and significant harm to his reputation.

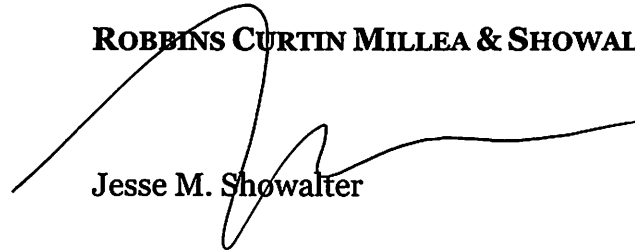
**III. Sum Certain**

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 12-821.01, Matthew Massucci offers to settle his claims for the sum certain of Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00).

As required by statute, this offer will remain open for 60 days, after which time it will be deemed rejected. If you have any questions regarding the foregoing or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

**ROBBINS CURTIN MILLEA & SHOWALTER, LLC**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jesse M. Showalter', is written over the printed name. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jesse M. Showalter

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