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PLAINTIFF'S ADDRESS	DEFENDANTS ADDRESS 1244 W. SERGEANT STREET, PHILADELPHIA PA 19133				
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COMPLETE LIST OF DEFENDANTS:

- 1. TYREE DUMAS 1244 W. SERGEANT STREET, PHILADELPHIA PA 19133
- 2. DOLLAR BOYZ, INC.
 ALIAS: DOLLARBOYZ
 1244 W. SERGEANT STREET,
 PHILADELPHIA PA 19133
- 3. Y-NOT(YOUTH ON TOP)
 1244 W. SERGEANT STREET,
 PHILADELPHIA PA 19133
- 4. SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA
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NOTICE

You have been sued in court. If you wish to defend against the claims set forth in the following pages, you must take action within twenty (20) days after this complaint and notice are served, by entering a written appearance personally or by attorney and filing in writing with the court your defenses or objections to the claims set forth against you. You are warned that if you fail to do so the case may proceed without you and a judgment may be entered against you by the court without further notice for any money claimed in the complaint of for any other claim or relief requested by the plaintiff. You may lose money or property or other rights important to you.

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JOHN DOE : IN THE COURT OF COMMON c/o Andreozzi + Foote : PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA

4503 N. Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110

Plaintiff, :

: NO. _____

TYREE DUMAS :

1244 W. Sergeant Street, Philadelphia, PA 19133

and

DOLLAR BOYZ, INC. AKA DOLLARBOYZ

1244 W. Sergeant Street, Philadelphia, PA 19133

and

Y-NOT (YOUTH NOW ON TOP)

1244 W. Sergeant Street, Philadelphia, PA 19133

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA

440 N. Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19130 :

Defendant(s). : JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

COMPLAINT

AND NOW, comes the Plaintiff, JOHN DOE, who files the within Complaint against the Defendant(s), TYREE DUMAS, and DOLLAR BOYZ, INC. aka DOLLARBOYZ, and Y-NOT (YOUTH NOW ON TOP), and the SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA, and states as follows:

PARTIES

- 1. The Plaintiff, JOHN DOE, is an adult resident of the state of Pennsylvania, who can be contacted through counsel, Andreozzi + Foote, 4503 N. Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110.
- 2. JOHN DOE is identified by a pseudonym as this action involves JOHN DOE's childhood sexual abuse by Howard Rubin ("Perpetrator"). The identity of JOHN DOE will be made known to Defendants and their counsel.
- 3. The Defendant, Tyree Dumas ("Dumas"), is an adult resident of Philadelphia, who, upon information and belief, resides at 1244 W. Sergeant Street, Philadelphia, PA 19133 or in the Philadelphia Industrial Correctional Center, at 8301 State Rd., Philadelphia, PA 19136
- 4. The Defendant, DOLLAR BOYZ, INC. aka DOLLARBOYZ ("DollarBoyz") is a Pennsylvania registered corporation, which at all times relevant was formed, operated, owned and run by Dumas, with a registered address of 1244 W. Sergeant Street, Philadelphia, PA 19133.
- 5. The Defendant, Y-NOT (YOUTH NOW ON TOP) ("Y-NOT") is a Pennsylvania registered not-for-profit corporation, which at all times relevant was formed, operated, owned and run by Dumas, with a registered address of 1244 W. Sergeant Street, Philadelphia, PA 19133.
- 6. The Defendant, the School District of Philadelphia (the "District") is a Pennsylvania school district located at 440 N. Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19130.
- 7. The District is a local agency under Pennsylvania's Political Subdivision Tort Claims Act ("PSTCA"), 42 Pa.C.S. §§ 8541-8564.
- 49. Under the PSTCA, a local agency is generally shielded from tort liability for negligent acts, subject to certain exceptions. Plaintiff's claim(s) herein falls under the PSTCA Page 2 of 9

exception enumerated at 42 Pa.C.S. § 8542(b)(9), which states: "Sexual abuse.--Conduct which constitutes an offense enumerated under [42 Pa.C.S. § 5551(7)] (relating to no limitation applicable) if the injuries to the plaintiff were caused by actions or omissions of the local agency which constitute negligence." In this case, Plaintiff was subject to a violations of § 5551(7). As such, the District does not have PSTCA immunity in this matter.

FACTS

- 8. DollarBoyz is a company founded by Dumas in Philadelphia, incorporated in 2009.
- 9. Y-NOT is a not-for-profit founded by Dumas in Philadelphia, incorporated in 2009.
- 10. DollarBoyz was, at all times relevant, founded under the auspices and/or as a subsidiary of, Y-NOT, by Dumas.
- 11. Y-NOT and DollarBoyz are referred to collectively as "DollarBoyz" in this Complaint.
- 12. DollarBoyz was ostensibly created to provide a positive environment and experiences for Philadelphia youth.
- 13. DollarBoyz operated out of a building in west Philadelphia at 5403 Market Street, in Philadelphia.
 - 14. Dumas also served as a foster parent.
- 15. DollarBoyz was in large part a dance troupe in which children from the community, like JOHN DOE, could participate.
- 16. When JOHN DOE was a teenager, JOHN DOE became involved with DollarBoyz.

- 17. Through DollarBoyz, in approximately the spring/summer of 2013, when JOHN DOE was 15 years old, he met Howard Rubin ("Perpetrator").
- 18. Perpetrator had a personal and professional relationship with Dumas and DollarBoyz.
- 19. Rubin, now a well-known sex offender, was a former Philadelphia school police officer, once called the "Hip-Hop Cop For The Stars."
- 20. Rubin was employed or otherwise engaged by Defendant(s) to provide security and other services to Defendant(s).
- 21. By virtue of Rubin's role with Defendant(s) he met and had access to children, including JOHN DOE
- 22. Before meeting JOHN DOE, Rubin had a well-known history of child sexual abuse allegations, which were known, or should have been known, to the Defendants.
- 23. As early as 2008 Rubin was accused of engaging inappropriate behavior with males.
 - 24. In 2008, Rubin was employed by the District at Edison High School.
- 25. Rubin was forced to resign by the District from Edison High School that year due to allegations of inappropriate conduct.
 - 26. However, Rubin was not reported to the authorities or fired.
- 27. Rather, as of 2010, Rubin was employed by the District at Mastbaum High School.
- 28. Again, Rubin was accused of inappropriate conduct and was either forced to resign or fired.
- 29. Upon information and belief, again the District did not report Rubin to the authorities.

- 30. All the while, JOHN DOE was a student of the District, for whom the District was responsible, including during the period of DOE's abuse by Rubin.
- 31. Rubin was also employed as a police officer by the Multi-Cultural Academy Charter School in Philadelphia from August 2010 until September 13, 2014, when Rubin was terminated following allegations of an inappropriate nature with male minor(s).
- 32. Indeed, according to Rubin's Multi-Cultural Academy Charter School personnel file, he was accused of being a "pedophile" in 2012 and/or 2013.
- 33. Again, in early 2014, Rubin was accused of sexual misconduct vis-à-vis the Multi-Cultural Academy Charter School.
- 34. In September 2014, Rubin was again accused of sexual misconduct with minor males and this time fired from the Multi-Cultural Academy Charter School.
- 35. Upon information and belief, all the Defendant(s) knew, or should have known, of the multiple allegations of sexual misconduct against Perpetrator that surfaced.
- 36. During this period, in 2013 and 2014, Rubin sexually abused the Plaintiff, JOHN DOE, on multiple occasions.
- 37. JOHN DOE's relationship with Perpetrator was premised upon Rubin's relationship to Defendant(s).
- 38. Defendant(s) actual or constructive knowledge of Perpetrator's history of sexual misconduct was known to Defendant(s) prior to cessation of JOHN DOE's abuse by Perpetrator.
- 39. Defendant(s) did not report their knowledge, actual or constructive, regarding Perpetrator's history of sexual misconduct to the appropriate authorities.
- 40. Defendant(s) took no steps to protect JOHN DOE or other children from Perpetrator.

- 41. Defendant(s) response to actual or constructive knowledge of Perpetrator's history of sexual misconduct was inadequate under the circumstances and allowed Plaintiff's abuse by Perpetrator to continue.
- 42. In 2021, Rubin pled guilty in the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas (CP-51-CR-0003254-2020) to sexual offenses related to JOHN DOE and another child.
- 43. Rubin pled guilty to two counts of involuntary deviate sexual intercourse, one count of corruption of minors, and one count of false incrimination.
- 44. Because of the Defendant(s) actions and omissions herein, the Plaintiff, JOHN DOE, was sexually abused, suffering severe and permanent injuries.

COUNT I

PLAINTIFF V. ALL DEFENDANT(S)

NEGLIGENCE, GROSS NEGLIGENCE, RECKLESSNESS

- 45. The allegations throughout this Complaint are incorporated as if set forth at length.
- 46. At all times relevant, the Defendant(s) owed a duty to protect Plaintiff from sexual abuse.
- 47. The Defendant(s) violated their duty, and were negligent, careless, grossly negligent, and/or reckless as follows:
 - a. By failing to establish adequate child abuse prevention policies, procedures, and practices;
 - b. By failing to make mandatory and adhere (and ensure adherence) to such policies, procedures, and practices;
 - c. By failing to adequately screen and supervise all those with access to children, including Perpetrator;
 - d. By failing to retain, hire, train, and supervise agents/employees with regard to the prevention of child sexual abuse;
 - e. By failing to adequately monitor and supervise Perpetrator and Plaintiff;
 - f. By failing to know the risks of sexual abuse inherent in youth serving activities;

- g. By failing to require child sex abuse training for parents/guardians and children:
- h. By failing to recognize the signs that Perpetrator was a child sexual predator;
- i. By failing to conduct a background check on Perpetrator;
- j. By allowing Perpetrator to work with children despite his history;
- k. By failing to terminate Perpetrator from his role despite Perpetrator's red flags and lack of fitness for the role;
- 1. By failing to report Perpetrator to the appropriate authorities; and,
- m. By violating the duties imposed upon them pursuant to the Restatement of Torts, Second, §§ 314A, 315, 317, 323, 324A, 343, 344, & 371, as adopted in Pennsylvania.
- 48. As a direct and proximate cause of the Defendant(s)'s actions and omissions, and breach of the duties of reasonable care, Plaintiff was sexually abused, resulting in damages.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff, claims of all the Defendant(s) damages, in an amount in excess of the mandatory arbitration limits, jointly and severally, including punitive damages, in addition to any other relief this Honorable Court deems appropriate.

COUNT II

PLAINTIFF V. ALL DEFENDANT(S)

NEGLIGENCE PER SE – VIOLATION OF PENNSYLVANIA'S CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES LAW ("CPSL"), 23 PA.C.S. § 6301, ET SEQ.

- 49. The allegations throughout this Complaint are incorporated as if set forth at length.
 - 50. The Defendant violated its duty and was negligent *per se* pursuant to the CPSL.
- 51. The purpose of the CPSL is to protect the interest(s) of the Plaintiff, as a school student, as the CPSL was clearly promulgated to protect abused children such as Plaintiff.
 - 52. Pennsylvania's CPSL applies to the conduct of the Defendant(s).
- 53. The Defendant(s) violated the CPSL by failing to "immediately" report Perpetrator's sexual misconduct with Plaintiff even after "reasonable cause to suspect" that Perpetrator was sexually abusing children.

54. As a direct and proximate cause of the Defendant(s)'s actions and omissions, and

breach of the duties of reasonable care, Plaintiff was sexually abused, resulting in damages.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff, claims of all the Defendant(s) damages, in an amount in

excess of the mandatory arbitration limits, jointly and severally, including punitive damages, in

addition to any other relief this Honorable Court deems appropriate.

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Date: March 13, 2023

/s/ Nathaniel L. Foote, Esq.

VERIFICATION

I, verify that the statements made in the foregoing Complaint are true and correct to
the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that false statements herein are made subject
to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. § 4904, relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

Dated:	2/22/23 17:37 EST		
		Signature	

<u>CERTIFICATION REGARDING CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION</u>

I certify that this filing complies with the provisions of the Public Access Policy of the

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Date: March 13, 2023

/s/ Nathaniel Foote

Nathaniel L. Foote, Esq.

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