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Official Filing of a Complaint of Malicious Prosecution

Gentlemen:

I am Ronald Gregory Kynes Sr., a Caymanian citizen, and legal resident of the Cayman Islands. My constitutional right of freedom of expression and my personal liberty were violated by the Department of Public Prosecutions in conjunction with the Royal Cayman Island Police Service.

On July 18, 2017 I was arrested by police officer Indrani Tahal, PC 287, at my residence on Cayman Brac and charged with violation of the Penal Code section 157 (1) (a), Possession of Obscene Objects.

On June 27, 2018 I was acquitted of all charges by Mrs. Kirsty-Ann Gunn, Honorable Magistrate of the Summary Court, case number BC00023/2017. In her Verdict Judgement she found no cause for my arrest. Please see paragraph 30 of the of Magistrate Gunn's Verdict Judgement attached.

I was not arrested because I possessed or made "obscene" objects. My artworks are not and have never been obscene. I was arrested because I displayed large easels on my property within sight of the roadway that contained names of persons in prominent political and government positions who were offended by my taking them to task for negligence of duty. Please find a copy of the photo of my easels attached.

The proof that my arrest and prosecution was an act of malicious prosecution is evidenced by:

- 1) Timing: My statues and art objects have been on display at that roadside location since April of 2014. My most recent statues were displayed on February 16, 2017. No complaints were filed for obscenity until after my easel was displayed in early July of 2017, officer PS 410 K. C Watson arrived at my home to notify me of complaints against me and my art displays.
- 2) Officer Watson's first statements of complaint concerned my easels and their contents not the other works of art on display. As witnessed by others, Officer Watson first asked me to paint over my easel, take them down, or cover them. She also, in a friendly gesture, offered to help paint them over. It was only after I refused to comply with her request to cover my easels did she begin to ask about my other works of art.
- 3) The first complaint to be filed, July 11, 2017, was by Elizabeth Walton, a resident of Cayman Brac, and the personal secretary of Deputy Premier Moses Kirkonnell whose name appeared on my large easel. Another complaint filed by Elsa Annie Rose Scott on July 21, 2017 indicates that her concern was primarily with her name on my easel.

- 4) The RCIP has repeatedly ignored my complaints of the malicious vandalism and destruction of my art, personal property, and threats on my life and wellbeing. Dating back to December 31, 2009 when arsonists set fire to and destroyed my artwork, *The Pyramid of Atlantis*. Eventhough I made a complaint to RCIP Officer Nation, no report was made or filed. This was the first of twelve incidents that have been ignored by our governmental authorities. No action, investigations, or arrests have been taken or made concerning these incidents.
- 5) On April 12, 2018 I made a written request to Mr. Patrick Moran for disclosure of information and documents for my trail asking:

“Please also provide the names... of anyone in the Deputy Premiere’s office who have had any involvement whatsoever in my case or in the complaints made against me.”

No information was provided, and my request was ignored.

- 6) I filed a complaint against Dalkeith Ebanks, a business partner of Moses Kirkonnell, on September 12, 2016, for Disorderly Conduct Harassment, Alarm or Distress. Mr. Ebanks had previously accused me of stealing his property that was discarded at the Cayman Brac dump. These accusations were filled with curses and vile language. I created an art easel and displayed it on my property calling attention to his vile conduct. On September 11, 2016, Mr. Ebanks made a complaint to the RCIP regarding this easel. On September 12, 2016 I was accosted by Mr. Ebanks in the parking lot of Moses Kirkonnell’s strip mall. Mr. Ebanks has never complied with police requests for an interview concerning my complaint.
- 7) All witness statements and complaints that were used against me in my trail were filed after my arrest for publication and possession of obscene objects. The most outrageous of which was filed by, Elvis McKeever, on July 21, 2017, who has an arrest record of 28 serious offences including “Insulting the Modesty of a Woman.”

Therefore, it is obvious that my arrest and prosecution was not motivated by the upholding community morals, but rather was a calculated malicious act to stifle my right of free speech and to punish me for calling into question the actions of government officials and their business partners. I have proof and documentation of all the above claims, and I have witnesses who are willing to testify to these facts.

This malicious arrest has caused me grievous harm. I suffered an anxiety attack while being transported to the police station upon my arrest. I am suffering from health issues due to the

stress caused me by this arrest and the stress endured through the ensuing year of legal issues and court hearings. And continue to suffer from attacks of anxiety.

I have lost business opportunities; a foundation that contracted me to make an art installation in Pennsylvania cancelled our agreement because of my arrest. Since I defended myself from this charge, I lost many hours of productive time to work instead dedicating that years' time to my defense. I incurred many travel expenses going to Grand Cayman to court hearings and acquiring the needed documents for my defense.

My name and reputation have been damaged and can never be erased. I have been portrayed as a pornographer, pervert, and criminal. And to this date, this was the first time in my life that I was arrested. The record of this arrest has followed me to the United States, of which I am also a citizen, and to other countries.

I hope the damages that I am seeking will not only compensate me, but more importantly, deter this type of wrongful behavior and abuse of governmental authority and power in the future.

I seek compensatory and punitive damages of \$ 6,000,000 in Cayman Island dollars.

I await your reply.

Respectfully,

Ronald Gregory Kynes, Sr.