

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DIVISION**

<b>CHARLES STOKES</b>	)	
	)	<b>Case No.</b>
<b>Plaintiff,</b>	)	
<b>v.</b>	)	<b>Judge</b>
	)	
<b>P.O. EWING #8653, P.O. ORTIZ #9748</b>	)	<b>Magistrate Judge</b>
<b>and THE CITY OF CHICAGO,</b>	)	
<b>a municipal corporation,</b>	)	<b>JURY DEMAND</b>
	)	
<b>Defendants.</b>	)	

**COMPLAINT AT LAW**

**NOW COMES** the Plaintiff, CHARLES STOKES, by and through his attorneys Gregory E. Kulis & Associates, Ltd., complaining against the Defendants, P.O. EWING #8653, P.O. ORTIZ #9748 and the CITY OF CHICAGO, a municipal corporation, individually as follows:

**COUNT I - FALSE ARREST – SEPTEMBER 2, 2015**

1. This action is brought pursuant to the Laws of the United States Constitution, specifically, 42 U.S.C. §1983 and §1988, and the laws of the State of Illinois, to redress deprivations of the Civil Rights of the Plaintiff, CHARLES STOKES, accomplished by acts and/or omissions of the Defendants, P.O. EWING #8653 and P.O. ORTIZ #9748, committed under color of law.

2. Jurisdiction is based on Title 28 U.S.C. §1343 and §1331 and supplemental jurisdiction of the State of Illinois.

3. The Plaintiff, CHARLES STOKES, was at all relevant times, a United States citizen and a resident of the State of Illinois.

4. At all relevant times, the Defendants P.O. EWING #8653 and P.O. ORTIZ #9748, were duly appointed Chicago Police Officers acting within their scope of employment and under color of law.

5. On or about September 2, 2015, the Plaintiff, CHARLES STOKES was visiting his mother-in-law at 10725 S. Wabash in Chicago, Illinois.

6. The Plaintiff got in his car with another individual when the Defendants drove up on them.

7. The passenger exited from the vehicle and police questioned him.

8. The Defendants pulled up, detained and started to question the Plaintiff.

9. The Plaintiff was not committing a crime or breaking any laws.

10. After the Defendants questioned the Plaintiff they searched his car.

11. The Defendants then told the Plaintiff they found a gun.

12. The Plaintiff was not in possession of a gun.

13. The Defendants then arrested the Plaintiff.

14. The charges against the Plaintiff were false.

15. At all relevant times, the Defendants, P.O. EWING #8653 and P.O. ORTIZ #9748 were acting pursuant to the customs and policies of the Chicago Police Department.

16. The actions of the Defendants, P.O. EWING #8653 and P.O. ORTIZ #9748 were intentional, willful and with malice.

17. Said actions of the Defendants, P.O. EWING #8653 and P.O. ORTIZ #9748 violated the Plaintiff's Fourth and Fourteenth Amendment Rights of the United States Constitution and were in violation of said rights protected by 42 U.S.C. §1983.

18. As a direct and proximate consequence of said conduct of the Defendants, P.O. EWING #8653 and P.O. ORTIZ #9748, the Plaintiff, CHARLES STOKES, suffered violations of

his constitutional rights, emotional anxiety, fear, humiliation, monetary loss, pain and suffering and future pain and suffering.

**WHEREFORE**, the Plaintiff, CHARLES STOKES, prays for judgment in his favor and against the Defendants P.O. EWING #8653 and P.O. ORTIZ #9748, for a reasonable amount in compensatory damages, punitive damages, plus attorneys' fees and costs.

**COUNT II – MALICIOUS PROSECUTION**

1-13. The Plaintiff hereby realleges and incorporates paragraphs 2 – 15 of Count I as his respective allegations of paragraphs 1 – 13 of Count II as though fully set forth herein.

14. The Defendants proceeded with the charges knowing they were false.

15. The Plaintiff retained an attorney and had to litigate the matter.

16. The Defendant's actions were intentional, willful and wanton.

17. The charges were resolved in the Plaintiff's favor.

18. As a result of the actions of the Defendants, the Plaintiff suffered fear, emotional distress, anxiety and monetary expenses.

**WHEREFORE**, the Plaintiff, CHARLES STOKES, prays for judgment in his favor and against the Defendants, P.O. EWING #8653 and P.O. ORTIZ #9748, for a reasonable amount in compensatory damages, punitive damages, plus costs.

**COUNT III – FALSE ARREST – NOVEMBER 21, 2015**

1-4. The Plaintiff hereby realleges and incorporates his allegations of paragraphs 1 – 4 of Count I as his respective allegations of paragraphs 1 – 14 of Count III as fully set forth herein.

5. On November 21, 2015, the Plaintiff was leaving his mother in law's home when he was stopped by the Defendants.

6. The Plaintiff was not committing a crime or breaking any laws.

7. There were no facts to support any probable cause to stop the Plaintiff.

8. The Plaintiff was searched and had nothing illegal on him.
9. The Defendants without any legal basis took the Plaintiff's car keys and without any probable cause went on private property across the street and searched Mr. Stoke's car.
10. Nothing illegal was found in his car.
11. The Plaintiff was arrested by the Defendants for possession of a controlled substance because the Defendants claim they found some weed / marijuana somewhere near the house.
12. The Plaintiff did not have any marijuana.
13. At all relevant times, the Defendants were acting pursuant to the customs, practices and policies of the Chicago Police Department.
14. The actions of the Defendants were intentional, willful and wanton.
15. Said actions of the Defendants, P.O. EWING #8653 and P.O. ORTIZ #9748 violated the Plaintiff's Fourth and Fourteenth Amendment Rights of the United States Constitution and were in violation of said rights protected by 42 U.S.C. §1983.
16. As a direct and proximate consequence of said conduct of the Defendants, P.O. EWING #8653 and P.O. ORTIZ #9748, the Plaintiff, CHARLES STOKES, suffered violations of his constitutional rights, emotional anxiety, fear, humiliation, monetary loss, pain and suffering and future pain and suffering.

**WHEREFORE**, the Plaintiff, CHARLES STOKES, prays for judgment in his favor and against the Defendants P.O. EWING #8653 and P.O. ORTIZ #9748, for a reasonable amount in compensatory damages, punitive damages, plus attorneys' fees and costs.

**COUNT IV – UNLAWFUL SEARCH**

1-10. The Plaintiff, CHARLES STOKES, hereby realleges and incorporates his allegations in paragraphs 1-10 of Count III as his respective allegations of paragraphs 1-10 of Count IV as though fully set forth herein.

11. The Defendants did not have a warrant or exigent circumstances to go onto private property and search the Plaintiff's vehicle.

12. The actions of the defendants constitute an unlawful / illegal search.

13. At all relevant times, the Defendants were acting pursuant to the customs, practices and policies of the Chicago Police Department.

14. The actions of the Defendants were intentional, willful and wanton.

15. Said actions of the Defendants, P.O. EWING #8653 and P.O. ORTIZ #9748 violated the Plaintiff's Fourth and Fourteenth Amendment Rights of the United States Constitution and were in violation of said rights protected by 42 U.S.C. §1983.

16. As a direct and proximate consequence of said conduct of the Defendants, P.O. EWING #8653 and P.O. ORTIZ #9748, the Plaintiff, CHARLES STOKES, suffered violations of his constitutional rights, emotional anxiety, fear, humiliation, monetary loss, pain and suffering and future pain and suffering.

**WHEREFORE**, the Plaintiff, CHARLES STOKES, prays for judgment in his favor and against the Defendants P.O. EWING #8653 and P.O. ORTIZ #9748, for a reasonable amount in compensatory damages, punitive damages, plus attorneys' fees and costs.

**COUNT V – CITY OF CHICAGO/INDEMNIFICATION**

1-37. The Plaintiff, CHARLES STOKES, hereby re-alleges and incorporates his allegations of paragraphs 1-37 of Counts I through III as his respective allegations of paragraph 1-37 of Count IV as though fully set forth herein.

38. Illinois Law provides that public entities are directed to pay ant tort judgment for compensatory damages for which employees are liable within the scope of their employment activities.

39. Defendants, P.O. EWING #8653 and P.O. ORTIZ #9748 are or were employees of the City of Chicago Police Department, and acted within the scope of their employment in committing this misconduct described herein.

40. If Defendants, P.O. EWING #8653 and P.O. ORTIZ #9748 are found liable for any of the acts alleged above, the Defendant CITY OF CHICAGO, would be liable to pay the Plaintiff, CHARLES STOKES, any judgment obtained against said Defendants.

**WHEREFORE**, should the individual Defendants, P.O. EWING #8653 and P.O. ORTIZ #9748, be found liable for any of the acts alleged above, the Defendant, CITY OF CHICAGO, would be liable to pay the Plaintiff, CHARLES STOKES any judgment obtained against the Defendant.

**COUNT VI – MONELL POLICY CLAIM**

1-12. The Plaintiff hereby realleges and incorporates his allegations of paragraphs 1-12 of Count III as his respective allegations of paragraphs 1-12 of Count V as though fully set forth herein.

13. After the false arrest of the Plaintiff, the Defendants informed he and a co-arrestee that they were going to jail for the the alleged narcotics found “unless they came up with a gun”.

14. The Plaintiff, CHARLES STOKES and his co-arrestee told the police they did not have or own a gun.

15. One or both of the Defendants told the Plaintiff, CHARLES STOKES that for them to be released and not to go to jail they had to give the police a gun.

16. Neither had a gun.

17. The co-arrestee of the Plaintiff, CHARLES STOKES, arranged to obtain a gun.

18. The Plaintiff, CHARLES STOKES was released after a gun was tendered to the Defendants.

19. The Plaintiff, CHARLES STOKES then requested that they both be released but was told that for his co-arrestee to be released, the Plaintiff, Charles Stokes had to get the police a gun.

20. The Plaintiff, CHARLES STOKES did not have a gun.

21. The Plaintiff, CHARLES STOKES was ordered to hit the streets and obtain or buy an illegal gun and turn it over to the Defendants.

22. The Plaintiff, CHARLES STOKES, was coerced to commit a crime to avoid he and his friend from being arrested on false charges.

23. Said action of the Defendants was pursuant to a custom practice and policy to arrest people on false charges and then in turn, have them conduct illegal felonious acts for the Chicago Police.

24. Said unwritten practice, customs and policy was done to keep a point/score for police officers in certain districts and reward officers accordingly for bringing in illegal guns off the street(s).

25. Said custom practice and policy promoted illegal arrests of innocent individuals.

26. As a result of this custom, practice and policy, the Plaintiff, CHARLES STOKES, was falsely arrested.

27. The Plaintiff and co-arrestee were released after each turned a gun over to the Police.

28. As a result thereof, the Plaintiff, CHARLES STOKES suffered a violation of his Fourth and Fourteenth Amendment Rights of the United States Constitution as protected by 42 U.S.C. §1983.

29. As a direct and proximate consequence of said conduct of the Defendants, P.O. EWING #8653 and P.O. ORTIZ #9748, the Plaintiff, CHARLES STOKES, suffered violations of his constitutional rights, emotional anxiety, fear, humiliation, monetary loss, pain and suffering and future pain and suffering.

**WHEREFORE**, the Plaintiff, CHARLES STOKES, prays for judgment in his favor and against the Defendants P.O. EWING #8653, P.O. ORTIZ #9748 and the CITY OF CHICAGO, for a reasonable amount in compensatory damages, punitive damages, plus attorneys' fees and costs.

**JURY DEMAND**

The Plaintiffs, CHARLES STOKES hereby requests a trial by jury.

Respectfully submitted

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ILND 44 (Rev. 07/13/16)

### CIVIL COVER SHEET

The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON NEXT PAGE OF THIS FORM.)

**I. (a) PLAINTIFFS**  
 CHARLES STOKES

**(b)** County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff Cook  
 (EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

**(c)** Attorneys (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)  
 Gregory E. Kulis & Associates, Ltd.  
 30 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2140  
 Chicago, IL 60602

**DEFENDANTS**  
 CITY OF CHICAGO, et al.

County of Residence of First Listed Defendant \_\_\_\_\_  
 (IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED.

Attorneys (If Known) \_\_\_\_\_

**II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION** (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

1 U.S. Government Plaintiff

3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)

2 U.S. Government Defendant

4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

**III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES** (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)

	PTF	DEF		PTF	DEF
Citizen of This State	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	Incorporated or Principal Place of Business In This State	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Citizen of Another State	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	Incorporated and Principal Place of Business In Another State	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	Foreign Nation	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 6

**IV. NATURE OF SUIT** (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

CONTRACT	TORTS	FORFEITURE/PENALTY	BANKRUPTCY	OTHER STATUTES	
<input type="checkbox"/> 110 Insurance <input type="checkbox"/> 120 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 130 Miller Act <input type="checkbox"/> 140 Negotiable Instrument <input type="checkbox"/> 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment <input type="checkbox"/> 151 Medicare Act <input type="checkbox"/> 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans (Excludes Veterans) <input type="checkbox"/> 153 Recovery of Veteran's Benefits <input type="checkbox"/> 160 Stockholders' Suits <input type="checkbox"/> 190 Other Contract <input type="checkbox"/> 195 Contract Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 196 Franchise	<b>PERSONAL INJURY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 310 Airplane <input type="checkbox"/> 315 Airplane Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 320 Assault, Libel & Slander <input type="checkbox"/> 330 Federal Employers' Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 340 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 345 Marine Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 350 Motor Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> 355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 360 Other Personal Injury <input type="checkbox"/> 362 Personal Injury - Medical Malpractice	<b>PERSONAL INJURY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 365 Personal Injury - Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 367 Health Care/Pharmaceutical Personal Injury Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 368 Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability <b>PERSONAL PROPERTY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 370 Other Fraud <input type="checkbox"/> 371 Truth in Lending <input type="checkbox"/> 380 Other Personal Property Damage <input type="checkbox"/> 385 Property Damage Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 881 <input type="checkbox"/> 690 Other	<input type="checkbox"/> 422 Appeal 28 USC 158 <input type="checkbox"/> 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157 <b>PROPERTY RIGHTS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 820 Copyrights <input type="checkbox"/> 830 Patent <input type="checkbox"/> 840 Trademark	<input type="checkbox"/> 375 False Claims Act <input type="checkbox"/> 376 Qui Tam (31 USC 3729 (a)) <input type="checkbox"/> 400 State Reapportionment <input type="checkbox"/> 410 Antitrust <input type="checkbox"/> 430 Banks and Banking <input type="checkbox"/> 450 Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> 460 Deportation <input type="checkbox"/> 470 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations <input type="checkbox"/> 480 Consumer Credit <input type="checkbox"/> 490 Cable/Sat TV <input type="checkbox"/> 850 Securities/Commodities/Exchange <input type="checkbox"/> 890 Other Statutory Actions <input type="checkbox"/> 891 Agricultural Acts <input type="checkbox"/> 893 Environmental Matters <input type="checkbox"/> 895 Freedom of Information Act <input type="checkbox"/> 896 Arbitration <input type="checkbox"/> 899 Administrative Procedure Act/Review or Appeal of Agency Decision <input type="checkbox"/> 950 Constitutionality of State Statutes
REAL PROPERTY	CIVIL RIGHTS	PRISONER PETITIONS	LABOR	SOCIAL SECURITY	
<input type="checkbox"/> 210 Land Condemnation <input type="checkbox"/> 220 Foreclosure <input type="checkbox"/> 230 Rent Lease & Ejectment <input type="checkbox"/> 240 Torts to Land <input type="checkbox"/> 245 Tort Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 290 All Other Real Property	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 440 Other Civil Rights <input type="checkbox"/> 441 Voting <input type="checkbox"/> 442 Employment <input type="checkbox"/> 443 Housing/Accommodations <input type="checkbox"/> 445 Amer. w/Disabilities Employment <input type="checkbox"/> 446 Amer. w/Disabilities Other <input type="checkbox"/> 448 Education	<input type="checkbox"/> 510 Motions to Vacate Sentence <b>Habeas Corpus:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 530 General <input type="checkbox"/> 535 Death Penalty <input type="checkbox"/> 540 Mandamus & Other <input type="checkbox"/> 550 Civil Rights <input type="checkbox"/> 555 Prison Condition <input type="checkbox"/> 560 Civil Detainee - Conditions of Confinement	<input type="checkbox"/> 710 Fair Labor Standards Act <input type="checkbox"/> 720 Labor/Management Relations <input type="checkbox"/> 740 Railway Labor Act <input type="checkbox"/> 751 Family and Medical Leave Act <input type="checkbox"/> 790 Other Labor Litigation <input type="checkbox"/> 791 Employee Retirement Income Security Act	<input type="checkbox"/> 861 HIA (1395ff) <input type="checkbox"/> 862 Black Lung (923) <input type="checkbox"/> 863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g)) <input type="checkbox"/> 864 SSID Title XVI <input type="checkbox"/> 865 RSI (405(g))	
			IMMIGRATION	FEDERAL TAX SUITS	
			<input type="checkbox"/> 462 Naturalization Application <input type="checkbox"/> 463 Habeas Corpus - Alien Detainee (Prisoner Petition) <input type="checkbox"/> 465 Other Immigration Actions	<input type="checkbox"/> 870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant) <input type="checkbox"/> 871 IRS—Third Party 26 USC 7609	

**V. ORIGIN** (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 Original Proceeding	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Removed from State Court	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 Remanded from Appellate Court	<input type="checkbox"/> 4 Reinstated or Reopened	<input type="checkbox"/> 5 Transferred from Another District (specify)	<input type="checkbox"/> 6 Multidistrict Litigation-Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> 8 Multidistrict Litigation - Direct File
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**VI. CAUSE OF ACTION** (Enter U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing and write a brief statement of cause.)  
 42 U.S.C. Sec. 1983 and Sec. 1988

**VII. Previous Bankruptcy Matters** (For nature of suit 422 and 423, enter the case number and judge for any associated bankruptcy matter previously adjudicated by a judge of this Court. Use a separate attachment if necessary.)

**VIII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:**  CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER RULE 23, F.R.Cv.P. **DEMAND \$** \_\_\_\_\_ **CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:**

**JURY DEMAND:**  Yes  No

**IX. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY** (See instructions): JUDGE \_\_\_\_\_ DOCKET NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

**X. This case** (check one box)  Is not a refiling of a previously dismissed action  is a refiling of case number \_\_\_\_\_ previously dismissed by Judge \_\_\_\_\_  
 DATE 11/15/2016 SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD /s/ Gregory E. Kulis

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS COMPLETING CIVIL COVER SHEET FORM JS 44**

Authority For Civil Cover Sheet

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**I. (a) Plaintiffs-Defendants.** Enter names (last, first, middle initial) of plaintiff and defendant. If the plaintiff or defendant is a government agency, use only the full name or standard abbreviations. If the plaintiff or defendant is an official within a government agency, identify first the agency and then the official, giving both name and title.

(b) County of Residence. For each civil case filed, except U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county where the first listed plaintiff resides at the time of filing. In U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county in which the first listed defendant resides at the time of filing. (NOTE: In land condemnation cases, the county of residence of the "defendant" is the location of the tract of land involved.)

(c) Attorneys. Enter the firm name, address, telephone number, and attorney of record. If there are several attorneys, list them on an attachment, noting in this section "(see attachment)".

**II. Jurisdiction.** The basis of jurisdiction is set forth under Rule 8(a), F.R.Cv.P., which requires that jurisdictions be shown in pleadings. Place an "X" in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, precedence is given in the order shown below.

United States plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction based on 28 U.S.C. 1345 and 1348. Suits by agencies and officers of the United States are included here.

United States defendant. (2) When the plaintiff is suing the United States, its officers or agencies, place an "X" in this box.

Federal question. (3) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1331, where jurisdiction arises under the Constitution of the United States, an amendment to the Constitution, an act of Congress or a treaty of the United States. In cases where the U.S. is a party, the U.S. plaintiff or defendant code takes precedence, and box 1 or 2 should be marked.

Diversity of citizenship. (4) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1332, where parties are citizens of different states. When Box 4 is checked, the citizenship of the different parties must be checked. (See Section III below; NOTE: federal question actions take precedence over diversity cases.)

**III. Residence (citizenship) of Principal Parties.** This section of the JS 44 is to be completed if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. Mark this section for each principal party.

**IV. Nature of Suit.** Place an "X" in the appropriate box. If the nature of suit cannot be determined, be sure the cause of action, in Section VI below, is sufficient to enable the deputy clerk or the statistical clerk(s) in the Administrative Office to determine the nature of suit. If the cause fits more than one nature of suit, select the most definitive.

**V. Origin.** Place an "X" in one of the six boxes.

Original Proceedings. (1) Cases which originate in the United States district courts.

Removed from State Court. (2) Proceedings initiated in state courts may be removed to the district courts under Title 28 U.S.C., Section 1441. When the petition for removal is granted, check this box.

Remanded from Appellate Court. (3) Check this box for cases remanded to the district court for further action. Use the date of remand as the filing date.

Reinstated or Reopened. (4) Check this box for cases reinstated or reopened in the district court. Use the reopening date as the filing date.

Transferred from Another District. (5) For cases transferred under Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1404(a). Do not use this for within district transfers or multidistrict litigation transfers.

Multidistrict Litigation. (6) Check this box when a multidistrict case is transferred into the district under authority of Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1407. When this box is checked, do not check (5) above.

**VI. Cause of Action.** Report the civil statute directly related to the cause of action and give a brief description of the cause. Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity. Example: U.S. Civil Statute: 47 USC 553 Brief Description: Unauthorized reception of cable service

**VII. Previous Bankruptcy Matters** For nature of suit 422 and 423 enter the case number and judge for any associated bankruptcy matter previously adjudicated by a judge of this court. Use a separate attachment if necessary.

**VIII. Requested in Complaint.** Class Action. Place an "X" in this box if you are filing a class action under Rule 23, F.R.Cv.P. Demand. In this space enter the actual dollar amount being demanded or indicate other demand, such as a preliminary injunction Jury Demand. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether or not a jury is being demanded.

**IX. Related Cases.** This section of the JS 44 is used to reference related pending cases, if any. If there are related pending cases, insert the docket numbers and the corresponding judge names for such cases.

**X. Refiling Information.** Place an "X" in one of the two boxes indicating if the case is or is not a refiling of a previously dismissed action. If it is a refiling of a previously dismissed action, insert the case number and judge.

**Date and Attorney Signature.** Date and sign the civil cover sheet.