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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

WILEY GILL; JAMES PRIGOFF;TARIQ RAZAK; KHALED IBRAHIM; and AARON CONKLIN,) No. 3:14-cv-03120-RS
) SUPPLEMENTAL JOINT CASE
Plaintiffs,) MANAGEMENT STATEMENT
V.)
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE; LORETTA)
LYNCH, in her official capacity as the)
Attorney General of the United States;)
PROGRAM MANAGER - INFORMATION)
SHARING ENVIRONMENT;)
KSHEMENDRA PAUL, in his official)
capacity as the Program Manager of the)
Information Sharing Environment,)
)
Defendants.)

The Parties to the above-entitled action submit this SUPPLEMENTAL JOINT CASE MANAGEMENT STATEMENT for the Case Management Conference scheduled for August 27, 2015. On August 14, 2015, the Court issued an order denying Plaintiffs' special motion for leave to take discovery as to Defendant DOJ. *See* ECF No. 60. The court invited the parties in that order to file a further Case Management Conference statement if they wished to

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provide further information on discovery. This supplements the Joint Case Management Statement filed by the parties on August 12, 2015 (ECF No. 59).

8. <u>Discovery</u>

Plaintiffs' Statement: Plaintiffs' counsel recently learned and informed Defendants' counsel that the FBI has questioned two close family members of one of the plaintiffs in this action about, among other things, the plaintiff's religious views. Plaintiffs sought to meet and confer with Defendants about the appropriate follow-up to this incident, including a possible informal exchange of information about whether the incident was related to or generated by the suspicious activity report about the plaintiff or this lawsuit. Defendants state that they will not respond unless allegations about the incident are included in the Complaint.

While the Court denied Plaintiffs' motion for leave to take discovery with respect to Defendant DOJ's standard for suspicious activity reporting, it noted that if "the need for discovery on particular issues, generally consistent with APA proceedings, becomes manifest, the question of permitting discovery can be revisited." Defendants have acknowledged that "the Court may consider extra-record material in resolving Article III issues such as standing." Joint Case Management Statement (ECF No. 59) at ¶ 8. Plaintiffs contend that this incident is the type of information about which discovery is appropriate and may be necessary because it sheds light on standing and in particular the consequences for Plaintiffs of being the subject of a suspicious activity report. Plaintiffs further contend that this incident falls within the existing allegations of the Complaint and thus is an appropriate issue for discovery, at a minimum with regard to standing. *See, e.g.*, Complaint at ¶¶ 97, 114, 123, 134, 149 (because Plaintiffs are subject of a SAR, they have been automatically subjected to law enforcement scrutiny).

Defendants' Statement: Defendants were made aware of Plaintiffs' allegations on August 19, 2015. Discovery would not be appropriate at this juncture. To the extent Plaintiffs believe that the referenced questioning was undertaken for an impermissible reason or relates to this case, the proper and normal course would be for Plaintiffs to include the allegations in a proposed amended Complaint. If leave is granted to include these allegations, Defendants would

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then respond to those allegations. Those are the appropriate next steps in this case with respect to the allegations, and should be followed in the normal course before permitting any discovery into FBI investigative actions. Moreover, whether or not Plaintiffs are required to amend their complaint, the Court should proceed as it previously ruled in denying Plaintiffs' recent discovery motion, *see* Dkt. 60 at 3-4, to consider discovery issues in the context of summary judgment briefing in this APA action. This approach is particularly appropriate here, where the discovery that Plaintiffs seek concerns the exercise of law enforcement activity, and risks discovery disputes that may not be necessary.

Dated: August 21, 2015

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