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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

**CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

NORMAN GAINER, individually and  
as Successor-in-Interest to Decedent  
Ryan Gainer; SHARON HAYWOOD,  
individually and as Successor-in-  
Interest to Decedent Ryan Gainer;  
REBECCA GAINER, an individual,  
and WILLIAM ROPER, an individual,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

Case No.:

**COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES,  
AND FOR DECLARATORY AND  
INJUNCTIVE RELIEF**

42 U.S.C. § 1983: Fourth and  
Fourteenth Amendments  
42 U.S.C. § 12132: Title II of the ADA  
29 U.S.C. § 794: Section 504 of the  
Rehabilitation Act

1 COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO, a  
2 municipal entity; BRANDON  
3 CLANCY, individually and in his  
4 official capacity as Sheriff’s Deputy for  
5 the San Bernardino County Sheriff’s  
6 Department; and WYATT  
7 EISENBREY, individually and in his  
8 official capacity as Sheriff’s Deputy for  
9 the San Bernardino County Sheriff’s  
10 Department, and DOES 1 through 50,  
11 inclusive, individually and in official  
12 capacity as deputies for the County of  
13 San Bernardino Sheriff’s Department,

Cal. Civ. Code § 52.1  
Pendent Tort Claims

**JURY TRIAL DEMANDED**

Defendants.

**INTRODUCTION**

1. This civil rights case arises out of the egregious shooting and killing of 15-year-old, Ryan Gainer, an African American boy with Autism, by San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Department Deputies, Brandon Clancy and Wyatt Eisenbrey, as well as the heinous mistreatment of the Gainer Family by San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Deputies thereafter. On March 9, 2024, Ryan was at home with his family and became upset after his dad, Norman Gainer, told Ryan that he could not play video games until his chores were finished. Ryan’s demeanor changed and a mental health episode ensued. Lashing out in frustration, Ryan broke the glass on the front door and hit his sister, Rebecca, on the arm. Ryan’s mom, Sharon Haywood, called 911 for help, as the family had done on five other occasions without incident. Before any law enforcement responded to the Gainer Family home, Ryan apologized to Rebecca and his family for his behavior. Ryan’s cousin, William Roper, and Ryan’s sister, Rebecca Gainer, made a second call to 911, advising dispatch that Ryan was calming down and the family no longer needed assistance.

1           2.       Thereafter, San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Deputies, Brandon Clancy  
2 and Wyatt Eisenbrey, arrived at the Gainer Family home. Without hesitation, one of  
3 the deputies got out of the patrol car and went straight toward the open front door  
4 without his partner. As the deputy approached the front door, he shouted into the  
5 house “where’s he at?” Mr. Gainer observed Ryan become startled by the deputy’s  
6 unexpected presence and announcement. Mr. Gainer informed the deputy, “he’s  
7 coming. He’s got a stick.” Moments later, Ryan appeared from inside the house,  
8 heading toward the front door holding a frying pan in one hand and a gardening tool  
9 (determined to be a hula hoe) in the other.

10           3.       The deputy appeared panicked and unprepared as Ryan made his way  
11 out the front door. The deputy immediately drew his firearm and took a shooter’s  
12 stance. With his gun aimed directly at Ryan, the deputy shouted, “get back or you’re  
13 getting shot!” Ryan continued toward the armed deputy. The deputy then turned his  
14 back to Ryan and started moving in the opposite direction still holding his firearm.  
15 The same deputy then suddenly started to turn around toward Ryan. With the firearm  
16 in his right hand, the deputy looked over his right shoulder, extended his right arm  
17 and fired his weapon at Ryan. A second armed deputy standing in the driveway also  
18 took aim at Ryan. The San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Deputies fired at least four  
19 times. Ryan was struck by three bullets and collapsed in the front yard in front of his  
20 parents, Norman Gainer and Sharon Haywood, his sister, Rebecca Gainer, and his  
21 cousin William Roper.

22           4.       In complete horror, disbelief, and heartbreak, Ryan’s mom, Sharon,  
23 cried out from her wheelchair “you shot my baby!” The Gainer Family begged the  
24 deputies to let them give aid to Ryan, who was bleeding immensely but still visibly  
25 conscious and gasping for breath. The Gainer Family remained in the front yard  
26 watching as their beloved Ryan struggled to breathe.  
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1 claims under 28 U.S.C. § 1367. Declaratory relief is available pursuant to 28 U.S.C.  
2 § 2201 and Rule 57 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Injunctive relief is  
3 authorized by 28 U.S.C. § 2202 and Rule 65 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

4 10. Venue is proper in the Central District of California under 28 U.S.C. §  
5 1391(b) because Plaintiffs reside in, and Defendants operate and perform official  
6 duties in San Bernardino County, and are believed to reside in this district. All  
7 incidents, events, and occurrences giving rise to this action also occurred in San  
8 Bernardino County, which is within this district.

9 **PARTIES**

10 11. Decedent RYAN GAINER (hereinafter “Ryan”) was a fifteen-year-old,  
11 African American boy with Autism, residing in the State of California. Ryan, a  
12 minor, died intestate and did not file any legal actions prior to his death. To the extent  
13 that this action seeks to recover damages for the violation of rights personal to  
14 Decedent Ryan, this action is maintained by his Successors-in-Interest, Norman  
15 Gainer and Sharon Haywood. Said Plaintiffs are Ryan’s parents by legal adoption,  
16 respectively, and have standing to bring this action as Ryan was unmarried, a minor,  
17 and their dependent at the time of his death.

18 12. Plaintiff NORMAN GAINER (hereinafter “Plaintiff Norman”) is and  
19 was at all times mentioned herein, the legally adoptive father of Decedent Ryan.  
20 Plaintiff Norman sues as Decedent Ryan’s successor-in-interest.

21 13. Plaintiff SHARON HAYWOOD (hereinafter “Plaintiff Sharon”) is and  
22 was at all times mentioned herein, the legally adoptive mother of Decedent Ryan.  
23 Plaintiff Sharon sues as Decedent Ryan’s successor-in-interest and in her individual  
24 capacity.

25 14. Plaintiff REBECCA GAINER (hereinafter “Plaintiff Rebecca”) is and  
26 was at all times mentioned herein, the biological daughter of Plaintiffs Norman  
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1 Gainer and Sharond Haywood, and the legally adoptive sister of Decedent Ryan.  
2 Plaintiff Rebecca sues in her individual capacity.

3 15. Plaintiff WILLIAM ROPER (hereinafter “Plaintiff William”) is and  
4 was at all times mentioned herein, the nephew of Plaintiffs Norman Gainer and  
5 Sharon Haywood, and cousin of Plaintiff Rebecca Gainer and Decedent Ryan.  
6 Plaintiff William sues in his individual capacity.

7 16. Defendant BRANDON CLANCY (hereinafter “Defendant Clancy”) is  
8 and was at all times mentioned herein, a deputy for the San Bernardino County  
9 Sheriff’s Department, and is sued individually and in his official capacity.

10 17. Defendant WYATT EISENBREY (hereinafter “Defendant Eisenbrey”) is  
11 and was at all times mentioned herein, a deputy for the San Bernardino County  
12 Sheriff’s Department, and is sued individually and in his official capacity.

13 18. Defendant COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO (hereinafter  
14 “Defendant County”) is and was at all times mentioned herein, a municipal entity or  
15 political subdivision of the United States, organized and existing under the laws of  
16 the State of California; and at all times mentioned herein, Defendant County has  
17 possessed the power and authority to adopt policies and prescribe rules, regulations,  
18 and practices affecting the operation of the County of San Bernardino Sheriff’s  
19 Department and its tactics, methods, practices, customs, and usage. At all relevant  
20 times mentioned herein, Defendant County is and was the employer of Defendants  
21 CLANCY, EISENBREY, and DOES 1 through 50, inclusive, (hereinafter,  
22 collectively, “Defendant Deputies”), individually and in their official capacities as  
23 deputies for the County of San Bernardino Sheriff’s Department.

24 19. Plaintiffs are ignorant of the true names and capacities of those  
25 Defendants named herein as DOES 1 through 25, inclusive, and therefore sue these  
26 Defendants by such fictitious names. Plaintiffs will amend this Complaint to allege  
27 said Defendants’ true names and capacities when that information becomes known  
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1 to Plaintiffs. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and thereon allege, that DOES 1  
2 through 25, inclusive, are legally responsible and liable for the incident, injuries, and  
3 damages hereinafter set forth, and that each of said Defendants proximately caused  
4 the injuries and damages by reason of negligent, careless, deliberately indifferent,  
5 intentional, or willful misconduct, including the negligent, careless, deliberately  
6 indifferent, intentional, willful misconduct in creating and otherwise causing the  
7 incidents, conditions, and circumstances hereinafter set forth, or by reason of direct  
8 or imputed negligence or vicarious fault or breach of duty arising out of the matters  
9 herein alleged. Plaintiffs will seek to amend this Complaint to set forth said true  
10 names and identities of DOES 1 through 25, inclusive, when they have been  
11 ascertained.

12 20. Plaintiffs are ignorant of the true names and capacities of Defendants  
13 DOES 26 through 50, inclusive, and therefore sue these Defendants by such  
14 fictitious names. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and thereon allege, that each  
15 Defendant so named was employed by Defendant County at the time of the conduct  
16 alleged herein. Plaintiffs allege that each of Defendants DOES 26 through 50 were  
17 responsible for the training, supervision and/or conduct of the deputies and/or agents  
18 involved in the conduct alleged herein. Plaintiffs allege that each of the Defendants  
19 DOES 26 through 50 were also responsible for and caused the acts and injuries  
20 alleged herein. Plaintiffs will amend this Complaint to state the names and capacities  
21 of DOES 26 through 50, inclusive, when they have been ascertained.

22 **ADMINISTRATIVE PREREQUISITES**

23 21. Plaintiffs are required to comply with the administrative procedures set  
24 forth in the California Government Claims Act. Plaintiffs Norman Gainer, Sharon  
25 Haywood, Rebecca Gainer, and William Roper filed Claims against the County of  
26 San Bernardino on March 13, 2024.







1 the unlawful conduct occurred, by failing and refusing to initiate and maintain proper  
2 and adequate policies, procedures and protocols, and by ratifying and condoning the  
3 unlawful conduct performed by agents, officers, deputies, medical providers and  
4 employees under their direction and control.

5 27. Whenever and wherever reference is made in this Complaint to any act  
6 by Defendants DOE Deputies and DOES 1 through 50, such allegations and  
7 references shall also be deemed to mean the acts, and failures to act, of each  
8 Defendant DOE Deputy, individually, jointly, or severally.

9 **GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

10 28. On March 9, 2024, at approximately 4:00 p.m., Decedent Ryan Gainer,  
11 a 15-year-old autistic, African American boy, was experiencing a mental health  
12 episode, during which he hit his sister, Plaintiff Rebecca Gainer, on the arm and  
13 broke glass on the family home's front door. In response, Plaintiff Sharon Haywood,  
14 Ryan's mom, called 911 for assistance. Ryan seemed to calm down and apologized  
15 to his sister, Rebecca, for hitting her arm, and to his family for breaking the glass on  
16 the door. Ryan's cousin, Plaintiff William Roper, then called 911 a second time to  
17 advise that Decedent Ryan was calming down. Plaintiff Rebecca joined the follow  
18 up call to 911 dispatch with Plaintiff William. Nonetheless, deputies were already  
19 en route responding to the residence despite Plaintiffs' notice to Defendant San  
20 Bernardino County Sheriff's Department.

21 29. When Defendant Deputies Clancy and Eisenbrey arrived on scene and  
22 began to approach the residence, neighbors from across the street began yelling,  
23 trying to warn the deputies not to shoot the autistic teen. A Defendant Deputy then  
24 began to make entrance into the residence, announcing "where is he?" The  
25 announcement startled Decedent Ryan, who turned and began making towards the  
26 door. As Ryan entered the hallway in viewpoint of the Defendant Deputy, the  
27 deputies drew their weapons and shouted orders at Decedent Ryan, who was walking  
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1 toward the deputies with a hula hoe in hand. Defendant Deputies told Ryan to stop  
2 or he would be shot. The first deputy then turned away from Ryan, but Decedent  
3 Ryan continued moving toward the deputy. Four bullets were fired at Ryan by  
4 deputies, striking Ryan three times.

5 30. Following the shooting, Plaintiff Sharon Haywood, Ryan's wheelchair-  
6 bound mother, cried out to the deputies, "why did you shoot my baby?" In response,  
7 Defendant DOE Deputies pointed their weapons at family members and neighbors,  
8 including Plaintiffs Sharon Haywood, Norman Gainer, Rebecca Gainer, and William  
9 Roper, who were merely offering lifesaving aid to Ryan. Defendant DOE Deputies  
10 continued ignoring Ryan for approximately 5-10 minutes while he vomited and  
11 choked. Plaintiff Sharon suffered multiple seizures at the scene due to the stress of  
12 witnessing the incident.

13 31. Thereafter, as many as seven additional marked Sherriff vehicles  
14 arrived at the scene before an ambulance. EMT's eventually arrived on scene and  
15 attempted to resuscitate Ryan's lifeless body. Ryan was then transported in an  
16 ambulance and later pronounced dead.

17 32. Following this, Plaintiff Sharon continued experiencing seizures at the  
18 scene of the incident. Plaintiff Rebecca, Plaintiff Sharon's caretaker, was attempting  
19 to provide aid when Defendant DOE Deputy grabbed Plaintiff Rebecca and carried  
20 her approximately 30 feet away from Plaintiff Sharon, who was amidst a medical  
21 emergency. Approximately 7-8 Defendant DOE Deputies then attempted to lift  
22 Plaintiff Sharon off the concrete floor and place her in her wheelchair, while Plaintiff  
23 Sharon continued to cry out in pain. Defendant DOE Deputies then dropped Plaintiff  
24 Sharon on the concrete floor. Thereafter, an additional deputy grabbed Plaintiff  
25 Sharon's wheelchair, which was only a few feet away from her at the time and  
26 moved it onto a gravel surface approximately 30 feet from where she was dropped.  
27 Defendant DOE Deputies then grabbed Plaintiff Sharon by the arms and legs, one  
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1 deputy each carrying a limb, and attempted to force her into the wheelchair again  
2 while she cried out in pain. Once again, Plaintiff Sharon fell from the wheelchair,  
3 this time onto the gravel floor. Defendant DOE Deputies then grabbed Plaintiff  
4 Sharon off the floor, again one deputy each carrying a limb, and transported her into  
5 the back of a Sherrif's vehicle with her breasts exposed to the public.

6 33. Plaintiffs Sharon Haywood, Rebecca Gainer, and William Roper were  
7 then forced to give statements under the threat of arrest and were held in custody for  
8 several hours without acknowledgment of Decedent Ryan's death.

9 34. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and thereon allege, that Defendants  
10 Clancy, Eisenbrey, and DOES 1-25, proceeded to use excessive and deadly force  
11 against Ryan without legal justification, and to assault and batter Decedent Ryan  
12 through acts that include but are not limited to, unjustifiably discharging several  
13 rounds from a department-issued firearm at Ryan. Even after Plaintiffs notified  
14 dispatch that Ryan had calmed down and no longer posed a credible threat to any  
15 family member, Defendants Clancy and Eisenbrey proceeded to respond to the  
16 Gainer Family Home. Moreover, Defendants Clancy, Eisenbrey, and DOE Deputies,  
17 flagrantly disregarded their training, improperly assessed the situation, and rushed  
18 the mental health service call without backup or a plan in place. The use of lethal  
19 force against Ryan by Defendants Clancy and Eisenbrey was avoidable and grossly  
20 excessive under the circumstances. Such conduct is unconstitutional.

21 35. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and thereon allege, that upon  
22 arriving at 13400 Iroquois Rd., Apple Valley, CA 92308, Defendants Clancy,  
23 Eisenbrey, and DOES 1-25, while acting under the color of state law, and in the  
24 course and scope of his employment with the Defendant County of San Bernardino  
25 Sheriff's Department, negligently assessed the circumstances presented to them  
26 when Defendants Clancy, Eisenbrey, and DOES 1-25, came into contact with Ryan,  
27 a fifteen-year-old boy known to have Autism, and the Gainer Family.

1           36. At no time during the Deputies' encounter with Ryan, did Ryan pose  
2 any reasonable or credible threat of violence to Defendants Clancy, Eisenbrey, or  
3 other, nor did he do anything to justify the deadly force used against him.

4           37. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and thereon allege, that Defendant  
5 DOE Deputies proceeded to use excessive force against Plaintiffs Sharon Haywood  
6 and Rebecca Gainer without legal justification, and to assault and batter Plaintiffs  
7 Sharon and Rebecca through acts that include but are not limited to, physically  
8 removing Plaintiff Rebecca away from the yard and her wheelchair bound mother  
9 and carrying Plaintiff Sharon by her limbs and shoving her into the back of a patrol  
10 car without her wheelchair or medical aid. Even after Defendants Clancy and  
11 Eisenbrey shot Ryan numerous times in the Gainer Family's front yard, Defendant  
12 DOE Deputies proceeded to mistreat the Gainer Family as if they were violent  
13 criminals and took actions that were not only inhumane but unconscionable at its  
14 core. Moreover, Defendant DOE Deputies flagrantly disregarded their training,  
15 improperly assessed the situation, and failed to follow protocols for encountering  
16 persons with disabilities without safety precautions or a plan in place. Defendant  
17 DOE Deputies' use of force against Plaintiffs was despicable and grossly  
18 unreasonable under the circumstances. Such conduct is unconstitutional.

19           38. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and thereon allege, that after  
20 Defendants Clancy and Eisenbrey, fatally shot Ryan in the front yard of the Gainer  
21 Family Home, Defendant DOE Deputies, while acting under the color of state law,  
22 and in the course and scope of his employment with the Defendant County of San  
23 Bernardino Sheriff's Department, negligently assessed the circumstances presented  
24 to them when Defendant DOE Deputies physically grabbed Plaintiff Rebecca  
25 Gainer, lifted her off the ground, and carried her away from her family and placed  
26 her beyond the driveway.

1           39. At no time during the Deputies' encounter with the Gainer Family  
2 subsequent to the fatal shooting of Ryan, did Plaintiff Rebecca Gainer pose any  
3 reasonable or credible threat of violence to Defendant DOE Deputies or other, nor  
4 did she do anything to justify the physical restraint and removal by Defendant DOE  
5 Deputies from the front yard of her family home and displaced from her wheelchair  
6 bound mother, Plaintiff Sharon Haywood, nor did she do anything to warrant the  
7 gross mistreatment by the deputies.

8           40. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and thereon allege, that after  
9 Defendants Clancy and Eisenbrey fatally shot Ryan in the front yard of the Gainer  
10 Family Home, Defendant DOE Deputies, while acting under the color of state law,  
11 and in the course and scope of his employment with the Defendant County of San  
12 Bernardino Sheriff's Department, negligently assessed the circumstances presented  
13 to them and acted with deliberate indifference and a willful disregard when  
14 Defendant DOE Deputies, tilted Plaintiff Sharon Haywood's wheelchair until she  
15 fell from seat and hit the cement, failed to ensure the safety of a visibly disabled  
16 person by taking the necessary precautions for handling disabled persons, failed to  
17 summon medical aid despite the numerous seizures that occurred in the deputies'  
18 presence and injuries sustained from hitting the cement, denied access to her  
19 wheelchair, carried her by her limbs with deputies holding each leg and arm, forced  
20 her into the back of the patrol car for an unknown number of hours, transported her  
21 to the station against her will, and forced her to give a statement under the threat of  
22 arrest.

23           41. At no time during the Deputies' encounter with the Gainer Family after  
24 the fatal shooting of Ryan, did Plaintiff Sharon Haywood pose any reasonable or  
25 credible threat of violence to Defendant DOE Deputies or other, nor did she do  
26 anything to justify the heinous and inhumane treatment she was subjected to by  
27 Defendant DOE Deputies.  
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1           42. Moreover, Plaintiffs Sharon Haywood and Rebecca Gainer made no  
2 aggressive movements, no furtive gestures, and no physical movements which  
3 would suggest to a reasonable sheriff's deputy that they had the will, or the ability,  
4 to inflict substantial bodily harm against any individual at the time Defendant DOE  
5 Deputies encountered them. Furthermore, Defendant DOE Deputies were never  
6 faced with any circumstances during the encounter with Ryan which would have led  
7 a reasonable sheriff's deputy to believe that Decedent posed a risk of death or serious  
8 bodily injury to any person at the time lethal force was used.

9           43. After a significant and appreciable period of time had passed following  
10 the shooting, Ryan died as the direct and proximate result of the gunshot wounds  
11 inflicted by Defendant DOE Deputies.

12           44. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and thereon allege, that Defendants  
13 DOES 26-50, inclusive, breached their duty of care to the public in that they have  
14 failed to discipline Defendants Clancy, Eisenbrey, and DOES 1-25. Their failure to  
15 discipline Defendants Clancy, Eisenbrey, and DOES 1-25, inclusive, demonstrates  
16 the existence of an entrenched culture, policy and/or practice, of promoting,  
17 tolerating and/or ratifying with deliberate indifference, the making of improper  
18 detentions and arrests of all citizens, including improper detentions and arrests of  
19 persons with disabilities, and the use of excessive and/or deadly force against San  
20 Bernardino County citizens.

21           45. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and thereon allege, that members  
22 of the County of San Bernardino Sheriff's Department, including but not limited to,  
23 Defendants Clancy, Eisenbrey, and DOES 1-50, and/or each of them, have  
24 individually and/or while acting in concert with one another, engaged in a repeated  
25 pattern and practice of using excessive, arbitrary and/or unreasonable force against  
26 individuals and persons with disabilities, including but not limited to, Decedent  
27 Ryan and Plaintiff Sharon.

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1           46. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and thereon allege, that the County  
2 of San Bernardino Sheriff's Department knew or had reason to know by way of  
3 actual or constructive notice, of the aforementioned policy, culture, pattern and/or  
4 practice, and the complained of conduct and resultant injuries/violations.

5           47. Plaintiffs also suffered extreme psychological distress and injury as a  
6 result of this ordeal. Plaintiffs suffered and still suffer from symptoms including, but  
7 not limited to, fear, trauma, anxiety, stress, depression, humiliation, and emotional  
8 distress as a result of the incident.

9           48. During the incident, Defendants Clancy, Eisenbrey, and DOES 1  
10 through 25, inclusive, worked together as a group to back each other up, provide  
11 tacit approval for the incident, and support, assist, and encourage one another's  
12 actions.

13           49. Moreover, each of the Defendant DOE Deputies failed to intervene or  
14 prevent harm when his or her colleagues were depriving Decedent Ryan and  
15 Plaintiffs of their constitutional rights as stated in this Complaint. By failing to  
16 intervene, each of the Defendant DOE Deputies additionally violated Decedent's  
17 and Plaintiffs' constitutional rights.

18           50. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and thereon allege, that Defendants  
19 violated standard police practices and training during the performance of their duties  
20 as San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department Deputies.

21           51. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and thereon allege, that Defendants  
22 Clancy, Eisenbrey, and DOE Deputies failed to maintain situational awareness and  
23 improperly assessed the circumstances presented. On information and belief,  
24 Defendants Clancy and Eisenbrey failed to consider the dangers of their actions  
25 when lethal force was used against a fifteen-year-old boy known to have autism after  
26 Defendants Clancy and Eisenbrey failed to follow their training protocols for  
27 contacting persons with disabilities, and further failed to consider the dangers of  
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1 their actions when Plaintiff Rebecca Gainer was physically carried away from her  
2 front yard and wheelchair bound mother without warning and Plaintiff Sharon  
3 Haywood was removed from her wheelchair, carried by her limbs, and forced into  
4 the back of the patrol car without warning.

5 52. On further information and belief, Defendant DOE Deputies failed to  
6 consider the dangers of their actions when they held Plaintiffs Norman Gainer,  
7 Sharon Haywood, Rebecca Gainer, and William Roper at gunpoint, demanded they  
8 provide statements at the sheriff's station, and threatened their arrest for  
9 noncompliance.

10 53. The actions and omissions of Defendant County and Defendants  
11 Clancy, Eisenbrey, and DOES 1 through 50, inclusive, were objectively  
12 unreasonable under the circumstances, without legal justification or other legal right,  
13 done under color of law, within the course and scope of their employment as law  
14 enforcement officers, detectives, and/or public officials of Defendant County and/or  
15 other jurisdictions.

16 54. At all material times, the actions and omissions of each Defendant were  
17 conscience-shocking, reckless, and deliberately indifferent to Decedent's and  
18 Plaintiffs' rights, and in the alternative, negligent and objectively unreasonable.

### 19 20 **DAMAGES**

21 55. As a consequence of Defendants' violations of Decedent's and  
22 Plaintiffs' federal civil rights under 42 U.S.C. §1983 and the Fourth and Fourteenth  
23 Amendments, federal disability rights under 42 U.S.C. § 12132, Plaintiffs were  
24 mentally and emotionally injured and damaged as a proximate result of Decedent's  
25 wrongful death, and the unjustified infliction of force against them, which includes  
26 but is not limited to, Plaintiffs' loss of familial relations, the loss of Decedent's  
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1 society, comfort, protection, companionship, love, affection, solace, and financial  
2 and moral support, and Decedent's loss of enjoyment of life.

3 56. Plaintiffs found it necessary to engage the services of private counsel  
4 to vindicate the rights of Decedent and Plaintiffs under the law. Plaintiffs are  
5 therefore entitled to an award of attorneys' fees and/or costs pursuant to statute(s) in  
6 the event that they are the prevailing party in this action under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 and  
7 1988.

8 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

9 **(42 U.S.C. § 1983)**

10 **(Violation of the Fourth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution –  
Excessive Force)**

11 **(Plaintiffs SHARON HAYWOOD and REBECCA GAINER, individually,  
12 and Plaintiffs NORMAN GAINER and SHARON HAYWOOD, as  
13 Successors-in-Interest to Decedent Ryan Gainer Against Defendants  
BRANDON CLANCY, WYATT EISENBREY, and DOES 1-25)**

14 57. Plaintiffs hereby reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations  
15 set forth in paragraphs 1 through 56 of this Complaint.

16 58. One of the foregoing claims for relief arose in Decedent's favor and  
17 Decedent would have been a Plaintiff with respect to this claim if he had survived.

18 59. Two of the foregoing claims for relief are brought individually by  
19 Plaintiffs Sharon Haywood and Rebecca Gainer.

20 60. 42 U.S.C. § 1983 provides in part, "Every person who, under color of  
21 any statute, ordinance, regulation, custom, or usage, of any State or Territory or the  
22 District of Columbia, subjects, or causes to be subjected, any citizen of the United  
23 States or other person within the jurisdiction thereof to the deprivation of any rights,  
24 privileges, or immunities secured by the Constitution and laws, shall be liable to the  
25 party injured in an action at law, suit at equity, or other proper proceeding for  
26 redress."

1           61. Decedent Ryan had firmly established rights under the Fourth  
2 Amendment to be free from official infliction of physical abuse, assault, battery, and  
3 intentional infliction of emotional distress, unreasonable search and seizure, and to  
4 be free from excessive and deadly force being used against him.

5           62. Plaintiffs Sharon Haywood and Rebecca Gainer have firmly established  
6 rights under the Fourth Amendment to be free from official infliction of physical  
7 abuse, assault, battery, and intentional infliction of emotional distress, unreasonable  
8 search and seizure, and to be free from excessive force being used against them.

9           63. Defendants' actions as described herein resulted in the deprivation of  
10 these constitutional rights.

11           64. While acting in the performance of their official duties, Defendants  
12 Clancy and Eisenbrey used deadly force against Ryan by discharging their firearms  
13 at least three (3) times, intentionally striking and killing Ryan. Such use of deadly  
14 force was excessive, unreasonable, and avoidable under the circumstances.  
15 Defendants Clancy and Eisenbrey knew or should have known that they were  
16 encountering a fifteen-year-old boy with autism. Nevertheless, Defendants Clancy  
17 and Eisenbrey approached the home without a plan, ignored basic training of  
18 P.O.S.T., startled the autistic teenager by shouting into the Gainer Family home, and  
19 resorted to deadly force after the situation escalated by Defendants Clancy's and  
20 Eisenbrey's reckless conduct.

21           65. Decedent Ryan posed no immediate, credible threat of harm to  
22 Defendants Clancy and Eisenbrey, or any other deputy or individual, when he was  
23 shot and killed. Defendants' use of deadly force was unjustified under the totality of  
24 the circumstances and deprived Decedent of his right to be secure in his person  
25 against unreasonable searches and seizures, as guaranteed to him under the Fourth  
26 Amendment of the United States Constitution and applied to state actors by the  
27 Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution.  
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1           66. Moreover, after Defendants Clancy and Eisenbrey fatally shot Ryan in  
2 front of his family, Defendant DOE Deputies, while acting in the performance of  
3 their official duties, used unreasonable force against Plaintiff Rebecca Gainer by  
4 physically lifting her off the ground against her will and displacing her from her  
5 wheelchair bound mother. Such use of force was excessive, unreasonable, and  
6 without warning or provocation.

7           67. Plaintiffs Sharon Haywood and Rebecca Gainer posed no immediate,  
8 credible threat of harm to Defendant DOE Deputies or any other deputy or individual  
9 when excessive force was used against them. Defendants' use of force against  
10 Plaintiffs Sharon and Rebecca was unjustified under the totality of the circumstances  
11 and deprived Plaintiffs of their right to be secure in their person against unreasonable  
12 searches and seizures, as guaranteed under the Fourth Amendment of the United  
13 States Constitution and applied to state actors by the Fourteenth Amendment of the  
14 United States Constitution.

15           68. At no point did any Defendant DOE Deputy intervene to stop  
16 Defendants Clancy, Eisenbrey, and DOES 1 through 25, from using deadly force on  
17 Decedent, and unreasonable, excessive force against Plaintiffs Sharon and Rebecca,  
18 each of which was clearly excessive under the circumstances.

19           69. Defendants Clancy and Eisenbrey, and DOES 1 through 25, acting  
20 under the color of statute, ordinances, regulations, customs and usages of the State  
21 of California, knew that the use of force, including deadly force, in these  
22 circumstances was unjustified, and was thereby illegal under clearly established law.

23           70. As a result of Defendants Clancy's and Eisenbrey's egregious actions  
24 and omissions, Decedent suffered extreme pain and suffering, and eventually  
25 suffered a loss of life and the loss of earning capacity. Moreover, Plaintiffs Sharon  
26 and Rebecca also suffered extreme pain and suffering by Defendant DOES 1-25.  
27 Plaintiffs have been deprived of the life-long love, companionship, comfort, support,  
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1 society, care, and sustenance of Decedent Ryan, and will continue to be so deprived  
2 for the remainder of their natural lives.

3 71. Defendants' conduct alleged herein was willful, wanton, malicious,  
4 intentional, and deliberate, and was done with reckless disregard for the  
5 constitutionally protected rights, welfare, and safety of Decedent and Plaintiffs  
6 Sharon and Rebecca.

7 WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for relief as hereinafter set forth.

8 **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**

9 **(42 U.S.C. § 1983)**

10 **(Violation of the Fourteenth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution –  
Right to Familial Relationship)**

11 **(Plaintiffs NORMAN GAINER and SHARON HAYWOOD, individually  
12 and as Successors-in-Interest to Decedent Ryan Gainer Against Defendants  
BRANDON CLANCY, WYATT EISENBREY, and DOES 1-25)**

13 72. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations set forth  
14 in paragraphs 1 through 71 of this Complaint.

15 73. Plaintiffs each had a cognizable interest under the Due Process Clause  
16 of the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution, to be free from state  
17 actions that deprive them of life, liberty, or property in such a manner as to shock  
18 the conscience, including but not limited to, unwarranted state interference in  
19 Plaintiffs' familial relationship with their son, Decedent Ryan Gainer.

20 74. Decedent had a cognizable interest under the Due Process Clause of the  
21 Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution to be free from state  
22 actions that deprive him of his right to life, liberty, or property in such a manner as  
23 to shock the conscience.

24 75. As a result of the excessive and deadly force inflicted by Defendants  
25 Clancy and Eisenbrey, Decedent died from his injuries. Plaintiffs were thereby  
26 deprived of their constitutional right to a familial relationship with their son, Ryan.  
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1           76. Defendants, acting under color of state law, thus violated Plaintiffs’  
2 Fourteenth Amendment rights to be free from unwarranted interference with their  
3 familial relationship with Decedent Ryan.

4           77. The actions and omissions of Defendants Clancy and Eisenbrey, along  
5 with other undiscovered conduct, shock the conscience, in that he acted with  
6 deliberate indifference to the constitutional rights of Decedent and Plaintiffs, and  
7 with purpose to inflict harm, unrelated to any legitimate law enforcement objective.

8           78. Defendants, acting under color of state law, thus violated the  
9 constitutional rights of Decedent and Plaintiffs, to which they are guaranteed under  
10 the Fourteenth Amendment.

11           79. As a direct and proximate cause of the acts of Defendants, Decedent  
12 experienced severe pain and suffering and lost his life and earning capacity.  
13 Plaintiffs suffered extreme and severe mental anguish and pain and have been  
14 injured in mind and body. Plaintiffs have also been deprived of the life-long love,  
15 companionship, comfort, support, society, care and sustenance of Ryan and will  
16 continue to be so deprived for the remainder of their natural lives.

17           80. As a result of Defendants’ unlawful conduct, they are liable for  
18 Decedent's injuries, either because they were integral participants in the denial of  
19 due process, or because they failed to intervene to prevent these violations.

20           81. The conduct of Defendants was willful, wanton, and malicious, and  
21 done with reckless disregard of the constitutionally protected rights, welfare and  
22 safety of Decedent and Plaintiffs.

23           WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for relief as hereinafter set forth.

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1 **THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**

2 **(42 U.S.C. § 1983)**

3 **(Monell - Municipal Liability for Unconstitutional Custom or Policy)**  
4 **(Plaintiffs SHARON HAYWOOD and REBECCA GAINER, individually,**  
5 **and Plaintiffs NORMAN GAINER and SHARON HAYWOOD, as**  
6 **Successors-in-Interest to Decedent Ryan Gainer Against Defendants**  
7 **COUNTY and DOES 26-50)**

8 82. Plaintiffs hereby reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations  
9 set forth in paragraphs 1 through 81 of this Complaint.

10 83. On information and belief, the conduct of Defendants Clancy,  
11 Eisenbrey, and DOES 1-25, inclusive, individually and as peace officers, was  
12 ratified by Defendant County's Sheriff's Department supervisory officers,  
13 Defendants DOES 26-50.

14 84. On information and belief, Defendants Clancy and Eisenbrey, and  
15 DOES 1-25, were not disciplined for using unjustified deadly force against Decedent  
16 Ryan, or for the use of unreasonable, excessive force against Plaintiffs Sharon  
17 Haywood and Rebecca Gainer.

18 85. Prior to and continuing from, March 9, 2024, Defendants, individually  
19 and as peace officers, deprived Decedent and Plaintiffs of the rights and liberties  
20 secured to them by the Fourth and Fourteenth Amendments of the United States  
21 Constitution, in that said Defendants, and their supervising and managerial  
22 commanders, employees, agents, and representatives, acted with gross negligence,  
23 and with reckless disregard and deliberate indifference to the rights and liberties of  
24 the public in general, and of Decedent and Plaintiffs, and of persons in their class,  
25 situation, or comparable position in particular, knowingly maintained, enforced, and  
26 applied, an official recognized custom, policy, and practice of:

- 27 a. Employing and retaining as Sheriff's deputies, detectives, and other  
28 personnel, including Defendants Clancy and Eisenbrey, and DOES  
1 through 25, individually and as peace officers; who at all material



1 times knew or reasonably should have known, had dangerous  
2 propensities for abusing their authority and for mistreating citizens  
3 by failing to follow written San Bernardino County Sheriff's  
4 policies, including the use of excessive and deadly force, and  
5 respecting the protections afforded to citizens under the Fourth  
6 Amendment;

- 7 b. Inadequately supervising, training, controlling, assigning, and  
8 disciplining Defendant County deputies, detectives, and other  
9 personnel, including Defendants Clancy and Eisenbrey, and DOES  
10 1 through 25, whom Defendant County knew, or in the exercise of  
11 reasonable care should have known, had the aforementioned  
12 propensities and character traits, including the propensity for  
13 violence and the use of excessive force;
- 14 c. Inadequately supervising, training, controlling, assigning, and  
15 disciplining Defendant County Sheriff's deputies, detectives, and  
16 other personnel, including Defendants Clancy and Eisenbrey, and  
17 DOES 1 through 25, in responding to individuals who were mentally  
18 impaired or disabled;
- 19 d. Maintaining grossly inadequate procedures for reporting,  
20 supervising, investigating, reviewing, disciplining and controlling  
21 the intentional misconduct of Defendants Clancy and Eisenbrey, and  
22 DOES 1 through 25, who are Sheriff's Deputies of Defendant  
23 County;
- 24 e. Failing to discipline Defendant County Sheriff's deputies and/or  
25 detectives for their misconduct, including but not limited to,  
26 unlawful seizures and excessive and/or deadly force;  
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- 1 f. Ratifying the intentional misconduct of Defendants Clancy and  
2 Eisenbrey, and DOES 1 through 25, who are Sheriff's deputies  
3 and/or detectives of Defendant County;
- 4 g. Having and maintaining an unconstitutional policy, custom and  
5 practice, of detaining and arresting individuals without probable  
6 cause or reasonable articulable suspicion, and using excessive force,  
7 including deadly force, demonstrated by the grossly inadequate  
8 training regarding these subjects. The policies, customs and practices  
9 of Defendants were done with deliberate indifference to individuals'  
10 rights, safety and welfare; and
- 11 h. Failing to properly investigate claims of unlawful seizures and  
12 excessive force by Defendant County Sheriff's deputies and/or  
13 detectives.

14 86. By reason of the aforementioned policies and practices of Defendants,  
15 individually and as peace officers, Decedent sustained severe, life-threatening  
16 injuries, was inflicted with pain and suffering, and ultimately, lost his life and  
17 earning capacity, when Defendants Clancy and Eisenbrey disregarded their training,  
18 ignored protocols for contacting persons with mental disabilities and/or persons in  
19 the midst of a mental health crisis, and discharged three lethal rounds at Decedent  
20 Ryan, physically carried Plaintiff Rebecca away from her wheelchair bound mother  
21 and away from her home against her will, and removed Plaintiff Sharon from her  
22 wheelchair, carried her by the limbs and placed her in the back of a patrol car against  
23 her will, for which Plaintiffs are entitled to recover damages.

24 87. Defendants, individually and as peace officers, together with various  
25 other officials, whether named or unnamed, had either actual or constructive  
26 knowledge of the deficient policies, practices and customs alleged in the paragraphs  
27 above. Despite having knowledge, as stated above, these Defendants condoned,  
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1 tolerated, and through actions and inactions, ratified such policies. Said Defendants  
2 also acted with deliberate indifference to the foreseeable effects and consequences  
3 of these policies with respect to the constitutional rights of Decedent, Plaintiffs, and  
4 other individuals similarly situated.

5 88. By perpetrating, sanctioning, tolerating and ratifying the outrageous  
6 conduct and other wrongful acts, Defendants, individually and as peace officers,  
7 acted with an intentional, reckless, and callous disregard for the life of Decedent.  
8 Each of their actions and inactions was willful, wanton, intentional, oppressive,  
9 malicious, fraudulent, extremely offensive and outright unconscionable, to any  
10 person of normal sensibilities.

11 89. Furthermore, the policies, practices, and customs implemented,  
12 maintained, and tolerated by Defendants, individually and as peace officers, were  
13 affirmatively linked to, and were the significantly influential force behind, the  
14 injuries inflicted upon and suffered by, Decedent and Plaintiffs.

15 90. By reason of the aforementioned acts and omissions of Defendants,  
16 individually and as peace officers, Plaintiffs were caused to incur funeral costs and  
17 related burial expenses, the loss of gifts and benefits, and the loss of financial  
18 support.

19 91. By reason of the aforementioned acts and omissions of Defendants,  
20 individually and as peace officers, Plaintiffs have suffered loss of love,  
21 companionship, affection, comfort, care, society, and future financial and moral  
22 support.

23 92. Accordingly, Defendants, individually and as peace officers, each are  
24 liable to Plaintiffs for compensatory damages under 42 U.S.C. § 1983.

25 WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for relief as hereinafter set forth.

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**FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION**  
**(California Civil Code §§ 377.60 and 377.61)**  
**(Wrongful Death – Negligence)**  
**(Plaintiffs NORMAN GAINER and SHARON HAYWOOD, as Successors-  
in-Interest to Ryan Gainer Against Defendants BRANDON CLANCY,  
WYATT EISENBREY, COUNTY, and DOES 1-25)**

93. Plaintiffs hereby reallege and incorporate the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 92 of this Complaint, except for any and all allegations of intentional, malicious, extreme, outrageous, wanton, and oppressive conduct by Defendants, and any and all allegations requesting punitive damages.

94. Despite the absence of any credible threat directed towards Defendants Clancy and Eisenbrey or any other deputy or individual at the time deputies encountered Decedent Ryan, Defendant Deputies nevertheless fired their weapons at least three times at Decedent Ryan. Ryan was fifteen years old and known to have autism. Defendant County deputies previously responded to the Gainer Family home on five occasions prior to the subject incident where no issue ensued. Furthermore, Defendants Clancy and Eisenbrey knew or should have known that Ryan had calmed down since the initial 911 call was made by Plaintiff Sharon, where Plaintiffs William Roper and Rebecca Gainer called 911 dispatch to provide the update about Ryan’s behavior change.

95. Defendants Clancy and Eisenbrey failed to make a plan or wait for back up. Defendants Clancy and Eisenbrey failed to follow their training for contacting persons with disabilities and resulted in poor tactics and the loss of Ryan’s life.

96. Decedent died intestate and unmarried. Plaintiffs Norman and Sharon are the legally adoptive parents of Ryan and therefore are the proper persons to sue for his wrongful death under California state law.

97. Defendants’ negligent actions and/or negligent omissions occurred within the course and scope of their employment as Sheriff’s deputies for Defendant

1 County. These actions and omissions, as set forth in the allegations of this  
2 Complaint, directly and proximately caused the death of Decedent.

3 98. As an actual and proximate consequence of Defendants' negligence,  
4 resulting in the death of Decedent and the loss of comfort, society, attention,  
5 services, and support of their son, Decedent Ryan, Plaintiffs have sustained  
6 pecuniary losses, in an amount according to proof at trial.

7 99. As a further consequence, actually and proximately caused by  
8 Defendants' negligence, Plaintiffs have incurred funeral and burial expenses, in an  
9 amount according to proof at trial.

10 100. Pursuant to sections 377.60 and 377.61 of the California Code of Civil  
11 Procedure, Plaintiffs have brought this civil rights action, and claim damages from  
12 said Defendants, for the wrongful death of Decedent Ryan, and the resulting injuries  
13 and damages.

14 WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for relief as hereinafter set forth.

15 **FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

16 **(Violation of California Civil Code § 52.1)**

17 **(Plaintiffs SHARON HAYWOOD, REBECCA GAINER, and WILLIAM**  
18 **ROPER, individually, and Plaintiffs NORMAN GAINER and SHARON**  
19 **HAYWOOD, as Successors-in-Interest to Decedent Ryan Gainer**  
20 **Against Defendants BRANDON CLANCY, WYATT EISENBREY,**  
21 **and DOES 1-25)**

22 101. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate the allegations set forth in  
23 paragraphs 1 through 100 of this Complaint.

24 102. Decedent Ryan was violently confronted by Defendants Clancy and  
25 Eisenbrey and subjected to lethal force despite never posing a threat to the safety of  
26 Defendant Deputies or any other deputies or individuals. Despite this, Defendant  
27 Clancy and/or Eisenbrey shouted at Decedent Ryan which startled and provoked the  
28 autistic teen. After killing Decedent Ryan in the front yard of the Gainer Family  
home and in front of his family members, Plaintiffs Norman Gainer, Sharon

1 Haywood, Rebecca Gainer, and William Roper, Defendant DOE Deputies  
2 proceeded to point their firearms at Plaintiffs Norman Gainer, Sharon Haywood,  
3 Rebecca Gainer, and William Roper, who were seeking to provide Ryan with  
4 lifesaving aid. Defendant Deputies continued ignoring Decedent Ryan for  
5 approximately 5-10 minutes while he choked on his own vomit and slowly bled out  
6 from the gunshot wounds. Such conduct was in reckless disregard with Ryan's  
7 constitutional rights.

8 103. Defendant DOE Deputies further acted with a reckless disregard to  
9 Plaintiff Rebecca's constitutional rights by physically lifting Plaintiff off the ground,  
10 carried Plaintiff away from the front yard of her family home, and removed Plaintiff  
11 from assisting her wheelchair bound mother.

12 104. Defendant DOE Deputies acted with a reckless disregard to Plaintiff  
13 Sharon's constitutional rights when Plaintiff was removed from her wheelchair and  
14 fell onto the cement, when Defendant DOE Deputies inhumanely carried Plaintiff  
15 by her limbs to the patrol car, where Plaintiff was forced into the back seat and taken  
16 to the station against her will. Defendant DOE Deputies further acted with a reckless  
17 disregard to Plaintiff's constitutional rights when Defendant DOE Deputies failed to  
18 summon medical care despite knowing Plaintiff was physically disabled and  
19 wheelchair bound and had fallen out of the wheelchair onto the concrete.

20 105. Defendant DOE Deputies acted with a reckless disregard for the rights  
21 of Plaintiffs Norman Gainer, Sharon Haywood, Rebecca Gainer, and William Roper  
22 when Defendant DOE Deputies held Plaintiffs at gunpoint in the front yard of their  
23 family home and forced Plaintiffs Sharon, Rebecca, and William to give statements  
24 at the station under the threat arrest.

25 106. Defendants' aforementioned conduct constituted interference and  
26 attempted interference, by threats, intimidation and coercion, with Decedent's and  
27 Plaintiffs' peaceable exercise and enjoyment of rights secured by the Constitution  
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1 and laws of the United States and the State of California, in violation of section 52.1  
2 of the California Civil Code.

3 107. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' violation of section  
4 52.1 of the California Civil Code, Decedent and Plaintiffs were deprived of their  
5 constitutional rights and suffered damages, as set forth herein.

6 108. Plaintiffs are entitled to injunctive relief and an award of their  
7 reasonable attorneys' fees, pursuant to California Civil Code section 52.1,  
8 subdivision (h).

9 109. Plaintiffs are entitled to treble damages, but in no case less than  
10 \$4,000.00, and an award of their reasonable attorneys' fees, pursuant to California  
11 Civil Code section 52.1, subdivision (a).

12 110. Under the provisions of California Civil Code section 52.1, subdivision  
13 (b), Defendants are liable for punitive damages for each violation of section 52.1,  
14 reasonable attorneys' fees, and an additional \$25,000.00.

15 WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for relief as hereinafter set forth.

16 **SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

17 **(Survival Action: Assault/Battery)**

18 **(Plaintiffs NORMAN GAINER and SHARON HAYWOOD, as Successors-**  
19 **in-Interest to Ryan Gainer, and Plaintiffs SHARON HAYWOOD and**  
20 **REBECCA GAINER, individually, Against Defendants COUNTY,**  
21 **BRANDON CLANCY, WYATT EISENBREY, and DOES 1-25)**

22 111. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate the allegations set forth in  
23 paragraphs 1 through 110 of this Complaint.

24 112. One of the foregoing claims for relief arose in Decedent Ryan's favor  
25 and Ryan would have been the Plaintiff with respect to this claim if he had survived.

26 113. Defendants touched Decedent Ryan with the intention and purpose to  
27 harm or offend him when Defendants Clancy and Eisenbrey egregiously shot  
28 Decedent Ryan without just cause. Defendants Clancy and Eisenbrey shot Decedent



1 Ryan caused by their own provocation and failure to follow P.O.S.T. training for  
2 contacting persons with disabilities, after Decedent Ryan had started to calm down  
3 and no longer posed a threat to any person or deputy. Such conduct was neither  
4 privileged nor justified under statute or common law.

5 114. Decedent Ryan did not consent to the touching and was fatally harmed  
6 by it.

7 115. A reasonable person in Decedent Ryan's situation would have been  
8 offended by the touching.

9 116. Defendants' conduct caused Decedent to experience severe pain and  
10 suffering, and the loss of life and earning capacity.

11 117. Consequently, Plaintiffs have suffered the loss of life-long love,  
12 companionship, affection, comfort, support, society, care, and sustenance of  
13 Decedent Ryan, and will continue to be so deprived for the remainder of their natural  
14 lives, and further damages according to proof at the time of trial.

15 118. One of the foregoing claims for relief is brought by Plaintiff Rebecca  
16 individually.

17 119. Plaintiff Rebecca attempted to provide aid to her mother, Plaintiff  
18 Sharon, when Defendant DOE Deputies grabbed Plaintiff Rebecca and carried her  
19 approximately 30 feet away from Plaintiff Sharon, who was experiencing multiple  
20 seizures at the scene of the incident and confined to a wheelchair as a result of  
21 physical disabilities, and visibly amidst a medical emergency. Such conduct was  
22 neither privileged nor justified under statute or common law.

23 120. Plaintiff Rebecca did not consent to the touching and was harmed by it.

24 121. A reasonable person in Plaintiff Rebecca's situation would have been  
25 offended by the touching.

26 122. Defendants' conduct caused Plaintiff Rebecca to experience severe  
27 pain, suffering, mental and physical anguish, and humiliation.  
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1 123. One of the foregoing claims for relief is brought by Plaintiff Sharon  
2 individually.

3 124. After Ryan was shot by deputies, approximately 7-8 Defendant DOE  
4 Deputies attempted to lift Plaintiff Sharon off the cement after she fell out of her  
5 wheelchair due to mishandling by Defendant DOE Deputies. Plaintiff Sharon cried  
6 out in pain as Defendant DOE Deputies continued grabbing and moving Plaintiff.  
7 Defendant DOE Deputies dropped Plaintiff Sharon on the cement for a second time.  
8 Thereafter, an additional deputy grabbed Plaintiff Sharon's wheelchair from a few  
9 feet away to nearly 30 feet away on gravel. Defendant DOE Deputies then grabbed  
10 Plaintiff Sharon by the arms and legs, one deputy each carrying a limb, and carried  
11 her approximately 30 feet before attempting to force her into the wheelchair again.  
12 Plaintiff Sharon fell from the wheelchair for a third time but this time fell onto the  
13 gravel. Defendant DOE Deputies thereafter grabbed Plaintiff Sharon off the floor,  
14 and four Defendant DOE Deputies inhumanely carried Plaintiff by her limbs and  
15 forced Plaintiff into the back of patrol car, ignoring the fact that Plaintiff's breasts  
16 were completely exposed to the public.

17 125. Plaintiff Sharon did not consent to the touching and was harmed by it.

18 126. A reasonable person in Plaintiff Sharon's situation would have been  
19 offended by the touching.

20 127. Defendants' conduct caused Plaintiff Sharon to experience severe pain,  
21 suffering, mental and physical anguish, and humiliation.

22 128. The conduct alleged herein was willful, malicious, intentional,  
23 deliberate, and done with reckless disregard of Decedent's and Plaintiffs'  
24 constitutionally protected rights, welfare, and safety.

25 129. The present action is brought pursuant to sections 820 and 815.2 of the  
26 California Government Code. Pursuant to section 820 of the California Government  
27 Code, as public employees, Defendants DOE Deputies and DOES 1-25 are liable for  
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1 injuries caused by their acts or omissions to the same extent as a private person. At  
2 all times mentioned herein, Defendants DOE Deputies and DOES 1-25 were acting  
3 within the course and scope of their employment and/or agency with Defendant  
4 County. As such, Defendant County is liable in respondeat superior for the injuries  
5 caused by the acts and omissions of Defendants DOE Deputies and DOES 1-25,  
6 pursuant to section 815.2 of the California Government Code.

7 WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for relief as hereinafter set forth.

8 **SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

9 **(Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress)**

10 **(Plaintiffs NORMAN GAINER and SHARON HAYWOOD, as Successors-**  
11 **in-Interest to Decedent Ryan Gainer, and Plaintiffs SHARON HAYWOOD,**  
12 **REBECCA GAINER, and WILLIAM ROPER, individually,**  
13 **Against Defendants COUNTY, BRANDON CLANCY, WYATT**  
14 **EISENBREY, and DOES 1-25)**

15 130. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate the allegations set forth in  
16 paragraphs 1 through 129 of this Complaint.

17 131. Defendants' conduct as described herein was outrageous.

18 132. Defendants intended to cause Decedent Ryan and Plaintiffs emotional  
19 distress.

20 133. Defendants acted with reckless disregard of the probability that  
21 Decedent Ryan would suffer emotional distress, knowing that Decedent Ryan was  
22 consciously present when Defendants Clancy and Eisenbrey fired at least three  
23 bullets at Decedent Ryan, causing Ryan to experience extreme physical pain and  
24 mental anguish before choking on vomit and succumbing to his gunshot wounds.

25 134. Defendants acted with reckless disregard of the probability that  
26 Plaintiff Rebecca would suffer emotional distress, when Defendant DOE Deputies  
27 grabbed Plaintiff Rebecca and carried her away from her seizing, wheelchair bound  
28 mother, Plaintiff Sharon, whom Plaintiff Rebecca was attempting to provide medical  
aid.

1 135. Defendants acted with reckless disregard of the probability that  
2 Plaintiff Sharon would suffer emotional distress, when Defendant DOE Deputies  
3 mishandled Plaintiff Sharon, a physically disabled person confined to a wheelchair,  
4 by dropping Plaintiff Sharon on the cement and gravel at least three separate times.  
5 Defendants further acted with reckless disregard of the probability that Plaintiff  
6 Sharon would suffer emotional distress, when Defendant DOE Deputies inhumanely  
7 carried Plaintiff Sharon by her limbs and forced Plaintiff into the back of a patrol car  
8 without offering medical aid to Plaintiff Sharon. Plaintiff Sharon's breasts were fully  
9 exposed when Defendant DOE Deputies carried Plaintiff by her arms and legs in  
10 front of the public, including neighbors.

11 136. Defendants acted with reckless disregard of the probability that  
12 Plaintiffs Sharon, Rebecca, and William would suffer emotional distress, when  
13 Defendant DOE Deputies aimed their department-issued firearms at Plaintiffs and  
14 forced Plaintiffs to go to the station and provide statements against their will and  
15 under the threat of arrest.

16 137. Decedent Ryan and Plaintiffs Sharon, Rebecca, and William suffered  
17 severe emotional distress from Defendants' harassment and heinous conduct.

18 138. Defendants' conduct as described herein was a substantial factor in  
19 causing Plaintiffs' severe emotional distress.

20 139. Defendants' conduct caused Plaintiffs to suffer physical injuries,  
21 emotional distress, pain and suffering, loss of income, medical expenses, fear,  
22 trauma, and humiliation, and further damages according to proof at the time of trial.

23 140. The conduct alleged herein was done in a willful, intentional,  
24 deliberate, or reckless disregard of Plaintiffs' constitutionally protected rights,  
25 welfare, and safety.

26 141. The present action is brought pursuant to sections 820 and 815.2 of the  
27 California Government Code. Pursuant to section 820 of the California Government  
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1 Code, as public employees, Defendants Deputies and DOES 1-25 are liable for  
2 injuries caused by their acts or omissions to the same extent as a private person. At  
3 all times mentioned herein, Defendants DOE Deputies and DOES 1-25 were acting  
4 within the course and scope of their employment and/or agency with Defendant  
5 County. As such, Defendant County is liable in respondeat superior for the injuries  
6 caused by the acts and omissions of Defendants DOE Deputies and DOES 1-25,  
7 pursuant to section 815.2 of the California Government Code.

8 WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for relief as hereinafter set forth.

9 **EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

10 **(Negligence)**

11 **(Plaintiffs NORMAN GAINER and SHARON HAYWOOD, as Successors-**  
12 **in-Interest to Decedent Ryan Gainer, and Plaintiffs SHARON HAYWOOD,**  
13 **REBECCA GAINER, and WILLIAM ROPER, individually,**  
14 **Against Defendants COUNTY, BRANDON CLANCY, WYATT**  
15 **EISENBREY, and DOES 1-50)**

16 142. Plaintiffs hereby reallege and incorporate the allegations set forth in  
17 paragraphs 1 through 141 of this Complaint, except for any and all allegations of  
18 intentional, malicious, extreme, outrageous, wanton, and oppressive conduct by  
19 Defendants, and any and all allegations requesting punitive damages.

20 143. The present action is brought pursuant to sections 820 and 815.2 of the  
21 California Government Code. Pursuant to section 820 of the California Government  
22 Code, as public employees, Defendants Clancy and Eisenbrey, and DOES 1-25, are  
23 liable for injuries caused by their acts or omissions to the same extent as a private  
24 person. At all times mentioned herein, Defendants Clancy and Eisenbrey, and DOES  
25 1-25, were acting within the course and scope of their employment and/or agency  
26 with Defendant County. As such, Defendant County is liable in respondeat superior  
27 for the injuries caused by the acts and omissions of Defendants Clancy and  
28 Eisenbrey, and DOES 1-25, pursuant to section 815.2 of the California Government  
Code.

1 144. Defendants, as public employees, are liable for negligent pre-arrest  
2 tactics that precede the use of deadly force. Discharging a department issued firearm  
3 into a person is de facto deadly force.

4 145. Defendants Clancy and Eisenbrey acted negligently preceding the use  
5 of deadly force against Decedent when they failed to perform a reasonable  
6 evaluation of the circumstances prior to discharging their firearms. Defendant  
7 Deputies had no credible or otherwise objectively reasonable threat to their safety or  
8 that of another deputy or person, at the time officers encountered Decedent to justify  
9 the deadly force inflicted upon him.

10 146. Prior to Defendants Clancy's and Eisenbrey's arrival on scene,  
11 Plaintiffs William and Rebecca notified 911 that Decedent Ryan had calmed down.  
12 Defendant DOE Deputies knew or should have known that Ryan was fifteen years  
13 old and had autism as Defendant County deputies had responded to the Gainer  
14 Family home for mental health calls concerning Ryan in the past and without  
15 incident. Defendant Deputies should have known that shouting at a person with a  
16 disability or in the midst of a mental health crisis is contrary to standard police  
17 practices and training.

18 147. Defendants were further negligent in failing to wait for backup before  
19 approaching the house to contact Ryan.

20 148. Defendants' negligence was the proximate cause of Decedent's death,  
21 the direct cause being the illegal, unjustified, and, in the alternative, negligent  
22 shooting of Decedent Ryan, an autistic fifteen-year-old.

23 149. Further, Defendant DOE Deputies were negligent in grabbing,  
24 carrying, and removing Plaintiff Rebecca from the front yard and away from her  
25 mother, Plaintiff Sharon, who was suffering a medical emergency and in need of aid.

26 150. Defendant DOE Deputies were also negligent when they failed to call  
27 medical aid for Plaintiff Sharon who was physically disabled, wheelchair bound, and  
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1 experiencing seizures. Plaintiff Sharon was visibly in distress and physical pain  
2 when she fell out of her wheelchair and dropped by Defendants several times onto  
3 the cement and gravel. Defendants acted negligently by grabbing Plaintiff Sharon  
4 by her limbs and carrying her to a patrol car while her breasts were fully exposed to  
5 the public.

6 151. Defendant DOE Deputies acted negligently when they aimed their  
7 firearms at Plaintiffs Norman Gainer, Sharon Haywood, Rebecca Gainer, and  
8 William Roper. Defendant DOE Deputies should have known that threatening arrest  
9 in order to compel Plaintiffs Sharon, Rebecca, and William to provide statements at  
10 the station after witnessing Defendants Clancy and Eisenbrey shoot and kill Ryan  
11 was unlawful and in violation of Plaintiffs rights.

12 152. Finally, Defendants are liable for negligently failing to intervene when  
13 fellow deputies violate the constitutional rights of another.

14 153. Defendants were negligent in failing to intervene as Decedent Ryan's  
15 Fourth Amendment rights were violated by the illegal and unjustified shooting of  
16 Plaintiffs' Decedent. Defendants were also negligent by failing to intervene when  
17 Defendant DOE Deputies violated the Fourth Amendment rights of Plaintiffs Sharon  
18 and Rebecca. It was clear that the uses of force against the Gainer Family were  
19 excessive and would likely cause the death of Decedent and injuries to Plaintiffs, yet  
20 none of the Defendant DOE Deputies intervened, or reasonably attempted to  
21 intervene, during the entirety of the deputies' encounter with Decedent and  
22 Plaintiffs.

23 154. Decedent and Plaintiffs were harmed physically, mentally, emotionally,  
24 and financially, and Defendants' negligence was a direct and substantial factor in  
25 causing this harm.

26 155. Plaintiffs suffered, and will continue to suffer, emotional distress, pain  
27 and suffering, loss of income, medical expenses, fear, trauma, and humiliation.  
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1 WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for relief as hereinafter set forth.

2 **NINTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

3 **(Negligent Infliction of Emotional Distress)**

4 **(Plaintiffs NORMAN GAINER, SHARON HAYWOOD, REBECCA**  
5 **GAINER, and WILLIAM ROPER, individually,**  
6 **Against Defendants COUNTY, DOE Deputies, and DOES 1-25)**

7 156. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate the allegations set forth in  
8 paragraphs 1 through 155 of this Complaint.

9 157. Defendants' conduct as described herein was negligent.

10 158. Plaintiffs Norman, Sharon, Rebecca, and William were each within the  
11 zone of danger at the time Defendants Clancy and Eisenbrey discharged several  
12 gunshots at Decedent Ryan in the front yard of their family home. Plaintiffs were  
13 aware that their son, brother, and cousin, Decedent Ryan, suffered physical pain and  
14 anguish caused by the gunshot wounds inflicted by Defendants Clancy and  
15 Eisenbrey.

16 159. Defendants acted with reckless disregard of the probability that  
17 Plaintiffs would suffer emotional distress.

18 160. Plaintiffs suffered severe emotional distress from Defendants' conduct.

19 161. The present action is brought pursuant to sections 820 and 815.2 of the  
20 California Government Code. Pursuant to section 820 of the California Government  
21 Code, as public employees, Defendants Clancy and Eisenbrey, and DOES 1-25, are  
22 liable for injuries caused by their acts or omissions to the same extent as a private  
23 person. At all times mentioned herein, Defendants Clancy and Eisenbrey, and DOES  
24 1-25, were acting within the course and scope of their employment and/or agency  
25 with Defendant County. As such, Defendant County is liable in respondeat superior  
26 for the injuries caused by the acts and omissions of Defendants Clancy and  
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1 Eisenbrey, and DOES 1-25, pursuant to section 815.2 of the California Government  
2 Code.

3 162. Defendants' conduct as described herein was a substantial factor in  
4 causing Plaintiffs severe emotional distress.

5 163. Defendants' conduct caused Plaintiffs to suffer physical injuries,  
6 emotional distress, pain and suffering, loss of income, medical expenses, fear,  
7 trauma, and humiliation, and further damages according to proof at the time of  
8 trial.

9 164. The conduct alleged herein was done in a negligent or reckless  
10 disregard of Plaintiffs' constitutionally protected rights, welfare, and safety.

11 WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for relief as hereinafter set forth.

12 **TENTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

13 **(42 U.S.C. § 1983)**

14 **(Violation of the Fourth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution –  
Denial of Medical Care)**

15 **(Plaintiffs NORMAN GAINER and SHARON HAYWOOD, as Successors-  
16 in-Interest to Decedent Ryan Gainer, and Plaintiff SHARON HAYWOOD,  
17 individually, Against Defendants BRANDON CLANCY, WYATT  
EISENBREY, and DOES 1-25)**

18 165. Plaintiffs hereby reallege and incorporate the allegations set forth in  
19 paragraphs 1 through 164 of this Complaint.

20 166. One of the foregoing claims for relief arose in Decedent's favor and  
21 Decedent would have been the Plaintiff with respect to his individual claims if he  
22 had survived.

23 167. One of the foregoing claims for relief is brought individually by  
24 Plaintiff Sharon Haywood.

25 168. 42 U.S.C. § 1983 provides in part, "Every person who, under color of  
26 any statute, ordinance, regulation, custom, or usage, of any State or Territory or the  
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1 District of Columbia, subjects, or causes to be subjected, any citizen of the United  
2 States or other person within the jurisdiction thereof to the deprivation of any rights,  
3 privileges, or immunities secured by the Constitution and laws, shall be liable to the  
4 party injured in an action at law, suit at equity, or other proper proceeding for  
5 redress.”

6 169. Defendant DOE Deputies’ purposeful denial of medical care deprived  
7 Decedent of his right to be secure in his person against unreasonable searches and  
8 seizures as guaranteed to Decedent under the Fourth Amendment to the United  
9 States Constitution and applied to state actors by the Fourteenth Amendment.

10 170. Defendant Deputies purposeful denial of medical care deprived  
11 Decedent of his right to be secure in his person against unreasonable searches and  
12 seizures as guaranteed to Decedent under the Due Process clause under the  
13 Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution.

14 171. Defendant DOE Deputies knew that failure to provide timely medical  
15 treatment to Ryan could result in further significant injury or the unnecessary and  
16 wanton infliction of pain but disregarded that serious medical need, causing  
17 Decedent great bodily harm and eventually death.

18 172. Defendant DOE Deputies knew that failure to provide timely medical  
19 treatment to Decedent Ryan could result in further exacerbation of the injures they  
20 caused by illegally shooting Decedent three times and cause an unnecessary and  
21 wanton infliction of pain. Defendant DOE Deputies disregarded Decedent for  
22 approximately 10 minutes after shooting him, causing Ryan great bodily harm,  
23 mental anguish, conscious pain and suffering, and eventual death. Thereafter, nearly  
24 seven additional marked patrol vehicles arrived at the scene prior to the arrival of an  
25 ambulance. Emergency medical personnel eventually arrived on scene and  
26 attempted to resuscitate Ryan’s lifeless body by starting life-saving measures.

1 173. Defendants, while acting in the performance of their official duties,  
2 used force against Decedent Ryan that was unjustified, entirely unreasonable, and  
3 thereby excessive, such that the failure to provide Decedent Ryan access to medical  
4 care immediately thereafter was deliberately indifferent to Decedent Ryan's serious  
5 medical need and thereby shocks the conscience.

6 174. In using excessive and unjustified force, and by failing to provide  
7 Decedent Ryan access to immediate medical care, Defendant DOE Deputies were  
8 acting in accordance with the widespread informal practices and customs maintained  
9 by the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, as elaborated upon herein.

10 175. Defendants, acting under the color of statute, ordinances, regulations,  
11 customs and usages of the State, knew that failure to provide Decedent Ryan access  
12 to immediate medical care was deliberately indifferent to Decedent Ryan's serious  
13 medical need and violated clearly established law.

14 176. The conduct alleged herein caused Decedent Ryan to be deprived of his  
15 civil rights that are protected under the United States Constitution. The conduct  
16 alleged herein has also legally, proximately, foreseeably, and actually caused  
17 Decedent Ryan to suffer life-threatening physical injuries, extreme conscious pain  
18 and suffering, and eventually suffered a loss of life and earning capacity.

19 177. Plaintiff Sharon is physically disabled and confined to a wheelchair.  
20 Plaintiff Sharon experiences seizures in high stress situations. Plaintiff Sharon is  
21 cared for by her family, Plaintiffs Norman Gainer, Rebecca Gainer, and William  
22 Roper. Decedent Ryan was a devoted caretaker of his mom, Plaintiff Sharon, until  
23 his death.

24 178. After witnessing Ryan be shot down by Defendants Clancy and  
25 Eisenbrey, Plaintiff Sharon experienced multiple seizures. Plaintiff Rebecca  
26 observed Plaintiff Sharon experiencing the medical emergency and attempted to  
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1 provide her mother aid. Thereafter, Defendant DOE Deputy grabbed Plaintiff  
2 Rebecca and carried her approximately 30 feet away from Plaintiff Sharon.

3 179. As Plaintiff Rebecca was physically removed from tending to her other,  
4 Plaintiff Sharon fell out of the wheelchair. Instead of helping Plaintiff Sharon and  
5 securing her in the wheelchair, Defendant DOE Deputies took away the wheelchair  
6 and moved it into a patrol car.

7 180. Defendant DOE Deputies then grabbed Plaintiff Sharon by her arms  
8 and legs, with one Defendant DOE Deputy holding each limb. Plaintiff Sharon cried  
9 out in pain but her cries went unanswered by Defendant DOE Deputies.

10 181. Defendant DOE Deputies dropped Plaintiff Sharon multiple times on  
11 the cement and gravel while carrying Plaintiff Sharon by her limbs and forcing her  
12 into the back of a patrol car. Plaintiff's breasts were exposed to the public during the  
13 mishandling and mistreatment by Defendant DOE Deputies.

14 182. At no point did Defendant DOE Deputies summon medical care for nor  
15 provide medical care to Plaintiff Sharon despite her known, obvious medical need.

16 183. Defendant DOE Deputies' purposeful denial of medical care deprived  
17 Plaintiff Sharon of her right to be secure in her person against unreasonable searches  
18 and seizures as guaranteed to Plaintiff under the Fourth Amendment to the United  
19 States Constitution and applied to state actors by the Fourteenth Amendment.

20 184. Defendant DOE Deputies' purposeful denial of medical care deprived  
21 Plaintiff Sharon of her right to be secure in her person against unreasonable searches  
22 and seizures as guaranteed to Plaintiff Sharon under the Due Process Clause of the  
23 Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution.

24 185. Defendant DOE Deputies knew that failure to provide timely medical  
25 treatment to Plaintiff Sharon could result in further significant injury or the  
26 unnecessary and wanton infliction of pain but disregarded that serious medical need,  
27 causing Plaintiff Sharon great bodily harm.

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1 186. Defendants, while acting in the performance of their official duties,  
2 used force against Plaintiff Sharon that was unjustified, entirely unreasonable, and  
3 thereby excessive, such that the failure to provide Plaintiff access to medical care  
4 immediately thereafter was deliberately indifferent to Plaintiff's serious medical  
5 need and thereby shocks the conscience.

6 187. In using excessive and unjustified force, and by failing to provide  
7 Plaintiff Sharon access to immediate medical care, Defendant DOE Deputies were  
8 acting in accordance with the widespread informal practices and customs maintained  
9 by the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, as elaborated upon in herein.

10 188. Defendants, acting under the color of statute, ordinances, regulations,  
11 customs and usages of the State, knew that failure to provide Plaintiff Sharon access  
12 to immediate medical care was deliberately indifferent to Plaintiff's serious medical  
13 need and violated clearly established law.

14 189. The conduct alleged herein caused Plaintiff to be deprived of her civil  
15 rights that are protected under the United States Constitution. The conduct alleged  
16 herein has also legally, proximately, foreseeably, and actually caused Plaintiff  
17 Sharon to suffer physical injuries, extreme conscious pain and suffering, and mental  
18 anguish.

19 190. Moreover, Plaintiffs have been deprived of the life-long love,  
20 companionship, comfort, support, society, care, and sustenance of Decedent Ryan,  
21 and will continue to be so deprived for the remainder of their natural lives.

22 191. Defendants' conduct alleged herein was willful, wanton, malicious,  
23 intentional, and deliberate, and was done with a reckless disregard to the  
24 constitutionally protected rights, welfare, and safety of Decedent Ryan and Plaintiff  
25 Sharon.

26 WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for relief as hereinafter set forth.  
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1 **ELEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

2 **(42 U.S.C. § 12101)**

3 **(American with Disabilities Act of 1990 - Denial of Access to Public Service)**  
4 **(Plaintiffs NORMAN GAINER and SHARON HAYWOOD, as Successors-**  
5 **in-Interest to Decedent Ryan Gainer, and Plaintiff SHARON HAYWOOD,**  
6 **individually, Against Defendants COUNTY, BRANDON CLANCY,**  
7 **WYATT EISENBREY, and DOES 1-50)**

8 192. Plaintiffs hereby reallege and incorporate the allegations set forth in  
9 paragraphs 1 through 191 of this Complaint.

10 193. Congress enacted the ADA to “to provide a clear and comprehensive  
11 national mandate for the elimination of discrimination against individuals with  
12 disabilities” and “clear, strong, consistent, enforceable standards addressing  
13 discrimination against individuals with disabilities.” 42 U.S.C. § 12101(b)(1)-(2).

14 194. Title II of the ADA provides that “no qualified individual with a  
15 disability shall, by reason of such disability, be excluded from participation in or be  
16 denied the benefits of the services, programs, or activities of a public entity, or be  
17 subjected to discrimination by any such entity.” 42 U.S.C. § 12132.

18 195. One of the foregoing claims for relief arose in Decedent’s favor and  
19 Decedent would have been the Plaintiff with respect to his individual claims if he  
20 had survived.

21 196. Decedent Ryan was an individual with a disability under the ADA. 42  
22 U.S.C. § 12102. Ryan was fifteen years old and autistic. His disabilities substantially  
23 limited one or more major life activities, including learning, concentration, thinking,  
24 and interacting with others.

25 197. One of the foregoing claims for relief is brought individually by  
26 Plaintiff Sharon Haywood.



1 198. Plaintiff Sharon Haywood is an individual with a disability under the  
2 ADA. 42 U.S.C. § 12102. Plaintiff Sharon is physically disabled, and wheelchair  
3 bound. Plaintiff Sharon requires around the clock care.

4 199. Defendant County of San Bernardino and San Bernardino County  
5 Sheriff's Department are all public entities within the meaning of the ADA.  
6 Defendants DOES 25-50 are officials responsible for running and/or supervising the  
7 operations of their respective public entities. 42 U.S.C. § 12131(1).

8 200. Defendant County is legally responsible for all violations of the ADA  
9 committed by Defendants County and/or Sheriff's Department in the course of  
10 performing law enforcement duties and operations.

11 201. Defendants at all times have known or should have known that  
12 Decedent Ryan was a teenager with disabilities, including autism, and Plaintiff  
13 Sharon is an individual with physical disabilities and wheelchair bound, and required  
14 reasonable accommodations.

15 202. The acts and omissions of Defendants caused Decedent Ryan to suffer  
16 irreparable harm and loss of life, and he and similarly situated persons have no  
17 adequate remedy at law. Moreover, the acts and omissions of Defendants have  
18 caused and will continue to cause Plaintiff Sharon to suffer irreparable harm, and  
19 she has no adequate remedy at law.

20 203. Under the ADA, Plaintiffs are entitled to attorneys' fees and costs as  
21 appropriate and permitted by law, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 12205.

22 WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for relief as hereinafter set forth.

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1 **TWELFTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

2 **(False Imprisonment)**

3 **(Plaintiffs SHARON HAYWOOD, REBECCA GAINER, and WILLIAM**  
4 **ROPER, individually, Against Defendants COUNTY, DOE Deputies, and**  
5 **DOES 1-25)**

6 204. Plaintiffs hereby reallege and incorporate the allegations set forth in  
7 paragraphs 1 through 203 of this Complaint.

8 205. Plaintiffs Sharon, Rebecca, and William were wrongfully restrained,  
9 confined, and/or detained by Defendant DOE Deputies.

10 206. Defendant DOE Deputies intentionally deprived Plaintiffs Sharon,  
11 Rebecca, and William of their freedom of movement by use of physical barriers,  
12 force, threats of force, menace, fraud, and unreasonable duress.

13 207. The restraint, confinement, and/or detention compelled Plaintiffs  
14 Sharon, Rebecca, and William to go to the station and provide statements against  
15 their will and under the threat of arrest, where Plaintiffs were forced to remain at the  
16 station for several hours, thereby constituting an appreciable amount of time.  
17 Plaintiff Sharon was further confined and/or detained by Defendant DOE Deputies  
18 who carried Plaintiff by her limbs and forced her into the back of a patrol car before  
19 transporting Plaintiff Sharon to the station to make a statement.

20 208. Plaintiffs Sharon, Rebecca, and William did not knowingly nor  
21 voluntarily consent to their confinement.

22 209. Plaintiffs Sharon, Rebecca, and William were harmed as a result of their  
23 wrongful restraint, confinement, and/or detention.

24 210. Defendants' conduct was a substantial factor in causing harm to  
25 Plaintiffs Sharon, Rebecca, and William.

26 211. The present action is brought pursuant to sections 820 and 815.2 of the  
27 California Government Code. Pursuant to section 820 of the California Government  
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1 Code, as public employees, Defendants DOE Deputies and DOES 1-25 are liable for  
2 injuries caused by their acts or omissions to the same extent as a private person. At  
3 all times mentioned herein, Defendants DOE Deputies and DOES 1-25 were acting  
4 within the course and scope of their employment and/or agency with Defendant  
5 County. As such, Defendant County is liable in respondeat superior for the injuries  
6 caused by the acts and omissions of Defendants DOE Deputies and DOES 1-25,  
7 pursuant to section 815.2 of the California Government Code.

8 WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for relief as hereinafter set forth.

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10 **JURY DEMAND**

11 212. Plaintiffs hereby demand a jury trial in this civil rights action.

12 **PRAYER**

13 WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for relief as follows:

- 14 1. Compensatory damages in a sum according to proof;
- 15 2. For general damages in a sum according to proof;
- 16 3. For special damages in a sum according to proof;
- 17 4. For punitive damages in a sum according to proof, as to  
18 Defendant DOES 1-25;
- 19 5. For reasonable attorneys' fees pursuant to 42 U.S.C. Section  
20 1988;
- 21 6. For any and all statutory damages allowed by law;
- 22 7. For cost of suit herein incurred;
- 23 8. For Declaratory Judgment that Defendant DOE Deputies'  
24 conduct was a violated the Fourth and Fourteenth Amendments;
- 25 9. For Declaratory Judgment that Defendant DOE Deputies'  
26 conduct violated 42 U.S.C. § 12132 (Title II of the ADA);  
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1 10.For Declaratory Judgment that Defendant DOE Deputies'  
2 conduct violated 29 U.S.C. § 794 (Section 504 of the  
3 Rehabilitation Act); and  
4 11.For such other and further relief as the Court deems just and  
5 proper.

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