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16 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
 17 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
 18 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

19 LONG HAUL, INC. and EAST BAY )  
 PRISONER SUPPORT, )  
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 Plaintiffs, )  
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 v. )  
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 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; VICTORIA )  
 23 HARRISON; KAREN ALBERTS; WILLIAM )  
 KASISKE; WADE MACADAM; TIMOTHY J. )  
 24 ZUNIGA; MIKE HART; LISA SHAFFER; )  
 25 AND DOES 1-25, )  
 26 Defendants.

Case No. 09-00168-JSW  
**JOINT CASE MANAGEMENT  
 STATEMENT**  
 DATE: October 2, 2009  
 TIME: 1:00 PM  
 DEPT: Courtroom 11, 19<sup>th</sup> Floor

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 28 The parties to the above-entitled action jointly submit this Case Management Statement.

1           **1. Jurisdiction and Service**

2           This case arises under the United States Constitution, under Title 42 of the United States  
3 Code § 1983 (Civil Rights Act) and § 2000aa *et seq.* (Privacy Protection Act), under Title 28 of the  
4 United States Code §§ 2201 and 2202 (declaratory relief), and under *Bivens v. Six Unknown*  
5 *Named Agents*, 403 U.S. 388 (1971). This Court has jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. §§1331 (federal  
6 question), 1343 (civil rights), and 2201 (declaratory relief), and 42 U.S.C. § 2000aa-6(h) (Privacy  
7 Protection Act).

8           All parties have been served.

9           **2. Facts**

10           a.   The Parties

11           Plaintiff Long Haul, Inc., DBA Long Haul (“Long Haul”) is a non-profit corporation  
12 under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Long Haul has operated a collectively operated  
13 lending library, bookshop and community space in Alameda County, California for 15 years. In  
14 addition, Long Haul publishes Slingshot, a quarterly newspaper, out of an office on its second  
15 floor. Long Haul is located at 3124 Shattuck Avenue in the City of Berkeley.

16           Plaintiff East Bay Prisoner Support (“EBPS”) occupies an office on the first floor of Long  
17 Haul and is an unincorporated prisoner-rights group whose primary purpose is as a publisher of  
18 prisoner writings in the form of a newsletter and pamphlets. EBPS is not otherwise affiliated with  
19 Long Haul.

20           Defendant United States of America is the United States, its departments, agencies, and  
21 entities. Defendant Mike Hart was, at the time of the incident at issue, a deputized law enforcement  
22 officer under the authority and control of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (“FBI”). Defendant  
23 Special Agent Lisa Shaffer is a special agent of the FBI. These defendants are collectively referred  
24 to herein as “Federal Defendants.”

25           Defendant Victoria Harrison was, at the time of the incident at issue in this case, Associate  
26 Vice Chancellor/Chief of Police of the University of California at Berkeley Police Department  
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1 (“UCPD”).<sup>1</sup> Defendant Karen Alberts is a Sergeant of Investigations at UCPD. She is responsible  
2 for supervising and controlling the other UCPD officers involved in this search and seizure.  
3 Defendants Kasiske, MacAdam, and Zuniga are UCPD officers under Defendants Harrison’s and  
4 Alberts’s training, supervision and control. These defendants are collectively referred to herein as  
5 “University Defendants.”

6 b. Brief Chronology

7 Plaintiffs seek redress for violations of their First and Fourth Amendment rights, and for  
8 violations of the Privacy Protection Act (42 U.S.C. § 2000aa) (PPA) stemming from the search of  
9 their premises and seizure of their computers and other property and information located at the  
10 Long Haul Infoshop and EBPS on August 27, 2008. Plaintiffs contend

- 11 • that the officers had no reason to suspect them of any wrongdoing, that the affidavit  
12 in support of the search warrant failed to establish probable cause to search anything  
13 except public access computers located at Long Haul,
- 14 • that the officers omitted important information from the warrant application and  
15 thereby obtained an overbroad warrant,
- 16 • that the warrant was facially void in that it authorized the seizure of “evidence,”  
17 without further elaboration,
- 18 • that the officers improperly executed the warrant by searching and seizing items for  
19 which there was no probable cause, including documentary and work product  
20 material located in the Slingshot newspaper and EBPS offices that is protected  
21 under the PPA, and
- 22 • that Defendants continue to retain copies of documentary and work product  
23 materials seized from Slingshot and from EBPS, although they have stipulated to  
24 limitations on the use without notice of that material during the pendency of this  
25 case.

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<sup>1</sup> The current UCPD Chief of Police is Mitchell J. Celaya III, who will be automatically substituted  
as a defendant for Victoria Harrison under Fed. R.Civ.P. 25(d).

1 Defendants contend:

- 2 • Plaintiff Long Haul Infoshop runs a “community space” in a storefront building in  
3 Berkeley, California. During the summer of 2008, the UCPD was engaged in an  
4 investigation into a series of threatening, harassing, and intimidating email messages  
5 sent to University of California faculty members engaged in animal research. The  
6 investigators traced the origin of these email messages to the storefront building  
7 occupied by Long Haul.
- 8 • On August 26, 2008, Defendant Detective Kasiske of the UCPD applied for and  
9 obtained a warrant to search the entire space occupied by Long Haul at 3124  
10 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley, California. Specifically, the warrant authorized the  
11 search of the “premises, structures, rooms, receptacles, outbuildings, associated  
12 storage areas, and safes” situated at Long Haul. Further, the warrant authorized  
13 seizure of documents containing the names or other identifying information of  
14 “patrons who used the computers at Long Haul” and of electronic processing and  
15 storage devices that would contain evidence. Finally, because of the difficulty of  
16 searching the electronic processing and storage devices onsite, the warrant  
17 authorized their removal to an off-site location to be searched by a computer  
18 forensics expert.
- 19 • After obtaining the search warrant for the premises, and, with the assistance of  
20 Defendants Hart and Shaffer, the UCPD executed the warrant on August 27, 2008.  
21 During the execution of the warrant, Defendants searched the entire Long Haul  
22 space, including the offices located within the space, and removed all computers  
23 from the building. Defendants also seized other storage devices and media. After  
24 copying the computer hard-drives, UCPD obtained a court order and returned the  
25 original data storage devices as well as other items seized to Long Haul and EBPS.
- 26 • Defendants contend that the search warrant was supported by probable cause and  
27 that no information was withheld from the issuing judge that would have altered the  
28 determination of probable cause for the warrant. Defendants further contend that the

1 search warrant was not overbroad nor facially invalid. Finally, Defendants contend  
2 that they have qualified immunity regarding plaintiffs' claims and additional  
3 statutory defenses regarding the PPA claim.

4 c. Disputed Issues of Fact

5 The parties dispute the following factual issues:

- 6 • Whether there was reason to believe that the immediate seizure of documentary and  
7 work product material on Slingshot and EBPS computers was necessary to prevent  
8 death or serious bodily injury;
- 9 • Whether Agent Shaffer participated in obtaining the warrant, or only in executing it;
- 10 • Whether Slingshot's office is on the second floor of Long Haul and marked with a  
11 sign that clearly reads "Slingshot";
- 12 • Whether EBPS's office is on the first floor of Long Haul and marked with a sign  
13 that indicates that that space is the EBPS space;
- 14 • Whether Defendants knew or should reasonably have known at the time of the raid  
15 that materials on the Slingshot computers were possessed in connection with a  
16 purpose to disseminate to the public a newspaper, book, broadcast, or other similar  
17 form of public communication;
- 18 • Whether Defendants knew or should reasonably have known at the time of the raid  
19 that materials on the EBPS computers were possessed in connection with a purpose  
20 to disseminate to the public a newspaper, book, broadcast, or other similar form of  
21 public communication;
- 22 • Whether the raid team caused unnecessary damage to property during the raid;
- 23 • Whether the raid team left the EBPS office in disarray, including looking through the  
24 organization's mail;
- 25 • Whether UCPD refused to cease any search of computer data and destroy any  
26 copies after receiving a letter from Plaintiffs on October 22 and October 27 asking  
27 them to do so pursuant to the PPA;
- 28 • Whether the warrant specifically described what the defendant search agents were

1 authorized to search for;

- 2 • Whether the willingness and ability of Plaintiffs and their members to communicate  
3 and associate with other organizations and individuals have been disrupted by the  
4 actions of Defendants;
- 5 • Whether material regarding the associational interests of Plaintiffs and their members  
6 was seized by Defendants during the raid;
- 7 • Whether the search warrant authorized a search of all the space within the Long  
8 Haul building;
- 9 • Whether the facts support a good faith defense under the PPA;
- 10 • Whether the information obtained during the investigation factually supported a  
11 search warrant of the Long Haul building

12 **3. Legal Issues**

13 The parties dispute the following legal issues:

- 14 • Whether the exigent circumstances exception to the Privacy Protection Act applies;
- 15 • Whether the other defenses available under the PPA apply;
- 16 • Whether a First Amendment claim under *Bivens* can arise from an illegal search and  
17 seizure of materials protected by the First Amendment;
- 18 • Whether Plaintiffs adequately pled their *Bivens* claims;
- 19 • Whether Plaintiffs adequately pled their First Amendment claims;
- 20 • Whether the warrant satisfied the Fourth Amendment's particularity requirement;
- 21 • Whether the scope of the search was reasonable under the circumstances;
- 22 • Whether the search warrant was adequately supported by probable cause;
- 23 • Whether there was probable cause to believe that plaintiffs may be engaged in  
24 unlawful activity;
- 25 • Whether Plaintiffs claim asking for injunctive relief prohibiting them from making  
26 use of seized data and requiring that they delete any data seized is adequate or fails  
27 for lack of particularity and redressibility;
- 28 • Whether the warrant was improper at least because it (1) authorized searches and

1 seizures of areas and effects for which the affidavit failed to provide probable cause,  
2 and (2) did not specifically describe the place to be searched or the things to be  
3 seized;

- 4 • Whether the Defendants are entitled to qualified immunity.

#### 5 **4. Motions**

6 The Federal Defendants' Motion to Dismiss is pending, and additional briefing from  
7 Plaintiffs is due September 29, 2009 with the Federal Defendants' reply due October 13, 2009.  
8 Defendants anticipate filing motions for summary judgment on the merits of the constitutional and  
9 PPA claims, as well as on the issue of qualified immunity. The University Defendants may seek  
10 leave to file a motion addressing Plaintiffs' First Amendment claim, as clarified pursuant to the  
11 Court's September 14, 2009 Order. The individual Federal Defendants (Shaffer and Hart)  
12 anticipate the need for early motions for summary judgment based on qualified immunity.

#### 13 **5. Amendment of Pleadings**

14 Plaintiffs may seek to amend to add other parties should discovery reveal additional  
15 defendants, to dismiss against specific parties if discovery reveals they were not involved or are  
16 otherwise not liable, or if the Court's ruling on the Motion to Dismiss requires or suggests that  
17 amendment would be appropriate. Plaintiffs may also seek to amend to add federal tort claims  
18 when those claims are ripe. Mitchell J. Celaya III has replaced Defendant Harrison as Associate  
19 Vice Chancellor/Chief of Police of the University of California at Berkeley Police Department  
20 ("UCPD") and has automatically been substituted as a Defendant in his official capacity under  
21 Fed.R.Civ.P. 25(d).

#### 22 **6. Evidence Preservation**

23 Plaintiffs have made forensic copies of the computer hard drives seized and returned by  
24 Defendants and have stored those copies with a third party computer expert. Plaintiffs have  
25 preserved photographs taken of the Long Haul Infoshop as it looked after the raid. Plaintiffs have  
26 also preserved a video of the raid taken by a third party and posted on the indybay.org website.  
27 Plaintiffs have preserved the Long Haul website as it existed on August 27, 2008. Plaintiffs have  
28 preserved the Slingshot website as it existed on August 27, 2008. Plaintiffs have preserved the

1 EBPS website as it existed on August 27, 2008.

2 The University Defendants have preserved the copies of the hard drives seized and returned  
3 to Plaintiffs. Further, the University Defendants have preserved the video taken during the  
4 execution of the search warrant and the documents contained in the investigative file underlying  
5 the search in this case. Finally, the University Defendants have preserved the electronically stored  
6 information relating to the search warrant executed in this case.

7 Counsel for the Federal Defendants has issued a litigation hold letter to the individually  
8 named defendants and the FBI.

9 **7. Disclosures**

10 The parties certify that their initial disclosures have been made as of September 24, 2009,  
11 as ordered by the Court.

12 **8. Discovery**

13 The parties agree to the following discovery plan:

14 a. Anticipated Discovery Topics

15 At this time, Plaintiffs anticipate fact discovery on what Defendants knew about Long Haul,  
16 Slingshot and East Bay Prisoner Support prior to the raid, how Defendants planned the raid, what  
17 Defendants did in connection with investigating the emails, seeking and executing the warrant,  
18 what Defendants search and seized, what Defendants did with the materials seized as well as other  
19 issues, including potential expert discovery.

20 Defendants anticipate discovery on the issue of damages, including whether Defendants'  
21 actions caused Plaintiffs to incur the monetary damage alleged in the Complaint, and if so, the  
22 extent of those damages. Defendants also anticipate discovery on whether Plaintiffs' associational  
23 rights were chilled as a result of the August 27, 2008 search and seizure. Defendants anticipate  
24 discovery on the operation of Long Haul and EBPS, including Long Haul's structure, organization,  
25 and activities and relationship with Slingshot and EBPS. Finally, Defendants anticipate potential  
26 expert discovery on police practices and damages.

27 b. Anticipated depositions and topics:

28 Plaintiffs anticipate taking the depositions of the following individuals on the following

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Victoria Harrison	Policies and procedures employed by the UCPD regarding searches and seizures.
Karen Alberts	Execution of the search warrant that is the subject of this lawsuit.
William Kasiske	Drafting the affidavit in support of the search warrant that is the subject of this lawsuit and participating in its execution. Involvement with the criminal investigation underlying the search warrant and participation in the return of the property seized during the execution of the search warrant.
Wade MacAdam	Execution of the search warrant that is the subject of this lawsuit.
Timothy Zuniga	Execution of the search warrant that is the subject of this lawsuit and observations of the return of the property seized during the search to a representative from Long Haul Inc.
Lisa Shaffer	Investigation, obtaining and execution of the search warrant that is the subject of this lawsuit.
Michael Hart	Execution of the search warrant that is the subject of this lawsuit.
Silicon Valley Regional Computer Forensics Laboratory	Forensic searching of data seized during the search that is the subject of this lawsuit.

19 Defendants anticipate taking the depositions of the following individuals on the following

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Kathryn Miller	Observations of the raid, interaction with the officers during the raid, service of the search warrant, state of the premises after the raid, return of some of the seized computers, Long Haul's structure, organization, and activities and relationship with Slingshot and EBPS; damages.
Ian Winters	Interaction with officers prior to the raid, observations of the raid, Long Haul's structure, organization, and activities and relationship with

1		Slingshot and EBPS; damages.
2	Robert Burnett	Information about the history of Long Haul and Slingshot, the tenancy of East Bay Prisoner Support, Long Haul's structure, organization, and activities and relationship with Slingshot and EBPS; state of the premises after the raid, damages.
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5	Chloe Watlington	Information about East Bay Prisoner Support and its activities, mission, website and tenancy at the Infoshop, state of the premises after the raid, return of seized items to Plaintiffs, damages.
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8	Patrick Lyons	Information about East Bay Prisoner Support and its activities, mission, website, tenancy at the Infoshop, state of the premises after the raid, damages.
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11	Seth Chazin	The return of the property seized during the execution of the search warrant and Long Haul's structure, organization, and activities and relationship with Slingshot and EBPS.
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13	Christopher Henning	The return of the property seized during the execution of the search warrant and Long Haul's structure, organization, and activities and relationship with Slingshot and EBPS.
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15	Rule 30(b)(6) witness(es) for Long Haul Infoshop	Long Haul's structure, organization, and activities and relationship with Slingshot and EBPS; internet service provision to the subject premises, contacts with law enforcement generally, knowledge of the search warrant application and the search, computers and computer systems at the subject premises, and the allegations in the complaint.
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20	Rule 30(b)(6) witness(es) for East Bay Prisoner Support	EBPS's structure, organization, and activities and relationship with Long Haul; internet service provision to the subject premises, contacts with law enforcement generally, knowledge of the search warrant application and the search, computers and computer systems at the subject premises, and the allegations in the complaint.
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25 The Defendants anticipate seeking a protective order addressing confidential matters,  
 26 including but not limited to the identity of University of California faculty members engaged in  
 27 animal research who have been targeted by threats, harassment, and intimidation, and information  
 28 relating to ongoing criminal investigations and/or prosecutions.

1           **9.    Class Actions**

2           This case is not a class action.

3           **10. Related Cases**

4           The parties are not aware of any related cases.

5           **11. Relief**

6           Plaintiffs Long Haul and EBPS seek the following injunctive and declaratory relief: (1) to  
7 regain control over their information; (2) to preserve the confidentiality of their private  
8 information, the private information of their members and patrons, and the information collected or  
9 created for public dissemination; (3) to prevent any retaliation, monitoring, or surveillance enabled  
10 by the seizure of this information. Plaintiffs also seek damages for the invasion of these interests  
11 that has already occurred and for the physical damage caused during the raid

12           **12. Settlement and ADR**

13           The parties have a call scheduled with ADR staff on September 29, 2009 at 2:00 PM.  
14 Plaintiffs feel that assessing whether ADR is appropriate in this case is premature until the court  
15 rules on the Federal Defendants' Motion to Dismiss. Defendants have indicated an interest in Early  
16 Neutral Evaluation.

17           **13. Consent to Magistrate for All Purposes**

18           The Defendants have declined to consent to have a magistrate judge conduct all further  
19 proceedings, including trial and entry of judgment.

20           **14. Other References**

21           The parties believe that this case is not suitable for reference to binding arbitration, a  
22 special master, or the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation.

23           **15. Narrowing of Issues**

24           At this juncture, the parties do not anticipate a narrowing of issues by agreement.

25           **16. Expedited Schedule**

26           The parties do not believe this is the type of case that can be handled on an expedited basis  
27 with streamlined procedures.

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