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CLAIM FOR DAMAGES

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SKAMANIA COUNTY

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BECKY RITTER

☐ Additional names on page \_\_\_\_\_ of document.**LEGAL DESCRIPTION** (Abbreviated: i.e. Lot, Block, Plat or Section, Township, Range, Quarter):☐ Complete legal on page \_\_\_\_\_ of document.**TAX PARCEL NUMBER(S):**☐ Additional parcel numbers on page \_\_\_\_\_ of document.

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3 Claim for Damages  
4 For Becky Ritter

5 This Claim for Damages is submitted to Skamania County, Washington.

6 1. My address and phone number at the time of presenting and filing this  
7 claim is:

8 Mailing Address: 135 SE Weir Street, Camas WA 98607

9 Residence Address: Same

10 Phone Number: (360) 281-4872

11 Please note that I am represented in this matter by legal counsel, Thomas J.  
12 Foley. My attorneys' telephone number is (360) 696-8990. I request that all  
13 further communications regarding this matter be made through my attorney.

14 2. My actual residence during the six (6) months immediately prior to the time  
15 this claim occurred was:

16 3201 H Street, Washougal, Washington 98671

17 3. The incident for which I make claim against the county occurred on the 29<sup>th</sup>  
18 of August, 2004.

19 4. The incident occurred at the following location:

20 Westbound on Highway 14, Skamania County, Washington.

21 5. My injury or damages were caused or happened as follows:

22 On 8-29-04, at approximately 3:00 p.m., Becky was traveling westbound on Highway  
23 14 when she noticed a police car on the right hand side of the road far behind the yellow line.  
24 Becky observed the vehicle's lights on, but believed the vehicle was parked. Becky slowed as  
25 she approached the officer's vehicle. All of a sudden, Officer Tracy Wykcoff pulled out onto  
26 the road into oncoming traffic in front of Becky causing her to hit the officer's vehicle on the  
right rear portion of the driver's side at approximately 45 mph. Becky only had a moment to

1 make a decision to brake and hit the rear of the officer's vehicle in order to avoid a potential  
2 multi-car collision behind her.

3 Description of Conduct and Circumstances

4 Upon impact, the airbags deployed and slammed into Becky's face and upper body.  
5 She remembers being thrown forward and blown back, and her left hand hitting the steering  
6 wheel or being jammed by the airbag. She recalls her car filling up with a powdery like  
7 substance. She could not see anything, but this powdery substance. She recalls the feeling  
8 of panic she experienced while being unable to see where her car was facing, or whether she  
9 was in or out of traffic. She sustained bruising on her left hand and burns on her face and  
10 neck from the airbag. Becky's vehicle was undriveable and towed from the scene of the  
11 collision.

12 The collision caused extensive damage to the front end of Becky's 2001 Volkswagen  
13 Jetta. The cost to repair her vehicle was approximately \$7,700.00.

14 For several weeks following the accident, Skamania County would not authorize a  
15 rental car for Becky while her vehicle was being repaired. She was inconvenienced as a result  
16 of having to borrow her parents' full size SUV vehicle for transportation purposes while her  
17 mother rented a vehicle. The cost to fuel her parents' borrowed SUV was double the amount  
18 she normally spent to fuel her diesel powered Volkswagen Jetta.

19 Although Becky's car was repaired, she feels she has suffered a diminished trade in  
20 value of approximately \$2,000.00 as a result of this collision.

21 In addition, Becky's tennis racket was damaged from the force of the impact of the  
22 collision. The cost to re-string the racket was \$30.00.

23 6. The nature of the injury or damages I sustained are:

24 Personal injury claim for:

25 Anterior neck pain where airbag deployed.

26 Left wrist sprain

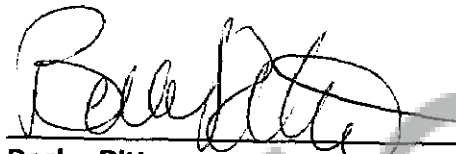
Cervical and lumbar sprains

and as diagnosed by Pasa Chiropractic: 847.0; 847.10; 847.70; 847.3; and 729.10, which  
required chiropractic and massage therapy treatment for the period from 9-14-04 to 6-16-  
05.

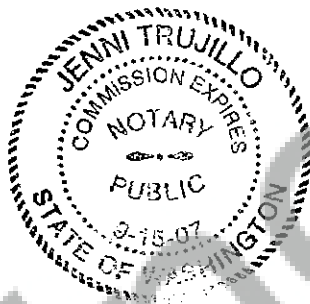
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2 7. Amount of Damages Claimed:

3 \$55,000.00

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5 DATED THIS 28 day of June, 2007.

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8 Becky Ritter

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10 SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME THIS 28 DAY OF June, 2007.



Jenni Trujillo  
JENNI TRUJILLO  
Notary Public for Washington  
My Commission Expires: 9-15-07