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RE: Government Claim for Personal Injury-Hit-and-Run Conduct by County Officer (Incident Date: January 30, 2025)

Pursuant to **California Government Code §§ 910-913.2**, I hereby submit a formal claim for **personal injury and statutory violations** against the **County of Kern**, arising from the conduct of a **Kern County Animal Services officer** on **January 30, 2025**, in **Onyx, California**.

1. Claimant Information

- **Name:** Louie Joseph Gonzalez Pozos
- **Date of Birth:** November 16, 1955

2. Date and Location of Incident

- **Date:** January 30, 2025
- **Location:** 7506 Rabbit Trail, Onyx, California 93255

3. Description of Incident

On the morning of January 30, 2025, following ongoing complaints from me and neighbors about aggressive, unrestrained dogs belonging to a nearby resident, I noticed a Kern County Animal Services truck responding across the street from my property. My security camera footage confirms this. I immediately exited my home and

flagged down the officer, who drove his vehicle up to me but remained inside. I approached his window and said, "They attacked me again," referring to the dogs.

The officer responded in a **visibly angry and unhinged state**, yelling: "I already told you to shoot them!" He then **suddenly reversed his truck**, and the **large sideview mirror struck the left side of my face and jaw** with force. I immediately felt severe pain and ran back into my house **terrified**, fearing further aggression or the possibility of being shot. I locked my door and took refuge in my bedroom.

→ **My driveway security video confirms the officer exited his vehicle, stood near my driveway, and yelled "Are you OK?" once or twice.** I did not hear him at the time, as I was inside my house in fear. **Within two to three seconds**, the officer turned around, **got back in his vehicle, and left the scene without ever leaving any identification, badge number, agency, or contact information.**

He made **no attempt to render aid**, **did not check on my condition**, and made **no effort to leave a note, call emergency services, or otherwise comply with the legal requirements of someone involved in an injury-causing incident.**

I immediately called 911. Deputies from the Kern County Sheriff's Office responded within minutes, reviewed the video footage, and advised me to seek emergency care. I went to **Kern Valley Healthcare District** and **they followed me there for my safety as I declined they call an ambulance for me and drove myself.**

At the hospital I was diagnosed with a **contusion to the left cheek and jaw**, along with **TMJ pain**. X-rays confirmed there were no fractures, but the pain persists to this day.

4. Ongoing Fear, Emotional Distress, and Reason I Did Not Press Charges

After reviewing my video footage, the deputies explicitly asked if I wished to pursue **criminal hit-and-run charges** under **California Vehicle Code § 20003**. I declined, not because I believed the officer's conduct was excusable, but because I was, and remain, **genuinely afraid of retaliation.**

This officer had already shown himself to be **emotionally unstable, hostile, and aggressive**, and he is armed. I feared that pressing criminal charges would provoke further violence, harassment, or abuse of authority. That fear continues to affect my sense of safety and well-being.

5. Pattern of Aggression, Retaliation, and Bias

This was **not the first time** I experienced this officer's hostility. A couple of weeks earlier, I had an encounter with him about the same dogs attacking me and he treated me with **hostility and verbal aggression** when I attempted to discuss the issue.

Disturbed by his conduct, I called your department and asked to speak with a supervisor and was transferred to a "supervisor's" line, where I left a detailed voicemail highlighting the officer's misconduct.

I now believe, based on his most recent behavior and demeanor, that **I was transferred to his own line** and that **he personally received my complaint**. This appears to have directly influenced his behavior on January 30.

This officer is a **white male**, muscular and domineering, and appears used to **exercising unchecked authority over poor, minority rural residents**, many of whom are **Latino, low-income, or illiterate**. I am **Latino**, and I believe I was specifically targeted because I filed a prior complaint against him.

His response, escalating verbal hostility into physical harm, reflects **retaliation and bias**, and a belief that people like me lack the power or voice to challenge his conduct.

The incident was recorded by my security video cameras and shown to the police

This incident caused me **not only physical injury**, but also **lasting psychological trauma**. I now feel unsafe in my community and have developed **sleep disturbances, anxiety, and hypervigilance** stemming directly from this assault and its aftermath.

6. Violation of California Vehicle Code § 20003 – Hit-and-Run

The officer's conduct on January 30, 2025, is a textbook example of a **criminal hit-and-run** under **California Vehicle Code § 20003**. He caused injury with a moving vehicle and then **failed to stop and provide identifying information**, as required by law. He knew he hit me, he asked if I was OK, but he did not wait for a response, **did not leave his contact or agency information, and did not call for help**.

The County bears responsibility for this officer's actions, not only under **vicarious liability**, but also for **continuing to employ a field agent who escalates confrontations with the public into violence**. The facts are captured on video and were reviewed by sheriff's deputies at the scene. The officer left me injured and afraid and failed to fulfill even the most basic statutory and human obligations.

7. Damages and Relief Requested

I am seeking compensation for:

- **\$900 (estimated)** in medical expenses (pending final billing)
- **Physical pain and suffering**
- **Emotional distress and fear of retaliation**

- **Violation of statutory duties and civil rights**

- ◊ **Total Amount Claimed: \$1,250,000**

This demand reflects the full extent of my injuries, rights violations, and the serious legal exposure created by the County employee's conduct.

- • At the time of the incident, I was operating as a full-time creative entrepreneur, creator of X137 Labs, a multidisciplinary technology and media venture I founded. I am an award-winning independent filmmaker and experienced software developer. My debut film project alone was selected and screened internationally and earned many awards, and I have developed advanced software applications in domains ranging from forensic evidence management to digital asset protection. Prior to the trauma caused by this incident, I was in active development of commercially viable intellectual property with substantial projected revenue in the millions. The impact on my focus, emotional regulation, and executive functioning has now rendered me unable to manage clients, meet deadlines, or finish production work, causing both current and future losses well into the seven figure range.
- • I was **69 years old** at the time of the incident, and therefore legally an **elder** under **Welfare & Institutions Code § 15610.27**. The officer's actions, deliberately or recklessly hitting me with his vehicle, causing physical injury, and abandoning the scene without assistance or identification, constitute **physical elder abuse** under California's **Elder Abuse and Dependent Adult Civil Protection Act**. Damages under this statute include **pain and suffering, emotional distress, and attorneys' fees**, and courts routinely award **HIGH six-figure compensation** when elders are subjected to violence or neglect.
- • This was not a simple accident. It was a **criminal hit-and-run**, as defined in **Vehicle Code § 20003**, committed by a County employee while on duty. He **knew he struck me, failed to render aid, and left without LEAVING information**, all of which are clearly documented in my video footage and acknowledged by responding deputies. I was asked by the responding officers whether I wanted to pursue criminal hit & run charges but declined due to fear of violent retaliation, **a fear rooted in the officer's prior hostile behavior and the power he holds as an armed agent of the County**.
- I had previously filed a **complaint against this officer**, making this incident arguably **retaliatory**. His behavior escalated **after I exercised my right to report misconduct**, and I now live with **heightened anxiety, fear, and emotional trauma**, knowing he remains in the field. This constitutes a **violation of my civil rights**, including potential claims under the **Bane Act (Civil Code §**

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52.1) and **42 U.S.C. § 1983**, both of which permit **significant compensatory and punitive damages** for official abuse, excessive force, and retaliation.

- I suffered physical harm (contusion and TMJ), have **ongoing pain**, and remain under the threat of **reinjury and re-encounter** with the officer. The emotional harm is lasting and severe, and includes **sleep disturbances, psychological distress, and social withdrawal**. I am afraid in my own neighborhood and mistrustful of public servants, harms that go beyond economics and speak to dignity, safety, and personal liberty.



- Additionally, I am a professional software developer and award-winning film Director, writer and film producer. My work depends on clarity of thought, cognitive flexibility, and creative flow. Since this incident, I have been unable to concentrate, focus, or sustain the executive function required to operate my business. My diagnosed disability has been substantially worsened, and I have possibly lost projects, clients, and opportunities that my prior work and reputation had made accessible to me. The emotional trauma has not only affected my health, it has affected **my career, disrupted my business, and diminished my capacity to function creatively and professionally**.



- These career and identity-altering consequences, when combined with the officer's reckless and unlawful conduct have not only caused me physical harm and emotional trauma, it has profoundly disrupted my life's work, my identity as a creator, and my ability to function. The impact on my health, safety, creative output, and income has been severe and lasting. This amount reflects the value of what has been lost: physical well-being, emotional stability, safety in my community, and my ability to perform in the field where I have built my life's career.
- This incident inflicted not only physical injury but also deep psychological trauma, career disruption, and a chilling violation of statutory rights. I was 69 years old at the time of the incident, and therefore a protected elder under **California Welfare & Institutions Code § 15610.27**. The officer's actions, escalating verbal hostility into a physical assault with a government vehicle, constitute **physical elder abuse** under California law. His failure to remain at the scene and provide assistance or identification constitutes a **criminal hit-and-run** under **Vehicle Code § 20003**, as confirmed by video evidence and deputies who responded.
- Additionally, I had filed a complaint against this same officer weeks prior. His behavior escalated in retaliation for that protected conduct, evidencing a **pattern of official misconduct and abuse of authority**, actionable under the **Bane Act**

(Civ. Code § 52.1) and 42 U.S.C. § 1983. I am a Latino man living in a poor, rural area, and I believe I was targeted based on both **race and vulnerability**, in violation of constitutional and civil rights.

I am also a professional software developer and award-winning filmmaker whose work requires deep focus, creativity, and emotional clarity. Since the incident, I have been unable to work, manage my business, or maintain the cognitive control required to pursue my projects. The incident has **exacerbated a preexisting disability**, destroyed my sense of safety, and disrupted my ability to earn income and create. This goes beyond personal injury, it is a catastrophic injury to my **livelihood, dignity, and identity**.

Accordingly, I am demanding **\$1,250,000** as a good-faith estimate of damages arising from:

- Physical injuries and ongoing medical needs
- Emotional trauma and fear
- Career disruption and loss of earning capacity
- Civil rights violations
- Elder abuse and official misconduct
- Future psychological and financial harm

This amount will be updated if necessary based on medical, psychological, and legal developments.

8. Supporting Documents Attached

- ER report from **Kern Valley Healthcare District** (January 30, 2025)
- Incident response documentation from **Kern County Sheriff's Office**
- **Still shots from my video security system**

I am a 69-year-old man with a recognized disability, and I suffer from several serious and potentially life-threatening medical conditions, including a stroke six months ago and three neurological seizures in the past four months. The trauma of this incident has worsened all of these conditions and has severely impaired both my emotional stability and cognitive functioning. The mere prospect of protracted litigation is terrifying, not just emotionally, but physically dangerous. The stress involved in pursuing a lawsuit, particularly against a government agency with extensive resources, could genuinely endanger my life. I say this without exaggeration.

Since the incident, I have **lost my ability to focus or work**, and I am struggling daily to meet even basic life functions. The emotional weight of this ordeal is crushing. While I am fully prepared to assert all my legal rights if forced to, I am **pleading for a humane resolution**. I **strongly prefer to settle this matter promptly and fairly**, to avoid further deterioration of my health and to restore some measure of peace and dignity in my remaining years.

I respectfully urge the County to act not only with legal responsibility, but with **compassion, integrity, and urgency**. A prompt and just settlement is not only appropriate, it is necessary. The **video evidence leaves no room for doubt**: the officer's conduct was reckless, indefensible, and captured in real time. This is not a case of ambiguity or exaggeration. It is a case of official misconduct and preventable harm, and it should not be overlooked. This is not simply a legal claim, it is a human crisis. The difference between settlement and litigation may be the difference between life and death for me due to the stress of litigation.

I reserve all rights to amend this claim upon further legal consultation or receipt of additional records. Please confirm receipt of this government claim and advise on next steps. I am available for further contact and willing to provide additional documentation or testimony upon request.

Sincerely,
June 5, 2025


Louie Joseph Gonzalez Pozos

1- STILL PHOTOS SECURITY SYSTEM(6)

2- POLICE REPORT

3- EMERGENCY ROOM REPORT