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20 21 22	STATE OF NEW MEXICO ex rel. RAÚL TORREZ, District Attorney, Second Judicial District, Petitioner,	21-CIV-06145 ) Case No.: ) ) MEET AND CONFER DECLARATION OF ) JAMES GRAYSON )				
23 24 25	v. FACEBOOK, INC.	) ) State of New Mexico ex rel. Raúl Torrez, ) District Attorney, Second Judicial District ) v. New Mexico Civil Guard, et al				
25 26 27	Respondent.	<ul> <li>New Mexico Civil Guard, et al.</li> <li>State of New Mexico</li> <li>County of Bernalillo</li> <li>Second Judicial District Court</li> <li>Case No. D-202-CV-2020-04051</li> </ul>				
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I, James Grayson, upon my personal knowledge, hereby submit this declaration pursuant to
 Cal. Civ. Proc. Code § 2016.040 and declare as follows:

I am the Chief Deputy District Attorney in the Second Judicial District Attorney's
 Office in Albuquerque, New Mexico. I am an active member in good standing of the State Bar of
 New Mexico and an inactive member of the Washington State Bar Association.

6 2. I am one of the attorneys representing the State of New Mexico in *State of New*7 *Mexico ex rel. Raúl Torrez v. New Mexico Civil Guard*, No. D-202-CV-2020-04051 (N.M. Second
8 Judicial Dist. Ct.), a civil suit seeking a declaratory judgment and an injunction in relation to
9 unlawful and dangerous paramilitary activity by a self-declared militia.

On June 15, 2020, through Facebook, Inc.'s online portal, the District Attorney's
 Office filed a preservation request for the content and non-content subscriber information for the
 user account associated with the New Mexico Civil Guard. Attached as Exhibit 1 is a true and
 correct copy of the automated confirmation email, dated June 15, 2020, reflecting the submission
 and receipt of that request.

4. On January 19, 2021, the District Attorney's Office served Facebook, Inc., with a
 subpoena issued under the authority of the Second Judicial District Court in New Mexico and
 pursuant to Rule 1-045 of the New Mexico Rules of Civil Procedure and the Stored
 Communications Act, 18 U.S.C. § 2703. Attached as Exhibit 2 is a true and correct copy of that
 subpoena.

20 5. The subpoena sought non-content subscriber information for nine identified user
21 accounts associated with named defendants in the underlying New Mexico action.

6. On February 26, 2021, Facebook, Inc., through counsel, Rachel Dallal of Perkins
Coie, responded to the subpoena by letter and objected on the grounds that the subpoena was not
domesticated in California and was not a recognized means of compelling the disclosure of the
information under the SCA. Facebook's objection letter offered to meet and confer. Attached as **Exhibit 3** is a true and correct copy of that letter.

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7. The District Attorney's Office responded to Facebook's objections by letter on
 March 12, 2021, and agreed to meet and confer. Attached as Exhibit 4 is a true and correct copy of
 that letter.

8. Counsel for the State of New Mexico and Facebook met by video conference on
March 19, 2021. Attached as Exhibit 5 is a true and correct copy of an email dated March 19, 2021,
from Jonathan Backer to Rachel Dallal and Ryan Mrazik, memorializing that conversation. After
discussing each other's positions and different interpretations of case law construing the SCA,
counsel for Facebook agreed to speak to their client about the matter. Attached as Exhibit 6 is a
true and correct copy of an email dated March 19, 2021, from James Grayson to Rachel Dallal and
Ryan Mrazik, reflecting that exchange.

9. Counsel for the State of New Mexico, having not received any further information,
 sought an update from Facebook's counsel on April 26, 2021. Attached as Exhibit 7 is a true and
 correct copy of that email, dated April 26, 2021, from Jonathan Backer to Rachel Dallal and Ryan
 Mrazik. Counsel from the State of New Mexico and Facebook participated in a second video
 conference on April 29, 2021. During the video conference, counsel for Facebook asked about the
 State of New Mexico's plans in relation to enforcement of the subpoena.

17 10. Counsel for the State of New Mexico provided additional information by e-mail on
18 May 4, 2021, and informed counsel for Facebook that the State of New Mexico intended to
19 domesticate the subpoena in California and would be prepared to litigate the validity of the
20 subpoena. Attached as Exhibit 8 is a true and correct copy of that email, dated May 4, 2021, from
21 James Grayson to Rachel Dallal and Ryan Mrazik.

11. Counsel for Facebook responded by e-mail on May 5, 2021, and indicated that they
were in discussions with their client about the subpoena. Attached as Exhibit 9 is a true and correct
copy of that email, dated May 5, 2021, from Rachel Dallal to James Grayson.

12. Counsel for Facebook and the State of New Mexico participated in a third video
conference on May 17, 2021. During the video conference, counsel for Facebook indicated a
willingness to assist the State of New Mexico in securing information responsive to its request but
represented that Facebook was unable to provide the information for any user account other than

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bryce.spangler.549 because the non-content subscriber information relating to the other accounts
 had been deleted.

13. 3 On May 24, 2021, counsel for the State of New Mexico informed counsel for Facebook that the non-content subscriber information for the user account bryce.spangler.549 4 5 would not be of much use to the State's case standing alone. Counsel also requested to speak informally with an employee of Facebook familiar with the takedown of Facebook pages associated 6 7 with the New Mexico Civil Guard and further requested any internal communication or records 8 documenting the takedown of those pages. Counsel for the State of New Mexico explained that it 9 would be helpful to discuss directly with a knowledgeable Facebook employee whether the deleted 10 information could be retrieved, particularly because the accounts were taken down pursuant to Facebook's "Dangerous Individuals and Organizations" policy. Attached as Exhibit 10 is a true and 11 correct copy of that email, dated May 24, 2021, from Jonathan Backer to Rachel Dallal and Ryan 12 13 Mrazik.

14 14. Facebook's counsel responded on June 9, 2021, and indicated that, although
15 Facebook remained interested in being helpful, it would not agree to an informal discussion about
16 its decision-making. Facebook's counsel requested that the State of New Mexico attempt to secure
17 an administrative subpoena that would comply with Facebook's interpretation of the SCA. Attached
18 as Exhibit 11 is a true and correct copy of that email, dated June 9, 2021, from Rachel Dallal to
19 Jonathan Backer.

2015. On July 2, 2021, counsel for the State of New Mexico shared with counsel for 21 Facebook a draft subpoena prepared for the purpose of domestication in California. Counsel for the 22 State of New Mexico indicated that the draft subpoena requested information that counsel had 23 sought to discuss informally with a Facebook employee about its policies and procedures for taking 24 down accounts that violate its "Dangerous Individuals and Organizations" policy. Counsel 25 expressed doubts that Facebook would be unable to recover information deleted under that policy, 26 and, once again, sought to resolve the discovery dispute informally. Attached as Exhibit 12 is a true 27 and correct copy of a letter dated July 2, 2021, from James Grayson to Rachel Dallal, enclosing the 28 referenced draft subpoena.

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Facebook did not respond to this letter but inquired on August 2, 2021, whether a
 subpoena had been domesticated. Counsel for the State of New Mexico responded and ultimately
 served Facebook with a domesticated subpoena on August 18, 2021. Attached as Exhibit 13 is a
 true and correct copy of that domesticated subpoena, dated August 18, 2021, and proof of service.

5 17. Counsel for Facebook responded to the subpoena on September 15, 2021, with an 6 objection letter listing a host of reasons for failing to provide any information at all responsive to 7 the subpoena. Among those reasons, counsel for Facebook indicated that the subpoena sought 8 information that "is not within Facebook's possession, custody, or control." Facebook did not offer 9 to provide an affidavit of absence of records under Cal. Evid. Code § 1561(b). Nor did Facebook 10 address whether any deleted information could be recovered, despite the State of New Mexico posing this question since May 24, 2021, just after Facebook's counsel represented for the first time 11 12 at the May 17, 2021, video conference, that the responsive information had been deleted. Attached 13 as **Exhibit 14** is a true and correct copy of the Facebook objection letter, dated September 15, 2021, 14 from Rachel Dallal to James Grayson.

15 18. On September 23, 2021, counsel for the State of New Mexico sent a letter to counsel
16 for Facebook reiterating its belief that Facebook may still have access to the deleted data and
17 offering to limit its request to the non-content subscriber information in Item No. 8 in the subpoena
18 if Facebook produced the information sought in Item No. 8 or confirmed that the information was
19 still retrievable by September 30, 2021. Attached as Exhibit 15 is a true and correct copy of that
20 letter, dated September 23, 2021, from James Grayson to Rachel Dallal.

19. On September 29, 2021, counsel for Facebook responded by e-mail. Counsel stated
that Facebook had performed an additional search and confirmed that responsive records had been
deleted. Counsel indicated that Facebook is unable to recover the records. Attached as Exhibit 16 is
a true and correct copy of that email, dated September 29, 2021, from Rachel Dallal to James
Grayson.

26 20. On September 30, 2021, counsel for Facebook indicated by e-mail that Facebook
27 was conducting "one final search" that "may not be complete by EOD." Attached as Exhibit 17 is a

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true and correct copy of that email, dated September 30, 2021, from Rachel Dallal to James
 Grayson.

3 21. After receiving no further information, counsel for the State of New Mexico asked
4 for an update on October 8, 2021. Attached as Exhibit 18 is a true and correct copy of that email,
5 dated October 8, 2021, from James Grayson to Rachel Dallal.

Counsel for Facebook responded on October 11, 2021, and indicated that there was
no update to the "final search." Attached as Exhibit 19 is a true and correct copy of that email,
dated October 11, 2021, from Ryan Mrazik to James Grayson.

9 23. On October 19, 2021, counsel for the State of New Mexico sent a letter noting that
10 no update on the final search had been provided, reiterating skepticism that Facebook would not be
able to recover non-content subscriber information associated with accounts it took down pursuant
to its "Dangerous Individuals and Organizations" policy, and requesting a declaration from
Facebook's Chief Technology Officer that the deleted information cannot be retrieved. Attached as
Exhibit 20 is a true and correct copy of that letter, dated October 19, 2021, from James Grayson to
Rachel Dallal.

16 24. On October 26, 2021, counsel for Facebook responded. Counsel stated that Facebook
17 confirmed the information had been deleted and offered to provide a declaration of absence of
18 business records. Attached as Exhibit 21 is a true and correct copy of that email, dated October 26,
19 2021, from Ryan Mrazik to James Grayson.

20 25. Counsel for the State of New Mexico responded on November 4, 2021. In an e-mail, 21 counsel informed Facebook that a declaration of absence of business records would not answer 22 whether the deleted information can be retrieved and provided a proposed declaration for 23 Facebook's CTO that would answer this question. Counsel offered to accept any edits to the 24 declaration for accuracy and offered to accept an affiant other than Facebook's CTO with a 25 sufficient explanation for the substitution. Counsel provided a firm deadline of November 10 to 26 receive the signed declaration. Attached as Exhibit 22 is a true and correct copy of that email and 27 attached draft declaration, dated November 4, 2021, from James Grayson to Ryan Mrazik.

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1	26. On November 9, 2021, counsel for Facebook requested additional time to respond to			
2	the November 4 request and asked to reconvene on November 17, 2021. Attached as Exhibit 23 is a			
3	true and correct copy of that email, dated November 9, 2021, from Ryan Mrazik to James Grayson.			
4	27. On November 10, 2021, counsel for the State of New Mexico responded and noted			
5	the significant delays in Facebook's responses. Counsel, however, offered to extend the time to			
6	respond if counsel for Facebook agreed to extend the deadline for filing a petition for enforcement			
7	of the subpoena. Attached as Exhibit 24 is a true and correct copy of that email, dated November			
8	10, 2021, from James Grayson to Ryan Mrazik.			
9	28. On November 10, 2021, counsel for Facebook declined to provide the proposed			
10	declaration and again offered to provide a declaration of absence of records. Counsel did not			
11	reference to the previously requested extension or respond to the State of New Mexico's offer to			
12	extend the time to meet and confer in exchange for Facebook's agreement to extend the deadline to			
13	file an enforcement action. Attached as Exhibit 25 is a true and correct copy of that email, dated			
14	November 10, 2021, from Ryan Mrazik to James Grayson.			
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17	I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true			
18	and correct.			
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20	DATED: NOVEMBER 12, 2021			

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James Grayson Chief Deputy District Attorney Second Judicial District Attorney's Office Albuquerque, New Mexico

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Jonathan Backer <jb2845@georgetown.edu>

#### **Revised Facebook Subpoena**

James Grayson <james.grayson@da2nd.state.nm.us> To: Jonathan Backer <jb2845@georgetown.edu> Tue, Jun 29, 2021 at 4:32 PM

Cc: Raul Torrez <raul.torrez@da2nd\_state.nm.us>, Mark Baker <mbaker@peiferlaw.com>, "Matthew E. Jackson" <mjackson@peiferlaw.com>, Mary McCord <mbm7@georgetown.edu>, Annie Owens <ao700@georgetown.edu>

Hi Jonathan,

This looks great to me. Below is the confirmation Facebook sent to Kyle when he requested preservation of the Civil Guard page. We are not able to log into Kyle's Facebook portal to type in the case number, so the confirmation email is all we have at this point. Thanks, James

From: Records-noreply <no-reply@records.facebook.com> Date: Mon, Jun 15, 2020 at 9:14 PM Subject: Preservation Request Received [Case #4956751] To: <kyle.hartsock@da2nd.state.nm.us>

[Re:Civil Guard - Case:4956751]

We have taken reasonable steps to preserve the account(s) you requested. Your case number is 4956751.

Do not submit additional legal process with this preservation request. If you want to follow up with formal legal process, please visit our online request system at https://www.facebook.com/records to submit a new records request. Please include the same user information provided in this preservation request (user ID, email, or vanity ID).

PLEASE NOTE: This data will expire 90 days from the preservation date. To request a single extension of your preservation request, please visit our online request system at https://www.facebook.com/records.

Thank you, Law Enforcement Response Team

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Kyle Hartsock Special Agent in Charge - Special Investigations Bureau 2nd Judicial District Attorney's Office 520 Lomas Blvd NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102 505-553-2328

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#### 4-505A. Subpoena for production or inspection.

Second JUDICIAL DISTRICT

[District Court Civil Rule 1-045 NMRA]

#### STATE OF NEW MEXICO

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_ Bernalillo

No D-202-CV-202004051

State ex. rel. Torrez, Second Judicial District Attorney , Plaintiff

V.

N.M. Civil Guard et al. . Defendant

#### SUBPOENA FOR PRODUCTION OR INSPECTION<sup>1</sup>

#### **SUBPOENA FOR**

- **DOCUMENTS OR OBJECTS<sup>2</sup>**  $\mathbf{x}$
- **INSPECTION OF PREMISES<sup>2</sup>** []

TO:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED ON:

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_February , \_\_\_\_18 \_\_\_\_TIME: \_\_\_\_9:00 (a.m.) (p.m.)

TO:

 $\mathbf{k}$  permit inspection of the following described books, papers, documents or tangible things: See Schedule A

at <u>Second Judicial District Attorney's Office, 520 Lomas Blvd. N.W., Albuquerque, NM(address)</u>. permit the inspection of the premises located at: 87102. Or by overnight mail or electronically to james.grayson@da2nd.state.nm.us or kyle.hartsock@ (address).da2nd.state.nm.us []

ABSENT A COURT ORDER, DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS SUBPOENA UNTIL THE EXPIRATION OF FOURTEEN (14) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF THE SUBPOENA.

### DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS SUBPOENA FOR PRODUCTION OR INSPECTION IF YOU ARE SERVED WITH WRITTEN OBJECTIONS OR A MOTION TO QUASH UNTIL YOU RECEIVE A COURT ORDER REQUIRING A RESPONSE.

You may comply with this subpoena for production or inspection by providing legible copies of the items requested to be produced by mail or delivery to the attorney whose name appears on this subpoena. You may condition the preparation of the copies upon the payment in advance of the reasonable cost of inspection and copying. You have the right to object to the production pursuant to this subpoena as provided below.

#### **READ THE SECTION "DUTIES IN RESPONDING TO SUBPOENA".**

IF YOU DO NOT COMPLY WITH THIS SUBPOENA you may be held in contempt of court and punished by fine or imprisonment.

January 19 , 2021

/s/ James Grayson, Deputy District Attorney

Judge, clerk or attorney

#### **RETURN FOR COMPLETION BY SHERIFF OR DEPUTY**

I certify that on the	day of		, in			
County, I served this subpoena on						
by delivering to the person named a	a copy of the subpoena and	1 a fee of \$				
(insert the amount of fee tendered o	or, if no fee is tendered, "no	$\operatorname{one}^{"}$ ) <sup>3</sup> .				

Deputy sheriff

#### RETURN FOR COMPLETION BY OTHER PERSON MAKING SERVICE

I, being duly sworn, on oath say that I am over the age of eighteen (18) years and not a party to this lawsuit, and that on the \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_, in \_\_\_\_\_County, I served this subpoena on \_\_\_\_\_\_ by delivering to the person named a copy of the subpoena and a fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_\_ (insert the amount of fee tendered or, if no fee is tendered, "none")<sup>3</sup>.

Person making service

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_(date).

Judge, notary or other officer authorized to administer oaths

THIS SUBPOENA issued by or at request of:

Name of attorney of party

Address

Telephone

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE BY ATTORNEY**

I certify that I caused a copy of this subpoena to be served on the following persons or entities by (delivery) (mail) on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_.

(1)

(Name of party)

(Address)

(Name of party)

(Address)

Attorney

Signature

Date of signature

#### TO BE PRINTED ON EACH SUBPOENA

- 1. This subpoena must be served on each party in the manner provided by Rule 1-005 NMRA. If service is by a party, an affidavit of service must be used instead of a certificate of service.
- 2. A person commanded to produce and permit inspection and copying of designated books, papers, documents or tangible things, or inspection of premises need not appear in person at the place of production or inspection unless commanded to appear for deposition, hearing or trial.
- 3. If a person's attendance is commanded, one full day's per diem must be tendered with the subpoena, unless the subpoena is issued on behalf of the state or an officer or agency thereof. Mileage must also be tendered at the time of service of the subpoena as provided by the Per Diem and Mileage Act. *See* Section 38-6-4 NMSA 1978 for per diem and mileage for witnesses. *See* Paragraph A of Section 10-8-4 NMSA 1978 for per diem and mileage rates for nonsalaried public officers. Payment of per diem and mileage for subpoenas issued by the state is made pursuant to regulations of the Administrative Office of the Courts. *See* Section 34-9-11 NMSA 1978 for payments from the jury and witness fee fund.

#### **PROTECTION OF PERSONS SUBJECT TO SUBPOENAS**

A party or an attorney responsible for the issuance and service of a subpoena shall take reasonable steps to avoid imposing undue burden or expense on a person subject to that subpoena. The court on behalf of which the subpoena was issued shall enforce this duty and impose upon the party or attorney in breach of this duty an appropriate sanction, which may include, but is not limited to, lost earnings and a reasonable attorney's fee.

A person commanded to produce and permit inspection and copying of designated books, papers, documents or tangible things, or inspection of premises need not appear in person at the place of production or inspection unless commanded to appear for deposition, hearing or trial.

Subject to Subparagraph (2) of Paragraph D below, a person commanded to produce and permit inspection and copying may, within fourteen (14) days after service of the subpoena

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or before the time specified for compliance if such time is less than fourteen (14) days after service, serve upon the party or attorney designated in the subpoena written objection to inspection or copying of any or all of the designated materials or of the premises or within fourteen (14) days after service of the subpoena may file a motion to quash the subpoena and serve the motion on all parties to the action. If an objection is served or a motion to quash is filed and served on the parties, the party serving the subpoena shall not be entitled to inspect and copy the materials or inspect the premises except pursuant to an order of the court by which the subpoena was issued. If objection has been made, the party serving the subpoena may, upon notice to the person commanded to produce, move at any time for an order to compel the production. Such an order to compel production shall protect any person who is not a party or an officer of a party from significant expense resulting from the inspection and copying commanded.

On timely motion, the court by which a subpoena was issued shall quash or modify the subpoena if it:

- (1) fails to allow reasonable time for compliance,
- (2) requires a person who is not a party or an officer of a party to travel to a place more than one hundred miles from the place where that person resides, is employed or regularly transacts business in person, except as provided below, such a person may in order to attend trial be commanded to travel from any such place within the state in which the trial is held, or
- (3) requires disclosure of privileged or other protected matter and no exception or waiver applies, or
- (4) subjects a person to undue burden.

If a subpoena:

- (1) requires disclosure of a trade secret or other confidential research, development, or commercial information, or
- (2) requires disclosure of an unretained expert's opinion or information not describing specific events or occurrences in dispute and resulting from the expert's study made not at the request of any party, or
- (3) requires a person who is not a party or an officer of a party to incur substantial expense to travel,

the court may, to protect a person subject to or affected by the subpoena, quash or modify the subpoena or, if the party in whose behalf the subpoena is issued shows a substantial need for the testimony or material that cannot be otherwise met without undue hardship and assures that the person to whom the subpoena is addressed will be reasonably compensated, the court may order appearance or production only upon specified conditions.

### DUTIES IN RESPONDING TO SUBPOENA

- (1) A person responding to a subpoena to produce documents shall produce them as they are kept in the usual course of business or shall organize and label them to correspond with the categories in the demand.
- (2) When information subject to a subpoena is withheld on a claim that it is privileged or subject to protection as trial preparation materials, the claim shall be made expressly and shall be supported by a description of the nature of the documents, communications, or things not produced that is sufficient

to enable the demanding party to contest the claim.

(3) A person commanded to produce documents or material or to permit the inspection of premises shall not produce the documents or materials or permit the inspection of the premises if a written objection is served or a motion to quash has been filed with the court until a court order requires their production or inspection.

[As amended, effective November 1, 2002; as amended by Supreme Court Order No. 08-8300-002, effective March 15, 2008; by Supreme Court Order No. 09-8300-030, effective October 12, 2009.]

#### Schedule A

This subpoena is issued pursuant to Rule 1-045 NMRA and pursuant to the Stored Communications Act, 18 U.S.C. 2703(c)(2).

#### **DEFINITIONS**

"Communication" means the transmittal of information, in the form of facts, ideas, and inquiries or otherwise, by any means whatsoever, including but not limited to, letter, email, text, voicemail, posts and direct messages on social media, or other means.

The term "document" means all documents and tangible things in the broadest sense allowed under the scope of discovery set forth in Rule 1-026 NMRA to include, but not limited to, any written, typed, or printed matter and all magnetic, electronic, or other records or documentation of any kind or description (including, without limitation: email, letters, correspondence, posts and direct messages on social media, telegrams, memoranda, notes, records, minutes, contracts, agreements, records or notations of telephone or personal conversations, conferences, interoffice communications, microfilm, bulletins, circulars, pamphlets, photographs, facsimiles, invoices, tape recordings, computer printouts, and work sheets), including drafts and copies not identical to the originals, all photographs, and graphic matter, however produced or reproduced, all compilations of data from which information can be obtained, and any and all writings or recordings of any type or nature, within your possession, custody, or control or that is within your possession, custody or control, whether prepared by you or any other person, that constitute or contain matters relevant to the subject matter of the action. The term "document" specifically includes electronically stored information ("ESI"). Please produce the documents in electronic form to the extent possible.

"Person" means the singular as well as the plural, and masculine as well as the feminine, and includes any natural person or business, legal or governmental entity or association.

The terms "and," "or," and "and/or" shall be construed in the conjunctive or the disjunctive, whichever makes the request more inclusive. The disjunctive includes the conjunctive, and vice versa.

The terms "any" and "each" shall be construed as "all," "each and every," or "any one," whichever makes the request more inclusive.

The term "all" shall include and encompass "any" or "each," whichever makes the request more inclusive.

The use of the word "the" shall not be construed as limiting the scope of any request. The terms "including" and "include" means "specifically including but not limited to." Each gender of any word includes the other genders.

The use of the singular form of any word includes the plural, and vice versa, as necessary to bring within the scope of the following requests all information which might otherwise be construed to be outside its scope.

The use of any form of any verb shall be considered to include within its meaning all of the forms of the verb so used.

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

All grounds for an objection to a request shall be stated with specificity.

A Document is deemed to be in your custody or control if you have possession of the Document, or have the right to secure such Document from another Person having possession thereof.

You shall produce the requested Documents either as they are kept in the ordinary course of business, or as they are organized and labeled in a manner such that they are grouped separately for each of the following requests. To the extent such produced Documents include electronically stored information, such information shall be produced in the form in which it is ordinarily maintained or in a reasonably usable form, including metadata.

Each of these requests shall be construed independently and shall not be limited by any other request.

If, in answering these requests, you claim that any request, or a definition or instruction applicable thereto, is ambiguous or objectionable, do not use such claim as a basis for refusing to respond, but rather set forth as part of the response the language you claim is ambiguous or objectionable and the interpretation you have used to respond to the individual request.

Plaintiffs do not seek documents that are privileged. With respect to any Document requested, or parts of any Document requested, that you claim to be privileged, immune, or that is withheld for any other reason, please provide a statement setting forth as to each such request:

- (a) the name of the author;
- (b) the name of the participants (in the case of Communications or meetings);
- (c) the date of the Document, Communication, or meeting;
- (d) the name of the individual that currently has possession, custody or control of the Document requested;
- (e) a brief description of the nature and subject matter of the Document withheld; and
- (f) the basis on which it is being withheld.

With respect to any Document requested that you claim to be privileged, immune, or is withheld for any other reason, please produce, or permit the inspection of, parts of such a Document falling within the scope of the request that are not privileged or immune.

File folders with labels, tables or directories of files identifying a Document must also be produced with such Document.

Documents attached to each other shall not be separated.

The information sought for preservation and or production is in relation to the User(s) of and/or subscriber to your products and services listed herein below (hereinafter "Users"):

1. Username: NMCIVILGUARD

User ID: 110703723882801

2. Username: New-Mexico-Civil-Guard-Curry-County

User ID: 114690286917913

3. Username: New-Mexico-Civil-Guard-San-Juan-County

User ID: 107557564304719

4. Username: New-Mexico-Civil-Guard-Eddy-County

**User ID:** 109043210821100

5. Username: New-Mexico-Civil-Guard-Sandoval-County

User ID: 100935324975786

6. Username: New-Mexico-Civil-Guard-Bernalillo-County

**User ID:** 100318378372061

7. Username: New-Mexico-Civil-Guard-Dona-Ana-County

**User ID:** 100318378372061

8. Username: Jason-P-Bjorn

**User ID:** 100015675451132

9. Username: bryce.spangler.549

#### **User ID:** 100055249230466

Please produce the following records in person, by mail, or electronically to <u>james.grayson@da2nd.state.nm.us</u> or kyle.hartsock@da2nd.state.nm.us by February 18, 2021, at 9:00 AM MST:

- 1. Name and address(es);
- 2. All Users' contact information, including e-mail addresses and alternate e-mail addresses used for verification, activated phone numbers and all phone numbers or e-mail addresses used for password recovery, etc.;
- 3. Length of service (including creation date of Users' Facebook accounts);
- 4. IP Address Access Log Information (please do not send only the last IP address to access the User's Facebook account, send entire history for *every* access session from January 1, 2020, through the date on which the search is completed). The IP Address Access Log Information includes:
  - a. Any connections to the Users' Facebook account since January 1, 2020, through the date on which the search is completed;
  - b. The date, time and time zone for each connection or login to Facebook by the Users;
  - c. The date, time and time zone for each disconnection or logoff for each connection/session;
  - d. The originating IP address for each connection/session to the Users' Facebook account from January 1, 2020, through the date on which the search is completed; and
  - e. If available, the user agent details for each access, including browser and version, operating system and version, and any other logged information for each connection/session.
- 5. Any additional relevant information in your possession to assist in identifying Users.



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#### VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

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#### Re: Civil Subpoena, *State v. New Mexico Civil Guard*, Case No. D-202-CV-2020-04051 (2nd Judicial District Court, Bernalillo County, NM)

Dear Mr. Grayson,

We represent non-party Facebook, Inc. ("Facebook"), the operator of the Facebook and Instagram services, and write in response to your subpoena of January 19, 2021, which seeks basic subscriber information for nine Facebook accounts. Facebook objects to the subpoena for the reasons explained below.

First, state court discovery demands to Facebook must issue from a California state court or be properly domesticated under California law and personally served on Facebook. *See* CAL. CIV. PROC. CODE § 2029.300; *id.* § 2029.400 ("A subpoena issued under this article shall be personally served in compliance with the law of this state."). California makes this process quite simple and inexpensive as there is not even a requirement to engage local counsel to domesticate a subpoena in California. *See* Cal. Civ. Proc. Code §§ 2029.300, 2029.350, 2008 Law Revision Commission Comments ("This section does not make retention of local counsel mandatory."). Without domestication, a New Mexico state subpoena cannot compel data from Facebook.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Further, although subpoena power and personal jurisdiction are different concepts, the New Mexico Second Judicial District Court does not have personal jurisdiction over Facebook. *See Daimler AG v. Bauman*, 571 U.S. 117, 136 (2014) (holding that a corporation is subject to general personal jurisdiction only in its "place of incorporation and principal place of business"). Facebook is a Delaware corporation with its headquarters in Menlo Park, California. Accordingly, it is not subject to personal jurisdiction in New Mexico state courts. The fact that Facebook does business in New Mexico and that its services are available in the state is not sufficient to provide New Mexico courts with personal jurisdiction over Facebook. *See Bird v. Parsons*, 289 F.3d 865, 874 (6th Cir. 2002) ("maintain[ing] a website that is accessible to anyone over the Internet is insufficient to justify general jurisdiction"); *see also Ralls v. Facebook*, No. C16-0007JLR, 2016 WL 6459842, at \*4 (W.D. Wash. Oct. 20, 2016) ("personal jurisdiction over Facebook may not exist simply because a user avails himself of Facebook's services in a state other than the states in which Facebook is incorporated and has its principal place of business.").

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Second, in any event and even if you were to domesticate, the Stored Communications Act ("SCA") prohibits Facebook from producing non-content records to a governmental entity, see 18 U.S.C. § 2702(a)(3), except in response to "an administrative subpoena authorized by a Federal or State statute or a Federal or State grand jury or trial subpoena", *id.* §§ 2702(c)(1), 2703(c)(2); *Thayer v. Chiczewski*, No. 07 C 1290, 2009 WL 2957317, at \*5 n.5 (N.D. Ill. Sept. 11, 2009) ("The SCA . . . prohibits [providers] from divulging . . . subscriber or customer information or records to governmental entities."). Civil discovery subpoenas from governmental entities do not fall within these exceptions. *See Doe v. City of San Diego*, Civil No. 12–cv–0689–MMA (DHB), 2013 WL 2338713, at \*4 (S.D. Cal. May 28, 2013) ("the SCA prohibits Verizon from disclosing Plaintiff's 'subscriber information' to the City's counsel of record."); *In re Subpoena Duces Tecum to AOL*, LLC, 550 F. Supp. 2d 606, 611 (E.D. Va. 2008) ("governmental entities are prohibited from using Rule 45 civil discovery subpoenas to circumvent the [SCA]'s protections."); *F.T.C. v. Netscape Communications Corp.*, 196 F.R.D. 559, 561 (N.D. Cal. 2000) (denying FTC's motion to compel compliance with a discovery subpoena).

If you have questions regarding the above, please feel free to contact me to meet and confer.

Facebook preserves and does not waive any available rights or objections.

Sincerely,

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Rachel Dallal

cc: Kyle Hartsock kyle.hartsock@da2nd.state.nm.us



Date: March 12, 2021

### **VIA EMAIL/CERTIFIED MAIL**

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### Re: Civil Subpoena, *State v. New Mexico Civil Guard*, Case No. D-202-CV-2020-04051 (2nd Judicial District Court, Bernalillo County, NM)

Dear Ms. Dallal:

Thank you for your correspondence regarding my office's third-party subpoena issued in connection with the above-captioned case. We disagree that the Stored Communications Act (SCA), 18 U.S.C. §§ 2701–12, prohibits Facebook from disclosing the non-content information sought by the State in this case and would like to meet and confer with you concerning this matter.<sup>1</sup>

As an initial matter, New Mexico law entitles the State to the non-content information it seeks in its subpoena. The New Mexico Electronic Communications Privacy Act (ECPA) implements the SCA at the state level. That statute specifically authorizes a "government entity" to obtain "subscriber information" from "a service provider" pursuant to a "trial *or civil discovery* subpoena." NMSA 1978 § 10-16F-3(M)(3) (emphasis added). Accordingly, the New Mexico ECPA authorizes the State's subpoena, and Facebook is required to comply with it.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The State is willing to domesticate its subpoena under California law if doing so will enable Facebook to comply with the subpoena without resort to litigation.

The cases cited in your letter are inapposite. Of those cases, *FTC v. Netscape Communications Corp.*, 196 F.R.D. 559 (N.D. Cal. 2000), is the most on point because it concerns a subpoena issued by a governmental entity for non-content information pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 2703(c)(2), like the State's subpoena here.<sup>2</sup> *Id.* at 559. *Netscape* held that the term "trial subpoena" as used in § 2703(c)(2) does not encompass civil discovery subpoenas issued under Rule 45 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. But, as explained above, the State's subpoena is made under the New Mexico ECPA, not Rule 45.

Moreover, *Netscape* is a nonbinding decision and does not reflect a consistent position of the Northern District of California. That court has twice denied motions to quash civil discovery subpoenas seeking non-content records pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 2702(c)(1), which authorizes the disclosure of the non-content records covered by § 2703. *Obadai v. Indeed, Inc.*, No. 13-80027-MISC EMC (KAW), 2013 WL 1191267, at \*3 (N.D. Cal. Mar. 21, 2013); *Chevron Corp. v. Donziger*, No. 12-mc-80237, 2013 WL 4536808, at \*6 (N.D. Cal. Aug. 22, 2013). Although both *Obadai* and *Donziger* involved subpoenas issued by private litigants, the reasoning of those decisions necessarily implies that a civil discovery subpoena issued by a governmental entity would entitle it to the non-content information identified in § 2703(c)(2). Accordingly, *Netscape* is not a persuasive basis for Facebook to refrain from complying with the State's subpoena.

Finally, the State brought the underlying civil action in a quasi-prosecutorial role. The suit seeks to enjoin the New Mexico Civil Guard and its members from attempting to exercise military and law-enforcement functions as a private paramilitary group without official sanction. The activities alleged in the complaint violate criminal statutes proscribing the false assumption of law-enforcement functions and nuisance, and the New Mexico Criminal Code permits the district attorney to bring a civil action to abate a criminal nuisance. *See* NMSA 1978, 30-8-8(B) (1963). Under these circumstances, the State's use of a civil discovery subpoena under New Mexico law is equivalent to the use of an administrative subpoena and thus falls squarely within the scope and purpose of § 2703(c)(2). At a time when there is a national urgency to quell private paramilitary activity that threatens public safety and governmental institutions, the State's important interest in obtaining this information is clear. The subscriber, meanwhile, has no right to privacy in the subscriber information sought in the subpoena. *See United States v. Perrine*, 518 F.3d 1196, 1204–05 (10th Cir. 2008) (collecting cases).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The other cases cited in your letter are not on point. *In re Subpoena Duces Tecum to AOL, LLC* addressed a subpoena issued by a private litigant. 550 F. Supp. 2d 606, 612 (E.D. Va. 2008) (holding that the SCA barred State Farm from obtaining a customer's emails through a civil discovery subpoena). The other two cases concerned subpoenas issued by governmental entities seeking the *content* of customers' communications under 18 U.S.C. § 2702, not the non-content information specified by § 2703(c)(2) that the State seeks here. *Doe v. City of San Diego*, No. 12-cv-0689, 2013 WL 2338713, at \*1, 4 & n.5 (May 28, 2013) (analyzing a city's subpoena seeking "any and all records" concerning customers' cell phone numbers under § 2702 and concluding that § 2703 was "not applicable" to the court's analysis, given the subpoena's breadth); *Thayer v. Chiczewski*, No. 07 C 1290, 2009 WL 2957317, at \*6–7 (N.D. Ill. Sept. 11, 2009) (holding that a customer's emails could be disclosed under 18 U.S.C. § 2702(b)(3) in response to a civil subpoena because the customer had consented to their release).

We welcome an opportunity to meet and confer about this topic. Please let me know some dates and times when you are available to meet.

Sincerely,

<u>/s/ James Grayson</u> James Grayson Deputy District Attorney Second Judicial District 520 Lomas Blvd. N.W. Albuquerque, NM 87102 james.grayson@da2nd.state.nm.us



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### Follow-Up re NMCG

1 message

#### Jonathan Backer <jb2845@georgetown.edu>

Fri, Mar 19, 2021 at 3:29 PM

To: rdallal@perkinscoie.com, rmrazik@perkinscoie.com Cc: James Grayson <james.grayson@da2nd.state.nm.us>, Annie Owens <ao700@georgetown.edu>

Hi Rachel and Ryan,

Thanks again for taking the time to speak with us today. It was a productive conversation.

To follow up on your request for more precise information about when the accounts referenced in our subpoena were taken down, that occured on August 19, 2020. That is consistent with Facebook's announcement on that date that it had taken down pages associated with "US-based militia organizations."

Let us know if there's additional information that would be helpful to facilitate your conversation with your client about this matter.

#### All the best,

#### Jonathan

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### State of NM v. NM Civil Guard Facebook subpoena; additional authorities

James Grayson <james.grayson@da2nd.state.nm.us> Fri, Mar 19, 2021 at 4:40 PM To: "Dallal, Rachel (Perkins Coie)" <RDallal@perkinscoie.com>, "Mrazik, Ryan T. (Perkins Coie)" <RMrazik@perkinscoie.com> Cc: Jonathan Backer <jb2845@georgetown.edu>, Annie Owens <ao700@georgetown.edu>

Hello Rachel and Ryan,

As Jonathan said, we're grateful to you for taking the time to meet with us today and for being willing to consider our position. I'm providing below the authorities that I mentioned during the meeting and some other relevant cases. We think it's also worth noting that the reasoning in *FTC v. Netscape Communications Corp.*, 196 F.R.D. 559 (N.D. Cal. 2000) rests principally on a distinction in Rule 45 that no longer exists. The court in *Netscape* relied on the fact that, under the former version of the rule, a discovery subpoena would be issued by the court for the district in which the deposition or production was to occur while a trial subpoena would be issued by the court for the district in which the trial was held. *Id.* at 560. No such distinction exists under the current rule: "A subpoena must issue from the court where the action is pending." Fed. R. Civ. P. 45(a)(2). The current rule does not distinguish between "discovery" and "trial" subpoenas; instead, it authorizes testimonial subpoenas for any hearing, deposition, or trial, Rule 45(c)(1), and subpoenas for "other discovery," which would include the production of documents either before trial or at trial, Rule 45(c)(2), and provides that these two types of subpoenas may be issued in combination or separately, Rule 45(a)(1)(c). This change in the rule may explain why *Netscape* appears to stand alone in its restrictive interpretation of the phrase "trial subpoena" in § 2703(c)(2).

I hope these authorities are helpful in your consideration of the issue, and we look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards, James

For reliance on state law in construing § 2703's reference to subpoenas, see *Brown v. Sprint Corp. Security Specialist*, 17-CV-2561, 2019 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 16641, at \*12 n.3 (E.D.N.Y. Jan. 31, 2019) ("Under the New York State Criminal Procedure Law, a "subpoena" includes a "subpoena duces tecum." A subpoena duces tecum is a subpoena requiring the witness to bring with him and produce specified physical evidence.' N.Y. Crim. Proc. Law § 610.10(3)."), and *State ex rel. Koster v. Charter Communications., Inc.*, 461 S.W.3d 851, 855-56 (Mo. Ct. App. 2015) (evaluating Missouri law to determine whether a civil investigative demand qualifies as an administrative subpoena and referring to federal authorities because Missouri's CID procedure is patterned on federal law).

For good-faith reliance on a state-issued subpoena, see Sams v. Yahoo! Inc., 713 F.3d 1175, 1181-1182 (9th Cir. 2013).

For the rejection of an argument that a Customs Summons is not permitted by § 2703(c)(2) because it is not specifically listed in the statute, see *United States v. Cray*, No. CR 110-075, 2010 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 73351, at \*28-29 (S.D. Ga. May 25, 2010).

For the general authority of state courts to issue civil discovery subpoenas for information under the SCA, see *Facebook, Inc. v. Superior Court*, 417 P.3d 725, 751 (Cal. 2018) ("Insofar as the Act permits a given disclosure, it permits a court to compel that disclosure under state law.").

For the consideration of the government's need for information as part of a legitimate investigation, see *Doe v. United States SEC*, No. 3: 11-mc-80184, 2011 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 114384, at \*8 (N.D. Cal. Oct. 4, 2011) ("Congress recognizes the need for government agencies to investigate wrongdoing and accordingly has granted these agencies investigatory powers that are not available to civil parties. The ECPA, for example, allows government agencies like the SEC to issue administrative subpoenas requesting information from ISPs or to obtain court orders compelling disclosure of subscriber information.").

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### State of NM v. NM Civil Guard Facebook subpoena; additional authorities

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Hi Rachel and Ryan,

Sorry to nudge you, but could you please provide us an update about this? We're trying to map out next steps in discovery for this case and would appreciate knowing where things stand on our subpoena.

Thanks,

Jonathan [Quoted text hidden]



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### State of NM v. NM Civil Guard Facebook subpoena; additional authorities

James Grayson <james.grayson@da2nd.state.nm.us>

Tue, May 4, 2021 at 9:34 AM

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Good morning Rachel and Ryan,

In our last meeting, you asked about our anticipated next steps in light of the apparent impasse on the subpoena language in the SCA. We met as a group, and the consensus is that our next step would be to litigate the validity of the subpoena. We would likely begin that process relatively soon by domesticating the subpoena in California. Please let us know at your earliest convenience if your client's position on this issue changes. Thank you again for your willingness to engage in a cordial and thoughtful discussion of the legal issues surrounding the subpoena. Best regards,

James

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# State of NM v. NM Civil Guard Facebook subpoena; additional authorities

**Dallal, Rachel (Perkins Coie)** <RDallal@perkinscoie.com> To: James Grayson <james.grayson@da2nd.state.nm.us>

Wed, May 5, 2021 at 3:53 PM

Cc: Jonathan Backer <jb2845@georgetown.edu>, "Mrazik, Ryan T. (Perkins Coie)" <RMrazik@perkinscoie.com>, Annie Owens <ao700@georgetown.edu>

Hi James,

Thank you for this update. We are engaged in discussion with our client and will circle back to you soon regarding their position.

Best,

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# NMCG Next Steps

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Mon, May 24, 2021 at 5:39 PM To: "Dallal, Rachel (Perkins Coie)" <rdallal@perkinscoie.com>, "Mrazik, Ryan T. (Perkins Coie)" <rmrazik@perkinscoie.com> Cc: Raul Torrez <raul.torrez@da2nd.state.nm.us>, James Grayson <james.grayson@da2nd.state.nm.us>, Mark Baker <mbaker@peiferlaw.com>, "Matthew E. Jackson" <mjackson@peiferlaw.com>, Mary McCord <mbm7@georgetown.edu>, Annie Owens <ao700@georgetown.edu>

Hi Rachel,

Thanks for taking the time to meet with Annie, James, and me last week. We were glad to hear that Facebook wants to be helpful with what we are trying to accomplish in our lawsuit against the New Mexico Civil Guard.

We took a fresh look at Bryce Spangler's new Facebook account (bryce.spangler.549) and can confirm that all of the content on the page postdates the events at issue in the lawsuit. So, unfortunately, we do not think that the non-content subscriber information associated with that account will be of much use to us standing alone.

In terms of next steps, as we discussed last week, we think that it would be helpful to speak with someone at Facebook who is familiar with the takedown of the Facebook pages associated with the New Mexico Civil Guard and its members on August 19, 2020. If Facebook has any records or communications memorializing its decision to take down pages associated with the New Mexico Civil Guard, that would be especially helpful for us to know.

In addition, although you represented that the content associated with the other accounts was deleted, it would be helpful to hear from Facebook whether there is any means of recovering the deleted information. Given that Facebook took down the pages as part of its "Dangerous Individuals and Organizations" policy, we were surprised to hear that Facebook took no steps to preserve content given its clear relevance to potential law-enforcement investigations. We'd really appreciate an opportunity to speak informally with someone who is knowledgeable about the takedown.

Please let us know if someone from Facebook would be willing to have an informal conversation with us about this matter so that we can get a better understanding of the August 19 takedown.

All the best,

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# **NMCG Next Steps**

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Wed, Jun 9, 2021 at 2:25 PM To: Jonathan Backer <jb2845@georgetown.edu>, "Mrazik, Ryan T. (Perkins Coie)" <RMrazik@perkinscoie.com> Cc: Raul Torrez <raul.torrez@da2nd.state.nm.us>, James Grayson <james.grayson@da2nd.state.nm.us>, Mark Baker <mbaker@peiferlaw.com>, "Matthew E. Jackson" <mjackson@peiferlaw.com>, Mary McCord <mbm7@georgetown.edu>, Annie Owens <ao700@georgetown.edu>

Hi Jonathan,

Thanks for following up and for your patience as we checked in with Facebook about this. While Facebook remains interested in being helpful, it is not willing to make someone available for an informal conversation about its internal decision-making. To the extent that you would like to pursue additional information about the target accounts, we will need new legal process, ideally issued from an administrative agency in order to avoid the SCA concerns we've discussed with respect to your original subpoena.

Please let us know if you intend to pursue new legal process, and if so, whether you think it will be possible to partner with an agency to secure an administrative subpoena. In the meantime, Facebook does not waive and expressly preserves all available rights and objections.

Best,

Rachel

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July 2, 2021

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SENT VIA E-MAIL

Dear Ms. Dallal:

Thank you for your June 9 email regarding the efforts of the Bernalillo County District Attorney's Office to obtain data and records responsive to its civil-enforcement action against the New Mexico Civil Guard, *State of New Mexico ex rel. Raúl Torrrez v. New Mexico Civil Guard*, No. D-202-CV-2020-04051 (N.M. Second Judicial Dist. Ct.), and our apologies for the delay in getting back to you.

After discussing this matter further, the litigation team intends to issue and domesticate in California a new subpoena. We plan to issue it as a civil-discovery subpoena, not as an administrative subpoena.

A draft of the subpoena is attached. We are sharing this draft with you for the limited purpose of attempting to facilitate informal discovery and do not by sharing the draft waive work-product protection, and we expressly preserve the right to assert all relevant privileges and protections in the future.

You will see that the draft subpoena includes several requests along the lines of the issues that we suggested discussing informally with a Facebook representative. In addition, you will see that the subpoena includes a modified version of our original request for non-content subscriber information. We understand that Facebook's position is that all data and records responsive to that request have been deleted (apart from data and records related to the bryce.spangler.549

account). But we find it perplexing that Facebook would have permanently deleted data and records related to accounts taken down pursuant to its "Dangerous Individuals and Organizations" policy. We are further puzzled by Facebook's representation given that the Bernalillo County District Attorney's Office specifically requested on June 15, 2020, through Facebook's law-enforcement portal, that data and records related to the NMCIVILGUARD account be preserved (case 4956751).

We intend to issue and domesticate this subpoena on July 9, 2021. Please let us know before then if Facebook is willing to participate in informal discovery regarding the records we plan to request or any subset thereof. Otherwise, we will proceed with formal legal process.

Sincerely,

<u>/s/ James Grayson</u> James Grayson Chief Deputy District Attorney james.grayson@da2nd.state.nm.us

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### Schedule A

### DEFINITIONS

"Communication" means the transmittal of information, in the form of facts, ideas, and inquiries or otherwise, by any means whatsoever, including but not limited to letter, email, text, voicemail, or other means.

The term "document" means all documents and tangible things in the broadest sense allowed under the scope of discovery set forth in Rule 1-026 NMRA to include, but not limited to, any written, typed, or printed matter and all magnetic, electronic, or other records or documentation of any kind or description (including, without limitation: email, letters, correspondence, telegrams, memoranda, notes, records, minutes, contracts, agreements, records or notations of telephone or personal conversations, conferences, interoffice communications, microfilm, bulletins, circulars, pamphlets, photographs, facsimiles, invoices, tape recordings, computer printouts, and work sheets), including drafts and copies not identical to the originals; all photographs and graphic matter, however produced or reproduced; all compilations of data from which information can be obtained; and any and all writings or recordings of any type or nature, within your possession, custody, or control, whether prepared by you or any other person, that constitute or contain matters relevant to the subject matter of the action. The term "document" specifically includes electronically stored information ("ESI"). Please produce the documents in electronic form to the extent possible.

"Person" includes any natural person or business, legal or governmental entity, or association.

The terms "and," "or," and "and/or" shall be construed in the conjunctive or the disjunctive, whichever makes the request more inclusive. The disjunctive includes the conjunctive, and vice versa.

The terms "any" and "each" shall be construed as "all," "each and every," or "any one," whichever makes the request more inclusive.

The term "all" shall include and encompass "any" or "each," whichever makes the request more inclusive.

The use of the word "the" shall not be construed as limiting the scope of any request. The terms "including" and "include" means "specifically including but not limited to." Each gender of any word includes the other genders.

The use of the singular form of any word includes the plural, and vice versa, as necessary to bring within the scope of the following requests all information which might otherwise be construed to be outside its scope.

The use of any form of any verb shall be considered to include within its meaning all of the forms of the verb so used.

### INSTRUCTIONS

All grounds for an objection to a request shall be stated with specificity.

A Document is deemed to be in your custody or control if you have possession of the Document, or have the right to secure such Document from another Person having possession thereof.

You shall produce the requested Documents either as they are kept in the ordinary course of business, or as they are organized and labeled in a manner such that they are grouped separately for each of the following requests. To the extent such produced Documents include electronically stored information, such information shall be produced in the form in which it is ordinarily maintained or in a reasonably usable form, including metadata.

Each of these requests shall be construed independently and shall not be limited by any other request.

If, in answering these requests, you claim that any request, or a definition or instruction applicable thereto, is ambiguous or objectionable, do not use such claim as a basis for refusing to respond, but rather set forth as part of the response the language you claim is ambiguous or objectionable and the interpretation you have used to respond to the individual request.

Plaintiffs do not seek documents that are privileged. With respect to any Document requested, or parts of any Document requested, that you claim to be privileged or immune, or that is withheld for any other reason, please provide a statement setting forth as to each such request:

- (a) the name of the author;
- (b) the name of the participants (in the case of Communications or meetings);
- (c) the date of the Document, Communication, or meeting;
- (d) the name of the individual that currently has possession, custody or control of the Document requested;
- (e) a brief description of the nature and subject matter of the Document withheld; and
- (f) the basis on which it is being withheld.

With respect to any Document requested that you claim to be privileged or immune, or that is withheld for any other reason, please produce, or permit the inspection of, parts of such Document falling within the scope of the request that are not privileged or immune.

File folders with labels, tables, or directories of files identifying a Document must also be produced with such Document.

**YOU ARE COMMANDED** to produce at the time, date, and place set forth in the Subpoena<sup>1</sup> the following documents, electronically stored information, or objects and permit their inspection or copying:

- 1. All documents and communications concerning Facebook's decision to take down, suspend, deactivate, delete, or otherwise restrict subscriber and public access to the following accounts on or around August 19, 2020:<sup>2</sup>
  - a. Username: NMCIVILGUARD User ID: 110703723882801
  - b. Username: New-Mexico-Civil-Guard-Curry-County User ID: 114690286917913
  - c. Username: New-Mexico-Civil-Guard-San-Juan-County User ID: 107557564304719
  - d. Username: New-Mexico-Civil-Guard-Eddy-County User ID: 109043210821100
  - e. Username: New-Mexico-Civil-Guard-Sandoval-County User ID: 100935324975786
  - f. Username: New-Mexico-Civil-Guard-Bernalillo-County User ID: 100318378372061
  - g. Username: New-Mexico-Civil-Guard-Dona-Ana-County User ID: 100318378372061
  - h. Username: Jason-P-Bjorn User ID: 100015675451132
  - i. Username: bryce.spangler.549 User ID: 100220708496237

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Your personal appearance is not required provided that the responsive documents are provided on or before [\_\_\_\_] by U.S. Mail to James Grayson, Chief Deputy District Attorney, 520 Lomas Blvd., N.W. Albuquerque, NM 87102 or by email to james.grayson@da2nd.state.nm.us.

 $<sup>^2</sup>$  For Request Nos. 1 through 7, the State does not seek any content or non-content subscriber information associated with the enumerated accounts or any other Facebook accounts. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 2703(b), (c). To the extent that any documents or communications responsive to Request Nos. 1 through 5 contain content or non-content subscriber information, the State does not object to you redacting such information in your production, so long as you document the basis for such redactions in a privilege log as described above.

- j. Any other account associated with the New Mexico Civil Guard or any entities with which it appears to be affiliated.
- 2. All communications with law-enforcement agencies concerning the accounts enumerated in Request No. 1 or the subscribers who own those accounts.
- 3. All documents reflecting any policies or procedures associated with Facebook's "Dangerous Individuals and Organizations" policy.<sup>3</sup>
- 4. All documents reflecting any policies or procedures governing Facebook's retention and preservation of data or records associated with accounts taken down, suspended, deactivated, deleted, or otherwise restricted in connection with Facebook's "Dangerous Individuals and Organizations" policy.
- 5. All documents and communications concerning the development and implementation of Facebook's "Dangerous Individuals and Organizations" policy.
- 6. All documents or communications related to the retention, preservation, or deletion of records associated with the preservation request submitted by the Bernalillo County District Attorney's office on or around June 15, 2020, through Facebook's law-enforcement portal (case 4956751).
- 7. All documents reflecting any policies or procedures governing Facebook's retention, preservation, or deletion of data or records associated with preservation requests made by law-enforcement agencies.
- 8. The following non-content subscriber information for the subscribers whose accounts are enumerated in Request No. 1:<sup>4</sup>
  - a. Name and address(es);

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> An Update on How We Address Movements and Organizations Tied to Violence, FB.com, https://about.fb.com/news/2020/08/addressing-movements-and-organizations-tied-to-violence/ (last updated Jan. 19, 2021).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The State makes Request No. 8 pursuant to the Stored Communications Act through this trial subpoena. 28 U.S.C. § 2703(c)(2) (permitting governmental entities to obtain the information requested in Request No. 6 through a "State . . . trial subpoena"); *see also* NMSA 1978 § 10-16F-3(M)(3) (implementing § 2703(c)(2) at the state level and permitting a government entity to obtain the information requested in Request No. 6 through a "trial or civil discovery subpoena"); *Brown v. Sprint Corporate Sec. Specialist*, No. 17-CV-2561(JS)(ARL), 2019 WL 418100, at \*5 n.3 (noting that New York's statutory definition of term "subpoena" encompasses subpoenas duces tecum in reviewing a request for telephone records). Request No. 6 does not request production of any of the subscribers' content under 28 U.S.C. § 2703(b), but the State does renew its request pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2703(f) that you preserve all such documents and communications related to the subscribers' accounts.

- b. All subscribers' contact information, including e-mail addresses and alternate email addresses used for verification, activated phone numbers and all phone numbers or e-mail addresses used for password recovery, etc.;
- c. Length of service (including creation date of subscribers' Facebook accounts);
- d. IP Address Access Log Information (please do not send only the last IP address to access the subscribers' Facebook account, send entire history for *every* access session from January 1, 2020, through the date on which the search is completed). The IP Address Access Log Information includes:
  - i. Any connections to the subscribers' Facebook account since January 1, 2020, through the date on which the search is completed;
  - ii. The date, time and time zone for each connection or login to Facebook by the subscribers;
  - iii. The date, time and time zone for each disconnection or logoff for each connection/session;
  - iv. The originating IP address for each connection/session to the subscribers' Facebook account from January 1, 2020, through the date on which the search is completed; and
  - v. If available, the user agent details for each access, including browser and version, operating system and version, and any other logged information for each connection/session.
- e. Any additional relevant information in your possession to assist in identifying subscribers.

#### **4-505A.** Subpoena for production or inspection. [For use with District Court Civil Rule 1-045 NMRA]

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

COUNTY OF Bernalillo

Second JUDICIAL DISTRICT State ex rel. Raul Torrez, District Atty., Plaintiff,

v.

No. D-202-CV-2020-04051

New Mexico Civil Guard et al. , Defendant.

#### SUBPOENA FOR PRODUCTION OR INSPECTION<sup>1</sup>

#### SUBPOENA FOR

**DOCUMENTS OR OBJECTS<sup>2</sup>** 

### [] INSPECTION OF PREMISES<sup>2</sup>

TO: Facebook, Inc., 1601 Willow Road, Menlo Park, CA 94025

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED ON:

DATE: September 15 , 2021 TIME: 9:00 (a.m.) (p.m.)

TO:

[] permit inspection of the following described books, papers, documents or tangible things: See Schedule A

at Advanced Attorney Service, 3500 Fifth Avenue, Suite 202, San Diego, CA 92103 (address).

[] permit the inspection of the premises located at:

(address).

ABSENT A COURT ORDER, DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS SUBPOENA UNTIL THE EXPIRATION OF FOURTEEN (14) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF THE SUBPOENA.

DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS SUBPOENA FOR PRODUCTION OR INSPECTION IF YOU ARE SERVED WITH WRITTEN OBJECTIONS OR A MOTION TO QUASH UNTIL YOU RECEIVE A COURT ORDER REQUIRING A RESPONSE.

You may comply with this subpoena for production or inspection by providing legible copies of the items requested to be produced by mail or delivery to the attorney whose name appears on this subpoena. You may condition the preparation of the copies upon the payment in advance of the reasonable cost of inspection and copying. You have the right to object to the production under this subpoena as provided below.

**READ THE SECTION "DUTIES IN RESPONDING TO SUBPOENA."** 

IF YOU DO NOT COMPLY WITH THIS SUBPOENA you may be held in contempt of court and punished by fine or imprisonment. August 18 2021

clerk, or attorney

**USE NOTES** 

### TO BE PRINTED ON EACH SUBPOENA

1. This subpoena must be served on each party in the manner provided by Rule 1-005 NMRA. If service is by a party, an affidavit of service must be used instead of a certificate of service.

2. A person commanded to produce and permit inspection and copying of designated books, papers, documents, or tangible things, or inspection of premises need not appear in person at the place of production or inspection unless commanded to appear for deposition, hearing, or trial.

3. If a person's attendance is commanded, one full day's per diem must be tendered with the subpoena, unless the subpoena is issued on behalf of the state or an officer or agency thereof. Mileage must also be tendered at the time of service of the subpoena as provided by the Per Diem and Mileage Act. See NMSA 1978, Section 38-6-4 (1983) for per diem and mileage for witnesses. See NMSA 1978, Section 10-8-4(A) (2009) for per diem and mileage rates for nonsalaried public officers. Payment of per diem and mileage for subpoenas issued by the state is made pursuant to regulations of the Administrative Office of the Courts. See NMSA 1978, Section 34-9-11 (2017) for payments from the jury and witness fee fund.

4. A party or an attorney responsible for the issuance and service of a subpoena shall take reasonable steps to avoid imposing undue burden or expense on a person subject to that subpoena. The court on behalf of which the subpoena was issued shall enforce this duty and impose on the party or attorney in breach of this duty an appropriate sanction, which may include, but is not limited to, lost earnings and reasonable attorney fees.

#### **RETURN FOR COMPLETION BY SHERIFF OR DEPUTY**

I certify that on the	day of ,	, in
County, I served this subpoena on		by
delivering to the person named a copy of the subpoena and a fee of \$		(insert the
amount of fee tendered or, if no fee	is tendered, "none"). <sup>3</sup>	

Deputy sheriff

### **RETURN FOR COMPLETION BY OTHER PERSON MAKING SERVICE**

I, being duly sworn, on oath say that I am over the age of eighteen (18) years and not a party to this lawsuit, and that on the \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, in \_\_\_\_\_, in \_\_\_\_\_\_, County, I served this subpoena on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by delivering to the person named a copy of the subpoena and a fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_\_ (insert the amount of fee tendered or, if no fee is tendered, "none").<sup>3</sup>

Person making service

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_.

Judge, notary, or other officer authorized to administer oaths

THIS SUBPOENA issued by or at request of:

Name of attorney or party

Address

Telephone

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE BY ATTORNEY**

I certify that I caused a copy of this subpoena to be served on the following persons or entities by (*delivery*) (*mail*) on this day of

(1)

(2)

(Name of party)

(Address)

(Name of party)

(Address)

Attorney

Signature

Date of signature

#### INFORMATION FOR PERSONS RECEIVING SUBPOENA

A person commanded to produce and permit inspection and copying of designated books, papers, documents, or tangible things, or inspection of premises need not appear in person at the place of production or inspection unless commanded to appear for deposition, hearing, or trial.

Subject to Rule 1-045(D)(2) NMRA, a person commanded to produce and permit inspection and copying may, within fourteen (14) days after service of the subpoena or before the time specified for compliance if that time is less than fourteen (14) days after service, serve upon the party or attorney designated in the subpoena and all parties to the lawsuit identified in the certificate of service by attorney written objection to inspection or copying of any or all of the designated materials or of the premises or within fourteen (14) days after service of the subpoena may file and serve on all parties a motion to quash the subpoena. If an objection is served or a motion to quash is filed and served on the parties and the person responding to the subpoena, the party serving the subpoend shall not be entitled to inspect and copy the materials or inspect the premises except under an order of the court by which the subpoena was issued. If objection has been made, the party serving the subpoena may, upon notice to the person commanded to produce, move at any time for an order to compel the production. The order to compel production shall protect any person who is not a party or an officer of a party from significant expense resulting from the inspection and copying commanded. The court may award costs and attorney fees against a party or person for serving written objections or filing a motion to quash that lacks substantial merit.

On timely motion, the court by which a subpoena was issued shall quash or modify the subpoena if it

(1) fails to allow reasonable time for compliance,

(2) requires a person who is not a party or an officer of a party to travel to a place more than one hundred (100) miles from the place where that person resides, is employed or regularly transacts business in person, except as provided below, such a person may in order to attend trial be commanded to travel from any such place within the state in which the trial is held,

(3) requires disclosure of privileged or other protected matter and no exception or waiver applies, or

(4) subjects a person to undue burden.

#### If a subpoena

(1) requires disclosure of a trade secret or other confidential research, development, or commercial information,

(2) requires disclosure of an unretained expert's opinion or information not describing specific events or occurrences in dispute and resulting from the expert's study made not at the request of any party, or

(3) requires a person who is not a party or an officer of a party to incur substantial expense to travel,

the court may quash or modify the subpoena or, if the party in whose behalf the subpoena is issued shows a substantial need for the testimony or material that cannot be otherwise met without undue hardship and assures that the person to whom the subpoena is addressed will be reasonably compensated, the court may order appearance or production only upon specified conditions.

## DUTIES IN RESPONDING TO SUBPOENA

(1) A person responding to a subpoena to produce documents shall produce them as they are kept in the usual course of business or shall organize and label them to correspond with the categories in the demand.

(2) When information subject to a subpoena is withheld on a claim that it is privileged or subject to protection as trial preparation materials, the claim shall be made expressly and shall be supported by a description of the nature of the documents, communications, or things not produced that is sufficient to enable the demanding party to contest the claim.

(3) A person commanded to produce documents or material or to permit the inspection of premises shall not produce the documents or materials or permit the inspection of the premises if a written objection is served or a motion to quash has been filed with the court until a court order requires their production or inspection.

[As amended, effective November 1, 2002; as amended by Supreme Court Order No. 08-8300-002, effective March 15, 2008; by Supreme Court Order No. 09-8300-030, effective October 12, 2009; as amended by Supreme Court Order No. 20-8300-005, effective for all cases pending or filed on or after December 31, 2020.]

**YOU ARE COMMANDED** to produce at the time, date, and place set forth in the Subpoena<sup>1</sup> the following documents, electronically stored information, or objects and permit their inspection or copying:

- 1. All documents and communications concerning Facebook's decision to take down, suspend, deactivate, delete, or otherwise restrict subscriber and public access to the following accounts on or around August 19, 2020:<sup>2</sup>
  - a. Username: NMCIVILGUARD User ID: 110703723882801
  - b. Username: New-Mexico-Civil-Guard-Curry-County User ID: 114690286917913
  - c. Username: New-Mexico-Civil-Guard-San-Juan-County User ID: 107557564304719
  - d. Username: New-Mexico-Civil-Guard-Eddy-County User ID: 109043210821100
  - e. Username: New-Mexico-Civil-Guard-Sandoval-County User ID: 100935324975786
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Your personal appearance is not required provided that the responsive documents are provided <sup>0</sup> n or before September 15, 2021, by U.S. Mail to James Grayson, Chief Deputy District Attorney, 520 Lomas Blvd., N.W. Albuquerque, NM 87102 or by email to james.grayson@da2nd.state.nm.us.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> For Request Nos. 1 through 7, the State does not seek any content or non-content subscriber information associated with the enumerated accounts or any other Facebook accounts. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 2703(b), (c). To the extent that any documents or communications responsive to Request Nos. 1 through 5 contain content or non-content subscriber information, the State does not object to you redacting such information in your production, so long as you document the basis for such redactions in a privilege log as described above.

- j. Any other account associated with the New Mexico Civil Guard or any entities with which it appears to be affiliated.
- 2. All communications with law-enforcement agencies concerning the accounts enumerated in Request No. 1 or the subscribers who own those accounts.
- 3. All documents reflecting any policies or procedures associated with Facebook's "Dangerous Individuals and Organizations" policy.<sup>3</sup>
- 4. All documents reflecting any policies or procedures governing Facebook's retention and preservation of data or records associated with accounts taken down, suspended, deactivated, deleted, or otherwise restricted in connection with Facebook's "Dangerous Individuals and Organizations" policy.
- 5. All documents and communications concerning the development and implementation of Facebook's "Dangerous Individuals and Organizations" policy.
- 6. All documents or communications related to the retention, preservation, or deletion of records associated with the preservation request submitted by the Bernalillo County District Attorney's office on or around June 15, 2020, through Facebook's law-enforcement portal (case 4956751).
- 7. All documents reflecting any policies or procedures governing Facebook's retention, preservation, or deletion of data or records associated with preservation requests made by law-enforcement agencies.
- 8. The following non-content subscriber information for the subscribers whose accounts are enumerated in Request No. 1:<sup>4</sup>
  - a. Name and address(es);

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> An Update on How We Address Movements and Organizations Tied to Violence, FB.com, https://about.fb.com/news/2020/08/addressing-movements-and-organizations-tied-to-violence/ (last updated Jan. 19, 2021).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The State makes Request No. 8 pursuant to the Stored Communications Act through this trial subpoena. 28 U.S.C. § 2703(c)(2) (permitting governmental entities to obtain the information requested in Request No. 6 through a "State . . . trial subpoena"); *see also* NMSA 1978 § 10-16F-3(M)(3) (implementing § 2703(c)(2) at the state level and permitting a government entity to obtain the information requested in Request No. 8 through a "trial or civil discovery subpoena"); *Brown v. Sprint Corporate Sec. Specialist*, No. 17-CV-2561(JS)(ARL), 2019 WL 418100, at \*5 n.3 (noting that New York's statutory definition of term "subpoena" encompasses subpoenas duces tecum in reviewing a request for telephone records). Request No. 8 does not request production of any of the subscribers' content under 28 U.S.C. § 2703(b), but the State does renew its request pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2703(f) that you preserve all such documents and communications related to the subscribers' accounts.

- All subscribers' contact information, including e-mail addresses and alternate email addresses used for verification, activated phone numbers and all phone numbers or e-mail addresses used for password recovery, etc.;
- c. Length of service (including creation date of subscribers' Facebook accounts);
- d. IP Address Access Log Information (please do not send only the last IP address to access the subscribers' Facebook account, send entire history for *every* access session from January 1, 2020, through the date on which the search is completed). The IP Address Access Log Information includes:
  - i. Any connections to the subscribers' Facebook account since January 1, 2020, through the date on which the search is completed;
  - ii. The date, time and time zone for each connection or login to Facebook by the subscribers;
  - iii. The date, time and time zone for each disconnection or logoff for each connection/session;
  - iv. The originating IP address for each connection/session to the subscribers' Facebook account from January 1, 2020, through the date on which the search is completed; and
  - v. If available, the user agent details for each access, including browser and version, operating system and version, and any other logged information for each connection/session.
- e. Any additional relevant information in your possession to assist in identifying subscribers.

ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (Name and Address) Andrew Botros SBN 265697 Bickford Blado & Botros 12348 High Bluff Drive Suite 220 San Diego, CA 92130 ATTORNEY FOR Plaintiff	TELEPHONE NUMBER (858) 793-8884	FOR COURT USE ONLY
DISTRICT COURT OF NEW MEXICO, COUNTY OF BERNALILL 400 Lomas Blvd NW Albuquerque, NM 87102	0	
SHORT TITLE OF CASE: State of new Mexico v. New Mexico Civil Guard; et al.		
DATE: TIME: DEP./DIV. 09/15/2021 9:00 AM		CASE NUMBER: D-202-cv-2020-04051
Proof of Service Civil Subpo	ena	Ref. No. or File No:

- 1. I served this **Subpoena For Production of Business Records in Action Pending Outside California** by personally delivering a copy to the person served as follows:
  - a. Person served (name):Facebook Inc. -
  - b. Address where served: 2710 Gateway Oaks Dr, #150N, Sacramento, CA 95833
  - c. Date of delivery: 8/18/2021
  - d. Time of delivery: 01:30 PM
    - e. Witness fees (check one):
      - (1)
- were offered or demanded and paid, Amount: . . . . . . **\$ 0.00**
- (2) **x** were not demanded or paid.
- f. Fee for service: ..... \$ 45.00
- 2. Person attempting service:
  - a. Name: **Demian Ross**
  - b. Address: 5425 Palm Ave., Sacramento, CA 95841
  - c. Telephone number: 916-373-9065
  - d.lam:
    - (i) [X] Employee
    - (ii) Registration No.: 2011-66
    - (iii) County: Sacramento

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.



Demian Ross

Date: 08/18/2021



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## VIA EMAIL

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## Re: Civil Subpoena, *State v. New Mexico Civil Guard*, Case No. D-202-CV-2020-04051 (2nd Judicial District Court, Bernalillo County, NM)

Dear Mr. Grayson,

As you know, we represent non-party Facebook, Inc. ("Facebook"), the operator of the Facebook and Instagram services, and write in response to your subpoena of August 18, 2021 (the "Subpoena"). The Subpoena seeks eight categories of documents (with sub-categories), for example, "[a]ll" documents and communications pertaining to Facebook's decision to remove certain accounts and pages, as well as "[a]ll" documents concerning certain of Facebook's policies and procedures. The Subpoena also requests basic subscriber information for the target accounts and pages. Facebook objects to the Subpoena for the reasons explained below.

First, Facebook objects to the Subpoena to the extent it seeks documents or information that are not proportionate to the needs of the case or not relevant to any party's claims or defenses. *See*, *e.g.*, Cal. Civ. Proc. Code § 2017.010 (a party may obtain discovery regarding a matter that is relevant, if the matter either is itself admissible in evidence or appears reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence). Facebook is not a party to this litigation, and for example, Facebook's internal documents, including its assessments, communications, manuals, guidelines, policies, procedures, or similar documents, have no bearing on the litigation. *See*, *e.g.*, Request Nos. 1-7 (seeking, among other things and without restriction, "[a]ll documents and communications" concerning certain internal policies and procedures, and communications with law enforcement). Further, to the extent that you need information on Facebook's "Dangerous Individuals and Organizations Policy" or other similar policies, that information is publicly available and need not be obtained from Facebook. *See*, *e.g.*, Facebook Community Standards, https://m.facebook.com/communitystandards/dangerous\_individuals\_organizations/.

Second, Facebook objects to your subpoena because it appears to be an improper fishing expedition designed to delve into Facebook's confidential information. *See* Cal. Civ. Proc. Code

§ 2017.020(a) ("The court shall limit the scope of the delivery if it determines that the burden, expense, or intrusiveness of that discovery clearly outweighs the likelihood that the information sought will lead to the discovery of admissible evidence"); *see also Calcor Space Facility, Inc. v. Super. Ct.*, 53 Cal. App. 4th 216, 225 (1997) (criticizing fishing expeditions that place "undue burdens" on a nonparty); *Digital Shape Techs., Inc. v. Glassdoor, Inc.*, No. 16-mc-80150-JSC, 2016 WL 5930275, at \*4 (N.D. Cal. Oct. 12, 2016) ("Requests are unduly intrusive and burdensome where they . . . request confidential information[] and appear to be a broad fishing expedition for irrelevant information") (internal quotation marks and citation omitted); *Edwards v. California Dairies, Inc.*, No. 1:14-MC-00007-SAB, 2014 WL 2465934, at \*2 (E.D. Cal. June 2, 2014) ("While discovery should not be unnecessarily restricted, discovery is more limited to protect third parties from harassment, inconvenience, or *disclosure of confidential documents.*"), *reconsideration denied*, No. 1:14-MC-00007-SAB, 2014 WL 3420991 (E.D. Cal. July 14, 2014) (emphasis added). For example, Requests 1, 4, 5, 6, and 7, seek only Facebook internal records, which may be confidential or privileged, and do not bear on your litigation

Third, Facebook objects to the Subpoena on the grounds that it is unduly burdensome to the extent its requests are not reasonably tailored in scope or seek information that is not reasonably available to Facebook, such as deleted records. *See, e.g.*, Request Nos. 3-7 (seeking, without limitation, "all documents" or "all documents and communications" concerning various Facebook policies and procedures); Request No. 8 (seeking basic subscriber information for the target accounts and pages). Litigants have an obligation to avoid burdening nonparties, such as Facebook, with the demands of civil discovery, and this subpoena does not meet that obligation. *See, e.g., Monarch Healthcare v. Super. Ct.*, 78 Cal. App. 4th 1282, 1290 (2000) ("[N]onparty witnesses should be somewhat protected from the burdensome demands of litigation."); *Bd. of Registered Nursing v. Super. Ct. of Orange Cty.*, 59 Cal. App. 5th 1011, 1033 (2021) (same), *reh'g denied* (Feb. 3, 2021), *review denied* (Apr. 21, 2021); *Calcor*, 53 Cal. App. 4th at 225 ("[T]he burden of discovery should be placed on [nonparties] only if the [parties] do not possess the material sought to be discovered."); *see also Intermarine LLC v. Spliethofff Bevrachtingskantoor, B.V.*, 123 F. Supp. 3d 1215, 1218-19 (N.D. Cal. 2015) ("[N]onparties subject to discovery requests deserve extra protection from the courts.").

Fourth, Facebook objects to the Subpoena to the extent it seeks documents or information that are confidential or protected by any privilege, including the attorney-client privilege, work product immunity doctrine, common interest privilege, or any other applicable privilege, immunity, or restriction on discovery. For example, the Subpoena seeks information about law enforcement requests or legal process, which may be confidential, as well as documents regarding internal procedures for detecting and enforcing policy violations, the disclosure of which could impede Facebook's ability to protect its platform. *See, e.g., Bd. of Registered Nursing*, 59 Cal. App. 5th at 1038 (holding that the trial court abused discretion in ordering production where the party had "not shown that these broad categories are reasonably calculated

to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence" and "their probative value is vastly outweighed by the privileged and private nature" of the records).

Fifth, Facebook objects to the Subpoena to the extent it imposes any obligations with respect to the production of electronically stored information that are different from or in addition to those imposed by the California Code of Civil Procedure. Facebook further objects to the extent that the requests include electronically stored information that is (1) not reasonably accessible by Facebook because of undue burden or expense; (2) obtainable from another source that is less burdensome, expensive or more convenient; and/or (3) unreasonably cumulative or duplicative, or where the likely burden or expense of producing the electronically stored information outweighs the likely benefit. For example, to the extent that any information is public, you can obtain it yourself; if any information is available from the parties, it must come from them.

Sixth, Facebook objects to the Subpoena to the extent it fails to provide information sufficient to enable Facebook to conduct a reasonable search for documents responsive to the Subpoena, if any. For example, the Subpoena requests "all documents and communications" regarding the deactivation, suspension, or deletion of "[a]ny other account associated with the New Mexico Civil Guard or any entities with which it appears to be affiliated." *See* Request No. 1. In addition to being overly broad, this request purports to require Facebook to perform a search—in the absence of any account identifiers or other specific information—for accounts and pages that may or may not exist, or that cannot be determined to be connected to your underlying lawsuit. Facebook has over two billion monthly account holders and cannot be expected to sift through its billions of account records in order to make independent determinations as to whether certain accounts, pages, or associated documents might be relevant in litigation to which Facebook is not a party. Without further information, the Subpoena would subject Facebook to an unreasonable burden of conducting an overbroad inquiry and search for documents or information that may or may not exist and may or may not be relevant to the underlying case.

Seventh, Facebook objects to the Subpoena to the extent it seeks information that is not within Facebook's, possession, custody, or control.

Eighth, Facebook objects to the Subpoena to the extent it seeks to impose obligations beyond what is permissible under the California Code of Civil Procedure or other applicable law.

Ninth, as we previously discussed, the Stored Communications Act ("SCA") prohibits Facebook from producing records to a governmental entity such as the Second Judicial District Attorney's Office, *see* 18 U.S.C. § 2702(a)(3), except in response to "an administrative subpoena authorized by a Federal or State statute or a Federal or State grand jury or trial subpoena," *id.* §§ 2702(c)(1), 2703(c)(2); *Thayer v. Chiczewski*, No. 07 C 1290, 2009 WL 2957317, at \*5 n.5 (N.D. Ill. Sept. 11, 2009) ("The SCA . . . prohibits [providers] from divulging . . . subscriber or customer information or records to governmental entities."). Civil discovery subpoenas from

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If you have questions regarding the above, please feel free to contact me to meet and confer.

Facebook preserves and does not waive any available rights or objections.

Sincerely,

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Rachel Dallal

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September 23, 2021

### VIA EMAIL

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Re: Civil Subpoena, *State v. New Mexico Civil Guard*, Case No. D-202-CV-2020-04051 (2nd Judicial District Court, Bernalillo County, NM)

Dear Ms. Dallal:

This letter responds to your letter of September 15, 2021, objecting to the subpoena issued to Facebook on August 18, 2021, for information related to specific accounts associated with the New Mexico Civil Guard, which is an unlawful private militia group, and several individuals affiliated with that organization.

As you know from our previous communications, my office is interested primarily in specific non-content subscriber information for accounts affiliated with the New Mexico Civil Guard, as enumerated in item 8 of the August 18 subpoena. When you indicated that such information had been deleted after the accounts had been removed pursuant to Facebook's Dangerous Individuals and Organizations Policy, my office decided to seek the additional information listed in items 1–7 of the subpoena to determine whether and how such information might be recovered.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Facebook Transparency Center, *Preservation Requests* (last visited Sept. 21, 2021), https://transparency.fb.com/data/government-data-requests/preservation-requests/.

disabled or removed<sup>2</sup> and compiles regular reports with statistics reflecting Facebook's enforcement of its community standards policies, including action taken on accounts "engaging in terrorist activity or organized hate."<sup>3</sup> The existence of these policies suggests that Facebook retains subscriber information in some format even after the accounts have been deleted, and items 1–7 of the subpoena are reasonably calculated to lead to additional information regarding the continued existence of that data.

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Wed, Sep 29, 2021 at 4:16 PM

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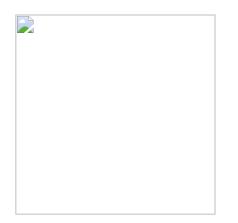
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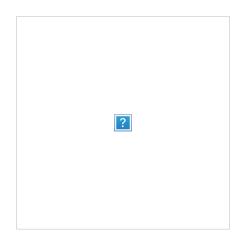
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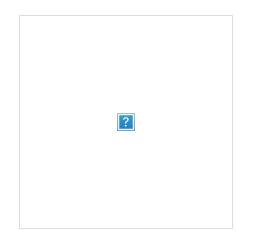
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Thanks,

Ryan

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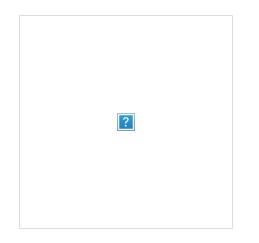
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October 19, 2021

Rachel Dallal, Esq. Perkins Coie LLP 1201 Third Ave., Suite 4900 Seattle, WA 98101-3099 rdallal@perkinscoie.com

SENT VIA E-MAIL

Dear Ms. Dallal:

As you know, the Bernalillo County District Attorney's Office (DA's Office) has been attempting since February 2021 to obtain documents from your client, Facebook, Inc., relevant to the DA's Office's civil-enforcement action against the New Mexico Civil Guard, State of New Mexico ex rel. Raúl Torrez v. New Mexico Civil Guard, No. D-202-CV-2020-04051 (N.M. Second Judicial Dist. Ct.). After several months of unsuccessfully attempting to informally narrow or resolve the issues in dispute, the DA's Office on August 18, 2021, domesticated and served on Facebook a subpoena for production or inspection.

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Sincerely,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Facebook Dangerous Individuals and Organizations List, The Intercept (Oct. 12, 2021), https://theintercept.com/document/2021/10/12/facebook-dangerous-individuals-and-organizations-list-repr oduced-snapshot/



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#### **DECLARATION OF MIKE SCHROEPFER**

I, Mike Schroepfer, upon my personal knowledge, hereby submit this declaration under 18
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4 1. I am the Chief Technology Officer at Meta (formerly known as Facebook, Inc.), the
5 corporate headquarters of which is located in Menlo Park, California.

6 2. As Meta's Chief Technology Officer, I lead the development of the technology at
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9 associated with subscribers' accounts.

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