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| 3 4 5 6 7 | SHERIFF CLAY PARKER, TEHAMA COUNTY SHERIFF; HERB BAUER SPORTING GOODS; CALIFORNIA RIFLE AND PISTOL ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION; ABLE'S SPORTING, INC.; RTG SPORTING COLLECTIBLES, LLC; AND STEVEN STONECIPHER, Plaintiffs and Petitioners, vs. THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA; JERRY BROWN, IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THE | Date: September 29, 2010 Time: 3:30 p.m. Location: Dept. 97E Judge: Hon. Jeff Hamilton Date Action Filed: June 17, 2010 Trial Date: |
| | STATE OF CALIFORNIA; THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE; and DOES 1-25, Defendants and Respondents. | FILED BY FAX |

DECLARATION OF STEPHEN HELSLEY

I, Stephen Helsley, declare as follows:

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1. I make this declaration of my own personal knowledge and, if called as a witness, I could and would testify competently to the truth of the matters set forth herein.

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Firearms and Ammunition Expert Qualifications

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2. My expertise regarding firearms and ammunition cartridges is an outgrowth of fifty years of studying and collecting firearms. Throughout my life I have owned approximately four hundred firearms, of which I currently own approximately two hundred and twenty. I have been an avid collector and student of firearms-related literature, and my collection contains approximately three thousand volumes.

- 3. In 1964, as a Criminology major at Fresno State College, I completed my first collegiate firearms course, which focused on Smith & Wesson revolvers and the .38 Special cartridge. In 1965, I began reloading my own ammunition and purchasing and studying literature specifically focused on ammunition cartridges. I now load ammunition for cartridges ranging from .223 Winchester to 8-bore. In that mix are metallic centerfire, paper cased and pinfire ammunition. I also shoot muzzle-loading guns and have hunted with a 20-b Ketland side-by-side flintlock shotgun c.1815.
- 4. In 1967, I began my employment with the California Department of Justice (DOJ). By 1970, I was the departmental firearms instructor, a duty I was assigned until I was appointed Bureau Chief by Attorney General Deukmejian in 1979. During the years that I was the departments' firearms instructor, agents could carry any caliber cartridge they preferred. Thus, I routinely dealt with ammunition ranging from .22lr to .44 Remington Magnum.
- 5. In the early 1970s, I began competing in both rifle and pistol matches. By 1973 my expertise was recognized by Guns & Ammo magazine when they asked me to co-author a "Mini Manual" on Custom .45 Automatics. Since then I have authored at least 50 articles for thirteen other journals. The subject matter ranged from sniper rifles to tactical shotguns to civil war era cartridge conversion revolvers. I have also reviewed books dealing with the history of ammunition production in England and France. Some examples of the books I have reviewed include Systeme

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- 10. In 1989, I was promoted to Assistant Director of the DOJ's Investigation and Enforcement Branch, a position I held until I retired. As Assistant Director, I was deeply involved in firearm issues, including the drafting of assault weapon related legislation. During this period, I was able to participate in ammunition testing at the U.S. Army Wound Ballistic Laboratory at Letterman Institute in San Francisco.
- 11. From 1993 until 2000, I was the State Liaison for the National Rifle Association ("NRA") in Sacramento. In that position I responded to requests from legislators and staff regarding ammunition and firearms-related matters. After leaving the NRA, my expertise in firearms and ammunition continued to expand as I logged countless hours hunting and shooting competitively, as well as reloading ammunition. New competitive disciplines that I engaged in included Long Range Tactical Rifle, Black Powder Rifle Cartridge Silhouette, and Military Rifle Silhouette. I also became involved in shotgun and double rifle competition. I hunted Bison in North Dakota with a Sharps rifle made in 1863 and grouse in Maine with a French pinfire shotgun c.1860. For all of these activities, I reloaded my own cartridges. In 2003, I visited the Yuma Proving Grounds with a group of forensic scientists. I was there to have my ammunition tested using Doppler radar and high-speed photography.
- 12. At various times in the past I have conducted seminars on sniper rifles and in 2007 and 2008, I co-taught a workshop on dangerous game rifles and the ammunition for them.
- 13. In 2003, I toured the principal gun making firms in Brecia and Gardone, Italy. In 2008, I did the same in Suhl, Germany. In 2005, I toured the Federal Cartridge Company in Anoka, Minnesota to learn how they made ammunition. For the past seven years, I have consulted with California-based gun makers B. Searcy & Co. and John Rigby & Co. Between 2004 and 2007, I consulted with GaugeMate, Inc. on the design of sub-gauge adapters for shotguns.
- 14. My consulting efforts also involve civil and criminal matters. Most recently, I have been reconstructing the discharge of a pistol in a Central California training school that seriously injured one of the students. During the last decade I have done fine gun photography and acted as a judge in the Gold Medal Concours d'Elegance of Fine Guns. My photographs of firearms and cartridges have been used for magazine ads and to support articles. Additionally, I inventory

21. The historical record is quite clear that "cartridge interchange-ability" began almost immediately after "perfection" of the Lefaucheux pinfire metallic cartridge in the early 1850s. The following paragraphs provide a chronology that details when certain cartridges were introduced, for what type of firearm they were originally used in, and how their inherent interchangeability was applied in other types of firearms. Paragraphs 22 through 46 provide examples of cartridge interchangeabilty, though such examples are by no means exhaustive. As this phenomenon has not been confined to the United States, examples from Europe are also included. The chronology is divided into "Obsolete Cartridges", "Rimfire and Centerfire Cartridges" and "Single-Shot Pistols for all Sizes of Cartridges."

Obsolete Cartridges

22. 12mm pinfire: In 1854, Eugene Lefaucheux patented and began producing a six-shot, 12mm pinfire revolver in Paris, France. In 1857, his revolver was adopted by the French military and production was instituted at the French Imperial Arms Factory at St. Etienne. Concurrently, Lefaucheux was producing revolver-carbines and single-shot rifles that used the 12mm cartridge for public sale. Lefaucheux-designed firearms (rifles and handguns) would later be made in both Belgium and Spain. True and correct copies of Firearms History, Technology & Development: Cartridges: Pinfire Cartridge, Gun & Game Forums - Collection of 12mm Pinfire Guns, and an Image of a Lefaucheaux Model 1854 are filed concurrently herewith as Exhibits "13," "14," and "15," respectively.

23. .41 Volcanic: In 1855, the Volcanic Repeating Arms Company (later renamed The New Haven Arms Company and then the Winchester Repeating Arms Company) produced a caseless .41 caliber cartridge that was utilized in both a handgun and carbine rifle. A true and correct copy of an Image & Description of Volcanic Lever Action Pistols and Carbines is filed concurrently herewith as Exhibit "16."

Rimfire and Centerfire Cartridges

24. .22 Short: In 1857, Smith & Wesson introduced their Model No. 1 revolver that was chambered for the .22 rimfire Short cartridge. The .22 Short has been in continuous production since its introduction. It has been used in a range of firearms from gallery rifles to Olympic pistols

Super Six Ltd. A true and correct copy of www.galleryofguns.com - Magnum Research BFR Revolver is filed concurrently herewith as Exhibit "22."

28. .22 Long Rifle: This cartridge was likely introduced in 1887 by the Stevens Arms & Tool Co. for use in their single shot rifles. It is quite likely the most popular firearm cartridge in the world. It is estimated that millions of Ruger 10-22 rifles alone have been made for it since 1964. A pistol version of the 10-22 called "The Charger" was also made. The number and variety of firearms that use the .22 Long Rifle cartridge are likely incalculable. True and correct copies of www.chuckhawks.com - A Brief History of .22 Rimfire Ammunition, www.ruger.com - Ruger 10/22 Rifles, and www.survival-gear-guide.com - Ruger Charger, are filed concurrently herewith as Exhibits "17," "23," and "24," respectively.

29. 9mm Luger (9x19mm Parabellum): In 1902, the 9x18mm cartridge was developed for use in the American Eagle Luger pistol and other models. Luger also produced a carbine using the same cartridge. The 9x19mm has been used extensively in submachine guns. Various models of submachine guns have used and use the 9x19mm. It is also used in the Ruger 9mm PC carbine, the Marlin 9mm Camp Carbine and Colt AR-15 style rifles with a conducive upper-receiver. True and correct copies of www.best9mm.com - 9mm Carbines & Grease Guns," Marlin Model 9 Camp Carbine Owner's Manual, and an Image & Description of a Luger Carbine, are filed concurrently herewith as Exhibits "25," "26," and "27," respectively.

30. 9x23mm Largo: The cartridge was developed in Belgium in 1903. It was subsequently used in handguns made in Belgium (Bergman-Bayard) and Spain (Astra, Llama, Star and Jo-Lo-Ar). In addition to submachine gun use, three bolt-action rifle models were made in Spain (Onena, Destroyer and Ignacio Zubillaga). A true and correct copy of http://9mmLargo.com - 9mm Largo Firearms is filed concurrently herewith as Exhibit "28."

31. 45 ACP: Developed for use in the Colt Model 1910 pistol and was later adopted by the US military with the Model 1911 Colt pistol. It is perhaps best known for its relationship to the Thompson Sub Machine Gun (Tommy Gun) and the M3A1 (Grease Gun). Harrington & Richardson produced M60 and M65 semi-automatic .45 ACP Reising Guns. The British military used the .45 ACP cartridge in modified No.1 Mark III Short Magazine Lee Enfield rifles to create

Federal Bureau of Investigation's sought as its officially issued carbine. A true and correct copy of

Digest.) And, AR-15 lowers are commonly chambered in .40 S&W, which is evidenced by the

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44. Magnum Research Lone Eagle: The range of calibers for use in this pistol is .22

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| 4 | I, Valerie Pomella, am employed in the City of Long Beach, Los Angeles County, California. I am over the age eighteen (18) years and am not a party to the within action. My business address is 180 East Ocean Blvd., Suite 200, Long Beach, California 90802. | |
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| 6 | On September 7, 2010, I served the foregoing document(s) described as | |
| 7 8 | DECLARATION OF STEPHEN HELSLEY IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION | |
| | on the interested parties in this action by placing [] the original [X] a true and correct copy thereof enclosed in sealed envelope(s) addressed as follows: | |
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| 17 | U.S. Postal Service on that same day with postage thereon fully prepaid at Long Beach, California, in the ordinary course of business. I am aware that on motion of the party | |
| 18 | served, service is presumed invalid if postal cancellation date is more than one day after date of deposit for mailing an affidavit. | |
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| 24 | transmission record of the transmission, copies of which is attached to this declaration. Executed on February, 2009, California. | |
| 25 | X (STATE) I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. | |
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