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To Whom It May Concern:

I have previously filed two (2) complaints against LSP Trooper Scott Lopez (N21-078 and IA 22-00011). The third-to-last paragraphs of LSP's language on those two complains is replicated below:

***"I have been advised that Louisiana State Police has a policy prohibiting retaliation for filing a complaint against an officer. In the event I believe I have been retaliated against for filing this complaint, I understand that I may report such information to Internal Affairs for investigation."***

As is documented in Paragraphs 43-77 of the enclosed Petition for Damages for Defamation, on April 25, 2022, LSP Trooper Scott Lopez, together with his son, Benjamin Lopez, unequivocally retaliated against me for my two (2) complains filed with LSP against LSP Trooper Scott Lopez.

As referenced in the lawsuit, public records requests were made of the St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Office entailing the circumstances of my arrest based on the false statements made to that office by LSP Trooper Scott Lopez.

I am supplying all of the written documents responsive to that request, and I also have the approximate 22-minute video wherein Trooper Lopez spoke extensively with St. Martin Parish Deputy Baily Romero while his son executed a "voluntary statement" as encouraged to be done by his father, Scott Lopez. If you would like to view the video, you may do so at this link: <https://youtu.be/97Z0AK2y0bI>.

The only media which the St. Martin Parish Sheriff has failed to provide to me is the video taken by Trooper Scott Lopez's son, Benjamin Cole Lopez, on April 25, 2022 which is the crux of the entire case for which Deputy Romero applied directly to a judge (Pittman) for an arrest warrant and, after Judge Pittman refused to sign the arrest warrant, it was then submitted to Judge deMahy, who signed the arrest warrant in mere minutes.

I was arrested days later, and I can supply video of my arrest if you desire to see it.

I contend that my arrest was totally and exclusively effectuated by Louisiana State Police Trooper Scott Lopez and, further, that he engaged in that act in direct and unequivocal retaliation from me having filed the two above-referenced complaints against him.

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As previously stated, the St. Martin Parish Sheriff has been indicating for a month that they will supply the video(s) shot by Benjamin Cole Lopez that were used as the basis of Deputy Romero's sworn affidavit. It is my firm belief that the St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Office has dragged their feet on supplying the video because they are embarrassed and/or angry at Deputy Romero for his actions when that video does not even remotely support Romero's sworn affidavit or the "voluntary statement" executed by Benjamin Cole Lopez on April 25, 2022.

I have waited to notify you of these developments in the hope that I could obtain the critical video(s) produced by Benjamin Cole Lopez. After all, at the 8:10 mark of the video to which I have directed you (<https://youtu.be/97Z0AK2y0bI>), Deputy Romero merely asks Benjamin Cole Lopez to "text the videos to my phone." The just-linked video clearly shows Benjamin Cole Lopez doing just that. Further, on June 2, 2022, Ms. Eve Laperose with the St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Office indicated that it would make life much easier on everyone if I would just text Deputy Romero and ask him to text the videos to me. I did so, but Romero responded in a very, very hostile tone via text: "No sir. You can file for it through discovery." He presumably means on the criminal charge for which I was arrested, and it appears that no progress whatsoever has been or is likely to be made on that front as I doubt very, very, very seriously that the St. Martin Parish DA is going to proceed with any prosecution because there was no basis for my arrest in the first place!

Based on the foregoing, I ask that you investigate my charge of direct retaliation on the part of Trooper Scott Lopez resulting from my two complaints filed against him.

Sincerely



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