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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX PART 11	Index No. 20812-2012 Motion Calendar No. Motion Date:
MICHELLE SCUORZO,	
Plaintiff,	DECISION/ORDER
-against-	Present: Hon. Laura G. Douglas
LUQMAN SAFDAR, FAYYAZ AHMAD,	J.S.C.
BIG APPLE CAR, INC., CITYWIDE MOBILE	PP TO
RESPONSE CORP., TRANSCARE AMBULANCE CORP.,	
JOHN DOE, JANE DOE, and ABC CORP.,	CLERK
Defendants.	
Recitation, as required by Rule 2219(a) of the C.P.L.R., of th	e papers considered in the review of this

motion and cross-motion to compel or preclude certain discovery:

Papers	<u>Numbered</u>
Plaintiff's Notice of Motion, Good Faith Affirmation of Curtis B. Gilfillan, Esq. dated October 2, 2015 and Exhibit ("A"), Affirmation of Curtis B. Gilfillan, Esq. dated October 2, 2015 in Support of Motion, and Exhibits ("A" through "H")	1
Affirmation of Nicholas Hurzeler, Esq. dated November 23, 2015 in Opposition to Motion and Exhibits ("A" through "C")	2
Reply Affirmation of Curtis B. Gilfillan, Esq. dated November 25, 2015 and Exhibits ("A" through "E")	3
Notice of Cross-Motion by Defendant Big Apple Car, Inc., Good Faith Affirmation of Vincent F. Terrasi, Esq. dated October 12, 2015, Affirmation of Vincent F. Terrasi, Esq. dated October 12, 2015, and Exhibit ("A")	4

This motion and cross-motion are consolidated for purposes of Decision/Order and upon the foregoing papers and after due deliberation, the Decision/Order on this motion and cross-motion is as follows:

The plaintiff seeks an order compelling defendant Transcare Ambulance Corp. to provide a certain contract and personnel logbook or deeming those issues relevant to said discovery resolved in the plaintiff's favor or precluding the defendants from using any of these items in support or opposition of any claim herein. Defendant Big Apple Car, Inc. cross-moves for similar relief. The motion and cross-motion

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are denied as academic.

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By Decision and Order entered on December 15, 2015, the Appellate Division, First Department, directed that venue in this action be changed from Bronx County to Kings County. The Court found that a change in venue was appropriate when the plaintiff discontinued her action against the only party with any connection to Bronx County and which had no connection to the underlying accident. In the interest of comity and proper procedure, the merits of the instant motion and cross-motion should not be considered by this Court, but by the transferee court in Kings County (*see Ryback v. Lomenzo*, 38 AD2d 915 [1<sup>st</sup> Dept 1972] and *Rosenblatt v. Sait*, 34 AD2d 238 [1<sup>st</sup> Dept 1970]). Otherwise, this Court would be passing on the merits of an action which should not have been brought in Bronx County.

Accordingly, it is hereby

ORDERED, that this motion and cross-motion are denied in their entirety as academic; and it is further

ORDERED, that this motion and cross-motion may be renewed in Kings County following transfer of this action in accordance with the Order of the Appellate Division.

The foregoing constitutes the Decision and Order of this Court.

DATED:

4-7-16

Bronx, New York

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llowing papers numbered 1 to <u>4</u> Read on this motion, <u>COMPEL</u> d on <u>October 30 2015</u> and duly submitted as No on the Motion Cale	ndar of 12/3/15		
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Notice of Motion - Order to Show Cause - Exhibits and Affidavits Annexed			
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	Upon the foregoing papers this	motion by plaintiff
ferred to:		and cross-motion by defendant Big. Apple, Car. Inc.
Motion is Respectfully Referred to: Justice: Dated:	Dated: 4/1/16	are consolidated for purposes of Decision Order and are decided in accordance with the attached memorandum Decision Order.
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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX

MICHELLE SCUORZO,

Plaintiff,

Defendants.

Index No.: 20812-2012

NOTICE OF MOTION

-against-

LUQMAN SAFDAR, FAYYAZ AHMAD, BIG APPLE CAR, INC., CITYWIDE MOBILE RESPONSE CORP., TRANSCARE AMBULANCE CORP., JOHN DOE, JANE DOE and ABC CORP.

Hon. Laura G. Douglas



PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that upon the annexed affirmation of Curtis B. Gilfillan, Esq., the exhibits attached thereto, and upon all of the pleadings and proceedings heretofore had herein, Plaintiff Michelle Scuorzo, by and through her attorneys, Albert Buzzetti & Associates, LLC, will move in Room 217, located at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York 10451, on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of October 2015, at 9:30 o'clock of the forenoon of that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, for an order, pursuant to CPLR §§3124 and 3126: 1) compelling Defendant Transcare Ambulance Corp. to provide responses to Plaintiff's discovery demands; namely the contract between Transcare Ambulance Corp. and Sports & Entertainment Physicians and the Transcare Ambulance Corp. personnel logbook for Madison Square Garden; 2) alternatively, for an order finding those issues to which the disputed discovery is relevant be deemed resolved in Plaintiff's favor; 3) alternatively, for an order prohibiting and/or precluding Defendants from supporting or opposing claims or defenses to which the disputed discovery is relevant and from producing any of the disputed items as demanded into evidence or other use in any substantive motion prior to or at trial; together with such other, further and different relief that this Court

# SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX

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-against-

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may deem just and proper, including but not limited to the costs and attorneys fees incurred in the making of the instant motion.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that answering affidavits, if any, are to be served on the undersigned within seven (7) days prior to the return date of the within motion.

Dated: Englewood Cliffs, NJ October 2, 2015

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ALBERT BUZZETTI & ASSOCIATES, LLC

Curtis B. Gilfillan, Esq. Attorneys for Plaintiff Michelle Scuorzo 475 Sylvan Ave. Englewood Cliffs, NJ 07632 (201) 816-3733

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COUNTY OF BRONX

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Pursuant to 22 NYCRR 130-1.1-a, the undersigned, an attorney admitted to practice in the courts of New York State, certifies that, upon information and belief and reasonable inquiry, (1) the contentions contained in the annexed document are not frivolous and that (2) if the annexed document is an initiating pleading, (i) the matter was not obtained through illegal conduct, or that if it was, the attorney or other persons responsible for the illegal conduct are not participating in the matter or sharing in any fee earned therefrom and that (ii) if the matter involves potential claims for personal injury or wrongful death, the matter was not obtained in visition of 22 IFYCRR 1200.41-a.

Dated: 10/2/15

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# SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX

MICHELLE SCUORZO,

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AFFIRMATION OF GOOD FAITH

LUQMAN SAFDAR, FAYYAZ AHMAD, BIG APPLE CAR, INC., CITYWIDE MOBILE RESPONSE CORP., TRANSCARE AMBULANCE CORP., JOHN DOE, JANE DOE and ABC CORP.

Defendants.

CURTIS B. GILFILLAN, ESQ., an attorney duly admitted to practice law by and

before the Courts of the State of New York, hereby affirms under the penalty of perjury:

- I am associated with the law firm of Albert Buzzetti & Associates, LLC, attorneys for the Plaintiff in the above-referenced matter. As such, I am familiar with the facts and circumstances surrounding this matter based on a review of the file maintained by my office and my participation in the proceedings heretofore had herein.
- I submit this affirmation of Good Faith in further support of Plaintiff's motion for an order pursuant to CPLR §§3124 and 3126: 1) compelling Defendant Transcare Ambulance Corp. to provide responses to Plaintiff's discovery demands,; namely the contract between Transcare Ambulance Corp. and Sports & Entertainment Physicians and the Transcare Ambulance Corp. personnel logbook for Madison Square Garden; 2)

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- 3. The undersigned has conferred with counsel for the opposing parties in this action in a good faith effort, pursuant to 22 NYCRR §202.7, to resolve the discovery disputes and issues raised by the accompanying motion through the mservice of various discovery demands with repeated objections made thereto and in follow-up e-mail and written correspondence dated September 25, 2015. A copy of the September 25, 2015 good faith letter is annexed hereto as **Exhibit "A"**.
- 4. Despite the above good faith communications, no resolution to the discovery issues were reached with the Defendant, and therefore, Court intervention is necessary.

WHEREFORE, it is respectfully requested that Plaintiff's motion be granted in its

entirety, together with such other, further and different relief as this Court deems just and proper,

including an award of counsel fees and costs relative to the making of the instant motion.

Dated: Englewood Cliffs, NJ October 2, 2015

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September 25, 2015

Lewis, Brisbois, Bisgaard & Smith, LLP 77 Water Street, Suite 2100 New York, New York 10005 Attn: Joelle Jensen, Esq.

> Re: Scuorzo v. Safdar, et al. Index No: 20812/2012 Our File No.: 10085

Dear Ms. Jensen:

Please find this as the undersigned's good faith attempt to resolve the outstanding discovery dispute relative to the personnel logs for the day in question as prepared by Transcare which indicate the ambulance personnel and staffing present at MSG. To date I have received no further supplemental response to my March 27, 2015 post deposition demand now that your employee Julia Villa testified to the specific current location of the logs in question, nor have I received a response from you to my September 4, 2015 Notice for Physical Inspection of same personnel logs. In light of the long-standing demands and requests for these records, I will be forced to seek Court intervention to gain access to these documents/log books if they are not produced within the next 5 business days. Such good faith correspondence is being forwarded to you at this time so that all discovery, and necessary motion practice regarding same may be completed by or before the Note of Issue deadline of November 30, 2015.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Very truly you

Curtis B. Gilfillan

CBG/lf cc: Law Office of Nancy Isserlis Wade Clark Mulcahy

# SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX

#### MICHELLE SCUORZO,

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Plaintiff,

Index No.: 20812-2012

-against-

## **AFFIRMATION IN SUPPORT**

LUQMAN SAFDAR, FAYYAZ AHMAD, BIG APPLE CAR, INC., CITYWIDE MOBIL RESPONSE CORP., TRANSCARE AMBULANCE CORP., JOHN DOE, JANE DOE and ABC CORP.

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- 3. The underlying action arises from an automobile accident which occurred on March 11, 2010, at approximately 5:15 p.m. when a livery cab owned by Fayyaz Ahmad, driven by Luqman Safdar as agents of Big Apple Car, Inc. swerved to avoid a Transcare Ambulance Corp. (hereinafter "Transcare") ambulance, improperly operating in an emergent manner in response to a non-emergent scenario, and/or in due disregard for the circumstances then existing, that drove into the intersection against a red light, resulting in the livery cab operated by Luqman Safdar jumping the sidewalk and striking the Plaintiff, Michelle Scuorzo causing her severe and permanent injuries, necessitating 9 separate surgical procedures.
- Plaintiff initiated the instant Bronx County action by the filing of a Summons and Complaint on or about May 4, 2012. A copy of the Summons and Complaint is annexed hereto as Exhibit "A."
- The Defendants, Luqman Safdar, Fayyaz Ahmad, Big Apple Car, Inc., Citywide Mobile Response Corp., and Transcare Ambulance Corp. all interposed Answers to the Plaintiff's

Complaint between June 6, 2012, and July 17, 2012. Copies of said Answers are collectively annexed hereto as **Exhibit "B"**, as is a copy of the Stipulation of Discontinuance without Prejudice releasing Citywide as an active defendant in the litigation.

- 6. On March 17, 2015, shortly after further Transcare deposition witness David Konig testified, Plaintiff served on Defendant Trancare a Post Deposition Notice for Discovery and Inspection, which contained among other things demands for the contract between Transcare and Sports & Entertainment Physicians and for the Transcare personnel log for Madison Square Garden for the day of the accident March 11, 2010, all as testified to by David Konig. A copy of Plaintiff's Post-Deposition Notice for Discovery and Inspection as to Transcare and Testimony of David Konig is annexed hereto as Exhibit "C".
- 7. The contract and personnel log in question are essential evidence to Plaintiff's claims as against Transcare in the instant lawsuit wherein Plaintiff alleges the improper emergency response by a Transcare ambulance to Madison Square Garden in a non-emergent situation. As was uncovered during the extensive course of written discovery and depositions (most recently during that of David Konig), Transcare had a written contract for the provision of ambulance services at Madison Square Garden for public events (such as the Big East Tournament, which Transcare was providing services for on the date of the accident, and to which the ambulance in question was reporting in emergency mode) with Sports & Entertainment Physicians, as a sub-contractor, rather than directly with Madison Square Garden. The contract, upon information and belief set forth the

number of ambulances required to be at Madison Square Garden for public events at any given time and as to ambulance response and replacement protocols (e.g. two ambulances required to be present at all times at public sporting events as per the New York State regulations and customary industry practice). The terms of the contract would provide some evidence as to the negligence of Transcare in improperly staffing, maintaining and/or improperly calling replacement ambulances in an emergent as opposed to nonemergent mode. Likewise, the Transcare log book (again as testified to by David Konig), when produced, will provide the names of the actual Transcare personnel who were present on the day in question. These two pieces of evidence go hand in hand towards identifying who was supposed to be at Madison Square Garden and who was actually at Madison Square Garden. The foregoing evidence would show some evidence of negligence on the part of Transcare when viewed in conjunction with the state regulations, local regulations, the deposition testimony of Transcare employees as to the industry custom and practice, and the testimony of the ambulance driver and EMT in question. The contract and personnel log are material and necessary to the presentation and proof of Plaintiff's claims and Defendant Transcare ought to have produced them short of motion practice.

8. On or about June 15, 2015, Defendant Transcare responded to Plaintiff's Post-Deposition Notice for Discovery & Inspection as to David Koning, by providing in part that they could not locate the personnel log in question and outright objected to the production of the contract between Transcare and Sports & Entertainment Physicians. A copy of

Defendant's Response to Post-Deposition Notice for Discovery and Inspection is annexed hereto as **Exhibit "D"**.

- 9. On or about July 22, 2015, Plaintiff served a Sixth Notice for Discovery and Inspection on Defendant Transcare, again demanding a copy of the contract in question. A copy of Plaintiff's Sixth Notice for Discovery and Inspection is annexed hereto as Exhibit "E". Defendant Transcare provided a Response to same demand on August 20, 2015, wherein the again objected to and refused to produce the contract in question, despite its material and necessary nature to the litigation claims pursued by Plaintiff. A copy of Defendant Transcare's Response to Plaintiff's Sixth Notice to Produce is annexed hereto as Exhibit "F".
- 10. On September 4, 2015, following the deposition testimony of yet another Transcare witness, Julia Villa, which occurred on August 17, 2015 and in which she testified as to the exact location of the personnel log book in question, Plaintiff served a Notice of Physical Inspection of said log on Defendant Transcare. A copy of Plaintiff's Notice For Physical Inspection of Roll Call Sign-In Log is annexed hereto as **Exhibit "G"**.
- 12. To date, Defendant Transcare continues to object to the production of the contract in question and insist that they will only disclose same pursuant to a Court Order. Likewise, Defendant Transcare has failed to further responded to the prior discovery demands as to the log book and has not responded to the Physical Inspection Notice which was returnable on September 24, 2015. Accordingly, Plaintiff made one further and final

attempt to obtain the above-discovery absent Court intervention by was of e-mail inquiry and good faith letter, both dated September 25, 2015. A copy of the September 25, 2015 good faith letter is annexed hereto as **Exhibit "H"**.

- 13. Transcare has engaged and continues to engage in wilful and contumacious conduct, by first denying the existence of, or at least their ability to find, the contract and personnel log in question, and then once found (after their employee Julia Villa recently testified that she was aware of and had seen them months ago) refusing to produce them. The refusal of Transcare to be first unable to "locate", and then when located to refuse to produce such core materials to both the operation of their business and more importantly to the instant lawsuit strains the limits of reason and underscores their obstruction to the discovery process here. This is not the first motion filed by Plaintiff to obtain discovery from this Defendant, which ought to have been produced in response to discovery demands in due course, but which same was refused or objected to and which was subsequently obtained by Court intervention.
- 14. New York has long favored open and far reaching pre-trial discovery. As per the plain language of CPLR §3101 "[t]here shall be full disclosure of all matter material and necessary in the prosecution or defense of an action, regardless of the burden of proof." Further, the words "material and necessary" as used in the statute are to be interpreted liberally to require disclosure, when requested, of any facts or other information bearing on the controversy which will aid in the preparation for trial by sharpening the issues.

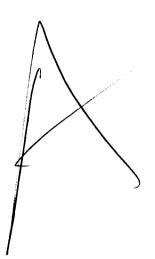
The discovery requested from Transcare here squarely falls within the acceptable scope of sharpening the issues for trial.

15. In light of the foregoing, it is clear that Defendant Transcare has wilfully, contumaciously and intentionally delayed and obstructed the discovery process in this matter, and has failed to produce substantive discovery in this matter despite clear and numerous demands for same by the Plaintiff, and co-defendants.

WHEREFORE, it is respectfully requested that Plaintiff's motion be granted in its entirety, together with such other, further and different relief as this Court deems just and proper, including an award of counsel fees and costs relative to the making of the instant motion.

Dated: Englewood Cliffs, NJ October 2, 2015

Curtis B. Gilfillan, E<sup>s</sup>q. Albert Buzzetti & Associates, LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff Michelle Scuorzo 467 Sylvan Avenue Englewood Cliffs, NJ 07632 (201) 816-3733



## SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX

#### MICHELLE SCUORZO

Plaintiff/Petitioner.

- against -

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LUGMAN SAFDAR; FAYYAZ AHMAD; BIG APPLE CAR, ING.; GIT WEDE MOBILE TERPONSE CORP., TRANSCARE AMBUL, ANSE CORP.; JOHN BOR; MANE ROE; MIT ABC CORPORATION.

Defendant/Respondent,

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Dated: 5/16/12

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNY OF BRONX

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MICHELLE SCUORZO,

#### Plaintiff,

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SUMMONS

LUQMAN SAFDAR; FAYYAZ AHMAD; BIG APPLE CAR, INC.; CITYWIDE MOBILE RESPONSE CORP. ; TRANSCARE AMBULANCE CORP.; JOHN DOE; JANE ROE; and ABC CORPORATION.

Defendants

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To the above named Defendant(s)

You are hereby summoned to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff's attorney within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Plaintiff designates Bronx County as the place of trial. The basis of venue is defendant, Citywide Mobile Response Corp.'s location of its principle office pursuant to C.P.L.R. 503(c).

Dated: New York, New York May 4, 2012

Yours, etc.,

ALBERT BUZZETTI BSQ. ALBERT BUZZETTI & ASSOCIATES, LLC Attorneys for plaintiff 2 Penn Plaza - Suite 1500 New York, New York 10121 (212) 564-9009



#### DEFENDANTS TO BE SERVED

Big Apple Car, Inc. 169 Bay 17<sup>th</sup> Street Brooklyn, NY 11214

Transcare Ambulance Corp. 1 Metrotech Center Brooklyn, NY 11201-3948

Luqman Safdar 1720 Amuskar Roađ Parkville, MD 21234-3715

Fayyaz Ahmad 2115 East 13<sup>th</sup> Street Brooklyn, NY 11229

Citywide Mobile Response Corp. 1624 Stillwell Avenue Bronx, New York 10461





SUPREME COURT OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF ERONX MICHELLE SCUOREO,

Plaintiff,

## COMPLAINT

-against-

Index No. :

LUQMAN SAFDAR; FAYYAZ AHMAD; BIG APPLE CAR, INC.; CITYWIDE MOBILE RESPONSE CORP.; TRANSCARE AMBULANCE CORP.; JOHN DOE; JANE ROE; and ABC CORPORATION.

Defendant (s).

The plaintiff, Michelle Scuorzo (hereinafter "plaintiff"), by and through her attorney, Albert Buzzetti, Esq., from the law firm of Albert Buzzetti & Associates, LLC, by way of Complaint against the defendants, hereby alleges and says:

#### BACKGROUND:

- Plaintiff, at all relevant times, was and is a resident of the State of New Jersey and resided at 2 Johnny Drive, Borough of Farmingdale.
- Defendant, Fayyaz Ahmad, at all relevant times, upon information and belief, was and is a resident of the State of New York and resided at 2115 East 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings.
- 3. Defendant, Luqman Safdar, at all relevant times, upon information and belief, was and is a resident of the State of New Jersey and resided at 2125 Woodbridge Avenue, Township of Edison.

- 4. Defendant, Big Apple Car, Inc., at all relevant times, upon information and belief, was and is a corporation in the business of providing transportation services and duly authorized to transact business and doing business under and by virtue of the laws of the State of New York with offices located at 169 Bay 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, State of New York.
- 5. Defendant, Citywide Mobile Response Corp., at all relevant times, upon information and belief, was and is a corporation in the business of providing medical transportation services and duly authorized to transact business and doing business under and by virtue of the laws of the State of New York with its principal office located at 1624 Stillwell Avenue, Borough of Bronx, County of Bronx, State of New York.
- 6. Defendant, Transcare Ambulance Corp., at all relevant times, upon information and belief, was and is a corporation in the business of providing medical transportation services and duly authorized to transact business and doing business under and by virtue of the laws of the State of New York with offices located at 1 Metrotech Center, Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, State of New York.
- 7. Defendant(s), John Doe and Jane Roe are fictitious person(s) who were unknown owners and/or operators of motor vehicles responsible for the accident giving rise to this lawsuit; and/or unknown principals, superiors and/or employers that hired, controlled, supervised and/or directed the owners and/or operators of motor vehicles responsible for the

accident giving rise to this lawsuit.

8. Defendant(s), ABC Corporation, a fictitious company was the unknown owner of the motor vehicle responsible for the accident giving rise to this lawsuit and/or unknown principals, superiors and/or employers that hired, controlled, supervised and/or directed the owner and/or operators of motor vehicle responsible for the accident giving rise to this lawsuit.

### FIRST COUNT

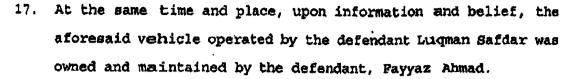
- 9. Plaintiff repeats the allegations in Paragraphs 1-8 above as if fully set forth herein.
- 10. On March 11, 2010, at approximately 5:15 pm, the Plaintiff was a pedestrian standing on the southwest corner of 29<sup>th</sup> Street and Lexington Avenue in the City of New York, County of New York, State of New York.
- 11. At the same time and place, defendant, Lugman Safdar, was the operator of a motor vehicle being known as a 2004 Lincoln Town Car bearing New York license plate number T5 04692C traveling south on Lexington Avenue at the intersection of East 29<sup>th</sup> Street in the City of New York, County of New York, State of New York.
- 12. At the same time and place, upon information and belief, an ambulance was traveling west on East 29<sup>th</sup> Street at the intersection of Lexington Avenue in the City of New York, County of New York, State of New York.
- 13. At the same time and place, the defendant, Lugman Safdar, was negligent in the operation of the aforesaid vehicle in that he

failed to stop or yield for the aforesaid vehicle as he approached the aforesaid intersection, was traveling at an unsafe speed, and/or was otherwise inattentive, negligent and careless, which negligence caused him to loose control of the aforesaid vehicle that he was operating, travel off the side of the road and strike the body of the plaintiff who was standing on the sidewalk at the southwest corner of 29<sup>th</sup> Street and Lexington Avenue.

- 14. As a direct and proximate result of the aforesaid negligence of the defendant, Lugman Safdar, the plaintiff sustained serious and permanent bodily injuries as defined in Article 51 of the Insurance Law of the State of New York, including extensive fractures of the bones of the right leg requiring multiple surgical procedures and other medical treatment; that some of the injuries may be permanent; and that plaintiff has as a result thereof, for some time been confined to her bed and house and has required medicines and medical attention and has been prevented and will be prevented from pursuing her usual and ordinary vocation and has expended or incurred large sums and will be required to expend and incur further sums for medical and other attention.
- 15. By reason of the foregoing, plaintiff, Michelle Scuorzo, sustained permanent pain, suffering, and injury, is entitled to recover for non-economic loss and economic losses.

#### SECOND COUNT

16. Plaintiff repeats the allegations in Paragraphs 1-15 above as if fully set forth herein.



- 18. At the same time and place, upon information and belief, the defendant, Luqman Safdar, operated the aforesaid vehicle with the express and/or implied consent of the defendant, Fayyaz Ahmad.
- 19. At the same time and place, upon information and belief, the defendant, Luqman Safdar, operated the aforesaid vehicle as an employee and/or agent of the defendant, Fayyaz Ahmad, and was acting within the course and scope of such employment and/or agency.
- 20. At the same time and place, the defendant, Fayyaz Ahmad, was negligent in the ownership and/or maintenance Of the aforesaid vehicle operated by defendant, Lugman Safdar.
- 21. At the same time and place, the defendant, Fayyaz Ahmad, was negligent in the hiring, supervision and/or training of the defendant, Lugman Safdar.
- 22. The defendant, Fayyaz Ahmad, is vicariously liable for the aforesaid negligence of the defendant, Luqman Safdar.
- 23. As a direct and proximate result of the aforesaid negligence of the defendant, Fayyaz Ahmad, the plaintiff sustained serious and permanent bodily injuries as defined in Article 51 of the Insurance Law of the State of New York, including extensive fractures of the bones of the right leg requiring multiple surgical procedures and other medical treatment, that some of the injuries may be permanent; and that plaintiff has

as a result thereof, for some time been confined to her bed and house and has required medicines and medical attention and has been prevented and will be prevented from pursuing her usual and ordinary vocation and has expended or incurred large sums and will be required to expend and incur further sums for medical and other attention.

24. By reason of the foregoing, plaintiff, Michelle Scuorzo, sustained permanent pain, suffering, and injury, is entitled to recover for non-economic loss and economic losses.

#### THIRD COUNT

- 25. Plaintiff repeats the allegations in Paragraphs 1-24 above as if fully set forth herein.
- 26. At the same time and place, upon information and belief, the defendant, Lugman Safdar, operated the aforesæid vehicle as an employee, agent and/or servant of the defendants, Fayyaz Ahmad and Big Apple Car, Inc., and was acting within the course and scope of such employment and/or agency.
- 27. At the same time and place, the defendant, Big Apple Car, Inc., was negligent in the hiring, supervision and/or training of the defendant, Lugman Safdar.
- 28. The defendant, Big Apple Car, Inc., is vicariously liable for the aforesaid negligence of the defendant, Luqman Safdar and Fayyaz Ahmad.
- 29. As a direct and proximate result of the afor-esaid negligence of the defendant, Big Apple Car, Inc., the plaintiff sustained serious and permanent bodily injuries as defined in Article 51

of the Insurance Law of the State of New York, including extensive fractures of the bones of the right leg requiring multiple surgical procedures and other medical treatment, that some of the injuries may be permanent; and that plaintiff has as a result thereof, for some time been confined to her bed and house and has required medicines and medical attention and has been prevented and will be prevented from pursuing her usual and ordinary vocation and has expended or incurred large sums and will be required to expend and incur further sums for medical and other attention.

30. By reason of the foregoing, plaintiff, Michelle Scuorzo, sustained permanent pain, suffering, and injury, and is entitled to recover for non-economic loss and economic losses.

## FOURTH COUNT

- 31. Plaintiff repeats the allegations in Paragraphs 1-30 above as if fully set forth herein.
- 32. At the same time and place, the unknown operator of the vehicle owned and maintained by the defendant, Citywide Mobile Response Corp., was negligent in the operation of the same in that he or she failed to keep the motor vehicle in question under safe and adequate control; in failing to keep and maintain proper control of the aforementioned vehicle; in failing to use that degree of care, caution and prudence in such cases required; in failing to observe traffic controls, regulations and the presence of the plaintiff at the aforementioned location; in failing to keep a lookout under the circumstances then and there prevailing; in failing to





adhere to the requirements of Vehicle & Traffic Law § 1104, et seq; in failing to properly supervise and control the driver of said automobile and the defendants were in other ways negligent and careless.

- 33. At the same time and place, upon information and belief, the unknown operator of the vehicle owned and maintained by defendant, Citywide Mobile Response Corp., operated the same with the express and/or implied consent of the defendant, Citywide Mobile Response Corp.
- 34. At the same time and place, upon information and belief, the unknown operator of the vehicle owned and maintained by defendant, Citywide Mobile Response Corp., operated the same as an employee and/or agent of the defendant, Citywide Mobile Response Corp., and was acting within the course and scope of such employment and/or agency.
- 35. At the same time and place, the defendant, Citywide Mobile Respons Corp., was negligent in the ownership and/or maintenance of the aforesaid vehicle.
- 36. At the same time and place, the defendant, Citywide Mobile Response Corp., was negligent in the hiring, supervision and/or training of the unknown operator of the aforesaid vehicle.
- 37. The defendant, Citywide Mobile Response Corp., is vicariously liable for the aforesaid negligence and reckless acts and omissions of the unknown operator of the aforesaid vehicle.
- 38. That one or more of the provisions of Section 1602 of the CPLR do apply to the within action, including but not limited to

1602(6) use, operation, or ownership of a motor vehicle.

- 39. As a direct and proximate result of the aforesaid acts and/or omissions of the defendant, Citywide Mobile Response Corp., the plaintiff sustained serious and permanent bodily injuries as defined in Article 51 of the Insurance Law of the State of New York, including extensive fractures of the bones of the right leg requiring multiple surgical procedures and other medical treatment, that some of the injuries are permanent; and that plaintiff has as a result thereof, for some time been confined to her bed and house and has required medicines and medical attention and has been prevented and will be prevented from pursuing her usual and ordinary vocation and has expended or incurred large sums and will be required to expend and incur further sums for medical and other attention.
- 40. By reason of the foregoing, plaintiff, Michelle Scuorzo, sustained permanent pain, suffering, and injury, and is entitled to recover for non-economic loss and economic losses.

#### FIFTH COUNT

- 41. Plaintiff repeats the allegations in Paragraphs 1-40 above as if fully set forth herein.
- 42. At the same time and place, the unknown operator of the vehicle owned and maintained by the defendant. Citywide Mobile Response Corp failed to act with due regard for the safety of others and/or acted with a reckless disregard for the safety of others or otherwise failed to meet the requirements of Vehicle & Traffic Law § 1104, et seq.
- 43. Such acts and/or omissions were without due regard for the



safety of others and/or in reckless disregard for the safety of others and include but are not limited to the failure to comply with the requirements of of Vehicle 4 Traffic Law 1104(b)(1)-(4).

- 44. As a direct and proximate result of the acts or omissions set forth above, caused defendant; Luqman Safdar, to lose control of the aforesaid vehicle that he was operating, travel off the side of the road and strike the body of the plaintiff.
- 45. At the same time and place, upon information and belief, the unknown operator of the vehicle owned and maintained by defendant, Citywide Mobile Response Corp. vehicle, operated the same with the express and/or implied consent of the defendant, Citywide Mobile Response Corp.
- 46. At the same time and place, upon information and belief, the unknown operator of the vehicle owned and maintained by defendant, Citywide Mobile Response Corp., operated the same as an employee and/or agent of the defendant, Citywide Mobile Response Corp., and was acting within the course and scope of such employment and/or agency.
- 47. The defendant, Citywide Mobile Response Corp., is vicariously liable for the aforesaid reckless acts and Omissions of the unknown operator of the aforesaid vehicle.
- 48. That one or more of the provisions of Section 1602 of the CPLR do apply to the within action, including but not limited to 1602(6) use, operation, or ownership of a motor vehicle.
- 47. As a direct and proximate result of the aforesaid acts and/or omissions of the defendant, Citywide Mobile Response Corp.,

the plaintiff sustained serious and permanent bodily injuries as defined in Article 51 of the Insurance Law of the State of New York, including extensive fractures of the bones of the right leg requiring multiple surgical procedures and other medical treatment, that some of the injuries are permanent; and that plaintiff has as a result thereof, for some time been confined to her bed and house and has required medicines and medical attention and has been prevented and will be prevented from pursuing her usual and ordinary vocation and has expended or incurred large sums and will be required to expend and incur further sums for medical and other attention.

48. By reason of the foregoing, plaintiff, Michelle Scuorzo, sustained permanent pain, suffering, and injury, and is entitled to recover for non-economic loss and economic losses.

#### BIXTH COUNT

- 49. Plaintiff repeats the allegations in Paragraphs 1-48 above as if fully set forth herein.
- 50. At the same time and place, the unknown operator of the vehicle owned and maintained by the defendant, 'Transcare Ambulance Corp., was negligent in the operation of the same in that he or she failed to keep the motor vehicle in question under safe and adequate control; in failing to keep and maintain proper control of the aforementioned vehicle; in failing to use that degree of care, caution and prudence in such cases required; in failing to observe traffic controls, regulations and the presence of the plaintiff at the aforementioned location; in failing to keep a lookout under

the circumstances then and there prevailing; in failing to adhere to the requirements of Vehicle & Traffic Law § 1104, et seq; in failing to properly supervise and control the driver of said automobile and the defendants were in other ways negligent and careless.

- 51. At the same time and place, upon information and belief, the unknown operator of the vehicle owned and maintained by defendant, Transcare Ambulance Corp. vehicle, operated the same with the express and/or implied consent of the defendant, Transcare Ambulance Corp.
- 52. At the same time and place, upon information and belief, the unknown operator of the vehicle owned and maintained by defendant, Transcare Ambulance Corp., operated the same as an employee and/or agent of the defendant, Transcare Ambulance Corp., and was acting within the course and scope of such employment and/or agency.
- 53. At the same time and place, the defendant, Transcare Ambulance Corp., was negligent in the ownership and/or maintenance of the aforesaid vehicle.
- 54. At the same time and place, the defendant, Transcare Ambulance Corp., was negligent in the hiring, supervision and/or training of the unknown operator of the aforesaid vehicle.
- 55. The defendant, Transcare Ambulance Corp., is vicariously liable for the aforesaid negligence and omissions of the unknown operator of the aforesaid vehicle.
- 56. That one or more of the provisions of Section 1602 of the CPLR do apply to the within action, including but not limited to

1602(6) use, operation, or ownership of a motor vehicle.

- 57. As a direct and proximate result of the aforesaid acts and/or omissions of the defendant, Transcare Ambulance Corp., the plaintiff sustained serious and permanent bodily injuries as defined in Article 51 of the Insurance Law of the State of New York, including extensive fractures of the bones of the right leg requiring multiple surgical procedures and other medical treatment, that some of the injuries are permanent; and that plaintiff has as a result thereof, for some time been confined to her bed and house and has required medicines and medical attention and has been prevented and will be prevented from pursuing her usual and ordinary vocation and has expended or incurred large sums and will be required to expend and incur further sums for medical and other attention.
- 58. By reason of the foregoing, plaintiff, Michelle Scuorzo, sustained permanent pain, suffering, and injury, and is entitled to recover for non-economic loss and economic losses.

#### SEVENTH COUNT

- 59. Plaintiff repeats the allegations in Paragraphs 1-58 above as if fully set forth herein.
- 60. At the same time and place, the unknown operator of the vehicle owned and maintained by the defendant, Transcare Ambulance Corp. failed to act with due regard for the safety of others and/or acted with a reckless disregard for the safety of others or otherwise failed to meet the requirements of Vehicle & Traffic Law § 1104, et seq.

61. Such acts and/or omissions were without due regard for the





safety of others and/or in reckless disregard for the safety of others and include but are not limited to the failure to comply with the requirements of Vehicle & Traffic Law S1104 (b) (1) - (4).

- 62. As a direct and proximate result of the acts or omissions set forth above, caused defendant, Lugman Safdar, to lose control of the aforesaid vehicle that he was operating, travel off the side of the road and strike the body of the plaintiff.
- 63. At the same time and place, upon information and belief, the unknown operator of the vehicle owned and maintained by the unknown driver of the Transcare Ambulance Corp. vehicle, operated the same with the express and/or implied consent of the defendant, Transcare Ambulance Corp.
- 64. At the same time and place, upon information and belief, the unknown operator of the vehicle owned and maintained by defendant, Transcare Ambulance Corp., operated the same as an employee and/or agent of the defendant, Transcare Ambulance Corp., and was acting within the course and scope of such employment and/or agency.
- 65. The defendant, Transcare Ambulance Corp., is vicariously liable for the aforesaid reckless acts and omissions of the unknown operator of the aforesaid vehicle.
- 66. That one or more of the provisions of Section 1602 of the CPLR do apply to the within action, including but not limited to 1602(6) use, operation, or ownership of a motor vehicle.
- 67. As a direct and proximate result of the aforesaid acts and or omissions of the defendant, Transcare Ambulance Corp., the

failing to keep a lookout under the circumstances then and there prevailing; in failing to adhere to the requirements of Vehicle & Traffic Law § 1104, et seq; in failing to properly supervise and control the driver of said automobile and the defendants were in other ways negligent and careless.

- 71. At the same time and place, upon information and belief, the unknown operator of the vehicle, owned and maintained by defendant, ABC Corporation, operated the same with the express and/or implied consent of the defendant, ABC Corporation.
- 72. At the same time and place, upon information and belief, the unknown operator of the vehicle, owned and maintained by defendant, ABC Corporation, operated the same as an employee and/or agent of the defendant, ABC Corporation, and was acting within the course and scope of such employment and/or agency.
- 73. At the same time and place, the defendant, ABC Corporation, was negligent in the ownership and/or maintenance of the aforesaid vehicle.
- 74. At the same time and place, the defendant, ABC Corporation, was negligent in the hiring, supervision and/or training of the unknown operator of the aforesaid vehicle.
- 75. The defendant, ABC Corporation, is vicarious ly liable for the aforesaid negligence and omissions of the unknown operator of the aforesaid vehicle.
- 76. That one or more of the provisions of Section 1602 of the CPLR do apply to the within action, including but not limited to 1602(6) use, operation, or ownership of a motor vehicle.
- 77. As a direct and proximate result of the afor esaid acts and/or

omissions of the defendants, ABC Corporation and John Doe and Jane Doe, the plaintiff sustained serious and permanent bodily injuries as defined in Article 51 of the Insurance Law of the State of New York, including extensive fractures of the bones of the right leg requiring multiple surgical procedures and other medical treatment; that some of the injuries are permanent; and that plaintiff has as a result thereof, for some time been confined to her bed and house and has required medicines and medical attention and has been prevented and will be prevented from pursuing her usual and ordinary vocation and has expended or incurred large sums and will be required to expend and incur further sums for medical and other attention.

78. By reason of the foregoing, plaintiff, Michelle Scuorzo, sustained permanent pain, suffering, and injury, and is entitled to recover for non-economic loss and economic losses.

#### NINTH COUNT

- 79. Plaintiff repeats the allegations in Paragraphs 1-78 above as if fully set forth herein.
- 80. At the same time and place, the unknown operator of the vehicle operated by John Doe, a fictitious person, acting as the agent, servant and employee of ABC Corporation, failed to act with due regard for the safety of others and/or acted with a reckless disregard for the safety of others or otherwise failed to meet the requirements of Vehicle & Traffic Law § 1104, et seq.
- 81. Such acts and/or omissions were without due regard for the

safety of others and/or in reckless disregard for the safety of others and include but are not limited to the failure to comply with the requirements of of Vehicle & Traffic Law § 1104(b)(1) - (4).

- 82. As a direct and proximate result of the acts or omissions set forth above, caused defendant, Luqman Safdar, to lose control of the aforesaid vehicle that he was operating, travel off the side of the road and strike the body of the plaintiff.
- 83. At the same time and place, upon information and belief, the unknown operator of the vehicle operated by John Doe, a fictitious person, acting as the agent, servant and employee of ABC Corporation, operated the same with the express and/or implied consent of the defendant, ABC Corporation.
- 84. At the same time and place, upon information and belief, the unknown operator of the vehicle owned and maintained by defendant, ABC Corporation, operated the same as an employee and/or agent of the defendant, ABC Corporation, and was acting within the course and scope of such employment and/or agency.
- 85. The defendant, ABC Corporation, is vicariously liable for the aforesaid reckless acts and omissions of the unknown operator of the aforesaid vehicle.
- 86. That one or more of the provisions of Section 1602 of the CPLR do apply to the within action, including but not limited to 1602(6) use, operation, or ownership of a motor vehicle.
- 87. As a direct and proximate result of the aforesaid acts and/or omissions of the defendants, ABC Corporation and John Doe and Jane Doe, the plaintiff sustained serious and permanent bodily

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injuries as defined in Article 51 of the Insurance Law of the State of New York, including extensive fractures of the bones of the right leg requiring multiple surgical procedures and other medical treatment, that some of the injuries are permanent; and that plaintiff has as a result thereof, for some time been confined to her bed and house and has required medicines and medical attention and has been prevented and will be prevented from pursuing her usual and ordinary vocation and has expended or incurred large sums and will be required to expend and incur further sums for medical and other attention.

88. By reason of the foregoing, plaintiff, Michelle Scuorzo, sustained permanent pain, suffering, and injury, and is entitled to recover for non-aconomic loss and economic losses. WHEREFORE, the plaintiff, Michelle Scuorzo, demands judgment against the defendants, Lugman Safdar, Fayyaz Ahmad, Big Apple Car Inc., Citywide Mobile Response Corp., Transcare Ambulance Corp.,

John Doe, Jane Doe and ABC Corporation, for damages that are for a sum in excess of the jurisdictional limits of all lower courts.

Dated: May 4, 2012 New York, New York

ALBERT BUZZETTI,/Esq. ALBERT BUZZETTI/& ASSOCIATES, L.L.C. Attorneys for Flaintiff 2 Penn Plaza, Suite 1500 New York, New York 10121 (212) 564-9009

#### ATTORNEY VERIFICATION

STATE OF NEW YORK

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COUNTY OF NEW YORK )

ALBERT BUZZETTI, an attorney at law, duly admitted to practice in the Courts of the State of New York, hereby affirms under the penalties of perjury that:

He is one of the attorneys for plaintiffs in the above entitled action. That he has read the foregoing COMPLAINT and knows the contents thereof, and upon information and belief deponent believes that matters alleged herein to be true.

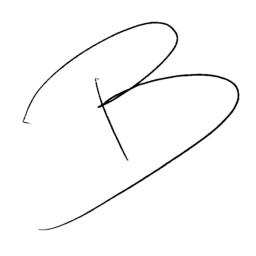
The reason this Verification is made by deponent and not by the plaintiffs is that the plaintiff herein reside in a County other than the one in which plaintiff' attorneys maintain their office.

The source of deponent's information and the grounds of his beliefs are communications, papers, reports and investigation contained in the file.

Date: N

New York, New York May 4, 2012

ESO. ALBERT BUZZETA I.



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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX	
MICHELLE SCUORZO,	<b>X</b> :
Plaintiff,	: Index No.: 20812/2012 E :
-against- LUQMAN SAFDAR; FAYYAZ AHMAD, BIG APPLE CAR, INC.; CITYWIDE MOBILE RESPONSE COR.; TRANSCARE: AMBULANCE CORP.; JOHN DOE; JANE DOE; and ABC CORPORATION,	VERIFIED ANSWER WITH CROSS-CLAIM
Defendants.	
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Defendants TRANSCARE AMBULANCE CORP., by their attorneys, LEWIS, BRISBOIS, BISGAARD & SMITH, LLP, as and for their Verified Answer to the Complaint served on behalf of the plaintiff herein, upon information and belief, respectfully respond as follows:

### BACKGROUND

1. Defendants deny knowledge or information sufficient t < 0 form a belief as to the truth of each and every allegation contained within the paragraphs of plaintiff's Complaint designated as numbers "1", "2", "3", "4", "5", "6", "7" and "8".

#### FIRST COUNT

2. Defendants repeat, reiterate and re-allege each and every answer to paragraph "1" through "8" as if fully set forth at length herein.

3. Defendants deny knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of each and every allegation contained within the paragraphs of plaintiff's Complaint designated as numbers " $10^{\circ}$ , " $11^{\circ}$ , " $12^{\circ}$ , " $13^{\circ}$ , " $14^{\circ}$  and " $15^{\circ}$ .

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### SECOND COUNT

4. Defendants repeat, reiterate and re-allege each and every answer to paragraph "1" through "15" as if fully set forth at length herein.

5. Defendants deny knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of each and every allegation contained within the paragraphs of plaintiff's Complaint designated as numbers "17", "18", "19", "20", "21" and "22".

6. Defendants deny each and every allegation contained within the paragraphs of the plaintiff's Complaint designated as numbers "23" and "24".

#### THIRD COUNT

7. Defendants repeat, reiterate and re-allege each and every answer to paragraph "1" through "24" as if fully set forth at length herein.

8. Defendants deny knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of each and every allegation contained within the paragraphs of plaintiff's Complaint designated as numbers "26", "27" and "28".

9. Defendants deny each and every allegation contained within the paragraphs of the plaintiff's Complaint designated as numbers "29" and "30".

#### FOURTH COUNT

10. Defendants repeat, reiterate and re-allege each and every answer to paragraph "1" through "30" as if fully set forth at length herein.

11. Defendants deny knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of each and every allegation contained within the paragraphs of plaintiff's Complaint designated as numbers "32", "33", "34", "35", "36" and "37".

12. Defendants deny each and every allegation contained within the paragraph of the plaintiff's Complaint designated as numbers "38" and respectfully refer all questions of law, fact or conclusions raised therein to the trial court for determination.

13. Defendants deny each and every allegation contained within the paragraphs of the plaintiff's Complaint designated as numbers "39" and "40".

#### FIFTH COUNT

14. Defendants repeat, reiterate and re-allege each and every answer to paragraph "I" through "40" as if fully set forth at length herein.

15. Defendants deny each and every allegation contained within the paragraphs of the plaintiff's Complaint designated as numbers "42", "43" and "48", and respectfully refer all questions of law, fact or conclusions raised therein to the trial court for determination.

16. Defendants deny knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of each and every allegation contained within the paragraphs of plaintiff's Complaint designated as numbers "44", "45", "46" and "47".

17. Defendants deny each and every allegation contained within the paragraph of the plaintiff's Complaint designated as numbers "47 and "48".

## SIXTH COUNT

18. Defendants repeat, reiterate and re-allege each and every answer to paragraph "1" through "48" as if fully set forth at length herein.

19. Defendants deny each and every allegation contained within the paragraphs of the plaintiff's Complaint designated as numbers "50", "51", "52", "53, "54", "55", "57" and "58".

20. Defendants deny each and every allegation contained within the paragraph of the plaintiff's Complaint designated as number "56", and respectfully refer all questions of law, fact or conclusions raised therein to the trial court for determination.

#### SEVENTH COUNT

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21. Defendants repeat, reiterate and re-allege each and every answer to paragraph "1" through "58" as if fully set forth at length herein.

22. Defendants deny each and every allegation contained within the paragraphs of the plaintiff's Complaint designated as numbers "60", "61" and "66", and respectfully refer all questions of law, fact or conclusions raised therein to the trial court for determination.

23. Defendants deny each and every allegation contained within the paragraphs of the plaintiff's Complaint designated as numbers "62", "63", "64", "65", "67" and "68'.

#### **EIGHTH COUNT**

24. Defendants repeat, reiterate and re-allege each and every answer to paragraph "1" through "68" as if fully set forth at length herein.

25. Defendants deny each and every allegation contained within the paragraphs of the plaintiff's Complaint designated as numbers "70", "71", "72", "73", "74', "75", "77" and "78".

26. Defendants deny each and every allegation contained within the paragraph of the plaintiff's Complaint designated as number "76" and respectfully refer all questions of law, fact or conclusions raised therein to the trial court for determination.

### NINTH COUNT

27. Defendants repeat, reiterate and re-allege each and every answer to paragraph "1" through "78" as if fully set forth at length herein.

28. Defendants deny each and every allegation contained within the paragraphs of the plaintiff's Complaint designated as numbers "80", "81" and "86", and respectfully refer all questions of law, fact or conclusions raised therein to the trial court for cletermination.

29. Defendants deny each and every allegation contained wit hin the paragraphs of the plaintiff's Complaint designated as numbers "82", "83", "84", "85", "87", and "88".

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## AS AND FOR A FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

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30. Upon information and belief, whatever damages the plauntiff may have sustained at the time and place mentioned in the Complaint was caused in whole or in part by the culpable conduct of the said plauntiff. The amount of damages recovered, if any, shall therefore be diminished in the proportion to which said culpable conduct, attributable to the plaintiff, bear to the culpable conduct which caused said injuries.

#### AS AND FOR A SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

31. In the event plaintiff recovers a verdict or judgmerat against the answering defendants, then said verdict or judgment must be reduced pursuant to CPLR § 4545(c), by those amounts which have been, or will, with reasonable certainty, replace or indemnify plaintiff, in whole or in part, for any past or future claimed economic loss, from any collateral source such as insurance, social security, workers' compensation, or employee benefit programs.

### AS AND FOR A THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

32. Upon information and belief, if any damages were sus tained by the plaintiff as alleged in the plaintiff's complaint, which damages are expressly denieed, all such damages have been caused or were brought about, in whole or in part, by the affirmative wrongdoing, negligence, want of care, omissions, failure to mitigate damages, or other culpable conduct or comparative negligence of the plaintiff, their agents, servants, employees and such persons other than the answering defendants, without the affirmative acts of the answering defendants contributing thereto, and as a consequence thereof, plaintiff's damages, if any, should be reduced by the proportion of the plaintiff's culpable conduct which caused the alleged damages.

## AS AND FOR A FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

33. The instant lawsuit may not be maintained pursuant to § 5102 of the New York State Insurance Law, as the plaintiff did not sustain serious injuries.

### AS AND FOR A FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFICINSE

34. Upon information and belief, the plaintiff's injuries, if any, were increased or caused by plaintiff's failure to use and wear seat belts at the time of the occurrence and, under the applicable laws, plaintiff may not recover for those injuries which they would not otherwise have sustained.

### AS AND FOR A SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

35. If and in the event answering defendants is found to be liable to the plaintiff, answering defendants' liability is 50% or less and therefore answering defendants' liability is subject to the provisions of the CPLR Article 16.

#### AS AND FOR A SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

36. Plaintiff failed to mitigate, obviate, diminish or otherwise act to lessen or reduce the injuries, damages and disabilities alleged in the Complaint.

#### AS AND FOR A EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

37. If plaintiff sustained any damages, which is specifically denied herein, the culpable conduct of those responsible for the accident or the occurrence alleged in the Complaint constituted a separate, independent, superseding, intervening culpable act or acts which constitute the sole proximate cause of the accident or occurrence which led to such injuries or damages and, as such, any act on the part of these answering Defendarats was not the proximate cause of plaintiff's injuries or damages.

#### AS AND FOR AN NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

38. That the defendants are entitled to a lesser standard of care under the sudden emergency doctrine, in that they were confronted with an emergency which was sudden, unexpected, and perilous, and permitted little or no opportunity to apprehend the situation because of the shortness of time in which to react.

### AS AND FOR AN TENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

39. The occurrence alleged herein was spontaneous and unavoidable and could not have been caused by the defendants.

#### AS AND FOR AN ELEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

40. Defendants' vehicle was not involved in this claimed accident.

### AS AND FOR DEFENDANTS' CROSS-CLAIMS AGAINST CO-DEFENDANTS LUQUMAN SAFDAR, FAYYAZ AHMAD, BIG APPLE CAR, INC., and ABC CORPORATION

41. Upon information and belief, that if and in the event plaintiff MICHELLE SCUORZO sustained the injuries and damages complained of, such imjuries and damages were caused entirely by reason of the wrongful conduct of co-defendants LUQUMAN SAFDAR, FAYYAZ AHMAD, BIG APPLE CAR, INC. and ABC CORPOTRATION there being no active or primary wrong-doing on the part of the answering defendants contributing thereto.

42. By reason of the foregoing, the answering defendants is entitled to full indemnity from and to judgment over and against co-defendants LUQUMA IN SAFDAR, FAYYAZ AHMAD, BIG APPLE CAR, INC. and ABC CORPORATION for all of any verdict or judgment which plaintiff MICHELLE SCUORZO may recover against the answering defendants, TRANSCARE AMBULANCE CORP.

WHEREFORE, defendants TRANSCARE AMBULAN CE CORP., demands judgment dismissing the verified complaint herein, together with the costs and disbursements of

the within action, or in the alternative, in the event that plaintiff MICHELLE SCUORZO

recovers any verdict and/or judgment against the answering defendants, the answering defendants demand judgment over and against co-defendants LUQUMAN SAFDAR, FAYYAZ ARMAD, BIG APPLE CAR, INC. and ABC CORPORATION in whole or in part, in accordance with the cross-claims asserted herein, together with the costs, disbursements and counsel fees incurred in the defense of this action.

Dated: New York, New York July 17, 2012

> Yours, etc. LEWIS, BRISBOIS, BISGAARD & SMITH, LLP

By:

DANIEL D. WANG Attorneys for Defendants TRANSCARE AMBULANCE CORP. 77 Water Street, Suite 2100 New York, NY 10005 (212) 232-1300 File No. 19995.573

TO: ALBERT BUZZETTI & ASSOCIATES, LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 2 Penn Plaza, Suite 1500 New York, New York 10121 (212) 564-9009

> WADE CLARK MULCAHY Attorneys for Defendant BIG APPLE CAR, INC. 111 Broadway, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor New York, New York 10006 (212) 267-1900

LAW OFFICES OF NANCY L. ISSERLIS Attorneys for Defendants LUGMAN SAFDAR and FAYYAZ AHMAD 36-01 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Long Island City, New York 11101 (718) 361-1514

# CITYWIDE MOBILE RESPONSE CORP. 1624 Stillwell Avenue Bronx, New York 10461

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#### ATTORNEY'S VERIFICATION

## STATE OF NEW YORK ) ) ss.: COUNTY OF NEW YORK )

DANIEL D. WANG, being an attorney duly admitted to practice before the Courts of the State of New York and fully aware of the penalties of perjury, hereby affirms as follows:

Affirmant is a member of the law firm of LEWIS BRISBOIS BISGAARD & SMITH LLP, attorneys for defendants, TRANSCARE AMBULANCE CORP., in the within action and is fully familiar with the facts and circumstances involved in this matter from reviewing the file regarding the same maintained in the offices of the said law firm.

Affirmant has read the foregoing Answer, know the contents thereof, and the same are true to affirmant's own knowledge, except as to those matters therein stated to be alleged upon information and belief, and as to those matters affirmant believes them to be true.

This verification is made by the undersigned because said defend ants does not reside or have a place of business within the county where said affirmant's offices are located.

The grounds of affirmant's belief as to all matters not stated to be affirmant's knowledge are investigative and other information contained in the file of the said law firm.

Dated: New York, New York July 17, 2012

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## Index No. 20812/2012E SUPREME COURT OF THE STAT OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX

MICHELLE SCUORZO,

Plaintiff.

-against-

## LUQMAN SAFDAR; FAYYAZ AHMAD, BIG APPLE CAR, INC.; CITYWIDE MOBILE RESPONSE COR.; TRANSCARE AMBULANCE CORP.; JOHN DOE; JANE DOE; and ABC CORPORATION,

Defendants.

# VERIFIED ANSWER WITH CROSS-CLAIM

#### LEWIS BRISBOIS BISGAARD & SMITH LLP

Attorney(s) for Defendants

Office Address & Tel. No.:

77 Water Street, 21<sup>st</sup> Floor New Yor3k, New York 10005 (212) 232-1300

**Is hereby** admitted.

Pursuant to 22 NYCRR 130-1.1, the undersigned, an attorney admitted to practice in the courts of New York State, certifies that, upon information and belief and reasonable inquiry, the contentions contained in the annexed document are not frivolous.

Dated: 7/17/2012

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Print Signer's Name\_\_\_\_

Service of a copy of the within Dated: 7/17/2012 Attorney(s) for Defendant

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Attorney(s) for

To: Attorney(s) for

Office Address & Tel. No.:

## SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX

MICHELLE SCUORZO,

Index No.: 20812/2012E

Plaintiff,

Answer to Complaint

-against-

LUQMAN SAFDAR; FAYYAZ AHMAD; BIG APPLE CAR, INC. CITYWIDE MOBILE RESPOSE CORP., TRANSCARE AMBULANCE CORP.; JOHN DOE; and JANE ROE; and ABC CORPORATION.

Defendant(s).

Defendant Big Apple Car, Inc. by its attorneys, Wade Clark Mulcahy, as and for an answer to the plaintiff's complaint, respectfully alleges:

### BACKGROUND

1. Denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of this allegation.

2. Denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of this allegation.

3. Denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of this allegation.

4. Denies except admits that defendant Big App le Car, Inc. was and is a corporation doing business under and by virtue of the laws of the State of New York with offices located at 169 Bay 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Borough of Brooklyn, Co-unty of Kings, State of New York.

7. Denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of this allegation.

8. Denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of this allegation.

#### FIRST COUNT

9. Defendant Big Apple Car, Inc. repeats and reiterates each and every denial heretofore made in this answer to the paragraphs of the complaint designated "1" through "8" inclusive with the same force and effect as if set forth here more particularly at length all in response to the paragraph of the complaint designates "9".

10. Denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of this allegation.

11. Denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of this allegation.

12. Denies knowledge and information sufficient to from a belief as to the truth of this allegation.

13. Denies knowledge and information sufficient to from a belief as to the truth of this allegation.

14. Denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of this allegation.

### SECOND COUNT

16. Defendant Big Apple Car, Inc. repeats and reiterates each and every denial heretofore made in this answer to the paragraphs of the complaint designated "1" through "15" inclusive, with the same force and effect as if set forth here more particularly at length, all in response to the paragraph of the complaint designated "16".

17. Denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of this allegation.

18. Denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of this allegation.

19. Denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of this allegation.

20. Denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of this allegation.

21. Denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of this allegation.

22. Denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of this allegation.

23. Denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of this allegation.

#### THIRD COUNT

25. Defendant Big Apple Car, Inc. repeats and reiterates each and every denial heretofore made in this answer to the paragraphs of the complaint designated "1" through "24" inclusive, with the same force and effect as if set forth here more particularly at length, all in response to the paragraph of the complaint designated "25".

26. Denies

27. Denies upon information and belief.

- 28. Denies and leaves all matters of law to the Honoreble court.
- 29. Denies upon information and belief.
- 30. Denies upon information and belief.

#### FOURTH COUNT

31. Defendant Big Apple Car, Inc. repeats and reiterates each and every denial heretofore made in this answer to the paragraphs of the compliaint designated "1" through "30" inclusive, with the same force and effect as if set forth here more particularly at length, all in response to the paragraph of the complaint designated "31".

32. Denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of this allegation.

33. Denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of this allegation.

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37. Denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of this allegation.

38. Denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of this allegation.

39. Denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of this allegation.

40. Denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of this allegation.

#### FIFTH COUNT

41. Defendant Big Apple Car, Inc. repeats and reiterates each and every denial heretofore made in this answer to the paragraphs of the complaint designated "1" through "40 " inclusive, with the same force and effect as if set forth here more particularly at length, all in response to the paragraph of the complaint designated "41".

42. Denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of this allegation.

43. Denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of this allegation.

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47. Denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of this allegation.

48. Denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of this allegation.

#### SIXTH COUNT

49. Defendant Big Apple Car, Inc. repeats and reiterates each and every denial heretofore made in this answer to the paragraphs of the complaint designated "1" through "48 " inclusive, with the same force and effect as if set forth here more particularly at length, all in response to the paragraph of the complaint designated "49".

50. Denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of this allegation.

51. Denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of this allegation.

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57. Denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of this allegation.

58. Denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of this allegation.

#### SEVENTH COUNT

59. Defendant Big Apple Car, Inc. repeats and reiterates each and every denial heretofore made in this answer to the paragraphs of the complaint designated "1" through "58" inclusive, with the same force and effect as if set forth here more particularly at length, all in response to the paragraph of the complaint designated "59".

60. Denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of this allegation.

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64. Denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of this allegation.

67. Denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of this allegation.

68. Denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of this allegation.

#### EIGHTH COUNT

69. Defendant Big Apple Car, Inc. repeats and reiterates each and every denial heretofore made in this answer to the paragraphs of the compliaint designated "1" through "68" inclusive, with the same force and effect as if set forth here more particularly at length, all in response to the paragraph of the complaint designated "69".

70. Denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of this allegation.

71. Denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of this allegation.

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77. Denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of this allegation.

78. Denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of this allegation.

#### NINTH COUNT

79. Defendant Big Apple Car, Inc. repeats and reiterates each and every denial heretofore made in this answer to the paragraphs of the compliaint designated "1" through "78" inclusive, with the same force and effect as if set forth here more particularly at length, all in response to the paragraph of the compliaint designated " 79".

80. Denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of this allegation.

81. Denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of this allegation.

82. Denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of this allegation.

83. Denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of this allegation.

84. Denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of this allegation.

87. Denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of this allegation.

88. Denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of this allegation.

## AS AND FOR A FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

89. The complaint fails to state a claim upon which rell if may be granted.

# AS AND FOR A SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

90. Pursuant to CPLR Article 16, the liability of defendant, \*\*\*, to the plaintiff herein for non-economic loss is limited to defendant, \*\*\*, equitable share determined in accordance with the relative culpability of each person causing or contributing to the total liability for non-economic loss.

### AS AND FOR A THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

91. Plaintiff(s) have recovered the costs of medica I care, dental care, custodial care, rehabilitation services, loss of earnings and other economical loss and any such future loss or expense will, with reasonable certainty, be replaced or indemnified in whole or in part from collateral sources. Any award made to plaintiff(s) shall be reduced in accordance with the provisions of CPLR 4545(c)

## AS AND FOR A FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

92. Any damages sustained by the plaintiff(s) were caused by the culpable conduct of the plaintiff(s), including comparative negligence, assumption of risks, breach of contract and not by the culpable conduct or negligence of this answering defendant. But if a

verdict of judgment is awarded to the plaintiff(s), then and in that event the damages shall be reduced in the proportion which the culpable conduct attributable to the plaintiff(s) bears to the culpable conduct which caused the damages.

## AS AND FOR A FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

93. Plaintiff may have failed to mitigate damages.

## AS AND FOR A SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

94. Plaintiff's alleged loss and damage, if any, resulted wholly and solely from the fault, neglect and want of care of the plaintiff or persons or parties other than defendant, for whose acts said defendant is not liable or responsible and not as a result of any negligence.

### AS AND FOR A SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

95. This defendant is entitled to a set-off if any tort feasor has or will settle with plaintiffs pursuant to G.O.L. 15-108.

### AS AND FOR A EIGHTH AFFIRMATI VE DEFENSE

96. Pursuant to CPLR §510, venue is improper in Bronx County.

#### AS AND FOR A NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

97. That by entering into the activity in which the plaintiff(s) was engaged at the time of the occurrence set forth in the complaint, said plaintiff(s) knew the hazards thereof and the inherent risks incident thereto and had full knowledge of the dangers thereof; that whatever injuries and damages were sustained by the plaintiff(s) herein as alleged in the complaint arose from and were caused by reason of such risks voluntarily undertaken by the plaintiff(s) in his activities and such risks were assumed and accepted by him in performing and engaging in said activities.

# AS AND FOR A CROSS CLAIM FOR CONTRIBUTION

98. That if plaintiff Michelle Scuorzo was caused to sustain damages by reason of the claims set forth in the complaint, all of which are specifically denied, such damages were sustained by reason of the acts, conduct, misfeasance or nonfeasance, of co-defendants Luqman Safdar; Fayyaz Ahmad, Transcare Ambulance Corp., John Doe and ABC Corporation, their agents, servants and/or employees, and not by this answering defendant, and if any judgment is recovered by plaintiff Michelle Scuorzo against this answering defendant, such defendant will be damaged thereby, and co-defendants Luqman Safdar; Fayyaz Ahmad, Transcare Ambulance Corp., John Doe are or will be responsible therefore in whole or in part.

## AS AND FOR A CROSS CLAIM FOR INDEMNIFICATION

99. That if plaintiff Michelle Scuorzo was caused to sustain damages by reason of the claims set forth in the complaint, all of which are specifically denied, and if any judgment is recovered by the plaintiff Michelle Scuorzo against this answering defendant, that under a contract entered into between the parties or by reason of express or implied warranty, the codefendants Luqman Safdar; Fayyaz Ahmad, Transcare Ambulance Corp., John Doe and ABC Corporation will be liable over to this answering defendant pursuant to the terms of the indemnity agreement in said contract or warranty, for the full amount of any verdict or judgment awarded to the plaintiff Michelle Scuorzo against this answering defendant, together with attorneys fees, costs and disbursements.



100. Upon information and belief, the defendant Big Apple Car, Inc. entered into a written contract and/or lease with regard to the premises in question. The written contract and/or lease was in full force and effect on the date of plaintiff's incident. Under the terms of the written contract and/or lease, the other defendants agreed to purchase a liability policy for the benefit of an providing coverage for this defendant for claimos such as those asserted by plaintiff in this action. Upon information and belief, the other defendants failed to obtain such a liability insurance policy as required by the terms of the written contract and/or lease. By reason of the foregoing, defendant Big Apple Car, Inc. has beern damaged and is entitled to indemnification for any verdict or judgment that plaintiff may obtain against it including, but not limited to, attorneys fees, costs or disbursements.

WHEREFORE, defendant Big Apple Car, Inc. demands judgment dismissing the complaint herein together with the costs and disbursements of this action.

Dated: New York, New York June 6, 2012

#### WADE CLATRK MULCAHY

Nicole Browr, Esq. Attorneys for Defendant Big Apple Car, Inc. 111 Broadwa y, 9th Floor New York, New York 10006 (212) 267-1900 Our File No.: 190.7013.3

TO: (See attached Affidavit) K:\7013\legal\Answer-Bronx.doc

# STATE OF NEW YORK ) COUNTY OF NEW YORK ) ss:

Nicole Brown, being duly sworn, affirms and says:

That she is the attorney for the defendant in the within action; that she has read the within Answer and knows the contents thereof, and that same is true to her own knowledge, except and to the matters herein stated to be alleged upon information and belief, and that as to those matters she believes it to be true.

That the sources of her information and knowledge are investigation and records on file.

That the reason this verification is being made by affirmant and not by defendant is that the defendant is not within the county where affirmant has her office.

Affirmed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2012

Nicole Brown

## STATE OF NEW YORK ) COUNTY OF NEW YORK ) ss:

Cheryl D. Roman, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

That I am not a party to the within action, am over 18 years of age and reside in Queens, New York.

That on June 6, 2012, deponent served the within Answer to Complaint upon the attorneys and parties listed below by United States prepaid mail:

TO:

Albert Buzzetti, Esq. Albert Buzzetti & Associates, LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 2 Penn Plaza – Suite 1500 New York, New York 10121 (212) 564-9009

Transcare Ambulance Corp. 1 Metrotech Center Brooklyn, NY 11201

Luqman Safdar 1720 Amuskar Road Parkville, MD 21234

Fayyaz Ahmad 2115 East 13<sup>th</sup> Street Brooklyn, NY 11229

Citywide Mobile Response Corp. 1624 Stillwell Avenue Bronx, NY 10461

Cheryl D. Roman-

Sworn to before me this  $6^{th}$  day of June 2012

Notary Public K:\7013\legel\Answer-Broax.doc

Hicole Y. Brown Notary Public, State al New York No. 028R6021331 Qualified in Queens County Commission Expires March 8, 20 15 Index No.; 20812

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#### SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX

MICHELLE SCUORZO,

#### Plaiotiff,

-against-

LUQMAN SAFDAR; FAYYAZ AHMAD; BIO APPLE CAR, INC. CITYWIDE MOBILE RESPOSE CORP., TRANSCARE AMBULANCE CORP.; JOHN DOE; and JANE ROE; and ABC CORPORATION.

Defendant(s).

## ANSWER TO COMPLAINT

Wade Clark Mulcahy Attorneys for Defendant Big Apple Car, Inc. 111 Broadway, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor New York, New York 10006 (212) 267-1900 Our File No.; 190.7013.3

To: \*\*\*

Attorney(s) for +++

Service of a copy of the within \*\*\* Is hereby admitted.

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#### PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

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that an Order of which the within is a true copy will be presented for settlemeent to the Hon. \*\*\* one of the judges of the within named Court, at \*\*\*, on \*\*\*, at \*\*\* .

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Wade Clark Mulcahy Attorneys for Defendant Big Apple Car, Inc. 111 Broadway, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor New York, New York 10006

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#### B-30635 SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX

MICHELLE SCUORZO.

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INDEX NO.: 20812/12E

Plaintiff,

-against-

VERIFIED ANSWER TO COMPLAINT WITH CROSS-CLAIM, DEMAND FOR VERIFIED BILL OF PARTICULARS AND VARIOUS DEMANDS

LUQMAN SAFDAR, FAYYAZ AHMAD, BIG APPLE CAR, INC., CITIWIDE MOBILE RESPONSE CORP., TRANSCARE AMBULANCE CORP., JOHN DOE, JANE ROE AND ABC CORPORATION,

Defendants,

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The defendants LUQMAN SAFDAR AND FAYYAZ AHIMAD by their attorneys, LAW OFFICES OF NANCY L. ISSERLIS, answering the complaint herein, allege upon information and belief as follows:

1. Denies any knowledge or information sufficient **E**o form a belief as to the allegations contained in the paragraphs marked 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12, 33, 34, 45, 46, 51, 52, 53, 54, 63, 64, 71, 72, 73, 74, 83 and 84 of the complaint herein.

2. Answering paragraph 9, the defendants, LUQMAN SAFDAR AND FAYYAZ AHMAD repeat, reiterate and reallege each and every admission and denial heretofore made in answer to paragraphs "1" through "9" inclusive of the complaint herein, with the same force and effect as if herein set forth in detail.

3. Denies any knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations contained in the paragraph marked 11 of the complaint herein except admits that Defendant, LUQMAN SAFDAR, was the operator of a motor vehicle bearing known as a 2004 Lincoln Town Car bearing New York license plate number  $T_{=}504892C$ .

4. Denies each and every allegation set forth in paragraphs marked 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 26, 27, 29, 30, 38, 40, 48, second paragraph 48 56, 58, 66, 68, 76, 78, 86 and 88 of the complaint herein.

5. Answering paragraph 16, the defendants, LUQMAN SAFDAR AND FAYYAZ AHMAD repeat, reiterate and reallege each and every admission and denial heretofore made in answer to paragraphs "1" through "16" inclusive of the complaint herein, with the same force and effect as if herein set forth in detail.

6. Denies any knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations contained in the paragraph marked 17 of the complaint herein except admits that the aforesaid vehicle operated by the defendant LUQMAN SAFDAR was owned by the defendant, FAYYAZ AHMAD.

7. Denies any knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations contained in the paragraphs marked 22, 28, 37, 47, 55, 65, 75 and 85 of the complaint herein and leaves all questions of law and fact to the count.

8. Answering paragraph 25, the defendants, LUQMAN SAFDAR AND FAYYAZ AHMAD repeat, reiterate and reallege each and every admission and denial heretofore made in answer to paragraphs "1" through "25" inclusive of the complaint herein, with the same force and effect as if herein set forth in detail.

9. Answering paragraph 31, the defendants, LUQMAN SAFDAR AND FAYYAZ AHMAD repeat, reiterate and reallege each and every admission and denial heretofore made in answer to paragraphs "1" through "31" inclusive of the complaint herein, with the same force and effect as if herein set forth in detail.

10. Deny the allegations contained in the paragraphs marked 32, 35, 36, 39, 42, 43, 44, second paragraph 47, 50, 57, 60, 61 62, 67, 70, 77, 80, 81, 82 and 87 of the complaint herein insofar as the said paragraph refers to the defendants, LUQMAN SAFDAR AND FAYYAZ AHMAD.

11. Answering paragraph 41, the defendants, LUJQMAN SAFDAR AND FAYYAZ AHMAD repeat, reiterate and reallege each and every admission and denial heretofore made in answer to paragraphs "1" through "41" inclusive of the complaint herein, with the same force and effect as if herein set forth in detail.

12. Answering paragraph 49, the defendants, LUJQMAN SAFDAR AND FAYYAZ AHMAD repeat, reiterate and reallege each and every admission and denial heretofore made in answer to paragraphs "1" through "49" inclusive of the complaint herein, with the same force and effect as if herein set forth in detail.

13. Answering paragraph 59, the defendants, LUTQMAN SAFDAR AND FAYYAZ AHMAD repeat, reiterate and reallege each and every admission and denial heretofore made in answer to paragraphs "1" through "59" inclusi ve of the complaint herein, with the same force and effect as if herein set forth in detail.

14. Answering paragraph 69, the defendants, LUFQMAN SAFDAR AND FAYYAZ AHMAD repeat, reiterate and reallege each and every admission and denial heretofore made in answer to paragraphs "1" through "69" inclusive of the complaint herein, with the same force and effect as if herein set forth in detail.

15. Answering paragraph 79, the defendants, LUFQMAN SAFDAR AND FAYYAZ AHMAD repeat, reiterate and reallege each and every admission and denial heretofore made in answer to paragraphs "1" through "79" inclusive of the complaint herein, with the same force and effect as if herein set forth in detail.

# AS FOR A FIRST SEPARATE AND DISTINCT AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE TO THE ENTIRE ACTION, THE DEFENDANTS LUQMAN SAFDAR AND FAYYAZ AHMAD RESPECTFULLY ALLEGE UPON INFORMATION AND BELIEF:

If the Plaintiff sustained any injuries and/or damages at the time and place alleged in the complaint, the Plaintiff assumed the risk inherent in the activity in which Plaintiff was then engaged and further such injuries and/or damages were caused by reason of the culpable conduct and/or negligence of the Plaintiff without any negligence on the part of the Defendants contributing thereto.

# AS FOR A SECOND SEPARATE AND DISTINCT AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE TO THE ENTIRE ACTION, THE DEFENDANTS LUQMAN SAFDAR AND FAYYAZ AHMAD RESPECTFULLY ALLEGE UPON INFORMATION AND BELIEF:

That the said action is barred and precluded by virtue of Article 51, Sections 5101, 5102, 5103 and 5104 of the New York State Insurance Law.

### AS FOR A THIRD SEPARATE AND DISTINCT AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE TO THE ENTIRE ACTION, THE DEFENDANTS LUQMAN SAFDAR AND FAYYAZ AHMAD RESPECTFULLY ALLEGE UPON INFORMATION AND BELIEF:

Upon information and belief, any past or future costs or expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Plaintiff for medical care, dental care, custoclial care or rehabilitative services, loss of earnings or other economic loss, has been or will with reasonable certainty be replaced or indernnified in whole or in part from the collateral source as defined in Section 4545(c) of the New York Civil Practice Law and Rules. If any damages are recoverable against the said answering Defendants, the amount of such damages shall be diminished by the amount of the funds which Plaintiff has or shall receive from such collateral source.

#### AS FOR A FOURTH SEPARATE AND DISTINCT AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE TO THE ENTIRE ACTION, THE DEFENDANTS LUQMAN SAFFDAR AND FAYYAZ AHMAD RESPECTFULLY ALLEGE UPON INFORMATION AND BELIEF:

Plaintiff failed to take all reasonable measures to reduce, mit tigate and/or minimize the damages alleged.

#### AS FOR A FIFTH SEPARATE AND DISTINCT AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE TO THE ENTIRE ACTION, THE DEFENDANTS LUQMAN SAFDAR AND FAYYAZ AHMAD RESPECTFULLY ALLEGE UPON INFORMATION AND BELIEF:

Defendants cannot be held liable as Defendants were faced with a sudden emergency situation, not of their own doing and/or creation, and therefore, not chargeable with negligence and accordingly, the summons and complaint should be dismissed.

In the event that any person or entity liable or claimed to be liable for the injury alleged in this action has been given or may hereafter be given a release or covenant not to sue, answering Defendants will be entitled to protection under New York General Obligations Law 15-108 and the corresponding reduction of any damages that may be determined to be due against said Defendants.

# AS FOR A SEVENTH SEPARATE AND DISTINCT AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE TO THE ENTIRE ACTION, THE DEFENDANTS LUQMAN SAFDAR AND FAYYAZ AHMAD RESPECTFULLY ALLEGE UPON INFORMATION AND BELIEF:

That Plaintiff is guilty of negligence as a matter of law in that she is in violation of Article 27 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law in crossing at a place other than a crosswalk.

# AS FOR A EIGHTH SEPARATE AND DISTINCT AFFIRMA TIVE DEFENSE TO THE ENTIRE ACTION, THE DEFENDANTS LUQMAN SAFDAR AND FAYYAZ AHMAD RESPECTFULLY ALLEGE UPON INFORMATION AND BELIEF:

The plaintiff is guilty of negligence as a matter of law in that she is in violation of Article 27 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law in suddenly leaving the Curb and walking into the path of a vehicle.

### AS FOR A NINTH SEPARATE AND DISTINCT AFFIRM ATIVE DEFENSE TO THE ENTIRE ACTION, THE DEFENDANTS LUQMAN SAFDAR AND FAYYAZ AHMAD RESPECTFULLY ALLEGE UPON INFORMATION AND BELIEF;

The Plaintiff is guilty of negligence as a matter of law in the at she was in violation of Article 27 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law in walking along and upon an adjacent roadway.

### AS FOR A TENTH SEPARATE AND DISTINCT AFFIRMLATIVE DEFENSE TO THE ENTIRE ACTION, THE DEFENDANTS LUQMAN SAFDAR AND FAYYAZ AHMAD RESPECTFULLY ALLEGE UPON INFORMATION AND BELIEF;

The Plaintiff assumed the risk inherent in being a pedestriary.

### AS AND FOR A CROSS-COMPLAINT AGAINST THE CO-DEFENDANTS, BIG APPLE CAR, INC., CITIWIDE MOBILE RESPONSE CORP., TRANSCARE AMBULANCE CORP., JOHN DOE, JANE ROE AND ABC CORPORATION THE DEFENDANTS, LUQMAN SAFDAR AND FAYYAZ AHMAD, UPON INFORMATION AND BELIEF, ALLEGE:

That if the Plaintiff sustained damages as alleged in the complaint through any fault other than her own, then such damages were sustained due to the primary and active and sole fault of the co-defendants, BIG APPLE CAR, INC., CITIWIDE MOBILE RESPONSE CORP., TRANSCARE AMBULANCE CORP., JOHN DOE, JANE ROE AND ABC CORPORATION, and the fault, if any, of the answering Defendants was secondary and passive only; and if the Plaintiff should obtain and/or recover judgment against the answering Defendant, then the co-defendants, BIG APPLE CAR, INC., CITI WIDE MOBILE RESPONSE CORP., TRANSCARE AMBULANCE CORP., JOHN DOE, JANE ROE AND ABC CORPORATION, shall be liable over the answering Defendants for the full amount of said judgment or for any part thereof obtained and/or recovered on the basis of apportionment of responsibility for the alleged occurrence as found by the Court and/or Jury.

Further, by reason, of this action, the said answering Defenciants have incurred, and will in the future incur, costs and expenses including counsel fees.

WHEREFORE, the Defendants, LUQMAN SAFDAR AND FAYYAZ AHMAD, demand judgment dismissing plaintiff's complaint or, alternatively, judgment over and against the co-defendants BIG APPLE CAR, INC., CITIWIDE MOBILE RESPONSE CORP., TRANSCARE AMBULANCE CORP., JOHN DOE, JANE ROE AND ABC CORPORATION, for the full amount of any judgment obtained and/or recovered against the answering Defendants by the Plaintiff or any part of such judgment obtained and/or apportionment of responsibility between the Defendants, together with the costs, disbursements and expenses of this action, including attorney's fees.

Dated: Long Island City, New York June 29, 2012

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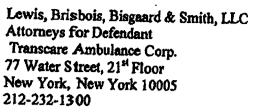
Yours, etc.

LAW OFFICES OF NANCY L. ISSERLIS Attorneys for Defendants LUQMAN SAFDAR AND PAYYAZ AHMAD Office and P.O. Address 36-01 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Long Island City, New York 11101 718-361-1514

TO: Albert Buzzetti & Associates, LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 2 Penn Plaza, Suite 1500 New York, New York 10121

> Wade Clark Mulcahy Attorneys for Defendant Big Apple Car, Inc. 111 Broadway, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor New York, New York 10006 212-267-1900





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Citywide Mobile Response Corp. 1624 Stillwell Avenue Bronx, New York 10461

#### **ATTORNEY'S VERIFICATION**

The undersigned, an attorney admitted to practice in the Courts of New York State, hereby affirms as true under all the penalties of perjury that affirmant is associated with the firm of LAW OFFICES OF NANCY L. ISSERLIS, the attorneys of record for the Defendants LUQMAN SAFDAR AND FAYYAZ AHMAD in the within action; that affirmant has read the foregoing ANSWER and knows the contents thereof; that the same is true to affirmant's own knowledge, except as to the matter therein stated to be alleged upon information and belief, and that as to those matters affirmant believes them to be true. Affirmant further states that the reason this verification is made by affirmant and not by Defendants LUQMAN SAFDAR AND FAYYAZ AHMAD, is because Defendants LUQMAN SAFDAR AND FAYYAZ AHMAD reside outside the County of affirmant's office.

The grounds of affirmant's belief as to all matters not stated upon affirmant's knowledge are as follows: Investigations and information received by affirmant in the course of representing Defendants LUQMAN SAFDAR AND FAYYAZ AHMAD.

Dated: Long Island City, New York June 29, 2012

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#### SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX

MICHELLE SCUORZO,

Plaintiff,

Index No.: 20812/12

#### VERIFIED ANSWER

-against-

LUQMAN SAFDAR, FAYYAZ AHMAD, BIG APPLE CAR, INC., CITYWIDE MOBILE RESPONSE CORP., TRANSCARE AMBULANCE CORP., JOHN DOE, JANE DOE, and ABC CORPORATION,

Defendants.

The defendant, CITYWIDE MOBILE RESPONSE CORP., by its attorneys, RUSSO & TONER, LLP, as and for its Verified Answer to the plaintiff's Complaint, sets forth the following upon information and belief:

#### BACKGROUND

1. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to each and every allegation set forth in the paragraphs of the Complaint designated "1," "2," "3," "4," "6," "7" and "8."

#### FIRST COUNT

2. In response to paragraph "9" of the Complaint, the answering defendants repeat, reiterate and reallege each and every response to the allegations set for the in the paragraphs of the Complaint designated "1" through "8," as if more fully set forth at length herein.

3. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a Delief as to each and every allegation set forth in the paragraphs of the Complaint designated "10," "11," "12," "13" and "14."

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4. Denies each and every allegation set forth in the paragraph of the Complaint designated "15."

#### SECOND COUNT

5. In response to paragraph "16" of the Complaint, the answering defendants repeat, reiterate and reallege each and every response to the allegations set forth in the paragraphs of the Complaint designated "1" through "15," as if more fully set forth at length herein.

6. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to each and every allegation set forth in the paragraphs of the Complaint designated "17," "18," "19," "20," "21," "22" and "24."

7. Denies each and every allegation set forth in the paragraph of the Complaint designated "23."

#### THIRD COUNT

8. In response to paragraph "25" of the Complaint, the answering defendants repeat, reiterate and reallege each and every response to the allegations set for th in the paragraphs of the Complaint designated "1" through "24," as if more fully set forth at length herein.

9. Denies' knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to each and every allegation set forth in the paragraphs of the Complaint designated "26," "27" and "28."

10. Denies each and every allegation set forth in the paragraphs of the Complaint designated "29" and "30."

#### FOURTH COUNT

11. In response to paragraph "31" of the Complaint, the arrawering defendants repeat, reiterate and reallege each and every response to the allegations set fourth in the paragraphs of the Complaint designated ")" through "30," as if more fully set forth at lerngth herein.

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12. Denies each and every allegation set forth in the paragraphs of the Complaint designated "32," "35," "36," "39" and "40,"

13. Denics each and every allegation in the form alleged set forth in the paragraphs of the Complaint designated "33" and "34."

14. Denies each and every allegation set forth in the paragraphs of the Complaint designated "37" and "38," and reserves and refers all questions of law, fact and/or conclusions raised therein to the trial court for determination.

#### FIFTH COUNT

15. In response to paragraph "41" of the Complaint, the answering defendants repeat, reiterate and reallege each and every response to the allegations set forth in the paragraphs of the Complaint designated "1" through "40," as if more fully set forth at length herein.

16. Denies each and every allegation set forth in the paragraphs of the Complaint designated "42," "43," "44," "47," "second paragraph numbered "47" and "48."

17. Denies each and every allegation in the form alleged set forth in the paragraphs of the Complaint designated "45" and "46."

18. Denies each and every allegation set forth in the paragraph of the Complaint designated "48," and reserves and refers all questions of law, fact and/or conclusions raised therein to the trial court for determination.

#### SIXTH COUNT

19. In response to paragraph "49" of the Complaint, the conswering defendants repeat, reiterate and reallege each and every response to the allegations set forth in the paragraphs of the Complaint designated "1" through "48," as if more fully set forth at Longth herein.

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20. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to each and every allegation set forth in the paragraphs of the Complaint designated "5 0," "51," "52," "53," "54," "55" and "57."

21. Denies each and every allegation set forth in the pranagraph of the Complaint designated "56," and reserves and refers all questions of law, fact and/or conclusions raised therein to the trial court for determination.

22. Denies each and every allegation set forth in the paragraph of the Complaint designated "58."

#### SEVENTH COUNT

23. In response to paragraph "59" of the Complaint, the araswering defendants repeat, reiterate and reallege each and every response to the allegations set forth in the paragraphs of the Complaint designated "1" through "58," as if more fully set forth at longth herein.

24. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to each and every allegation set forth in the paragraphs of the Complaint designated "60," "61," "62," "63," "64," "65" and "67."

25. Denies each and every allegation set forth in the p-aragraph of the Complaint designated "66," and reserves and refers all questions of law, fact and/or conclusions raised therein to the trial court for determination.

26. Denies each and every allegation set forth in the p-aragraph of the Complaint designated "68."

#### EIGHTH COUNT

27. In response to paragraph "69" of the Complaint, the answering defendants repeat, reiterate and reallege each and every response to the allegations set forth in the paragraphs of the Complaint designated "1" through "68," as if more fully set forth at length herein.

28. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to each and every allegation set forth in the paragraphs of the Complaint designated "70, ""71," "72," "73," "74" and "75."

29. Denies each and every allogation set forth in the paragraph of the Complaint designated "76," and reserves and refers all questions of law, fact and/or conclusions raised therein to the trial court for determination.

30. Denies each and every allegation set forth in the paragraphs of the Complaint designated "77" and "78."

#### NINTH COUNT

31. In response to paragraph "79" of the Complaint, the answering defendants repeat, reiterate and reallege each and every response to the allegations set forth in the paragraphs of the Complaint designated "I" through "78," as if more fully set forth at length herein.

32. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to each and every allegation set forth in the paragraphs of the Complaint designated "80," "81," "82," "83," "84" and "85."

33. Denies each and every allegation set forth in the paragraph of the Complaint designated "86," and reserves and refers all questions of law, fact and/or conclusions raised therein to the trial court for determination.

34. Denies each and every allegation set forth in the paragraphs of the Complaint designated "87" and "88."

#### AS AND FOR A FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

35. If the injuries and damages were sustained by the plaintiff, at the time and place and in the manner alleged in the Complaint, such damages and injuries are attributable, in whole or in part, to the culpable conduct of the plaintiff, and if any damages are recoverable against this defendant, the amount of such damages shall be diminished in the proportion which the culpable conduct attributable to plaintiff bears to the culpable conduct which craused the damages.

#### AS AND FOR A SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

36. That the answering defendant was unable to avoid the accident due to an unexpected emergency and that the "Emergency Doctrine" is a defense to this action.

#### AS AND FOR A THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

37. This answering defendant will assert the defenses afforded under Section 1104 of the vehicle and traffic law as the vehicle operated by defendant was an emergency vehicle in an emergency operation at the time of plaintiff's accident.

#### AS AND FOR A FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DICFENSE

38. That the plaintiff failed to keep a proper lookout in order to see what was there to be seen and avoid the within accident.

#### AS AND FOR A FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEPENSE

39. The defendants herein claim the application of Article 16 of the Civil Practice law and Rules and assert limited liability thereunder for any non-economic loss.

#### AS AND FOR A SIXTH APPIRMATIVE DEPENSE

40. Plaintiff failed to take those actions which a reasonably prudent person would have undertaken in order to mitigate its damages.

#### AS AND FOR A SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEPENSE

41. In the event plaintiffs recover a verdict or judgment against this defendant, then said verdict or judgment must be reduced pursuant to CPLR 4545(c) by those amounts which have been, or will, with reasonable certainty, replace or indemnify plaintiffs, in whole or in part, for any past or future claimed economic loss, from any collateral source such as insurance, social security, workers compensation or employee benefit programs.

#### AS AND FOR A FIRST CROSS-CLAIM AGAINST CO-DEFENDANTS, LUQMAN SAFDAR, FAYYAZ AHMAD, BIG APPLE CAR, INC., TRANSCARE AMBULANCE CORP., JOHN DOE, JANE ROE <u>and ABC CORPORATION</u>

42. If the plaintiff sustained injuries and damages alleged, such injuries and damages were caused entirely by reason of the culpable conduct of co-defendents, LUQMAN SAFDAR, FAYYAZ AHMAD, BIG APPLE CAR, INC., TRANSCARE AMBULANCE CORP., JOHN DOE, JANE ROE and ABC CORPORATION, there being no active or primary wrongdoing on the part of this answering defendant contributing thereto.

43. By reason of the foregoing, this answering defendant is entitled to full indemnity and/or contribution from and judgment over and against co-defendants, LUQMAN SAFDAR, FAYYAZ AHMAD, BIO APPLE CAR, INC., TRANSCARE AMESULANCE CORP., JOHN DOE, JANE ROE and ABC CORPORATION, for all of any verdict Or judgment which may be recovered against this answering defendant.

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WHEREFORE, defendant, CITYWIDE MOBILE RESPONSE CORP., demands

Judgment:

- 1. Dismissing the Complaint of the plaintiff against defendant, CITYWIDE MOBILE RESPONSE CORP.;
- 2. In the event that plaintiff recovers against the answering, defendant, that the ultimate rights of all defendants, as among themselves, be determined in this action, and that the answering defendant have judgment over and against the other co-defendants herein for contribution and indemnification pursuant to the Cross-Claim; and
- 3. For costs and disbursements and attorneys' fees against adverse parties.

Dated: New York, New York July 12, 2012

> Yours, etc., RUSSO & TONER, LLP

ALAN RUSSO Attorneys for Defendant CITYWIDE MOBILE RESPONSE CORP. 33 Whitehall Street, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor New York, New York 10004 (212) 482-0001 R&T File No.: 218,104

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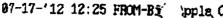
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#### ATTORNEY'S VERIFICATION

ALAN RUSSO, an attorney duly admitted to the practice of law before the Courts of the State of New York, hereby affirms the following under the penalties of perjury:

I am a member of the law furn of RUSSO & TONER, LLP, attorneys for the defendant, CITYWIDE MOBILE RESPONSE CORP. I have read the foregoing VERIFIED ANSWER and know the contents thereof and that same are true to the best of my own knowledge innant further states that the source of his information and the grounds of his belief, as to all matters therein not stated upon his knowledge, are a review of the file maintained in this matter and communications with the client.

Affirmant further states that the reason why this Verification is made by your affirmant and not by said defendant is that said defendant does not reside within the County of New York, the county wherein your affirmant has his office.

Dated: New York, New York July 12, 2012

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#### SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK. COUNTY OF BRONX

MICHELLE SCUORZO,

Ind cx No.: 20812/12

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Plaintiff,

-against-

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LUQMAN SAFDAR, FAYYAZ AHMAD, BIG APPLE CAR, INC., CITY WIDE MOBILE RESPONSE CORP., TRANSCARE AMBULANCE CORP., JOHN DOE, JANE DOE, and ABC CORPORATION,

Defendants.

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#### VERIFIED ANSWER

RUSSO & TONER, LLP Attorneys for Defendant CITYWIDE MOBILE RESPONSE CORP. 33 Whitehall Street, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor New York, New York 10004 (212) 482-0001

# SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF THE BRONX

MICHELLE SCUORZO,

Plaintiff,

-against-

LUQMAN SAFDAR, FAYYAZ AHMAD, BIG APPLE CAR, INC., CITYWIDE MOBILE RESPONSE CORP., TRANSCARE AMBULANCE CORP., JOHN DOE, JANE DOE and ABC CORPORATION, Defendants, Index No.: 20812/12

STIPULATION OF DISC ONTINUANCE WITH PREJUDICE AS TO DEFENDANT CITY WIDE MOBILE RESPONSE CORP, ONLY

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and between the undersigned, attorneys for the respective parties, that whereas no party hereto is an infant or incompetent person for whom a committee has been appointed and no person not a party has an interest in the subject matter of the action, the above-entitled action, including all cross-claims be, and the same is, hereby discontinued against defendant, CITYWIDE MOBILE RESPONSE CORP., only, with prejudice, and without costs to any party as against the other.

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IT IS FURTHER STIPULATED AND AGREED, that this Stipulation may be executed in multiple counterparts and exchanged by facsimile with the same force and effect as if executed and exchanged in the original.

This stipulation may be filed without further notice with the Clerk of the Court.

Dated: New York, New York September 11, 2013

By: Albert Buzzetti, Est ALBERT BUZZETTI & ASSOCIATES, LLC Attorneys for Plaintff 467 Sylvan Avenue Englewood Cliffs, NJ 07632 212-564-9009

By: Steven Balson-Coben, Esq. RUSSO & TONBR, LLP Attorneys for Defendant CITYWIDE MOBIL BRESPONSE CORP. 33 Whitehall Street, 16th Floot New York, New York 10004 212-482-0001 R&T File No.: 218. 104

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By: June Lew WADE CLARK MULCAHY Attorneys for Defendant BIG APPLE CAR, INC. 111 Broadway, 9th Floor New York, NY 10006 212-267-1900

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#### SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX

#### MICHELLE SCUORZO,

Index No.: 20812-2012

Plaintiff,

-against-

LUQMAN SAFDAR, FAYYAZ AHMAD, BIG APPLE CAR, INC., CITYWIDE MOBILE RESPONSE CORP., TRANSCARE AMBULANCE CORP, JOHN DOE, JANE DOE and ABC CORPORATION, POST-DEPOSITION NOTICE FOR DISCOVERY AND INSPECTION AS TO TRANSCARE AND TESTIMONY OF DAVID KONIG

Defendants.

COUNSEL:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that Plaintiff, MICHELLE SCUORZO, by her attorneys, ALBERT BUZZETTI & ASSOCIATES, L.L.C., hereby demands that defendant TRANSCARE AMBULANCE CORP., produce the following to the undersigned, within twenty (20) days:

- Copies of the CEVO training handbook, entitled "CEVO 2" provided to the witness by Transcare after his training with John Violante.
- 2. Copies of the code reference sheet for injury classification effective for 2010, or for the present time if no such 2010 sheet can be provided.
- 3. Copies of the Part 18 Medical Incident Log (as duly redacted as to patient name and identifying information, injury and/or treatment in accordance with HIPAA) maintained at Madison Square Garden for March 11, 2010.

- 4. Copies of all Refusal of Medical Aid forms and/or 10-93s completed by Transcare personnel for calls and/or responses to Madison Square Garden for March 11, 2010 (as duly redacted as to patient name and identifying information, injury and/or treatment in accordance with HIPAA).
- 5. Copies of the personnel book, sign-in log and/or "schedule" maintained at Madison Square Garden for March 11, 2010, indicating Transcare personnel on site at Madison Square Garden for that day (as duly redacted as to patient name and identifying information, injury and/or treatment in accordance with HIPAA). (As same is indicated at pp/. 98, 99 and 113 of the transcript).
- 6. The identity and last known address and last known contact information for all Special Operations Supervisors of Transcare as employed on March 11, 2010, and specifically identifying which of these Supervisors worked at Madison Square Garden in March 2010 generally and March 11, 2010 specifically.
- 7. Identify whether Julia Villa is still employed with Transcare, and if not, provide her last date of employment and her last known address and contact information.
- 8. Identify whether Rob Hirsch is still employed with Transcare, and if not, provide her last date of employment and her last known address and contact information.

- 9. Identify whether Vanessa Barbosa is still employed with Transcare, and if not, provide her last date of employment and her last known address and contact information.
- 10. Copies of all records for dispatch by the Transcare Dispatch Office on March 11, 2010 for a replacement or reassigned ambulance or transport vehicle for the call to Madison Square Garden that Matos and Tross ceased their response to, due to the Scuorzo flag down.
- 11. Copies of all records for dispatch on March 11, 2010 for a replacement or reassigned ambulance or transport vehicle from other Special Operations sites for the call to Madison Square Garden that Matos and Tross ceased their response to, due to the Scuorzo flag down.
- 12. Copy of the record retention policy of Transcare in 2010 ast Refusal of Medical Assistance forms and/or 10-93s, and if not in possession of same an affidavit of Margaret Greene documenting the substance of same and/or lack of such a policy.
- 13. Copies of all Transcare Ambulance Call Reports that were generated for calls to Madison Square Garden on March 11, 2010 (See transcript pages 128 et. Seq.)(as duly redacted as to patient name and identifying information, injury and/or treatment in accordance with HIPAA).
- 14. Copies of Checkout Sheets for Transcare vehicle/ambulance numbers 055, 405, 540 and 815 for March 11, 2010 (as duly redacted as to patient name and identifying information, injury and/or treatment in accordance with HIPAA).

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- 15. Copies of all information and documents relative to the 1630 hours, 1745 hours and 2230 hours calls and transport on March 11, 2010 to or from Madison Square Garden by Transcare vehicle/ambulance number 815 (See transcript pages 166 et seq.)(as duly redacted as to patient name and identifying information, injury and/or treatment in accordance with HIPAA).
- 16. Copies of all contracts or agreements between Transcare and Sports Entertainment Physicians, PC in place and/or effect in March 2010 and specifically on March 11, 2010, relative to the provision of services at Madison Square Garden, and all other documents relative to the provision of services by Sports Entertainment Physicians, PC under same agreement or contract at Madison Square Garden on March 11, 2010.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that this demand shall be deemed to continue during the pendency of this action, if any of the above requested information or documents are subsequently obtained.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that your failure to comply with the foregoing demand will serve as a basis of a motion seeking, in whole or in part, an order precluding the plaintiff from introducing evidence and for otherwise using the above demanded items for any purpose whatsoever upon the trial of this action. Dated: Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey March 27, 2015

Yours, etc.

ALBERT BUZZETTI & ASSOCIATES, L.L.C.

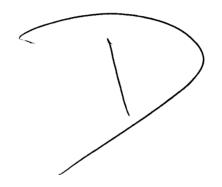
By:

Curtis Gilfillan, Esq.<sup>V</sup> Attorney for Plaintiff MICHELLE SCUORZO 467 Sylvan Avenue Englewood Cliffs, NJ 07632

TO: LEWIS BRISBOIS BISGAARD & SMITH, LLP Attorneys for Defendant TRANSCARE AMBULANCE CORP.
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> WADE CLARK MULCAHY Attorneys for Defendant BIG APPLE CAR, INC. 111 Broadway, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor New York, New York 10006 212-267-1900 File No.: 190.7013.3

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-against-	: RESPONSE TO PLAINTIFF'S : POST DEPOSITON : NOTICE FOR DISCOVERY
LUQMAN SAFDAR; FAYYAZ AHMAD, BIG APPLE	: AND INSPECTION AS TO
CAR, INC.; CITYWIDE MOBILE RESPONSE COR.; TRANSCARE AMBULANCE CORP.; JOHN DOE;	: TRANSCARE AND : TESTIMONY OF DAVID
JANE DOE; and ABC CORPORATION,	: KONIG DATED 3.27.15
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that Defendant, TRANSCARE AMBULANCE CORP., by its attorneys LEWIS BRISBOIS BISGAARD & SMITH, LLP, as and for their Response to Plaintiff's Post Deposition Notice for Discovery and Inspection as to Transcare and Testimony of David Konig, dated March 27, 2015 hereby states the following:

1. After a search was conducted, David Konig does not possess copies of the CEVO training handbook entitled "CEVO 2".

2. None responsive to this demand.

3. Attached as Exhibit "A" is a duly redacted copy of the NYS Dep. Of Health Emergency Medical Services Part. 18 Public Function Event Report that was completed relevant to Madison Square Garden on March 11, 2010. Defendant reserves the right to seek a Court Order for in camera review and/or ruling on evidence, and/or exception to the HIPPA rules for disclosure of confidential records for use by the parties for motion practice and/or for trial relevant to items annexed which have been redacted.



4. None responsive to this demand. However, duly redacted copies of the NYS Dep. Of Health Emergency Medical Services Part. 18 Public Function Event Report are annexed as **Exhibit** "A", The ACR's (Ambulance Call Reports) for the two patients (other then the plaintiff) transported by special operation unit from Madison Square Garden to emergency rooms on March 11, 2010 are attached as **Exhibit "B**". Defendant reserves the right to seek a Court Order for in camera review and/or ruling on evidence, and/or exception to the HIPPA rules for disclosure of confidential records for use by the parties for motion practice and/or for trial relevant to items annexed which have been redacted.

5. A search was conducted, and no copies of a personnel book, or log-in sheet or schedules for MSG on the date of the accident have been located.

6. No copies of the schedule in effect for March 11, 2010 has been located . However, upon information and belief, other then Tross and Matos who were flagged down to transport the plaintiff, Transcare EMT's Maribel Rentas, Norma Restaino, and Tiffany Santos were also working in the special operation unit at MSG on the date of the accident. As to supervisors, the supervisor's initials appearing in the identification portion of the dispatch records (**Exhibit "C"**) is "RH" who upon information and belief is Robert Hirsch, it is unknown if he was physically at the MSG site or was physically located at one of the Transcare offices. Additionally, supervisor "Rob Hirsch" appears on the incident log sheets of the NYS Dep. Of Health Emergency Medical Services Part. 18 Public Function Event Report are annexed as **Exhibit "A"**. Additionally, supervisor Julia Villa's name appears on cover sheet of the NYS Dep. Of Health Emergency Medical Services Part. 18 Public Function Event Report are annexed as **Exhibit "A"**, it is unknown if Ms. Villa was physically present at MSG or at one of the Transcare offices.

7. Julia Villa is still employed by Transcare.

Robert Hirsh is no longer employed by Transcare his last known address is 2248 E.
 70<sup>th</sup> Street, Brooklyn, New York 11234.

9. Vanessa Barbosa is still employed by Transcare.

10. Copies of dispatch records for all of the ambulances that were part of the Special Operations Unit on March 11, 2010 have previously been exchanged we annex courtesy copies as **Exhibit "C"**. Defendant reserves the right to seek a Court Order for in camera review and/or ruling on evidence, and/or exception to the HIPPA rules for disclosure of confidential records for use by the parties for motion practice and/or for trial relevant to items annexed which have been redacted.

11. See response to item #10 above.

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12. A search has been performed and no documents or policy regarding retention of such documents has been located.

13. See Duly redacted copies of the ACR's for the two ambulance transports from MSG on March 11, 2010 annexed as **Exhibit "B".** Defendant reserves the right to seek a Court Order for in camera review and/or ruling on evidence, and/or exception to the HIPPA rules for disclosure of confidential records for use by the parties for motion practice and/or for trial relevant to items annexed which have been redacted.

14. Objection, the vehicle inspection records for these units are not applicable nor would they contain information on patients transported. See Exhibits "A", "B" & "C".

15. See redacted treatment/dispatch records contained in the following: NYS Dep. Of Health Emergency Medical Services Part. 18 Public Function Event Report are annexed as **Exhibit** "A", Ambulance Call reports annexed as **Exhibit** "B" and dispatch records for Special Operations Unit for March 11, 2010 annexed as **Exhibit** "C".

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16. Objection. Said information confidential, proprietary, and is not relevant nor likely to lead to information that is relevant to the within litigation.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that this is a continuing response and defendant, TRANSCARE AMBULANCE CORP, reserves its right to supplement and/or amend this response if and when such responsive information becomes available.

Dated: New York, New York June 15, 2015

Yours, etc.

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# **EXHIBIT** A

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NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH --- Emergency Medical Services

# Part 18 **Public Function Event Report**

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Actual Peak Attendance

#### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

This report is to be completed by the operator of any event permitted under the authority of New York State Sanitary Code, Part-18, and forwarded to the Emergency Medical Services representatives at a Health Department Regional Office no more than five days following the event. The filing of this report is a condition of the issuance of the permit, and must be completed for any permit issued and/or each and every single event covered by a seasonal permit.

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Name of Event Date(s) of Operation

**Total Event Attendance** 

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Minor Illness(es) (sick, weak, heat, intoxication, etc.)	
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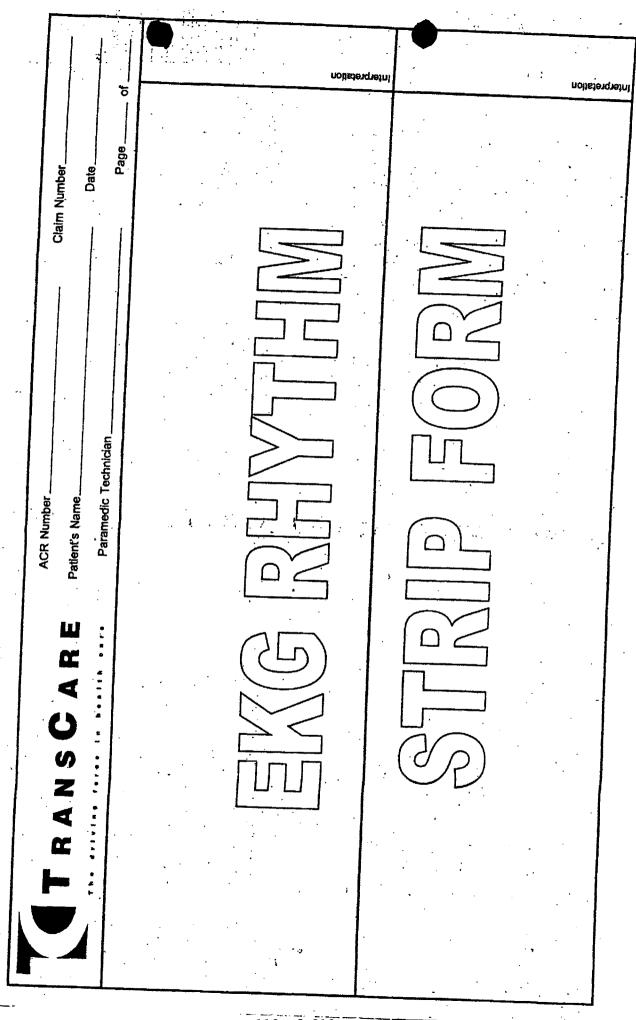
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Defendants.

## DEFENDANT TRANSCARE'S RESPONSE TO PLAINTIFF'S POST DEPOSITON NOTICE FOR DISCOVERY AND INSPECTION AS TO TRANSCARE AND TESTIMONY OF DAVID KONIG DATED 3:2745

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### SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX

#### MICHELLE SCUORZO,

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## SIXTH NOTICE FOR DISCOVERY AND <u>INSPECTION</u>

LUQMAN SAFDAR, FAYYAZ AHMAD, BIG APPLE CAR, INC., CITYWIDE MOBILE RESPONSE CORP., TRANSCARE AMBULANCE CORP., JOHN DOE, JANE DOE and ABC CORPORATION,

Defendants.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that Plaintiff Michelle Scuorzo, by her attorneys, Albert Buzzetti & Associates, LLC, hereby demands that Defendant TRANSCARE AMBULANCE CORP. is required to produce within twenty (20) days from the date of service hereof, copies of the following:

- Please provide copies of all contracts/agreements as between Transcare Ambulance Corp. and Sports and Entertainment Physicians, P.C., that were in effect on March 11, 2010 relating to the provisions of ambulance service to MSG.
- Please provide a copy of Policy TE-B-06 "Vehicle Operator Training" as identified in Transcare New York Policy and Procedure Safety Policy #5-04.

3. Please provide copies of the missing pages of the two (2) ambulance reports annexted as Exhibit B to Defendant Transcare's Response to David Konig's post-EBT Notice for Discovery and Inspection.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that you are required to timely supplement your responses to the foregoing demands with any additional or further information which becomes known to you or your attorneys during the course of this action.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, in the event you fail to comply with the foregoing demands within twenty (20) days of the receipt of this demand, the appropriate motion will be made to the Court for the requested documents and information, in addition to all other remedies available to this party.

By:

Dated: New York, New York July 22, 2015

Yours, etc.

Albert Buzzetti & Associates, LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that Defendant, TRANSCARE AMBULANCE CORP. ("Transcare"), by its attorneys LEWIS BRISBOIS BISGAARD & SMITH, LLP, in response to plaintiff's Sixth Notice for Discovery and Inspection, dated July 22, 2015, hereby states the following:

#### **General Objections**

1. Defendant reiterates its objections and responses as stated in prior responses to plaintiff's discovery demands and incorporate same by reference as though fully set forth herein. Defendant further objections that plaintiff's demands are overly burdensome, overbroad, vague, and not reasonably calculated to lead to any evidence which is material and necessary for the prosecution of the claims pursuant to CPLR 3101.

2. The demands also seek material which is privileged, confidential, not relevant to the plaintiff's claims, and palpably improper. Plaintiff's extensive demands also largely constitute a classic "fishing expedition" with no reasonable expectation that the demanded materials would be material and relevant to the prosecution of the claims. 3. Transcare reserves the right to move for a protective order precluding the plaintiff from serving further document demands in this action to the extent that such demands are improper based on any and all of the foregoing general objections, and the specific responses and objections set forth below, and/or have already been responded to by Transcare.

 Transcare further reserves the right to preclude any of the items produced in discovery as inadmissible at the time of trial, notwithstanding whether any such items are discoverable. See, <u>Lesser v. Manhattan & Bronx Surface Tr. Operating Auth.</u>, 157 A.D.2d 352, 356 (1st Dept. 1990); <u>Clarke v. New York City Tr. Auth.</u>, 174 A.D.2d 268, 275-276 (1<sup>st</sup> Dept. 1992); <u>Rivera v. New York City Tr. Auth.</u>, 77 N.Y.2d 322, 329 (1991); <u>Crosland v. New York</u> <u>City Tr. Auth.</u>, 68 N.Y.2d 165, 168-169 (1986); <u>Prince v. New York City Hous. Auth.</u>, 302 A.D.2d 285 (1st Dept. 2003).

#### **Responses**

1. Objection. This demand is palpably improper, unduly burdensome, oppressive and not discoverable since the referenced information seeks confidential contracts between Transcare and a non-party Sports Entertainment Physicians, P.C., the contents of which are confidential and proprietary.

Additionally, the contractual information not relevant to any issue in the pending action and, as such, is not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Further, the contents of this contract contains proprietary information which is not discoverable since the contract and its terms are confidential and the information contained therein such as contract pricing, and extensions are protected as a "trade secrets" of Transcare and non-parties and the information sought is invasive of the privacy interests of non-parties.

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The contents of the material sought is not relevant to the subject accident since Plaintiff's accident did not occur at Madison Square Garden, rather occurred off site many blocks away. Accordingly, the subject litigation has no nexus with the contractual terms and obligations of either Transcare, Sports Entertainment Physicians, P.C. or other nonparties.

Notably, the only reason plaintiff is seeking to obtain this information, is to attempt to argue that Transcare did not meet its contractual terms or obligations with nonparties and that non compliance with its own rules and regulations or the rules and regulations of a non party, Sports Entertainment Physicians, P.C., is evidence of negligence. This use is impermissible since Plaintiff is precluded from claiming Transcare's breach of their contractual obligations with nonparties or breach of their own internal rules or rules of nonparties is evidence of Transcare's negligence since evidence of such a breach of an internal rule or contractual duty of which plaintiff is not a direct party or third-party beneficiary cannot form the basis of a claim of negligence—thus the material sought is not relevant or discoverable. <u>Prince v. New York City Hous. Auth.</u>, 302 A.D.2d 285 (1st Dept. 2003)("[1]iability for negligence cannot be based on the violation of an internal rule imposing a higher standard of care than the law, at least where there is no showing of detrimental reliance by the plaintiff on the rule"). Defendant's reserve their right to make a motion for a protective order.

 Attached as Exhibit "A" is a copy of Transcare's Policy TE-B-06 "Vehicle Operator Training".

3. On the date of the accident, the Special Operations Unit only transported 3 individuals: 1<sup>st</sup> is Plaintiff and that ACR has been previously disclosed; the 2<sup>nd</sup> was a Male Patient from Madison Square Garden, that ACR was exchanged on June 15, 2015, annexed hereto as **Exhibit "B"** is a copy of the third ACR for treatment of a female patient.

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#### PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that this is a continuing response and

defendant, TRANSCARE AMBULANCE CORP, reserves its right to supplement and/or amend this response if and when such responsive information becomes available, and reserves the right to file a motion for a protective order in response to all of plaintiff's vexatious, repetitive, unduly burdensome, and duplicative demands which constitute a classic "fishing expedition."

Dated: New York, New York August 20, 2015

Yours, etc.

LEWIS, BRISBOIS, BISGAARD & SMITH, LLP By:

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# **EXHIBIT A**

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# TransCare New York Training & Education Policy and Procedure

Field Employee Orientation	Policy #: TE-B-06 Page 1 of 7
Policy Title: Mandatory Emergency	Vehicle Operator Training
Implementation Date: 10/10/2005	Date of Last Review: September 24, 2010
Approved For Implementation:	
Doug Key	
Senior VP of Operations	

#### **Purpose:**

Pursuant to current federal, state, and regional guidelines, specifically NYS DOH BEMS Policy 00-13, the TransCare Corporation has established a system to help ensure the safe operation of all company owned vehicles.

A fundamental component of that system is a comprehensive training program. This policy has therefore been established to clearly identify the process by which TransCare will administer its driver training program.

#### Scope:

This policy shall apply to all employees whose job description requires operation of a company owned vehicle.

#### Policy:

All new or rehired employees, whose job description requires operation of a company owned vehicle, are required to attend and successfully complete the TransCare Emergency Vehicle Operator Training Program within three months of hire date. Successful completion of this module, as with all modules of orientation, is a condition of continued employment. Additionally, all current employees are required to complete this training program within 12 months of publication of this policy. Failure to complete the program will result in a restriction of driving privileges.

The Safety Manager shall be primarily responsible for development, implementation and oversight of the Emergency Vehicle Operator Training Program. The course will follow the approved curriculum. The Training and Education Department will provide support and consultation for the project.

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# Program design and development:

The TransCare Vehicle Operator Course curriculum was developed utilizing the following resources:

\*US Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) – Emergency Vehicle Operator Course (Ambulance): National Standard Curriculum

\* National Safety Council & FLI Learning Systems, Inc - Coaching the Emergency Vehicle Operator (CEVO) II – Ambulance; and CEVO Maneuvering Skills.

\* Volunteer Firemen's Insurance Services, Inc. - Emergency Vehicle Driver Training Program

Prior to implementation, the TransCare Vehicle Operator Course curriculum will be reviewed and approved by the Training and Education Department as well as the TransCare Safety Committee. A review of the curriculum and course materials will be conducted annually.

# **Program Components and Regulations**

The program will follow the established curriculum. The TransCare New York driver training program will consist of a six to eight hour didactic seminar designed to educate the employee of the rules, regulations, and responsibilities of operating a TransCare owned vehicle. The didactic session will be followed by a written exam. Additionally, there will be a road skills practice and evaluation section included in the program. The road skills practice and evaluation will consist of an obstacle course conducted at a pre-approved site; and a road test conducted on the roadway.

The road skills practice and evaluation will require, at minimum, the candidate to perform each of the following skills to the satisfaction of the FTO or Supervisor:

- Performing a vehicle Safety Check
- "Normal" vehicle operation
- Operating a vehicle in reverse
- Negotiating a left turn
- Negotiating a right turn
- Negotiating an "S" turn
- Parking
- Backing into a simulated ambulance bay
- 1. A lot or simulation course, approved by the Safety Manager, will be utilized for the road skills practice and evaluation portion of the course.
- 2. Each Employee will receive an individual skills evaluation.
- 3. All skills practice and evaluations will be conducted with a TransCare owned vehicle appropriate to the employee's job description.

4. A TransCare New York Field Training Officer or Supervisor (evaluator) must be present, during all road skills practice and evaluations.

# **Program Implementation and Coordination**

- 1. Vehicle Operator training will be incorporated into the Field Employee Orientation Program.
- 2. Current employees who must successfully complete this program may be scheduled for that section of the employee orientation.
- 3. In addition, an ample number of sessions will be conducted throughout the year, in multiple sites, to accommodate current employees and those in need of driver remediation as outlined in the driver remediation policy.
- 4. The Safety Manager, or in his absence a designee, will serve as instructor for the didactic portion of the program. The didactic portion must follow the approved curriculum.
- 5. The road skills practice and evaluation will be conducted by specifically approved Field Training Officers or Supervisors with the Safety Manager providing oversight and coordination.
- 6. The road skills practice and evaluation will follow guidelines established in the current curriculum.
- 7. The final road skills evaluation will be conducted by the Field Training Officer as a part of the field training segment of orientation. It will include evaluation of driving skills on roadways, expressway, highways and in a variety of traffic conditions.

# Successful Program Completion Requirements

- 1. Each employee must attend the vehicle operator course in its entirety to obtain successful completion
- 2. Each Employee must receive a passing grade (75%) on the written exam following the didactic portion of the course.
- 3. Each employee must receive a favorable written evaluation by the FTO or Supervisor conducting the road skills practice and evaluation session
- 4. Exam grades and evaluation forms will be forwarded to Human Resources for inclusion in the employee's personnel / training file.
- 5. Each employee who successfully completes the program will receive copy of all course materials for reference and a course completion certificate upon request.

# Unsuccessful Completion, Remediation and Follow-up

- 1. Employees who do not successfully complete course attendance requirements must be rescheduled for another vehicle operator's course
- 2. Employees who do not successfully complete the written exam (score less than 75%) will be remediated and will have one additional opportunity to take the written exam. Employees who on a second attempt do not successfully complete the written exam will be referred to the appropriate Operations Director for follow-up and possible restriction of vehicle operator privileges or separation from employment.
- 3. Employees who do not successfully complete the road skills evaluation will be remediated and afforded two additional opportunities to pass the evaluation. A different evaluator will be assigned for the second re-test.
- 4. Employees who after three attempts do not successfully complete the road skills evaluation will be referred to the appropriate Operations Director for follow-up and possible restriction of vehicle operator privileges or separation from employment.

# **Exclusions, Exceptions and Waivers**

- 1. Employees who position description does not require vehicle operations are not bound by this policy or the requirements contained herein.
- 2. Employees who can provide valid, documented proof of successful completion of a comparable training program may be waived from this requirement. Waivers are at the discretion of the Safety Manager in consultation with the Training Department.

## Appendix:

- 1. Obstacle course test score card
- 2. Road test evaluation and & drive safe statement





**Safety Department** 

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#### **OBSTACLE COURSE SKILLS TESTING SCORE CARD**

The obstacle course is designed to evaluate a driver's ability to maneuver the ambulance vehicle through the individual obstacle stations within a reasonable time frame. Each obstacle station is intended to duplicate specific driving situation that drivers should be able to handle without brushing, moving or overturning any of the traffic cones and by stopping within 6 inches of each station's stop cone(s). Penalty points will be assessed for each cone infraction as noted in the chart below. Each driver will be given up to 3 practice runs and up to 3 test runs to pass the test, which means that the driver must move through the course smoothly within a reasonable time e frame and with no penalty points.

Employee Name:	Employee ID #	Date of test
EVOC Obstacle Course Instructor's Name:		

#### **Infraction Point Penalty Chart**

Infraction	# of penalty points
Brushing cone	1
Moving cone	2
Knocking cone down	3
Stopping 7-12 inches short of stop cone(s)	1
Stopping more than 12 inches short of stop cone(s)	2
Backing up to line up & enter obstacle course station	1 for each back up move made
Does not wear seat belt	1
Does not adjust seat and mirrors before starting the run	1

#### SCORE CARD

Obstacle #	Practice run 1	Practice run 2	Test run 1	Test run 2	Test run 3
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2 (dock 1)	1				
3 (dock 2)					
4 (dock 3)					
5 (diminishing lane)					
6 (stop line)	······································				
Total Penalty Points					
Timely run? Yes or No					
Pass or Fail	1		1		

COMMENTS (Note any problems or issues the driver has to resolve and action recommended to address the problem or issue in question, i.e. retake obstacle course testing, complete behind the wheel road test, practice driving on own time, etc.



# Driving Safety Policy Statement Signed original to file and a copy to Driver evaluated

I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ having passed the TransCare vehicle driving road test, I will abide by all TransCare policies and procedures regarding the safe operation of our emergency and non-emergency vehicles. I will obey the vehicle and traffic laws of the State of New York and the New York State Department of Health Agency policies regarding emergency and non-emergency vehicle operations.

I understand that the TransCare vehicles must be driven, at all times, using good judgment and due regard for the safety of others. I will operate any TransCare vehicle I drive with the headlights on at all times whether it is day or night. I will wear my seat belt at all times and along with my partner if any will ensure that all persons in the vehicle are belted in whenever the vehicle is in motion, with the exception of a patient care partner or any person administering active patient care.

Should the vehicle I operate be involved with any accident or incident, I will notify Operations immediately. By the completion of my shift, I will have completed the appropriate reports and documentation regarding the event and give all statement and reports to the Risk Management department within 24 fours if possible but no later than 48 hours. In the event of any vehicle accident I am involved in I will submit to a drug and alcohol test as required by company policy.

I will report to the Risk Management department, in writing, any driver license activity. Examples of license activity includes but is not limited to, revocations, suspensions, motor vehicle accidents, DWI/DUI or other violations that directly affect my legal ability to drive a TransCare vehicle.

If I become aware of a driving infraction that affects the operation of any TransCare vehicle I will notify and discuss it with Operations management as soon as possible. Red light camera summons deemed unjustified remain the operator's responsibility to pay.

I understand that failure to follow these aforementioned statements can result in driving privilege restriction, suspension, revocation or disciplinary actions up to and including termination.

By my signature below, I acknowledge that I understand the statements above. I have clarified any questions regarding them and will abide by them 100% of the time while operating a TransCare vehicle.

Operator's Name (Print):	
Operator's Signature:	Date:
Witness' Name (Print)	
Witness' Signature:	Date:
TE-B-06 Vehicle Operator Training	created: 9/12/05



To:	Peter Marino – Safety Manager	
From:	Training Officer/Supervisor:	
Subject:	Notification of Driving Status for Mr./Ms to become an authorized driver for TransCare	
Date: /	1	
Mr. / Ms		was evaluated via road test by
Print:	Sign:	
On Date:	Results of the test were as follows:	
Evaluator's In	nitial in box if driver is <b>approved</b> to drive TransCa	re Vehicle

This letter serves as verification that Mr. / Ms.

has successfully completed all prerequisites to operate a TransCare vehicle without restrictions. By their signature of the accompanying Driving Safety Policy Statement, the driver acknowledges and agrees to follow the rules, laws, policies and procedures outlined in the policy statement.

Evaluator's Initials in box if driver is not approved to drive TransCare Vehicle.

Reason(s) for the non-approval is as follows:

Because of the reasons noted above, the driver was not cleared for driving privileges. Driver was advised to work on reasons noted above and to re-attempt to pass the road test as noted below.

Date of re-evaluation will be on this date: \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_

Training officer/supervisor





# **EXHIBIT B**

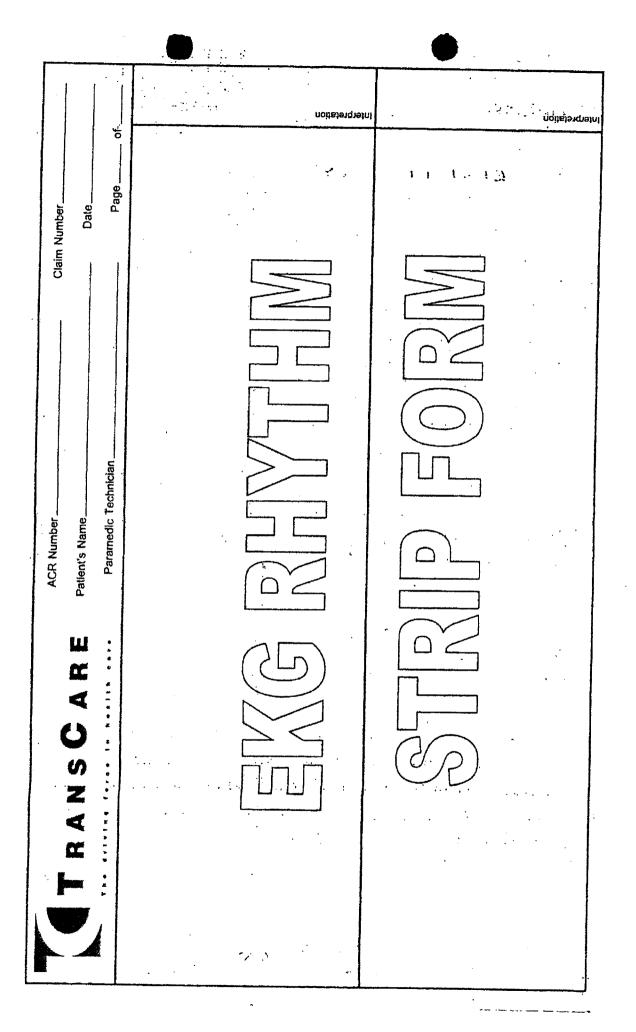
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RESPONSE TO PLAINTIFF'S SIXTH NOTICE FOR DISCOVERY AND INSPECTION

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September 4, 2015

<u>Via Regular Mail</u> Lewis, Brisbois, Bisgaard & Smith, LLP 77 Water Street, Suite 2100 New York, New York 10005 Attn: Joelle Jensen, Esq.

<u>Via Regular Mail</u> Wade Clark Mulcahy 111 Broadway, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor New York, New York 10006 Attn: Jung Lee, Esq.

Via Regular Mail Law Offices of Nancy L. Isserlis 36-01 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Long Island City, NY 11101 Attn: Nancy L. Isserlis, Esq.

> Re: Scuorzo v. Safdar, et al. Index No: 20812/2012 Our File No.: 10085

Counselors:

Enclosed herewith please find Notice for Physical Inspection of Roll Call Sing-In Log.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours, fillan /s/

Curtis Gilfillan

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Member Of: NJ & NY Bars \* NJ Bar \* NY Bar † PA Bar ‡ Partner\*

# SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX

## MICHELLE SCUORZO,

Plaintiff,

-against-

LUQMAN SAFDAR, FAYYAZ AHMAD, BIG APPLE CAR, INC., CITYWIDE MOBILE RESPONSE CORP., TRANSCARE AMBULANCE CORP., JOHN DOE, JANE DOE and ABC CORPORATION, Index No.: 20812/12E

NOTICE FOR PHYSICAL INSPECTION OF ROLL CALL SIGN-IN LOG

Defendants.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE**, that Plaintiff Michelle Scuorzo, by her attorneys, Albert Buzzetti & Associates, LLC, hereby demands that Defendant TRANSCARE AMBULANCE CORP. produce and make available to the undersigned, and to the co-defendants, for physical inspection and copying, within twenty (20) days from the date of service hereof, the following:

 The logbook entries/sheets for March 11, 2010 containing the Transcare roll call and employee sign-in as kept in the desk drawer in the fifth floor medical office to which Transcare has access and as testified to by Julia Villa at her deposition on or about August 17, 2015.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that your failure to comply with the foregoing demand will serve as a basis for a motion seeking, in whole or part, an order compelling the production of said inspection, an order precluding Defendants from introducing into evidence and from otherwise using the results of the above demanded inspection for any purpose whatsoever upon the trial of this action, and for issue/fact determination.

Dated: Englewood Cliffs, NJ September 4, 2015

Yours, etc.

Albert Buzzetti & Associates, LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff

By:

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## SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX

### MICHELLE SCUORZO,

Index No.: 20812-2012

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Plaintiff,

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Defendants.

Luisa Filippone, being duly sworn deposes and says that she is not a party to this action herein, is over the age of 18 years, and that she is a Legal Assistant for Albert Buzzetti, Esq., the attorney for the Plaintiff, Michelle Scuorzo, served the within Notice of Motion, Affirmation in Support with Exhibits A through H and Affirmation of Good Faith, by means of depository in a US Mail receptacle on October 2, 2015 on the following Defendants attorneys:

Vincent Terrasi, Esq. WADE CLARK MULCAHY 111 Broadway, 9th Floor New York, New York 10006

Joelle T. Jensen, Esq. LEWIS, BRISBOIS, BISGAARD & SMITH, LLC 77 Water Street, Suite 2100 New York, New York 10005

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September 25, 2015

Lewis, Brisbois, Bisgaard & Smith, LLP 77 Water Street, Suite 2100 New York, New York 10005 Attn: Joelle Jensen, Esq.

> Re: Scuorzo v. Safdar, et al. Index No: 20812/2012 Our File No.: 10085

Dear Ms. Jensen:

Please find this as the undersigned's good faith attempt to resolve the outstanding discovery dispute relative to the personnel logs for the day in question as prepared by Transcare which indicate the ambulance personnel and staffing present at MSG. To date I have received no further supplemental response to my March 27, 2015 post deposition demand now that your employee Julia Villa testified to the specific current location of the logs in question, nor have I received a response from you to my September 4, 2015 Notice for Physical Inspection of same personnel logs. In light of the long-standing demands and requests for these records, I will be forced to seek Court intervention to gain access to these documents/log books if they are not produced within the next 5 business days. Such good faith correspondence is being forwarded to you at this time so that all discovery, and necessary motion practice regarding same may be completed by or before the Note of Issue deadline of November 30, 2015.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Very truly your

Curtis B. Gilfillan

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX

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## SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX

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### MICHELLE SCUORZO,

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Plaintiff,

-against-

LUQMAN SAFDAR, FAYYAZ AHMAD, BIG APPLE CAR, INC., CITYWIDE MOBILE RESPONSE CORP., TRANSCARE AMBULANCE CORP., JOHN DOE, JANE DOE and ABC CORP., Index No. 20812/12

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## AFFIRMATION IN OPPOSITION

Defendants.

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NICHOLAS HURZELER, an attorney duly admitted to practice before the Courts of the State of New York, hereby affirms under the penalties of perjury as follows:

- 1. I am a member of the law firm LEWIS BRISBOIS BISGAARD & SMITH, counsel for the defendant TRANSCARE AMBULANCE CORP. (hereinafter "Transcare") in the above-captioned action, and I am fully familiar with the facts and circumstances of this case based on my review of the file kept by this law firm for the defense of the claims.
  - 2. I submit this affirmation in opposition to the motion by plaintiff for discovery

relief under CPLR 3124 and 3126. For all the reasons detailed below the plaintiff's motion should be denied in all respects, together with such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

### Summary of Argument

3. Plaintiff's motion should be denied because: (a) the "personnel logbook" is not under Transcare's possession and control and therefore Transcare cannot exchange it; plaintiff must obtain access to the logbook through non-parties Madison Square Garden and/or Sports &

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Entertainment Physicians, a fact of which plaintiff's counsel has been on notice since at least August 2015; and <u>(b)</u> plaintiff's demand for the contract between Transcare and Sports & Entertainment Physicians is without merit. The contract is not discoverable because it has no conceivable relevance to plaintiff's claims of negligence for this motor vehicle accident. As a stranger to the contract, plaintiff cannot sue for a purported breach of its terms, and she is not a third-party beneficiary.

4. The identical issue was already ruled upon by this Court with respect to plaintiff's claims regarding a purported breach of contract by co-defendant Big Apple with respect to its agreement with Bank of America, and this Court held that the contract was not relevant to plaintiff's claims because plaintiff "lacks standing" to sue for a breach of that contract because she was not a party thereto (Exhibit "A"). Since that ruling is now the "law of the case," this Court should likewise hold that the agreement between Transcare and SEP is also irrelevant on the same ground, and therefore not discoverable.

5. Thus, plaintiff's demand for a copy of the contract is a classic "fishing expedition" and should be denied by this Court. The contract also contains business secrets and is therefore privileged and confidential, and irrelevant on proximate cause grounds.

6. Finally, Transcare's timely and valid objections to plaintiff's demands should be upheld under the authorities discussed below. Nor has Transcare engaged in any "willful and contumacious" warranting penalties under CPLR 3126. Plaintiff does not claim, and cannot prove, that Transcare violated a single court order in this action. Plaintiff's vague claims of prior dilatory conduct by Transcare are also unavailing, because the prior round of discovery motions had nothing whatsoever to do with the discovery currently sought by plaintiff. Moreover, it was the plaintiff who was ultimately ordered by this Court to pay costs to Co-Defendant Big Apple in

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connection with overly-broad discovery demands (Exhibit "A"). Transcare by contrast, has complied with every court order in this action and has timely produced or objected to numerous overly-broad, irrelevant discovery demands made by plaintiff.

7. Accordingly plaintiff's motion should be denied in all respects, together with such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

#### **Relevant Procedural Background**

8. As stated in plaintiff's motion, this is an action for personal injuries. Plaintiff was a pedestrian who was struck by a black Lincoln Town Car operated by Co-Defendant Ahmad on March 11, 2010.

9. Party depositions have confirmed that Transcare's ambulance never made contact with the plaintiff. Rather, plaintiff's claim against Transcare is that its ambulance was entering the intersection with its lights on and sirens flashing, and this caused Ahmad to swerve, lose control and strike the plaintiff.

10. It is Transcare's position that it is not liable for the plaintiff's claimed damages because, inter alia, as an emergency response vehicle it is entitled to the protection of VTL §§ 1103 and 1104. By statute, as an ambulance company operating under emergency conditions, Transcare can only be held liable under a "reckless" standard rather than a "negligence" standard of care. Transcare was dispatched to pick up an injured person at Madison Square Garden (hereinafter "MSG") and was on its way to that assignment at the time of the accident, which qualifies as an emergency under VTL 114-b. Naturally, plaintiff's counsel is seeking to challenge the applicability of the "reckless" standard of VTL §§ 1103 and 1104.

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11. As noted in plaintiff's motion papers, Transcare's witness David Konig appeared for a deposition on March 17, 2015. Thereafter, plaintiff served a post-EBT demand for a copy of the contract between Transcare and Sports & Entertainment Physicians (hereinafter "SEP").

12. SEP is a non-party that provides medical services for athletes at MSG. Transcare contracted with SEP to provide ambulance services, and was providing said services at the time of the accident (in particular, for the Big East basketball tournament, as noted in plaintiff's papers).

13. Transcare has produced multiple witnesses for depositions, and has not violated any court orders for discovery (or otherwise) in this action (nor does plaintiff claim otherwise).

14. Transcare produced Julia Villa for a deposition on August 17, 2015, who testified in relevant part that Transcare is not in possession of the log book sought by plaintiff. The log book is in the sole possession and control of SEP and/or MSG (Exhibit "B" hereto). Accordingly plaintiff should have subpoenaed those entities rather than file the instant motion.

15. Also attached hereto is an affidavit of Joelle Jensen (Exhibit "C"), an attorney of this firm who explains that she made a good-faith effort to obtain the log book from MSG, but MSG's counsel explained that it would not comply with the request and would not allow the attorneys in this action to inspect the log book. Jensen explained MSG's opposition to the request in an email to plaintiff's counsel dated October 6, 2015 (within Exhibit "C").

16. MSG's position is understandable given that the log book almost certainly contains confidential health information about patients who are picked up by Transcare and/or treated by SEP, which MSG cannot exchange under HIPAA. Regardless, it is plaintiff's burden to obtain the log book from the entities that are in possession and control of it.

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## The Contract Is Not Discoverable Because It Is Irrelevant to Plaintiff's Claims; Plaintiff Is a Stranger to the Contract and Cannot Base Her Negligence Claims Upon a Purported Violation of the Terms of the Agreement Between Transcare and MSG

17. Although discoverability is generally a liberal standard under CPLR 3101, materials are not discoverable where, as here, there is no showing that their disclosure is reasonably calculated to lead to information relevant to the claims. See, <u>Haron v. Azoulay</u>, 2015 N.Y. Slip Op 7456 (1st Dept. 2015)(documents which are wholly irrelevant to the claims and are sought based on a speculative "fishing expedition" are not discoverable); <u>Abrams v. Pecile</u>, 83 A.D.3d 527, 527 (1st Dept. 2011)("no showing has been made that "the method of discovery sought will result in the disclosure of relevant evidence or is reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of information bearing on the claims").

18. In speculative fashion, plaintiff's counsel assumes and hopes that "the contract, upon information and belief set forth the number of ambulances required to be at Madison Square Garden for public events at any given time and as to ambulance response and replacement protocols (e.g. two ambulances required to be present at all times at public sporting events as per the New York State regulations and customary industry practice)" (plaintiff's motion, at paragraph "7").

19. Thus, counsel offers no evidence that the contract would support plaintiff's claims. Counsel merely hopes that such discovery might support his theory of negligence, "upon information and belief."

20. Plaintiff has not and cannot offer any evidence to suggest that the contract actually has any relevance to the claims. Even assuming arguendo that the contract (and logbook which, as further discussed below, is not under Transcare's possession or control) does contain

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such information as stated by counsel, it is not discoverable because it is not relevant to this motor vehicle accident. This is a classic "fishing expedition" by plaintiff.

21. Even assuming arguendo that Transcare was supposed to have, for example, two ambulances at Madison Square Garden pursuant to the contract, but only supplied one, and the Transcare ambulance that "startled" Fayyaz Ahmad was en route to MSG because another ambulance was not present, the contract has no relevance to plaintiff's claims against Transcare.

22. It is well settled that a plaintiff cannot sue based upon contract terms to which she was not a party or intended third-party beneficiary. Here, as a stranger to the contract terms, plaintiff cannot sue based upon a breach of its conditions. Nor could plaintiff plausibly be described as a "third-party beneficiary" of the contract under such circumstances.

23. "[A] contractual obligation, standing alone, will generally not give rise to tort liability in favor of a third party." <u>Espinal v. Melville Contrs.</u>, 98 N.Y.2d 136 (2002). In the absence of contractual privity, there can be no claim for breach of contract. <u>Four Winds of</u> <u>Saratoga v. Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Cent. NY</u>, 241 A.D.2d 906, 907 (3d Dept. 1997); see <u>Mark Patterson, Inc. v. R.M. Stephens & Co.</u>, 232 A.D.2d 178, 179 (1st Dept. 1996)(breach of contract claim "should have been dismissed, since defendant broker is not a party to the allegedly induced contract").

24. The only conceivable exceptions are not relevant here. Plaintiff cannot plausibly claim that Transcare, in allegedly omitting to provide enough ambulances at MSG, thereby fulfilled one of the exceptions identified by the Court of Appeals in <u>Espinal</u>, <u>supra</u>: (a) where the contracting party, in failing to exercise reasonable care in the performance of his duties, "launche[s] a force or instrument of harm"; (b) where the plaintiff detrimentally relies on the

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continued performance of the contracting party's duties; or (c) where the contracting party has entirely displaced the other party's duty to maintain a premises safely.

25. A passive omission is not enough under <u>Espinal</u> in order to "launch an instrument of harm," there must be some affirmative act of creating or exacerbating a dangerous condition. See, <u>Stiver v. Good & Fair Carting & Moving, Inc.</u>, 9 N.Y.3d 253, 257 (2007); <u>Foster v. Herbert</u> <u>Slepoy Corp.</u>, 76 A.D.3d 210, 215 (2d Dept. 2010). Thus, passively omitting to provide enough ambulances at MSG, as per the speculation of plaintiff's counsel, is not "launching an instrument of harm" as a matter of law.

26. The identical issue was already ruled upon by this Court with respect to plaintiff's claims regarding a purported breach of contract by co-defendant Big Apple with respect to its agreement with Bank of America (Exhibit "A").

27. This Court held that the contract was not relevant to plaintiff's claims because plaintiff lacks standing to sue for a breach of that contract. Since that ruling is now the "law of the case," this Court should likewise hold that the agreement between Transcare and SEP is also irrelevant on the same ground, and therefore not discoverable.

28. See, <u>Matter of Dondi v. Jones</u>, 40 N.Y.2d 8 (1976)(explaining that under the law of the case doctrine, once an issue has been litigated it cannot be re-litigated). Just like Big Apple's contract with Bank of America, plaintiff cannot sue based on a purported breach of the Transcare/SEP agreement to which she was not a party.

29. Additionally, on proximate cause grounds, the plaintiff's theory that perhaps Transcare did not staff enough ambulances at MSG somehow rendered it foreseeable that it would need to summon an ambulance from Brooklyn, that would then startle a livery cab that would lose control and strike a pedestrian, is without merit. <u>Palsgraf v. LIRR</u>, 162 N.E. 99

(1928)(holding that the defendant's claimed negligence is not a proximate cause of the plaintiff's damages unless the specific damages were a reasonably foreseeable result of the defendant's conduct). Accordingly the contract is irrelevant and not discoverable.

30. Stated differently, the plaintiff's position that emergency vehicles cannot operate within New York City using lights and sirens is without merit. Under plaintiff's reasoning Transcare would not be able to use lights and sirens at all, and every instance in which such emergency measures were needed, would equate to a foreseeable motor vehicle accident. An accident is not foreseeable merely because lights and sirens proved necessary. Under such logic, police and emergency vehicles would never be permitted to operate.

31. In sum, since the terms of the contract have no relevance to the motor vehicle accident, the contract has no relevance to the plaintiff's claims under the foregoing authorities, and plaintiff's motion should be denied.

#### Point 2

## Additionally, the Contract Is Privileged and Confidential Because it <u>Contains Business Secrets Concerning Transcare's Business Arrangements With SEP</u>

32. The contract is also privileged and confidential because it contains the terms of Transcare's confidential agreement with Sports & Entertainment Physicians. <u>Curtis v. Complete</u> <u>Foam Insulation Corp.</u>, 116 A.D.2d 907, 909 (3d Dept. 1986); see also, <u>Rooney v. Hunter</u>, 26 A.D.2d 891; <u>Interstate Cigar Co. v I.B.I. Sec. Serv.</u>, 105 Misc.2d 179, 183.

33. Here, the demanded contract contains pricing and other sensitive and confidential information concerning Transcare's business arrangements with MSG and SEP. Accordingly it is not discoverable and in any event, has no relevance to this action under CPLR 3101.

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#### Point 3

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## Plaintiff's Motion to Compel Production of the Log Book Should Be Denied Because Transcare Does Not Possess or Control the Log Book; Plaintiff's Counsel Has Been Aware of that Fact Since at Least August 2015 And Should Have Subpoenaed MSG or SEP to Obtain it, Rather Than File This Motion

34. Only MSG and/or SEP are in possession and control of the Log Book sought by plaintiff. Accordingly Transcare cannot produce it, and plaintiff is not entitled to penalties under CPLR 3126. See, Christian v. City of New York, 269 A.D.2d 135 (1st Dept. 2000).

35. Plaintiff is already aware of this fact, based on the deposition testimony of Transcare's witness, Julia Villa. The relevant portions of her deposition are annexed hereto as Exhibit "A."

36. Villa explains that the log book is in the possession of SEP and MSG. The log book is kept in a doctor's desk at the facility. The doctor is not a Transcare employee, and Transcare cannot access his desk or compel him to produce it (see Exhibit "B").

37. Defense counsel for Transcare, Joelle Jensen, submits an affidavit (Exhibit "C" hereto). Jensen explains that on or about October 6, 2015, she spoke to an attorney for MSG by the name of Tarshis, over the phone, who advised that the log book is not the property of MSG and that Transcare cannot obtain access to it. She advised plaintiff's counsel of MSG's opposition to the request in an email (within Exhibit "C").

38. MSG is in control of security arrangements at the facility and does not permit anyone to enter the facility and take documents from a doctor's desk. Tarshis explained that MSG is not willing to allow 3-4 attorneys into the facility for the purpose of inspecting and/or photographing the log book.

39. Thus, the burden is on plaintiff's counsel to subpoen MSG and/or SEP for the purpose of inspecting the log book. Transcare has no access to the log book, and plaintiff should

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not have filed the instant motion to compel Transcare to produce materials that plaintiff's counsel is well aware Transcare does not have, and cannot produce in the course of discovery.

40. Additionally, plaintiff's motion is also without merit because the log book clearly contains health information for anyone treated by SEP. As such, the log book is protected by HIPAA and is privileged and confidential. Plaintiff's cavalier disregard of such issues underscores the lack of merit to the instant application.

#### Point 4

#### Transcare Has Not Engaged in "Willful and Contumacious" Conduct

41. Plaintiff's claim that Transcare has engaged in "willful and contumacious" conduct is wholly without merit, and contrary to the evidence and procedural background of this case. Plaintiff has not and cannot point to a single court order disobeyed by Transcare.

42. Transcare has always timely responded to plaintiff's demands with either the materials or valid objections. Plaintiff in this action has issued extensive, far-reaching demands for documents, depositions and Notices to Admit which have been overly-broad and not reasonably calculated to lead to materials "material and necessary" for the prosecution of the action under CPLR 3101.

43. Transcare was obliged to cross-move for a protective order in one instance, that was resolved by so-ordered stipulation. Plaintiff was previously ordered to pay costs to Co-Defendant Big Apple in connection with motion practice over discovery demands that this Court determined were overly broad (Exhibit "A"). Moreover, for all the reasons detailed above, Transcare's contract with SEP is not discoverable and Transcare's objections to its production are valid, and Transcare does not have possession of the log book. Accordingly plaintiff's claim

that Transcare has engaged in "willful and contumacious" conduct is wholly meritless and plaintiff's motion should be denied.

WHEREFORE, defendants respectfully requests that the plaintiff's motion be denied in all respects, together with such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

Dated: New York, New York November 23, 2015

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Yours, etc.

LEWIS, BRISBOIS, BISGAARD & SMITH, LLP

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#### SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX INDEX NO.: 20812/2012

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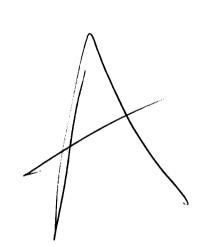
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## SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX: PART 10e

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Michelle Scuorzo,

#### Plaintiff,

DECISION and ORDER Index No 20812/2012E

-against-

Luqman Safdar, Fayyaz Ahmad, Big Apple Car, Inc., Response Corp., Transcare Ambulance Corp., John Doe, Jane Doe and ABC Corp.,

Defendants.

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Recitation pursuant to CPLR § 2219(a) of the papers considered in reviewing the underlying motion to amend the complaint:

Notice of Motion and annexed Exhibits	1
Notice of Cross-Motion and annexed Exhibits	
Affirmation in Opposition and annexed Exhibits	3

Plaintiff Scuorzo claims that she sustained serious injuries as a result of the defendants' negligence. Ms. Scuorzo alleges that Bank of America entered into a contract with Big Apple Car, Inc. ("Big Apple") to transport bank employees through "subcontractor" black cars. The plaintiff, a pedestrian, was struck on 3/11/10 by a vehicle transporting bank employees that was owned by defendant Fayyaz Ahmad and driven by defendant Luqman Safdar, Big Apple subcontractors.

The plaintiff commenced an action against the defendants and now seeks leave to amend the complaint to add three new causes of action against defendant Big Apple for breach of contract and violations of New York General Business Law §§ 349 and 350. Ms. Scuorzo maintains that she is an intended third-party beneficiary. The plaintiff claims that Big Apple breached the contract by failing to procure auto liability insurance. The plaintiff further maintains that Big Apple engaged in false advertising and deceptive practices by breaching the contract.

Defendant Big Apple cross-moves for sanctions pursuant to 22 NYCRR 130-1.1 for costs relative to the plaintiff's motion to amend and the defendant's cross-motion. It contends that it

procured the proper insurance but had it failed to do so, the plaintiff is not an intended thirdparty beneficiary and therefore lacks standing.

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#### DISCUSSION

A party may amend his or her pleadings by setting forth additional or subsequent transactions or occurrences at any time by leave of court. (CPLR § 3025[b].) Granting the amendment of a pleading is within the sole discretion of the court. (*Pellegrino v NYC Transit Authority*, 177 AD2d 554 [2<sup>nd</sup> Dept 1991].) Although it is freely granted in the absence of prejudice or surprise to the opposing party (*Spitzer v Schussel*, 48 AD3d 233, *supra*, quoting *Loomis v Civetta Corinno Constr. Corp.*, 444 NYS2d 571 [1981]), leave should "not be granted upon mere request without appropriate substantiation." (*Guzman v Mike's Pipe Yard*, 35 AD3d 266 [1<sup>st</sup> Dept 2006], *citing Brennan v City of New York*, 99 AD2d 445 [1984].)

In the context of a third-party beneficiary claim, the plaintiff must establish: 1) the existence of a valid and binding contract between other parties; (2) that the contract was intended for [its] benefit, and (3) that the benefit to [it] is sufficiently immediate...to indicate the assumption by the contracting parties of a duty to compensate [it] if the benefit is lost." (Mandarin Trading Ltd v Wildenstein, 16 NY3d 173 [2009] citing Mendel v Henry Phipps Plaza W., Inc., 6 NY3d 783, 786, 811 NYS2d 294, 844 NE2d 748 [2006].)

The plaintiff claims that Big Apple breached its contractual obligations by failing to procure auto liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$1,000,000 plus excess coverage in the amount of \$5,000,000 as marketed, advertised and contracted with Bank of America. By way of opposition, the defendant proffers its Response to Plaintiff's Demand for Insurance Information and policies to establish that the insurance was timely procured. The Court accordingly finds that there was no breach of contract.

In any event, the plaintiff lacks privity and standing to challenge any purported breach of contract between Big Apple and Bank of America since she is not an intended third-party beneficiary. Section 3.12 of Schedule A requires Big Apple's subcontractors to operate vehicles in a safe manner to assure the safety of passengers, the general public, the driver and the vehicle. The plaintiff submits that Schedule A thus creates three classes of intended contract beneficiaries: 1) Bank of America and its employees, agents and servants; 2) the owners and

drivers of the subcontracted vehicles comprising the Big Apple fleet that provided services pursuant to the contract; and 3) persons injured by the Big Apple fleet while transporting passengers pursuant to the contract. The plaintiff's argument is belied by her moving papers, which attach a copy of the contract.

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The best evidence of the intent to bestow a benefit upon a third-party is the language of the contract itself. (767 Third Ave LLC v Orix Capital Markets, LLC, 26 A.D.3d 216 [1<sup>st</sup> Dept 2006].) Paragraph 27.12 of the contract plainly states:

This Agreement shall be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of the Parties and their respective permitted successors and assigns. Except as expressly set forth in this Agreement and with the exception of the Affiliates of the Bank of America, the Parties do not intend the benefits of this Agreement to inure to any third party, and nothing contained herein shall be construed as creating any right, claim or cause of action in favor of any such other third party, against either of the Parties hereto.

Paragraph 28.1 of the contract further states in pertinent part:

This Agreement, the Schedules, and other documents incorporated herein by reference, is the final, full and exclusive expression of the agreement of the Parties and supersedes all prior agreements, understandings, writings, proposals, representations and communications, oral or written, of either Party with respect to the subject matter hereof and the transactions hereby.

After careful consideration and review, the Court finds that the plaintiff lacks standing to sue for any purported breach of contract. The Court denies the plaintiff's motion to amend in its entirety for lack of merit. The Court notes that the proposed causes of action that allege that the defendant violated General Business Law §§ 349 and 350 relevant to "deceptive business

practices and false advertising" are similarly "without appropriate substantiation." (Guzman v Mike's Pipe Yard, 35 AD3d 266, supra.)

The defendant's cross-motion is granted. The plaintiff shall pay costs in the amount of \$250 to defendant Big Apple within 45 days.

A copy of this Order with notice of entry shall be served within 30 days. This is the Decision and Order of the Court.

Dated: March 19, 2015

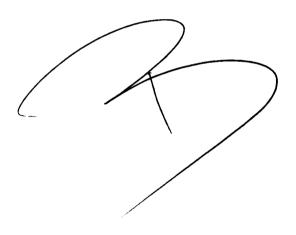
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So ordered,

Hon. Lizbeth González, JSC



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## SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX

#### MICHELLE SCUORZO,

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Plaintiff,

-against-

Index No. 20812/12

## LUQMAN SAFDAR, FAYYAZ AHMAD, BIG APPLE CAR, INC., CITYWIDE MOBILE RESPONSE CORP., TRANSCARE AMBULANCE CORP., JOHN DOE, JANE DOE and ABC CORP.,

## **AFFIDAVIT**

Defendants.

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**JOELLE JENSEN**, being duly sworn, deposes and states the following to be true under the penalties of perjury as follows:

SS.:

- 1. I am a member of the law firm Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith, counsel for the defendant Transcare in this action.
- I have personal knowledge of the facts and circumstances of this case, having personally handled this file for the past several years, including but not limited to conducting multiple depositions and participating in motion practice and discovery.
- 3. I am aware that plaintiff has been seeking access to a log book kept by non-party Sports & Entertainment Physicians in connection with her claim that Transcare was purportedly negligent in failing to adequately staff and/or equip Madison Square Garden with enough ambulance services on the date of the accident.

4. In a good-faith effort to obtain a copy of the log book in response to plaintiff's demand, even though Transcare does not possess it, on or about October 14, 2015, I spoke to an attorney for MSG by the name of Roberta Tarshis, over the phone .

- 5. Tarshis advised that the log book is not the property of SEP and refused to allow access to the log book.
- 6. She explained that MSG is in control of security arrangements at the facility. MSG does not want attorneys entering the facility for the purpose of examining the log book that is kept in a doctor's desk in SEP's area of the facility. I sent an email to plaintiff's counsel explaining that Tarshis was opposed to the request (see email attached hereto).
- These facts were also discussed at Transcare's deposition by Julia Villa. Thus, plaintiff's counsel has known for some time that Transcare does not have the log book and cannot produce it.
- If plaintiff wants access to it, plaintiff should subpoen MSG and/or SEP but the subpoena may be quashed since the book likely contains protected information under HIPAA.

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9. Transcare has no access to the log book and plaintiff should not have filed the instant motion to compel Transcare to produce materials that plaintiff's counsel is well aware Transcare does not have, and cannot produce in the course of discovery.

Dated: New York, New York November 23, 2015

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Sworn to before me on the 23 day of November, 2015

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8	INC., CITYWIDE MOBILE RESPONSE COR, TRANSCARE AMBULANCE CORP., JOHN DOE, JANE DOE, and ABC CORPORATION,		
9		DEFENDANTS.	
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16	Witness, JULIA VILLA, ta	aken by the	
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1 J. VILLA 2 should be indicated in that book? 3 In the log sheet. Α. 4 0. In the log sheet? 5 Α. Yes. 6 MR. TERRASI: Can I take a 7 quick break? 8 (Whereupon, a short recess was 9 taken.) 10 Ms. Villa, we're going to talk 0. 11 a little bit more about the logbook and 12 just for clarification, this is the logbook 13 that we were just talking about where the 14 Transcare personnel will sign in with the 15 time that they arrive. 16 A. Okay. 17 Q. Where, physically, in Madison 18 Square Garden is that logbook located? 19 In the medical office. Α. 20 Which medical office? 0. 21 Α. Fifth floor. 22 Q. Where in the fifth floor 23 medical office? 24 It's on the counter. Α. Particularly, for someone who 25 Q. DIAMOND REPORTING (718) 624-7200 info@diamondreporting.com 55

1 J. VILLA 2 hasn't been in that room, could you 3 describe, physically, where in that room it 4 would be? 5 Α. On the counter, by the sink is 6 the best way to describe it, yes. 7 0. And when was the last time you 8 saw that logbook? 9 Α. Whenever I was -- the last time 10 I was at the Garden. 11 Ο. Would that be the last six 12 months? 13 Α. Yes. 14 0. How far back does that logbook 15 go, that particular one that you saw last 16 time you were there? 17 Α. Not that far back because 18 it's -- I don't know. I can't recall when 19 we opened it, but maybe 2014, but I'm not 20 sure. I know it's recent. It's actually, 21 practically, a new book. 22 What does that book look like? 0. Is it a looseleaf binder? Is it a spiral 23 24 notebook? 25 Α. No. It's one of those long

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J. VILLA 1 2 legal books. 3 A legal ledger? Q. I believe that's what they call Α. 4 5 it. 6 Does it have a hard cover? Q. 7 Α. Hard cover, numbers on the 8 pages, yes. 9 0. When was the last time you saw the logbook prior to the 2014 to present 10 11 loqbook? 12 Α. Which? We talked about the fact, 13 Q. before, that there were logbooks going back 14 in time prior to this and that they were 15 also maintained at Madison Square Garden? 16 A. 17 Right. Where, physically, are those 18 Q. 19 prior logbooks maintained in Madison Square 20 Garden? The prior logbooks are in the 21 Α. doctor's office in the back. 22 On the fifth floor? 23 **Q**. 24 Α. Yes. Where in the doctor's office 25 Q. info@diamondreporting.com DIAMOND REPORTING (718) 624-7200

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1 J. VILLA 2 maintain any documents that would indicate 3 what time those games were? 4 They would be in that logbook. Α. 5 Q. Did you fill out that top 6 portion, the items we just talked about? 7 Yes. Α. 8 Q. And then, on the very bottom, 9 it says, completed by Julia Villa. That 10 would be you? 11 Α. Yes. Title, SUPV. That's 12 Q. 13 supervisor? 14 Α. Yes. 15 Is that your signature beneath 0. 16 supervisor? 17 Α. Yes. Directly across from that, on 18 0. 19 the bottom, it says, telephone number. Whose number is that, if you know? 20 21 Α. Yes. That's the company number and then that's Rob Hirsch's extension. 22 That's Transcare's number? 23 Q. 24 Α. Yes. According to the cover sheet of 25 0.

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J. VILLA 1 Vincent Terrasi and I am an attorney for a 2 3 company called Big Apple Car and I have a 4 couple follow-up questions for you. 5 The rules basically remain the If you can't hear me, I'll speak up. 6 same. 7 Please speak up also. Wait for me to finish my 8 question so we can get a clear record of 9 10 it. I just want to ask a few 11 12 follow-ups. 13 Α. Okay. Now, going back to this 14 0. logbook, it is your understanding that they 15 are MSG, Madison Square Garden, property, 16 17 correct? That is correct. 18 Α. Now, the doctor who sits in the 19 0. doctor's office, that's not an MSG 20 employee, is it? 21 They're contracted, I 22 Α. No. I don't know the whole thing with 23 believe. how they're contracted, but I believe 24 they're contracted through Transcare or I 25

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	1	J. VILLA
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	3	MS. JENSEN:
	4	Q. What about a flag down? Would
	5	you be notified if an ambulance en route to
	6	MSG was stopped for a flag down?
	7	MR. TERRASI: Objection.
	8	A. No.
	9	(Whereupon, at 4:17 P.M., the
	10	examination of this witness was
	11	concluded.)
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	13	A. A. M.
	14	JULIA VILLA
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## MICHELLE SCUORZO.

Plaintiff.

## -against-

LUQMAN SAFDAR, FAYYAZ AHMAD, BIG APPLE CAR, INC., CITYWIDE MOBILE RESPONSE CORP., TRANSCARE AMBULANCE CORP., JOHN DOE, JANE DOE and ABC CORPORATION.

Defendants.

# AFFIRMATION IN OPPOSITION

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Pursuant to 22 NYCRR 130-1.1, the undersigned, an attorney admitted to practice in the courts of New York State, certifies that, upon information and belief and reasonable inquiry, the contentions contained in the annexed document are not frivolous.

Dated: 11/23/15

Signature

Print Signer's Name Nicholas Hurzeler, Esq.

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## Attorney(s) for Defendant: Transcare Ambulance Corp.

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MICHELLE SCUORZO,

Plaintiff,

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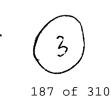
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Hon. Laura G. Douglas

Defendants.

**CURTIS B. GILFILLAN, ESQ.,** an attorney duly admitted to practice law by and before the Courts of the State of New York, hereby affirms under the penalty of perjury:

- I am associated with the law firm of Albert Buzzetti & Associates, LLC, attorneys for the Plaintiff in the above-referenced matter. As such, I am familiar with the facts and circumstances surrounding this matter based on a review of the file maintained by my office and my participation in the proceedings heretofore had herein.
- 2. I submit this Affirmation in Reply to Defendant Transcare's Affirmation in Opposition and in further support of Plaintiff's motion for an order pursuant to CPLR §§3124 and 3126: 1) compelling Defendant Transcare to provide responses to Plaintiff's discovery demands; namely the contract between Transcare and Sports & Entertainment Physicians and the Transcare personnel logbook for Madison Square Garden; 2) alternatively, for an



order finding those issues to which the disputed discovery is relevant to be deemed resolved in Plaintiff's favor; 3) alternatively, for an order prohibiting and/or precluding Defendants from supporting or opposing claims or defenses to which the disputed discovery is relevant and from producing any of the disputed items as demanded into evidence or other use in any substantive motion prior to or at trial; together with such other, further and different relief that this Court may deem just and proper, including but not limited to the costs and attorneys fees incurred in the making of the instant motion.

- 3. The contract and personnel log in question are essential evidence to Plaintiff's claims as against Transcare in the instant lawsuit wherein Plaintiff alleges the improper emergency response by a Transcare ambulance to Madison Square Garden in a non-emergent situation, which improper emergent response, using lights and sirens and proceeding through a red light caused a second vehicle to swerve in avoidance of the ambulance and strike Plaintiff, a pedestrian on the sidewalk. It is alleged that the ambulance in question was responding to Madison Square Garden in an emergency mode (and disregarding traffic laws) due to an improper staffing issue and not because it was responding to an injury call requiring urgent response. By its nature this issue raises some serious public policy issues as to the safety of the citizens of New York City.
- 4. The contract and personnel logbook will, upon information and belief, identify the number of ambulances Transcare was to have at Madison Square Garden for the Big East Tournament in question and the number of ambulances and driver/EMTs were actually present. This goes directly to the issue of Transcare staffing the event in question

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improperly and calling an ambulance in under emergency mode (where it ran with lights and sirens and against red lights) just to have the proper staffing, rather than in response to an actual injury requiring the emergent provision of medical services. Defendant Transcare alleges the affirmative defense of "emergency response" under VTL §1104, however, in order to receive the benefit of this defense, the ambulance must be in an emergency operation. Responding to a staffing issue and not a medical emergency and does not qualify as an emergency response. The contract and personnel log are crucial evidence necessary for Plaintiff to address an argument and issue initially raised by the Defendant Transcare.

- 5. Defendant Transcare's argument that the instant matter is a "fishing expedition" is misplaced. It is wholly within reason and good faith to believe that a contract to provide ambulance services to a particular venue will discuss/address the number of ambulances to be provided, and that the logbook will indicate the number of ambulances/drivers that were actually present. As discussed above, and in the papers below, this issue is a central focus of the case, and is an affirmative defense raised by the Defendant Transcare.
- 6. Similarly, Plaintiff is not proffering support of a breach of contract claim here, but rather seeking information/discovery as some evidence of negligence of the Defendant in negligently operating an ambulance in an emergency mode, when same was not called for, and causing injury to a pedestrian when she was struck by a livery cab trying to avoid the improperly operating ambulance.

- 7. Even in this Court were to consider Defendant Transcare's argument under the Espinal v. <u>Melville Contrs.</u>, 98 N.Y.2d 136 (2002) case, Defendant Transcare's actions in sending an ambulance in emergency mode through New York City under lights and sirens and running red lights to solve a staffing problem rather than responding to a medical emergency could be classified as nothing other than "launching a force or instrument of harm". This can hardly be seen as a passive omission.
- 8. The causal connection of this argument to the happening of the accident is clear, and Defendant Transcare's argument in this light is misplaced. In fact, Defendant Transcare has raised the issue in question as to the status of the ambulance being in "emergency operation" by their proffer of the VTL §1104 Emergency Response affirmative defense. They cannot now argue that the issue is irrelevant.
- 9. With respect to Defendant Transcare's argument as to the privileged and confidential nature of the contract in question, said arguments can be easily address through redaction and/or confidentiality restrictions imposed by the Court, inasmuch as Plaintiff is only seeking a very narrowly tailored category of information within the contract. Plaintiff has offered such a compromise to Defendant, however, same has been rebuffed and Defendant Transcare continues to refuse to disclose the contract in question.
- In addressing the issue of the "ownership" of the personnel log in question, a review of
   the totality of the evidence, especially the response by Roberta Tarshis, the MSG attorney,
   to the Plaintiff's post deposition demand for the log, clearly indicates that Transcare has

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ownership, control, access and at least shared possession of the logbook in question, and the ability to produce same in response to the underlying demand of Plaintiff.

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- 11. Annexed hereto as Exhibits "A", "B" and "C" are the more complete excerpts of the deposition transcripts of David Konig and Julia Villa, Transcare Supervisors, and Karen Hoffman, the Madison Square Garden Director of Event Services. The attached excerpts clearly show that Transcare employees filled out the logbook as to employees present at Madison Square Garden, that Transcare employees have the key cards to access the logbooks and that Madison Square Garden contacts Transcare to obtain information from the logbooks when Madison Square Garden has questions as to personnel.
- 12. Transcare's arguments that ownership of the records and access to them is controlled by Madison Square is completely belied by the Madison Square Garden attorneys response to the e-mail demand by Plaintiff after the non-party deposition of MSG employee Karen Hoffman for the logbook in question, where Roberta Tarshis specifically responded that: "Those logbooks are the records of Transcare. They give MSG access to them but Transcare maintains them and controls access. You need to direct this request to them." This response is crystal clear as to the ownership, access and control of and over the logs as belonging to Transcare. A copy of the demand and response is annexed hereto as Exhibit "D".
- Transcare likewise attempted to obtain copies of the contract and logbook in question directly from Sports & Entertainment Physicians by way of non-party subpoena dated

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March 30, 2015. In response to the subpoena, Sports & Entertainment physicians provided that it is not in possession of the contract in question nor the logbook in question. A copy of the non-party subpoena and response are annexed hereto as **Exhibit** "**E**".

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- 14. Based on the foregoing, and contrary to the assertions of Defendant Transcare, the ownership, access and control of and over the logbook in question as being within the purview of Defendant Transcare is beyond a doubt.
- 15. Much as with the contract, Plaintiff is not seeking any protected information from the logbook in question, but is rather seeking a very limited scope of materials/information from same; namely the personnel sign-ins for the date of the accident, the remainder of the information can be easily redacted and/or addressed by way of in camera review by the Court.
- 16. The demands in question are finely tailored, precision discovery demands seeking materials centrally relevant to issues and defenses as raised by Defendant Transcare in the first instance. Defednant Transcare knew or should have known of the propriety of the demands and the material relevancy of the materials sought and ought to have disclosed same, but rather have wilfully and contumaciously refused to do so inasmuch as the documents requested are likely to be adverse to their defense of this action.

WHEREFORE, it is respectfully requested that Plaintiff's motion be granted in its

entirety, together with such other, further and different relief as this Court deems just and proper,

including an award of counsel fees and costs relative to the making of the instant motion.

Dated: Englewood Cliffs, NJ November 25, 2015

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1	D. KONIG
2	MR. GILFILLAN: What I'm trying
3	to get at here, what I'm trying to
4	ask, and what you're obstructing, is
5	I'm trying to figure out what
6	paperwork or documentation is
7	generated, okay, if they have to call
8	an ambulance, which they did, that
9	was not at the Garden, which it
10	wasn't.
11	Q. Is there any documentation to
12	show that?
13	MR. TERRASI: Is that a
14	question?
15	MR. GILFILLAN: Yes.
16	MR. TERRASI: Read back the
17	question.
18	(Whereupon, the referred to
19	question was read back by the
20	Reporter.)
21	MR. TERRASI: I'm going to
22	object to the form.
23	A. Not to my knowledge.
24	Q. Back in 2010, were there any
25	logs to indicate who particularly was

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1 D. KONTG 2 assigned to Madison Square Garden events, 3 such as the Big East Tournament? 4 Α. There would have been a 5 schedule. 6 And that would indicate which Ο. units were assigned to be standby at 7 Madison Square Garden? 8 9 Α. That would indicate the No. 10 personnel. 11 Anything other than the Ο. 12 schedule that would show which personnel 13 were assigned to Madison Square Garden? 14 Assigned, no. There would be a Α. 15 record of who was actually there. Um, 16 occasionally people who are assigned call 17 out or off, whatever. And, so, 18 replacements would be brought in. And, so, 19 they would actually sign in the book. Everybody signs in a log that's kept at the 20 Garden, your state number and your name. 21 22 Is that a Transcare book or is Ο. 23 that --24 Α. No. 25 -- a Madison Square Garden 0.

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2	book?
3	A. It's a, as far as I know, a
4	Madison Square Garden book.
5	Q. Is that specifically called
6	anything?
7	A. Not to my knowledge.
8	The book.
9	Q. Other than the book, is there
10	any other documentation to indicate what
11	Transcare personnel were assigned on
12	standby at Madison Square Garden? At any
13	given time in 2010?
14	A. The schedule.
15	Q. That's it?
16	A. Yes.
17	Q. If someone were assigned and
18	did not make it to their assignment on a
19	given day, would there be any documentation
20	of that?
21	A. There should be an entry into
22	their employee record for an absence.
23	Q. Well, let me ask you this, sir.
24	If, assuming for the purpose of
25	this question, that Matos and Tross were

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1 D. KONIG 2 Α. No. 3 Anyone from Madison Square Q. 4 Garden? 5 Α. Not stationed there. 6 0. Okay. 7 People from Madison Square Α. 8 Garden are in and out of the office. 9 Ο. Have you worked the Big East 10 Tournament at Madison Square Garden before? 11 Α. Um, I might have. 12 I'm not a basketball fan. 13 Ο. Have you worked a Knicks event 14 before? 15 Α. Yes, sir. You've worked other events at 16 Ο. 17 the Garden, as well? 18 Yes, sir. Α. 19 Including hockey games? Q. 20 Α. Yes, sir. 21 Is there a standard number of Ο. 22 EMTs and/or ambulance drivers that are 23 assigned to the Garden for a sporting 24 event? 25 Α. For the arena, yes.

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1 D. KONIG 2 0. And what would that standard 3 number be? 4 Α. Um --5 Ο. Let's limit this to 2010. 6 Α. Right. 7 So, it would be two ambulances, two drivers, four EMTs, one paramedic, one 8 9 supervisor. 10 Ο. Four EMTs -- I didn't get the 11 last part. 12 One paramedic, one supervisor. Α. 13 0. Other than the schedule, would 14 there be any documentation to indicate what 15 time any or all of those personnel arrived 16 at Madison Square Garden on a given day? 17 Α. Not to my knowledge for 2010. 18 Do you know if the standard 0. 19 number of personnel that you've just described were assigned to Madison Square 20 Garden for the March 11th, 2010 Big East 21 22 Tournament? 23 Α. I don't know. 24 0. Do you know if there were any ambulance drivers or EMTs present at 25

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1 D. KONIG 2 "D" is a discharge. 3 Is there any indicator for a Q. transport that's non-emergent? 4 5 Α. Admission or discharge. 6 Ο. Okay. 7 Α. "O" is also non-emergent. 8 Those are usually for patients who are going to their doctor's appointments. 9 10 Private doctor's offices. 11 And would all calls from the Ο. 12 Garden be dispatched as emergent calls, 13 code one calls? 14 Α. Yes. 15 0. Next to that, it says Two Penn Plaza. Do you see that? 16 17 Α. Yes, sir. 18 Ο. What does that indicate to you? 19 Α. That is the address for Madison 20 Square Garden. 21 And to the right of that there Ο. is an asterisk, A dash. What does that 22 mean to you, if anything? 23 24 Α. That just means that it's a 25 priority account.

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1 D. KONIG 2 Ο. And what does a priority 3 account mean? 4 It's basically -- it's not a Α. 5 health care facility. So, therefore, all 6 responses there are generally going to be 7 emergencies. 8 I didn't hear the last part. Ο. 9 Α. Are generally going to be 10 emergencies. 11 So, anything off an A list 0. client is generally going to be an 12 13 emergency? 14 Α. Yes. 15 Ο. Regardless of what the injury 16 or condition is? 17 Α. It's going to be dispatched as 18 an emergency. 19 And when you say "A list Q. 20 client," that would be Madison Square 21 Garden would qualify as an A list client? 22 Α. Yes. 23 They are not a health care 24 facility. 25 Once we get below that top Q. DIAMOND REPORTING (718)624-7200 info@diamondreporting.com

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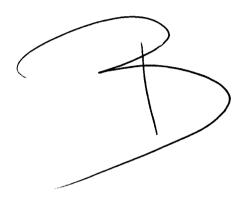
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2	place?
3	A. No.
4	MR. TERRASI: I have nothing
5	· further.
6	Thank you very much.
7	MR. POMERANCE: Thank you.
8	MR. GILFILLAN: I have no
9	further questions.
10	(Whereupon, at 4:09 p.m., the
11	examination of this witness was
12	concluded.)
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15	DAVID KONIG
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17	Subscribed and sworn to before me
18	this 15 day of MACh 2015.
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1 J. VILLA 2 Transcare? 3 Α. What are my other duties? 4 Ο. Yes. 5 Α. I'm a supervisor as well. 6 Ο. When did you first become a 7 supervisor for Transcare? 8 Α. A year and a half after I 9 started working with the company. 10 Ο. Do you know what approximate 11 year that would have been? 12 I think I started back in 2001. Α. 13 Maybe between 2002, 2003, roughly. 14 Ο. Between 2002 and 2003, you 15 became a supervisor and when you began 16 working for Transcare, you were still an 17 EMT basic and a supervisor as well? 18 Α. Yes. 19 0. What were your duties and 20 responsibilities, particularly, as a supervisor, if they differed at all from 21 22 that of an EMT basic? 23 Α. There's just a couple added 24 stuff onto the EMT basic. I would -- I'm 25 in charge of making sure my staff members

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1	J. VILLA
2	Q. Prior to March 11th of 2010,
3	have you had the opportunity to work at
4	Madison Square Garden as a supervisor?
5	A. Yes.
6	Q. Prior to March 11th, 2010, have
7	you had the opportunity to work at Madison
8	Square Garden as a supervisor for the Big
9	East Tournament?
10	A. Yes.
11	Q. How many occasions prior to the
12	2010 tournament had you worked the Big East
13	Tournament at Madison Square Garden?
14	A. I would say every single one.
15	Q. Since you've been employed?
16	A. Since I've been there, yes.
17	Q. You were always working in your
18	capacity as a supervisor at Madison Square
19	Garden during the Big East Tournament?
20	A. And EMT, yes.
21	MR. TERRASI: Can I just get
22	that last question read back?
23	(Whereupon, the referred-to
24	question was read back by the
25	Reporter.)

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1		J. VILLA
2	ambulances	that would be assigned to
3	Madison Sq	uare Garden on a particular day
4	for the Bio	g East Tournament?
5	Α.	Yes.
6	Q.	How many ambulances was that?
7	Α.	Two.
8	Q.	Was that always the same?
9	Α.	I believe so, yes.
10	Q.	As best as you can recall,
11	there would	d have been two ambulances
12	assigned to	o Madison Square Garden for the
13	Big East To	ournament on March 11th, 2010?
14	Α.	Yes.
15	Q.	Do you know which two
16	ambulances	were assigned on March 11th,
17	2010?	
18	Α.	Only by looking at the ACR.
19	Q.	And that would be?
20	Α.	815, I believe.
21	Q.	There's an exhibit number on
22	the top.	
23	Α.	Let me make sure it's the right
24	one.	
25	Q.	Just to clarify, you're looking
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1 J. VILLA 2 Α. Well, we would have sign-in 3 Like, when they would come in for sheets. their shift, they would sign in. 4 5 0. Other than that and personnel 6 records, are you aware of anything that 7 would indicate who worked at Madison Square Garden for Transcare on March 11th, 2010? 8 9 Α. We also keep a logbook at 10 Madison Square Garden where they would sign 11 in as well. 12 Do you know what that logbook Ο. 13 was called? 14 Α. We just call it the MSG logbook 15 or the doctor logbook. 16 Do you know who keeps, Ο. 17 physically keeps, possession of that 18 logbook? 19 Α. Madison Square Garden. 20 0. And you work at Madison Square 21 Garden, generally, today for Transcare, 22 currently? 23 Α. Yes. 24 Q. Is there a logbook there? 25 Α. Yes.

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1 J. VILLA 2 Ο. Do you know what happens to the 3 old loqbooks? 4 Α. They're kept. 5 They're still at Madison Square Ο. 6 Garden? 7 Α. I believe so, yes. 8 Q. Do you have access to those? 9 Α. Yes. 10 Q. Would it be possible for the 11 next time you were at the Garden to go to 12 that area and look up the logbook from 13 2010? 14 Yes. Α. 15 Q. Are they kept that far back at 16 Madison Square Garden? 17 Α. I believe so, yes. 18 Ο. As you sit here today, do you 19 know if Leangy Matos and Christian Tross 20 were assigned to work at Madison Square 21 Garden on March 11th, 2010? 22 Α. Not that I recall. 23 Q. Did you ever see them at 24 Madison Square Garden on March 11th, 2010? 25 On that specific day, I can't Α.

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1 J. VILLA 2 Α. The first one was -- what time 3 did they depart? They departed at 1752. 4 Which translates into what 0. 5 nonmilitary time, roughly 4:52? 6 MS. JENSEN: Five. 7 No, 5:52. Α. So the first ambulance 8 Ο. 9 transport from Madison Square Garden on 10 March 11th, 2010 is 5:52, correct? 11 Α. That it left the building, yes. 12 Ο. So there were two ambulances 13 that would have been present at Madison 14 Square Garden. That would have been the 15 first of the two to depart to the hospital, 16 correct? 17 MS. JENSEN: Note my objection. 18 Ο. Do you see any other ambulance 19 dispatches that were before 5:52 from 20 Madison Square Garden? 21 Not before this time, no. Α. 22 And you would have had to have Ο. 23 two ambulances present at Madison Square 24 Garden at all times, correct? To start the 25 shift, there would have been two

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1 J. VILLA 2 ambulances, correct? 3 Α. There's -- well, normally, 4 there is two. 5 When the Big East Tournament 0. 6 started that morning, there were two 7 ambulances, correct? 8 I can't recall if they were Α. 9 both there. They are supposed to be there. 10 0. It's possible that only one 11 ambulance is there? 12 Α. It's possible, yes. 13 Q. Is there any record that would indicate, other than this Madison Square 14 15 Garden sign-in log, as to what ambulances 16 would have been there at 5:52 when that 17 departed? 18 No, because people -- when they Α. 19 sign in, they sign in the time that they 20 come into. 21 Who is it, the ambulance driver Ο. 22 and the EMT who sign in or just one or the 23 other? How does that work? 24 Everyone, when reporting to the Α. 25 venue to work, everyone reports to the

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1 J. VILLA 2 Sometimes you have a tech that will venue. 3 meet the driver at the base and ride up with the ambulance, but back then, we 4 5 didn't have that. So everyone would just 6 show up at the venue. So that means the 7 driver could just come in by themselves and 8 once everyone is in the office, I guess you 9 could call it, like, a little role call. Everybody comes in. They sign. They sign 10 11 They sign in the book, they sign in in. 12 the log sheet and then they're dispatched 13 to their locations where they have to be posted. 14 That would be the drivers and 15 Ο. 16 the EMTs and the supervisors, everybody 17 signs in the logbook? 18 Everybody signs in. Α. 19 Q. There was role call you said? 20 It's not --Α. 21 Informal role call? Ο. 22 Α. Right. 23 Were you present at the role 0. 24 call on March 11th, 2010?

25 A. Most likely, yes.

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1 J. VILLA 2 Do you recall if there were two Ο. 3 ambulance drivers there during the role 4 call? 5 I can't recall. Α. 6 Would that have been an unusual Ο. 7 thing, to start the Big East Tournament 8 with only one ambulance driver present? 9 Α. No, because a lot of things 10 happen. 11 Was it unusual? 0. 12 Α. I can't remember for that time. 13 Ο. But in any event, the MSG 14 logbook that should still be there would 15 have a complete listing of everybody who 16 was there at the start of the Big East 17 Tournament that day, correct? 18 Well, there's no time Α. Yes. 19 separating -- in the logbook, they don't 20 put in -- well, we put in the time and 21 The everybody signs in under that time. 22 log sheet, they're supposed to put the time 23 that they arrive at the venue. So it's 24 different, but they do sign in. 25 So the person and arrival times Q.

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1	J. VILLA
2	legal books.
3	Q. A legal ledger?
4	A. I believe that's what they call
5	it.
6	Q. Does it have a hard cover?
7	A. Hard cover, numbers on the
8	pages, yes.
9	Q. When was the last time you saw
10	the logbook prior to the 2014 to present
11	logbook?
12	A. Which?
13	Q. We talked about the fact,
14	before, that there were logbooks going back
15	in time prior to this and that they were
16	also maintained at Madison Square Garden?
17	A. Right.
18	Q. Where, physically, are those
19	prior logbooks maintained in Madison Square
20	Garden?
21	A. The prior logbooks are in the
22	doctor's office in the back.
23	Q. On the fifth floor?
24	A. Yes.
25	Q. Where in the doctor's office
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1		J. VILLA
2	are they?	
3	Α.	In the desk drawer.
4	Q.	Is there only one desk?
5	Α.	In the doctor's office, yes.
6	Q.	When was the last time you saw
7	those prior	logbooks? I don't mean look
8	through the	m, but physically saw the actual
9	ledgers in	the desk drawer.
10	Α.	They're visible. They're out
11	there. Whe	never you're in the doctor's
12	office, you	'll see them.
13	Q.	Within the last six months,
14	last year?	
15	Α.	Yes, it's recent.
16	Q.	Within the last six months?
17	Α.	Even, probably, before that.
18	Probably wi	thin the last month.
19	Q.	Within the last month, you saw
20	them there?	
21	Α.	Probably, yes.
22	Q.	Hypothetically speaking, if you
23	wanted to g	ain access to look into those
24	prior books	, how would you go about that
25	process?	

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1 J. VILLA The only time I have had to 2 Α. 3 look through those books is when there's a 4 case that's pending with Madison Square 5 Garden and Madison Square Garden people 6 come and tell me what they're looking for, 7 the dates and stuff. That's the only time 8 I would go into that book. When the people 9 from Madison Square Garden come and request it. 10

11 Q. So if they needed to know who 12 was working on a particular date, Madison 13 Square Garden personnel would ask you and 14 you would look in the book and tell them 15 what ambulance personnel that day?

16 They keep those books not for Α. 17 who we had working, but most of the time 18 it's for the patient that was seen because 19 of something that happened. That's, more 20 particular, what they look for. They look 21 for the patient on that day and what 22 happened because sometimes the doctor sees 23 those patients.

Q. Madison Square Garden personnelwould come to you and then you would look

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1 J. VILLA 2 Α. No, I can't recall. 3 Q. Do you know what his title or 4 role at Madison Square Garden is? 5 Α. I don't know for sure, but he's 6 something like the vice president or 7 assistant to the president of quest 8 relations or guest services. I don't know 9 exactly what his title is. 10 Q. How far back have you looked in the records at their request? 11 12 Α. At their request, I can't 13 remember, but I know it's, like -- it's 14 been years. 15 So the records go back to 2010 Ο. 16 and prior? 17 I believe so, yes. Α. 18 Q. Do you know what the earliest 19 record you've looked up is? 20 Α. I don't remember. 21 Ο. Is that doctor's desk drawer 22 locked? 23 Α. Sometimes it is. Well, not the 24 desk drawer itself. 25 Q. The office?

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1	J. VILLA
2	A. The office, yes.
3	Q. Do you have a key to the
4	office?
5	A. Yes, we do.
6	Q. Do you have a key to the desk
7	drawer?
8	A. No. Like I said, usually, the
9	office is locked, not the desk drawer.
10	Q. So if you got into the office,
11	you would have access to the drawer?
12	A. Yes.
13	MR. TERRASI: Can I ask
14	something real quick?
15	MR. GILFILLAN: Sure.
16	MR. TERRASI: When you use the
17	term doctor's office, when you use
18	the term medical office, are you
19	describing the same place?
20	THE WITNESS: It's the same
21	place but it's separate rooms.
22	They're only separated by a door.
23	MR. TERRASI: Is the doctor's
24	office within the medical office?
25	THE WITNESS: Yes. It's just a

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1 J. VILLA 2 Does each individual person who has 3 something to write in the book write in the 4 book? 5 No. Only the doctor's the one Α. 6 who writes into that logbook. 7 What about the attendance? Ο. 8 My typical day, when I go there Α. 9 and we have an event, I'll stamp the book. 10 I'll fill out the parts of the little 11 stamp, which is the date, the event, the 12 time the office opened, yadda, yadda, 13 yadda. The crew members, they'll come in. 14 They'll sign in where it says EMTs. 15 They'll sign in with their name and their 16 state ID numbers and they'll sign that in. 17 That's it. 18 Ο. And then the book becomes the 19 doctor's for the rest of the event? 20 That is correct. Α. 21 What about in the case of a 0. 22 doubleheader like this? Is there a second 23 sign-in process for the second event? 24 Sometimes there is. Depending Α. 25 on if there was a dismissal or if there

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1 J. VILLA 2 wasn't a second stamping. If there's going 3 to be a whole new crew, then the book 4 should be stamped again and filled out with 5 that second set of people that are coming in, but if it's the same set of people all 6 7 day, it will be marked, the times that they 8 were there and the dismissal times. 9 Everything would be marked, but in that one 10 section. 11 We've basically established 0. 12 that you were working that day, correct? 13 Α. Yes, because I see my 14 handwriting. 15 So the stamping would have been Ο. 16 done by you, correct? 17 Not necessarily, but majority Α. 18 of the time, yes, it is done by me. 19 Who else would have done it? Ο. 20 Whoever gets there first. All Α. of the crew members, they know to go in and 21 22 we all help each other out and get the ball 23 rolling. 24 What if it were a complete Ο. 25 replacement of the crew? What if it was info@diamondreporting.com (718) 624-7200 DIAMOND REPORTING

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1 J. VILLA 2 just a partial replacement? 3 I would stamp it again. Α. 4 Ο. You would? 5 Yes, I would. Α. But that doesn't necessarily 6 Ο. 7 mean everybody else would? 8 Α. That is correct. 9 0. The only way to know that is to 10 actually look at that log, right? 11 Α. That is correct. 12 Ο. If it was stamped once or 13 twice? 14 Α. Right. And that log would also tell us 15 Ο. if any staff were replaced? 16 17 Α. Yes, because they would have to 18 have signed in. 19 Ο. Only special ops people work at 20 the Garden, correct? 21 That's correct. Α. 22 Christian Tross, do you know Q. 23 that person to be a special ops person? 24 Α. Yes, he is. 25 And Leangy Matos, you know her Q.

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September 3, 2015

Lewis, Brisbois, Bisgaard & Smith, LLP Attorneys for Defendant Transcare Ambulance Corp. 77 Water Street, Suite 2100 New York, New York 10005

 Re: Michelle Scuorzo v. Luqman Safdar, Fayyaz Ahmad, Big Apple Car, Inc., Transcare Ambulance Corp., *et al.* Transcript of Witness – Julia Villa – taken on August 17, 2015 Our File No.: 190.7013.3VT

Dear Counselors:

We enclose a copy of the transcript of your client's deposition in the above captioned matter.

After reading this transcript, if you find any discrepancies, either in the question as asked or in the answer as given, please fill in the errata sheet provided on page 107.

The transcript should be signed and notarized. If corrections have been made on a separate sheet of paper, that too should be signed before a notary public.

Please be advised that pursuant to Section 3116 of the CPLR, if the deposition is not returned signed and executed within sixty (60) days of this mailing, it shall be deemed executed, as is, without any changes or corrections by the person examined.

Thank you for your courtesy and cooperation herein.

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1 K. HOFFMAN 2 MS. TARSHIS: At the current time? 3 MR. GILFILLAN: Yes. 4 Α. There are standards that we use 5 for the majority of our events. We use the 6 Department of Health requirements as 7 guidelines and we exceed their requirements and our vendors know our basic staffing 8 9 needs for arena and theater events which are Venue S staffed differently, two different vendors. 10 11 They are provided a monthly event calendar 12 and respond to us with a copy of that 13 calendar with the number of units they have scheduled for each of those events. 14 15 Let me break it down. 0. With 16 respect to a sporting event such as a 17 basketball game for the current time, do you 18 require ambulances, EMT personnel and 19 paramedics on-site during an event? 20 MS. TARSHIS: Are you talking about 21 MSG or the Department of Health? 22 MR. GILFILLAN: MSG. 23 Α. We do. We have two ambulances 24 with two teams of EMTs, which would be three 25 people per team and two paramedics and a

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1	K. HOFFMAN
2	physician on-site.
3	Q. That is my next question. Are
4	those personnel Madison Square Garden
5	Company employees or are they outside
6	vendors retained by Madison Square Garden?
7	A. They are an outside vendor.
8	Q. Do you know the name of the
9	outside vendor who has a contract with
10	Madison Square Garden currently providing
11	services for sporting events?
12	A. We currently have a contract with
13	Sports & Entertainment Physicians who is in
14	the process of changing their name to
15	CrowdRx and they subcontract ambulance
16	services to Transcare while they provide
17	physician services directly.
18	Q. That's at the current time?
19	A. Correct.
20	MS. JENSEN: What is the name that
21	they are changing into?
22	THE WITNESS: CrowdRx.
23	Q. Do you know if the same
24	relationship existed back in March of 2010
25	with respect to the outside of vendor for
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1	K. HOFFMAN
2	Q. Do you know if anyone keeps track
3	of subcontracted EMTs such as attendance
4	records for March 11th, 2010?
5	A. I could guess that Transcare would
6	and Sports & Entertainment Physicians
7	possibly, but I could not say for sure.
8	Q. I don't want you to guess. If you
9	know, that's fine. If you don't know,
10	that's fine as well.
11	Do you have any personal knowledge
12	as to whether Transcare and Sports &
13	Entertainment Physicians kept a log of
14	medical personnel including ambulance
15	drivers and EMTs or paramedics who would
16	have been on duty on March 11th, 2010?
17	A. I don't know.
18	Q. Do you know what a Part-18 log is?
19	A. No.
20	Q. Are you familiar with any logs
21	that are required to be maintained during
22	particular sporting events by the Department
23	of Health of the State of New York where
24	medical personnel and injured personnel are
25	required to write down a log and the log has

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1 K. HOFFMAN 2 MR. TERRASI: I have no further 3 questions. Thank you. 4 THE WITNESS: Thank you. 5 (Whereupon, at 3:31 p.m., the 6 examination of this witness was 7 concluded.) 8 9 KÁRÉÑ М. HOF FMAN 10 11 12 13 Subscribed and sworn to before me 14 this 2015. of day 15 16 NOTAR 17 ARETI CHRISTOFORATOS Notary Public, State of New York No. 02CH6212675 18 Qualified in New York County 19 Comm. Exp. October 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

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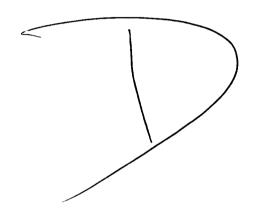
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#### **Curt Gilfillan**

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Roberta Tarshis <RETarshis@tarshisandhammerman.com> Thursday, August 27, 2015 10:52 AM Curt Gilfillan RE: Scuorzo v. Big Apple 1 :

I have checked with my client Those log books are the records of Transcare. They give MSG access to them but Transcare maintains them and controls access You need to direct this request to them.

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From: Curt Gilfillan [mailto:cgilfillan@tristatelaw.com]
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Subject: Scuorzo v. Big Apple

Ms. Tarshis:

As you may recall, you produced Karen Hoffman of MSG as a non-party witness in the above litigation (I am plaintiff's counsel) to provide deposition testimony as to injuries at the Big East Tournament on 3/11/10. I thank you for your courtesies and assistance in that regard. I do need to follow-up with you on one additional item that has come up during a deposition of a further Transcare ambulance that took place on Monday of this week. Transcare staffing at MSG on 3/11/10 is a central issue in this litigation now – so as to determine how many ambulances were signed in at the start of the event – and the Transcare witness Julia Villa (a supervisor for Transcare at MSG events) testified that there are log books (hard cover, brown, legal sized) kept in the drawer of the desk in the doctor's office of the 5<sup>th</sup> floor medical staffing area. She testified that she last saw them less than 1 month ago. She also testified that these logs date back to 3/11/10 and contain a roll-call and sign in for Transcare personnel present.

I am writing to inquire as to possible avenues of obtaining access to these log books (particularly with respect to only the day of 3/11/10) obviously subject to any redaction for any possible HIPAA information that may be contained therein. It seems as if a number of parties have access to these logbooks yet everyone denies control over them. Subject to your objection, none of the current parties to the litigation would have any objection to their production and/or inspection. I look forward to talking to you about this.

Thank you,

**Curtis Gilfillan** 

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#### Andrew N. Bazos, M.D. Diplomate, American Board of Orthopedic Surgery

May 18, 2015

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Reg: Subpoena

Sports & Entertainment Physicians PC did not maintain and is not in possession of any of the records in the attached subpoena.

Sincerely,



Andrew N. Bazos

#### SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX

#### MICHELLE SCUORZO,

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LUQMAN SAFDAR, FAYYAZ AHMAD, BIG APPLE CAR, INC., CITYWIDE MOBILE RESPONSE CORP., TRANSCARE AMBULANCE CORP., JOHN DOE, JANE DOE and ABC CORPORATION,

Defendants.

TO: Sports & Entertainment Physicians, PC 250 W. 54<sup>th</sup> Street New York, New York 10019

WE COMMAND YOU, that all business and excuses being laid aside, you and each of you appear at the Law Offices of Albert Buzzetti & Associates, LLC, 521 Fifth Avenue, Suite 1700, New York, New York 10175 on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015 at 10:00 a.m., in the forenoon, and at any recessed or adjourned date, and that you bring with you, and produce at the time and place aforesaid, copies of the following documents:

- 1) All contracts or agreements with Madison Square Garden and/or Transcare Ambulance Corp. For the provision of professional services at Madison Square Garden in force and effect in 2010 and March 11, 2010 specifically;
- 2) Part 18 Medical Incident Log for Madison Square Garden services for March 11, 2010 (as duly redacted as to patient name and identifying information, injury and/or treatment in accordance with HIPAA);
- 3) Personnel book, sign-in log or scheduling sheets indicating which, if any, personnel from Sports Entertainment Physician, PC and/or Transcare Ambulance Corp. were scheduled to and/or did appear so as to provide professional services at Madison Square Garden on March 11, 2010 (as duly redacted as to patient name and identifying information, injury and/or treatment in accordance with HIPAA);

- 4) All documents evincing ambulance calls and/or responses to or from Madison Square Garden By and or through Transcare Ambulance Corp. on March 11, 2010 (as duly redacted as to patient name and identifying information, injury and/or treatment in accordance with HIPAA);
- 5) All incident reports generated by Sports Entertainment Physicians, PC relating to services requested or provided by Sports Entertainment Physicians, PC and/or Transcare Ambulance Corp. at Madison Square Garden on March 11, 2010 (as duly redacted as to patient name and identifying information, injury and/or treatment in accordance with HIPAA);
- 6) Procedures, protocols, forms and/or instructions for the request of ambulance and/or EMT transport services from Transcare Ambulance Corp., covering the time period of March 11, 2010, pursuant to the applicable agreement and/or contract with Madison Square Garden and/or Transcare Ambulance Corp. (as duly redacted as to patient name and identifying information, injury and/or treatment in accordance with HIPAA).

Failure to comply with this subpoena is punishable as contempt of Court and shall make you liable to the person on whose behalf this subpoena was issued for a penalty not to exceed fifty dollars and all damages sustained by reason of your failure to comply.

No personal appearance shall be required should you produce copies of the requested documents by mail at the Law Offices of Albert Buzzetti & Associates, LLC, 467 Sylvan Avenue, Englewood Cliffs, NJ 07632 on or before May 4, 2015.

Should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned attorney at (201) 816-3733.

Dated: New York; New York March 30, 2015

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## SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX

MICHELLE SCUORZO,

Index No.: 20812-2012

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Plaintiff,

-against-

LUQMAN SAFDAR, FAYYAZ AHMAD, BIG APPLE CAR, INC., CITYWIDE MOBILE RESPONSE CORP., TRANSCARE AMBULANCE CORP, JOHN DOE, JANE DOE and ABC CORPORATION, AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY MAIL

Defendants.

Luisa Filippone, being duly sworn deposes and says that she is not a party to this action herein, is over the age of 18 years, and that she is a Legal Assistant for Albert Buzzetti, Esq., the attorney for the Plaintiff, Michelle Scuorzo, served the within Reply Affirmation with with Exhibits A through E, by means of depository in a US Mail receptacle on November 25, 2015 on the following Defendants attorneys:

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# SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX

## MICHELLE SCUORZO,

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LUQMAN SAFDAR; FAYYAZ AHMAD; BIG APPLE CAR, INC. CITYWIDE MOBILE RESPOSE CORP., TRANSCARE AMBULANCE CORP., JOHN DOE, and JANE ROE, and ABC CORPORATION. Index No.: 20812-2012E

NOTICE OF CROSS MOTION TO COMPEL DISCOVERY

Hon. Lizbeth Gonzalez

Return Date: 10-30-15

Defendants.

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**MOTION BY:** 

**RETURNABLE:** 

**RELIEF REQUESTED:** 

**SUPPORTING PAPERS:** 

WADE CLARK MULCAHY

111 Broadway, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor New York, New York 10006 Vincent F. Terrasi, Esq.

At the Supreme Court, County of Bronx the Courthouse located at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York 10451 at an IAS Motion Support, Room 217, on the **30th day of October, 2015** at 9:30 a.m.

An Order compelling defendant Transcare Ambulance Corp. to provide responses to Plaintiff's discovery demands; namely the contract between Transcare Ambulance Corp. and Sports & Entertainment Physicians and the Transcare Ambulance Corp. personnel logbook for Madison Square Garden, and for such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and proper.

Affirmation in Support of Vincent F. Terrasi, Esq. dated October 12, 2015, and all papers annexed hereto.



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#### **ANSWERING PAPERS:**

Dated: New York, New York October 12, 2015 All answering papers if any, are to be served within seven (7) days of the return date pursuant to CPLR §2214(b).

WADE CLARK MULCAHY th Vincent F/Terrasi

Attorneys for Defendant Big Apple Car, Inc. 111 Broadway, 9th Floor New York, New York 10006 (212) 267-1900 Our File No.: 190.7013.3VT

TO: (See attached Affidavit)

## SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX

#### MICHELLE SCUORZO,

Index No.: 28012/12

Plaintiff,

Affirmation in Accordance With Uniform Rule 202.7

LUQMAN SAFDAR; FAYYAZ AHMAD; BIG APPLE CAR, INC. TRANSCARE AMBULANCE CORP.; JOHN DOE; JANE DOE; and ABC CORPORATION,

Defendant(s).

VINCENT F. TERRASI, an attorney duly licensed to practice law before the Courts of the State of New York, hereby affirms the following to be true under the penalties of perjury and in accordance with 22 N.Y.C.R.R. §202.7:

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1. I am Of Counsel to the law firm Wade Clark Mulcahy, attorneys for defendant BIG APPLE CAR, INC., and as such I am fully familiar with the facts and circumstances surrounding the instant action based upon a review of the file maintained by this office.

2. I make this affirmation of good faith in support Big Apple Car, Inc.'s cross motion to compel discovery from Transcare; namely the contract between Transcare Ambulance Corp. and Sports & Entertainment Physicians and the Transcare Ambulance Corp. personnel logbook for Madison Square Garden; 2) alternatively, for an Order finding those issues to which the disputed discovery is relevant to be deemed resolved in defendant BIG APPLE CAR, INC.'s favor; 3) alternatively, for an Order prohibiting and/or precluding defendant Transcare Ambulance Corp. from supporting or opposing claims or defenses to which the disputed discovery is relevant and from producing any of the disputed items as demanded into evidence or other use in the substantive motion prior to or at trial, together with for such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and proper.

3. On October 9, 2015 your Affirmant wrote to counsel for Transcare in an effort to resolve the discovery dispute.

4. There has been no response or resolution of the issues, therefore, the Court's intervention is necessary.

WHERFORE, for the reasons set forth herein, and in the accompanying affirmation in support, this Court should order the relief above.

Dated: New York, New York October 12, 2015

WADE CLARK MULCAHY VINCENT F. TERRASI

#### SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX

MICHELLE SCUORZO,

Index No.: 20812-2012

Plaintiff,

AFFIRMATION IN SUPPORT OF CROSS MOTION

-against-

LUQMAN SAFDAR; FAYYAZ AHMAD; BIG APPLE CAR, INC. CITYWIDE MOBILE RESPOSE CORP., TRANSCARE AMBULANCE CORP., JOHN DOE, and JANE ROE, and ABC CORPORATION.

Defendants.

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VINCENT F. TERRASI, an attorney duly admitted to practice law in the State of New York, affirms the following to be true pursuant to CPLR §2106:

1. I am Of Counsel to the law firm of WADE CLARK MULCAHY, attorneys for the defendant, BIG APPLE CAR, INC., and as such, I am fully familiar with all of the facts and circumstances in this action.

2. I respectfully submit this affirmation in support of the instant cross-motion for an Order: 1) compelling defendant Transcare Ambulance Corp. to provide responses to Plaintiff's discovery demands; namely the contract between Transcare Ambulance Corp. and Sports & Entertainment Physicians and the Transcare Ambulance Corp. personnel logbook for Madison Square Garden; 2) alternatively, for an Order finding those issues to which the disputed discovery is relevant to be deemed resolved in defendant BIG APPLE CAR, INC.'s favor; 3) alternatively, for an Order prohibiting and/or precluding defendant Transcare Ambulance Corp. from supporting or opposing claims or defenses to which the disputed discovery is relevant and from producing any of the disputed items as demanded into evidence or other use in the substantive motion prior to or at trial, together with for such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and proper.

3. For the sake of brevity, we hereby incorporate by reference the factual and legal arguments made by Plaintiff in her motion and the relief requested therein.

4. BIG APPLE CAR, INC. maintains its own good faith basis for the instant cross motion. Please see annexed hereto as **Exhibit "A"**, defendant BIG APPLE's Good Faith letter to defendant Transcare dated October 9, 2015.

#### **CONCLUSION**

WHEREFORE, it is respectfully requested that this Court issue an Order compelling defendant Transcare Ambulance Corp. to provide responses to Plaintiff's discovery demands; namely the contract between Transcare Ambulance Corp. and Sports & Entertainment Physicians and the Transcare Ambulance Corp. personnel logbook for Madison Square Garden; alternatively, for an Order finding those issues to which the disputed discovery is relevant to be deemed resolved in defendant BIG APPLE CAR, INC.'s favor; 3) alternatively, for an Order prohibiting and/or precluding defendant Transcare Ambulance Corp. from supporting or opposing claims or defenses to which the disputed discovery is relevant and from producing any of the disputed items as demanded into evidence or other use in th2e substantive motion prior to or at trial, and for such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

Dated: New York, New York October 12, 2015

VINCENT F. TERRAS

# EXHIBIT "A"

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October 9, 2015

Joelle Jensen, Esq. Lewis, Brisbois, Bisgaard & Smith, LLP 77 Water Street, Suite 2100 New York, New York 10005

Re: Michelle Scuorzo v. Luqman Safdar, Fayyaz Ahmad, Big Apple Car, Inc., Transcare Ambulance Corp., *et al.*Index No.: 20812/2012
Our File No.: 190.7013.3VT

Dear Counselors:

Please let this letter serve as our good faith attempt to resolve the outstanding discovery dispute relative to the personnel logs for the day in question as prepared by Transcare Ambulance Corp. which indicate the ambulance personnel and staffing were present at MSG.

To date, we have received no further supplemental response to our post deposition demand dated August 7, 2015, now that your employee Julia Villa testified to the specific current location of the logs in question, nor have we received a response from you to our Notice of Physical Inspection of same personnel logs dated September 15, 2015.

Please consider this our good faith attempt to confer and resolve a discovery dispute prior to motion practice.

Thank you for your courtesy and cooperation herein.

Very trul yours WADE CLARK MULCAHY

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#### cc:

Albert Buzzetti, Esq. Albert Buzzetti & Associates, LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 467 Sylvan Avenue, Englewood Cliffs, NJ 07632 Your File No.: 10085

Law Offices of Nancy L. Isserlis 36-01 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Long Island City, New York 11101

#### AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

STATE OF NEW YORK

) ss.:

COUNTY OF NEW YORK )

I, Kathleen Cush, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

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I am not a party to the within action, I am over 18 years of age, and I reside in Brooklyn,

New York.

On October 12, 2015, I mailed the within NOTICE OF CROSS-MOTION,

AFFIRMATION OF GOOD FAITH AND AFFIRMATION IN SUPPORT, by depositing

a true copy thereof, enclosed in a post-paid wrapper, in an official depository under the

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Robert Giovinazzi, Esq. Law Offices of Nancy L. Isserlis Attorneys for defendants Luqman Safdar and Fayyaz Ahmad  $36-01 43^{rd}$  Avenue Long Island City, New York 11101 718-361-1514 F: 347-418-3839 File No: 30635

Sworn to before me on October 12, 2015 NOTARY PUBLIC

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#### SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX MICHELLE SCUORZO,

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LUQMAN SAFDAR; FAYYAZ AHMAD; BIG APPLE CAR, INC. CITYWIDE MOBILE RESPOSE CORP., TRANSCARE AMBULANCE CORP.; JOHN DOE; and JANE ROE; and ABC CORPORATION.

Defendants.

NOTICE OF CROSS MOTION, AFFIRMATION OF GOOD FAITH AND AFFIRMATION IN SUPPORT

Wade Clark Mulcahy Attorneys for Defendant Big Apple Car, Inc. 111 Broadway, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor New York, New York 10006 (212) 267-1900 Our File No.: 190.7013.3VT

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> Re: Michelle Scuorzo vs. Luqman Safdar, et al Index No.: 20812/12E Our File No.: 10085

Dear Sir/Madam:

Attached hereto are the following documents for filing:

- Original and one (1) copy of Reply Affirmation
- Affidavit of Service by Mail

Kindly E-file same and submit working copies. Kindly return a stamped "filed" copy to our office.

Should you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact our office.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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#### SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX

#### MICHELLE SCUORZO,

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**REPLY AFFIRMATION** 

LUQMAN SAFDAR, FAYYAZ AHMAD, BIG APPLE CAR, INC., CITYWIDE MOBILE RESPONSE CORP., TRANSCARE AMBULANCE CORP., JOHN DOE, JANE DOE and ABC CORP.,

Hon. Laura G. Douglas

Defendants.

**CURTIS B. GILFILLAN, ESQ.**, an attorney duly admitted to practice law by and before the Courts of the State of New York, hereby affirms under the penalty of perjury:

- I am associated with the law firm of Albert Buzzetti & Associates, LLC, attorneys for the Plaintiff in the above-referenced matter. As such, I am familiar with the facts and circumstances surrounding this matter based on a review of the file maintained by my office and my participation in the proceedings heretofore had herein.
- 2. I submit this Affirmation in Reply to Defendant Transcare's Affirmation in Opposition and in further support of Plaintiff's motion for an order pursuant to CPLR §§3124 and 3126: 1) compelling Defendant Transcare to provide responses to Plaintiff's discovery demands; namely the contract between Transcare and Sports & Entertainment Physicians and the Transcare personnel logbook for Madison Square Garden; 2) alternatively, for an

order finding those issues to which the disputed discovery is relevant to be deemed resolved in Plaintiff's favor; 3) alternatively, for an order prohibiting and/or precluding Defendants from supporting or opposing claims or defenses to which the disputed discovery is relevant and from producing any of the disputed items as demanded into evidence or other use in any substantive motion prior to or at trial; together with such other, further and different relief that this Court may deem just and proper, including but not limited to the costs and attorneys fees incurred in the making of the instant motion.

- 3. The contract and personnel log in question are essential evidence to Plaintiff's claims as against Transcare in the instant lawsuit wherein Plaintiff alleges the improper emergency response by a Transcare ambulance to Madison Square Garden in a non-emergent situation, which improper emergent response, using lights and sirens and proceeding through a red light caused a second vehicle to swerve in avoidance of the ambulance and strike Plaintiff, a pedestrian on the sidewalk. It is alleged that the ambulance in question was responding to Madison Square Garden in an emergency mode (and disregarding traffic laws) due to an improper staffing issue and not because it was responding to an injury call requiring urgent response. By its nature this issue raises some serious public policy issues as to the safety of the citizens of New York City.
- 4. The contract and personnel logbook will, upon information and belief, identify the number of ambulances Transcare was to have at Madison Square Garden for the Big East Tournament in question and the number of ambulances and driver/EMTs were actually present. This goes directly to the issue of Transcare staffing the event in question

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improperly and calling an ambulance in under emergency mode (where it ran with lights and sirens and against red lights) just to have the proper staffing, rather than in response to an actual injury requiring the emergent provision of medical services. Defendant Transcare alleges the affirmative defense of "emergency response" under VTL §1104, however, in order to receive the benefit of this defense, the ambulance must be in an emergency operation. Responding to a staffing issue and not a medical emergency and does not qualify as an emergency response. The contract and personnel log are crucial evidence necessary for Plaintiff to address an argument and issue initially raised by the Defendant Transcare.

- 5. Defendant Transcare's argument that the instant matter is a "fishing expedition" is misplaced. It is wholly within reason and good faith to believe that a contract to provide ambulance services to a particular venue will discuss/address the number of ambulances to be provided, and that the logbook will indicate the number of ambulances/drivers that were actually present. As discussed above, and in the papers below, this issue is a central focus of the case, and is an affirmative defense raised by the Defendant Transcare.
- 6. Similarly, Plaintiff is not proffering support of a breach of contract claim here, but rather seeking information/discovery as some evidence of negligence of the Defendant in negligently operating an ambulance in an emergency mode, when same was not called for, and causing injury to a pedestrian when she was struck by a livery cab trying to avoid the improperly operating ambulance.

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- 7. Even in this Court were to consider Defendant Transcare's argument under the Espinal v. <u>Melville Contrs.</u>, 98 N.Y.2d 136 (2002) case, Defendant Transcare's actions in sending an ambulance in emergency mode through New York City under lights and sirens and running red lights to solve a staffing problem rather than responding to a medical emergency could be classified as nothing other than "launching a force or instrument of harm". This can hardly be seen as a passive omission.
- 8. The causal connection of this argument to the happening of the accident is clear, and Defendant Transcare's argument in this light is misplaced. In fact, Defendant Transcare has raised the issue in question as to the status of the ambulance being in "emergency operation" by their proffer of the VTL §1104 Emergency Response affirmative defense. They cannot now argue that the issue is irrelevant.
- 9. With respect to Defendant Transcare's argument as to the privileged and confidential nature of the contract in question, said arguments can be easily address through redaction and/or confidentiality restrictions imposed by the Court, inasmuch as Plaintiff is only seeking a very narrowly tailored category of information within the contract. Plaintiff has offered such a compromise to Defendant, however, same has been rebuffed and Defendant Transcare continues to refuse to disclose the contract in question.
- In addressing the issue of the "ownership" of the personnel log in question, a review of
   the totality of the evidence, especially the response by Roberta Tarshis, the MSG attorney,
   to the Plaintiff's post deposition demand for the log, clearly indicates that Transcare has

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ownership, control, access and at least shared possession of the logbook in question, and the ability to produce same in response to the underlying demand of Plaintiff.

- 11. Annexed hereto as Exhibits "A", "B" and "C" are the more complete excerpts of the deposition transcripts of David Konig and Julia Villa, Transcare Supervisors, and Karen Hoffman, the Madison Square Garden Director of Event Services. The attached excerpts clearly show that Transcare employees filled out the logbook as to employees present at Madison Square Garden, that Transcare employees have the key cards to access the logbooks and that Madison Square Garden contacts Transcare to obtain information from the logbooks when Madison Square Garden has questions as to personnel.
- 12. Transcare's arguments that ownership of the records and access to them is controlled by Madison Square is completely belied by the Madison Square Garden attorneys response to the e-mail demand by Plaintiff after the non-party deposition of MSG employee Karen Hoffman for the logbook in question, where Roberta Tarshis specifically responded that: "Those logbooks are the records of Transcare. They give MSG access to them but Transcare maintains them and controls access. You need to direct this request to them." This response is crystal clear as to the ownership, access and control of and over the logs as belonging to Transcare. A copy of the demand and response is annexed hereto as **Exhibit "D"**.
- Transcare likewise attempted to obtain copies of the contract and logbook in question directly from Sports & Entertainment Physicians by way of non-party subpoena dated

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March 30, 2015. In response to the subpoena, Sports & Entertainment physicians provided that it is not in possession of the contract in question nor the logbook in question. A copy of the non-party subpoena and response are annexed hereto as **Exhibit** "**E**".

- 14. Based on the foregoing, and contrary to the assertions of Defendant Transcare, the ownership, access and control of and over the logbook in question as being within the purview of Defendant Transcare is beyond a doubt.
- 15. Much as with the contract, Plaintiff is not seeking any protected information from the logbook in question, but is rather seeking a very limited scope of materials/information from same; namely the personnel sign-ins for the date of the accident, the remainder of the information can be easily redacted and/or addressed by way of in camera review by the Court.
- 16. The demands in question are finely tailored, precision discovery demands seeking materials centrally relevant to issues and defenses as raised by Defendant Transcare in the first instance. Defednant Transcare knew or should have known of the propriety of the demands and the material relevancy of the materials sought and ought to have disclosed same, but rather have wilfully and contumaciously refused to do so inasmuch as the documents requested are likely to be adverse to their defense of this action.

WHEREFORE, it is respectfully requested that Plaintiff's motion be granted in its

entirety, together with such other, further and different relief as this Court deems just and proper,

including an award of counsel fees and costs relative to the making of the instant motion.

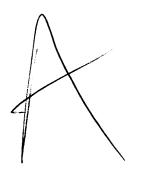
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1	D. KONIG
2	MR. GILFILLAN: What I'm trying
3	to get at here, what I'm trying to
4	ask, and what you're obstructing, is
5	I'm trying to figure out what
6	paperwork or documentation is
7	generated, okay, if they have to call
8	an ambulance, which they did, that
9	was not at the Garden, which it
10	wasn't.
11	Q. Is there any documentation to
12	show that?
13	MR. TERRASI: Is that a
14	question?
15	MR. GILFILLAN: Yes.
16	MR. TERRASI: Read back the
17	question.
18	(Whereupon, the referred to
19	question was read back by the
20	Reporter.)
21	MR. TERRASI: I'm going to
22	object to the form.
23	A. Not to my knowledge.
24	Q. Back in 2010, were there any
25	logs to indicate who particularly was

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1 D. KONIG assigned to Madison Square Garden events, 2 3 such as the Big East Tournament? 4 Α. There would have been a 5 schedule. 6 0. And that would indicate which 7 units were assigned to be standby at Madison Square Garden? 8 9 Α. No. That would indicate the 10 personnel. 11 Anything other than the 0. 12 schedule that would show which personnel 13 were assigned to Madison Square Garden? 14 Α. Assigned, no. There would be a 15 record of who was actually there. Um, 16 occasionally people who are assigned call 17 out or off, whatever. And, so, replacements would be brought in. 18 And, so, 19 they would actually sign in the book. 20 Everybody signs in a log that's kept at the 21 Garden, your state number and your name. 22 Is that a Transcare book or is 0. 23 that --24 Α. No. 25 -- a Madison Square Garden Q.

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1 D. KONIG 2 book? 3 It's a, as far as I know, a Α. 4 Madison Square Garden book. 5 Ο. Is that specifically called 6 anything? 7 Α. Not to my knowledge. 8 The book. 9 Ο. Other than the book, is there 10 any other documentation to indicate what 11 Transcare personnel were assigned on standby at Madison Square Garden? At any 12 13 given time in 2010? 14 Α. The schedule. 15 Ο. That's it? 16 Α. Yes. 17 Q. If someone were assigned and 18 did not make it to their assignment on a 19 given day, would there be any documentation 20 of that? 21 Α. There should be an entry into 22 their employee record for an absence. 23 Q. Well, let me ask you this, sir. 24 If, assuming for the purpose of 25 this question, that Matos and Tross were

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1 D. KONIG 2 Α. No. 3 0. Anyone from Madison Square 4 Garden? 5 Α. Not stationed there. 6 0. Okay. 7 Α. People from Madison Square Garden are in and out of the office. 8 9 Ο. Have you worked the Big East 10 Tournament at Madison Square Garden before? Um, I might have. 11 Α. 12 I'm not a basketball fan. 13 Have you worked a Knicks event 0. 14 before? 15 Α. Yes, sir. You've worked other events at 16 0. 17 the Garden, as well? 18 Α. Yes, sir. 19 Including hockey games? 0. 20 Α. Yes, sir. Is there a standard number of 21 0. 22 EMTs and/or ambulance drivers that are 23 assigned to the Garden for a sporting 24 event? 25 Α. For the arena, yes.

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1 D. KONIG 2 Q. And what would that standard 3 number be? 4 Α. Um --5 Ο. Let's limit this to 2010. 6 Α. Right. 7 So, it would be two ambulances, 8 two drivers, four EMTs, one paramedic, one 9 supervisor. 10 Four EMTs -- I didn't get the Ο. 11 last part. 12 One paramedic, one supervisor. Α. 13 Other than the schedule, would Ο. 14 there be any documentation to indicate what time any or all of those personnel arrived 15 16 at Madison Square Garden on a given day? 17 Α. Not to my knowledge for 2010. 18 Do you know if the standard 0. 19 number of personnel that you've just 20 described were assigned to Madison Square 21 Garden for the March 11th, 2010 Big East 22 Tournament? 23 Α. I don't know. 24 Do you know if there were any 0. 25 ambulance drivers or EMTs present at

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1 D. KONIG 2 "D" is a discharge. 3 Is there any indicator for a 0. transport that's non-emergent? 4 5 Α. Admission or discharge. 6 Ο. Okay. "O" is also non-emergent. 7 Α. Those are usually for patients who are 8 9 going to their doctor's appointments. 10 Private doctor's offices. 11 And would all calls from the Ο. Garden be dispatched as emergent calls, 12 13 code one calls? 14 Α. Yes. Next to that, it says Two Penn 15 Ο. 16 Plaza. Do you see that? 17 Α. Yes, sir. 18 Ο. What does that indicate to you? 19 Α. That is the address for Madison 20 Square Garden. 21 And to the right of that there Ο. 22 is an asterisk, A dash. What does that 23 mean to you, if anything? 24 Α. That just means that it's a 25 priority account.

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1 D. KONIG 2 And what does a priority 0. 3 account mean? 4 It's basically -- it's not a Α. 5 health care facility. So, therefore, all 6 responses there are generally going to be 7 emergencies. 8 0. I didn't hear the last part. 9 Α. Are generally going to be 10 emergencies. 11 0. So, anything off an A list 12 client is generally going to be an 13 emergency? 14 Α. Yes. 15 Regardless of what the injury Q. 16 or condition is? 17 It's going to be dispatched as Α. 18 an emergency. 19 And when you say "A list Ο. client," that would be Madison Square 20 21 Garden would qualify as an A list client? 22 Α. Yes. 23 They are not a health care 24 facility. 25 Q. Once we get below that top 624-7200 265 of 310

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	1	D. KONIG
	2	place?
	3	A. No.
	4	MR. TERRASI: I have nothing
	5	further.
	6	Thank you very much.
	7	MR. POMERANCE: Thank you.
	8	MR. GILFILLAN: I have no
	9	further questions.
	10	(Whereupon, at 4:09 p.m., the
11 7 4	11	examination of this witness was
	12	concluded.)
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1 J. VILLA 2 Transcare? 3 Α. What are my other duties? 4 Ο. Yes. 5 Α. I'm a supervisor as well. When did you first become a 6 Ο. 7 supervisor for Transcare? 8 Α. A year and a half after I 9 started working with the company. 10 0. Do you know what approximate 11 year that would have been? 12 I think I started back in 2001. Α. 13 Maybe between 2002, 2003, roughly. 14 Between 2002 and 2003, you Ο. became a supervisor and when you began 15 16 working for Transcare, you were still an EMT basic and a supervisor as well? 17 18 Α. Yes. 19 Q. What were your duties and 20 responsibilities, particularly, as a 21 supervisor, if they differed at all from 22 that of an EMT basic? 23 Α. There's just a couple added 24 stuff onto the EMT basic. I would -- I'm 25 in charge of making sure my staff members

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1	J. VILLA
2	Q. Prior to March 11th of 2010,
3	have you had the opportunity to work at
4	Madison Square Garden as a supervisor?
5	A. Yes.
6	Q. Prior to March 11th, 2010, have
7	you had the opportunity to work at Madison
8	Square Garden as a supervisor for the Big
9	East Tournament?
10	A. Yes.
11	Q. How many occasions prior to the
12	2010 tournament had you worked the Big East
13	Tournament at Madison Square Garden?
14	A. I would say every single one.
15	Q. Since you've been employed?
16	A. Since I've been there, yes.
17	Q. You were always working in your
18	capacity as a supervisor at Madison Square
19	Garden during the Big East Tournament?
20	A. And EMT, yes.
21	MR. TERRASI: Can I just get
22	that last question read back?
23	(Whereupon, the referred-to
24	question was read back by the
25	Reporter.)

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1	J. VILLA
2	ambulances that would be assigned to
3	8 Madison Square Garden on a particular day
Ą	for the Big East Tournament?
5	A. Yes.
6	Q. How many ambulances was that?
7	A. Two.
8	Q. Was that always the same?
9	A. I believe so, yes.
10	Q. As best as you can recall,
11	there would have been two ambulances
12	assigned to Madison Square Garden for the
13	Big East Tournament on March 11th, 2010?
14	A. Yes.
15	Q. Do you know which two
16	ambulances were assigned on March 11th,
17	2010?
18	A. Only by looking at the ACR.
19	Q. And that would be?
20	A. 815, I believe.
21	Q. There's an exhibit number on
22	the top.
23	A. Let me make sure it's the right
24	one.
25	Q. Just to clarify, you're looking
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1 J. VILLA 2 Well, we would have sign-in Α. 3 sheets. Like, when they would come in for 4 their shift, they would sign in. 5 Ο. Other than that and personnel 6 records, are you aware of anything that would indicate who worked at Madison Square 7 8 Garden for Transcare on March 11th, 2010? 9 Α. We also keep a logbook at 10 Madison Square Garden where they would sign 11 in as well. Q. Do you know what that logbook 12 13 was called? 14 We just call it the MSG logbook Α. 15 or the doctor logbook. Q. Do you know who keeps, 16 17 physically keeps, possession of that 18 logbook? 19 Α. Madison Square Garden. 20 Q. And you work at Madison Square 21 Garden, generally, today for Transcare, 22 currently? 23 Yes. Α. 24 Is there a logbook there? Q. 25 Α. Yes.

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1 J. VILLA 2 0. Do you know what happens to the 3 old logbooks? 4 Α. They're kept. 5 Ο. They're still at Madison Square 6 Garden? 7 Α. I believe so, yes. 8 Ο. Do you have access to those? 9 Α. Yes. 10 Ο. Would it be possible for the 11 next time you were at the Garden to go to 12 that area and look up the logbook from 13 2010?14 Α. Yes. 15 Q. Are they kept that far back at 16 Madison Square Garden? 17 Α. I believe so, yes. 18 Q. As you sit here today, do you 19 know if Leangy Matos and Christian Tross were assigned to work at Madison Square 20 21 Garden on March 11th, 2010? 22 Α. Not that I recall. 23 Did you ever see them at 0. Madison Square Garden on March 11th, 2010? 24 25 Α. On that specific day, I can't

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1 J. VILLA 2 The first one was -- what time Α. 3 did they depart? They departed at 1752. Which translates into what 4 Ο. 5 nonmilitary time, roughly 4:52? MS. JENSEN: 6 Five. 7 Α. No, 5:52. 8 So the first ambulance Ο. 9 transport from Madison Square Garden on 10 March 11th, 2010 is 5:52, correct? 11 Α. That it left the building, yes. 12 So there were two ambulances 0. 13 that would have been present at Madison 14 Square Garden. That would have been the 15 first of the two to depart to the hospital, 16 correct? 17 MS. JENSEN: Note my objection. 18 0. Do you see any other ambulance 19 dispatches that were before 5:52 from 20 Madison Square Garden? 21 Not before this time, no. Α. 22 Q. And you would have had to have 23 two ambulances present at Madison Square 24 Garden at all times, correct? To start the 25 shift, there would have been two

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1 J. VILLA 2 ambulances, correct? 3 There's -- well, normally, Α. 4 there is two. 5 When the Big East Tournament Ο. 6 started that morning, there were two 7 ambulances, correct? 8 Α. I can't recall if they were 9 both there. They are supposed to be there. 10 Ο. It's possible that only one 11 ambulance is there? 12 Α. It's possible, yes. 13 Ο. Is there any record that would 14 indicate, other than this Madison Square Garden sign-in log, as to what ambulances 15 16 would have been there at 5:52 when that 17 departed? No, because people -- when they 18 Α. 19 sign in, they sign in the time that they 20 come into. 21 Who is it, the ambulance driver 0. 22 and the EMT who sign in or just one or the 23 other? How does that work? 24 Everyone, when reporting to the Α. 25 venue to work, everyone reports to the

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1 J. VILLA 2 venue. Sometimes you have a tech that will 3 meet the driver at the base and ride up with the ambulance, but back then, we 4 5 didn't have that. So everyone would just show up at the venue. So that means the 6 7 driver could just come in by themselves and once everyone is in the office, I guess you 8 9 could call it, like, a little role call. 10 Everybody comes in. They sign. They sign 11 They sign in the book, they sign in in. 12 the log sheet and then they're dispatched 13 to their locations where they have to be 14 posted. 15 That would be the drivers and Ο. 16 the EMTs and the supervisors, everybody 17 signs in the logbook? 18 Α. Everybody signs in. 19 There was role call you said? Ο. It's not --20 Α. Informal role call? 21 Ο. 22 Right. Α.

23 Q. Were you present at the role

24 call on March 11th, 2010?

25 A. Most likely, yes.

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1 J. VILLA 2 Do you recall if there were two Ο. 3 ambulance drivers there during the role call? 4 5 I can't recall. Α. Would that have been an unusual 6 0. 7 thing, to start the Big East Tournament 8 with only one ambulance driver present? 9 No, because a lot of things Α. 10 happen. 11 Ο. Was it unusual? 12 Α. I can't remember for that time. 13 Ο. But in any event, the MSG 14 logbook that should still be there would 15 have a complete listing of everybody who 16 was there at the start of the Big East 17 Tournament that day, correct? 18 Yes. Well, there's no time Α. 19 separating -- in the logbook, they don't 20 put in -- well, we put in the time and 21 everybody signs in under that time. The 22 log sheet, they're supposed to put the time 23 that they arrive at the venue. So it's 24 different, but they do sign in. 25 So the person and arrival times Q.

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1 J. VILLA 2 legal books. A legal ledger? 3 0. 4 Α. I believe that's what they call 5 it. 6 Ο. Does it have a hard cover? 7 Α. Hard cover, numbers on the 8 pages, yes. 9 Ο. When was the last time you saw 10 the logbook prior to the 2014 to present 11 loqbook? 12 Which? Α. 13 We talked about the fact, Ο. 14 before, that there were logbooks going back in time prior to this and that they were 15 16 also maintained at Madison Square Garden? 17 Α. Right. 18 Where, physically, are those 0. 19 prior logbooks maintained in Madison Square 20 Garden? 21 Α. The prior logbooks are in the 22 doctor's office in the back. 23 On the fifth floor? 0. 24 Α. Yes. 25 Q. Where in the doctor's office

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1		J. VILLA
2	are they?	
3	Α.	In the desk drawer.
4	Q.	Is there only one desk?
5	Α.	In the doctor's office, yes.
6	Q.	When was the last time you saw
7	those prior	logbooks? I don't mean look
8	through the	m, but physically saw the actual
9	ledgers in	the desk drawer.
10	Α.	They're visible. They're out
11	there. Whe	never you're in the doctor's
12	office, you	'll see them.
13	Q.	Within the last six months,
14	last year?	
15	Α.	Yes, it's recent.
16	Q.	Within the last six months?
17	Α.	Even, probably, before that.
18	Probably wi	thin the last month.
19	Q.	Within the last month, you saw
20	them there?	
21	Α.	Probably, yes.
22	Q.	Hypothetically speaking, if you
23	wanted to g	ain access to look into those
24	prior books	, how would you go about that
25	process?	

J. VILLA 1 2 The only time I have had to Α. 3 look through those books is when there's a 4 case that's pending with Madison Square 5 Garden and Madison Square Garden people 6 come and tell me what they're looking for, 7 the dates and stuff. That's the only time 8 I would go into that book. When the people 9 from Madison Square Garden come and request it. 10

Q. So if they needed to know who was working on a particular date, Madison Square Garden personnel would ask you and you would look in the book and tell them what ambulance personnel that day?

16 They keep those books not for Α. 17 who we had working, but most of the time it's for the patient that was seen because 18 19 of something that happened. That's, more 20 particular, what they look for. They look 21 for the patient on that day and what 22 happened because sometimes the doctor sees 23 those patients.

Q. Madison Square Garden personnelwould come to you and then you would look

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J. VILLA 1 2 Α. No, I can't recall. 3 Do you know what his title or Ο. 4 role at Madison Square Garden is? 5 I don't know for sure, but he's Α. 6 something like the vice president or 7 assistant to the president of quest 8 relations or guest services. I don't know 9 exactly what his title is. 10 How far back have you looked in 0. the records at their request? 11 12 At their request, I can't Α. 13 remember, but I know it's, like -- it's 14 been vears. 15 0. So the records go back to 2010 16 and prior? 17 I believe so, yes. Α. 18 Ο. Do you know what the earliest 19 record you've looked up is? 20 Α. I don't remember. 21 0. Is that doctor's desk drawer 22 locked? 23 Α. Sometimes it is. Well, not the 24 desk drawer itself. 25 The office? 0.

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- 1	J. VILLA
2	A. The office, yes.
3	Q. Do you have a key to the
4	office?
5	A. Yes, we do.
6	Q. Do you have a key to the desk
7	drawer?
8	A. No. Like I said, usually, the
9	office is locked, not the desk drawer.
10	Q. So if you got into the office,
11	you would have access to the drawer?
12	A. Yes.
13	MR. TERRASI: Can I ask
14	something real quick?
15	MR. GILFILLAN: Sure.
16	MR. TERRASI: When you use the
17	term doctor's office, when you use
18	the term medical office, are you
19	describing the same place?
20	THE WITNESS: It's the same
21	place but it's separate rooms.
22	They're only separated by a door.
23	MR. TERRASI: Is the doctor's
24	office within the medical office?
25	THE WITNESS: Yes. It's just a

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1 J. VILLA Does each individual person who has 2 3 something to write in the book write in the 4 book? 5 No. Only the doctor's the one Α. 6 who writes into that logbook. 7 What about the attendance? Ο. My typical day, when I go there 8 Α. 9 and we have an event, I'll stamp the book. 10 I'll fill out the parts of the little 11 stamp, which is the date, the event, the 12 time the office opened, yadda, yadda, yadda. The crew members, they'll come in. 13 14 They'll sign in where it says EMTs. 15 They'll sign in with their name and their state ID numbers and they'll sign that in. 16 That's it. 17 And then the book becomes the 18 Ο. doctor's for the rest of the event? 19 That is correct. 20 Α. 21 What about in the case of a Ο. 22 doubleheader like this? Is there a second 23 sign-in process for the second event? 24 Sometimes there is. Depending Α. on if there was a dismissal or if there 25

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J. VILLA 1 wasn't a second stamping. If there's going 2 3 to be a whole new crew, then the book 4 should be stamped again and filled out with 5 that second set of people that are coming in, but if it's the same set of people all 6 7 day, it will be marked, the times that they were there and the dismissal times. 8 Everything would be marked, but in that one 9 10 section. 11 We've basically established 0. 12 that you were working that day, correct? Yes, because I see my 13 Α. 14 handwriting. 15 Ο. So the stamping would have been 16 done by you, correct? 17 Not necessarily, but majority Α. of the time, yes, it is done by me. 18 Who else would have done it? 19 Ο. 20 Whoever gets there first. All Α. of the crew members, they know to go in and 21 22 we all help each other out and get the ball 23 rolling. 24 Ο. What if it were a complete replacement of the crew? What if it was 25

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J. VILLA 1 2 just a partial replacement? 3 I would stamp it again. Α. 4 Ο. You would? 5 Yes, I would. Α. 6 But that doesn't necessarily Ο. 7 mean everybody else would? 8 Α. That is correct. 9 Ο. The only way to know that is to actually look at that log, right? 10 11 Α. That is correct. 12 Q. If it was stamped once or 13 twice? 14 Α. Right. 15 Ο. And that log would also tell us if any staff were replaced? 16 17 Yes, because they would have to Α. 18 have signed in. 19 Q. Only special ops people work at 20 the Garden, correct? 21 Α. That's correct. 22 0. Christian Tross, do you know 23 that person to be a special ops person? 24 Α. Yes, he is. 25 Q. And Leangy Matos, you know her

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1 K. HOFFMAN 2 MS. TARSHIS: At the current time? 3 MR. GILFILLAN: Yes. 4 Α. There are standards that we use for the majority of our events. We use the 5 6 Department of Health requirements as 7 guidelines and we exceed their requirements 8 and our vendors know our basic staffing needs for arena and theater events which are 9 staffed differently, two different vendors. 10 11 They are provided a monthly event calendar 12 and respond to us with a copy of that 13 calendar with the number of units they have 14 scheduled for each of those events. 15 0. Let me break it down. With 16 respect to a sporting event such as a 17 basketball game for the current time, do you 18 require ambulances, EMT personnel and 19 paramedics on-site during an event? 20 MS. TARSHIS: Are you talking about 21 MSG or the Department of Health? 22 MR. GILFILLAN: MSG. 23 Α. We do. We have two ambulances 24 with two teams of EMTs, which would be three 25 people per team and two paramedics and a

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1	K. HOFFMAN
2	physician on-site.
3	Q. That is my next question. Are
4	those personnel Madison Square Garden
5	Company employees or are they outside
6	vendors retained by Madison Square Garden?
7	A. They are an outside vendor.
8	Q. Do you know the name of the
9	outside vendor who has a contract with
10	Madison Square Garden currently providing
11	services for sporting events?
12	A. We currently have a contract with
13	Sports & Entertainment Physicians who is in
14	the process of changing their name to
15	CrowdRx and they subcontract ambulance
16	services to Transcare while they provide
17	physician services directly.
18	Q. That's at the current time?
19	A. Correct.
20	MS. JENSEN: What is the name that
21	they are changing into?
22	THE WITNESS: CrowdRx.
23	Q. Do you know if the same
24	relationship existed back in March of 2010
25	with respect to the outside of vendor for
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1	K. HOFFMAN
2	Q. Do you know if anyone keeps track
3	of subcontracted EMTs such as attendance
4	records for March 11th, 2010?
5	A. I could guess that Transcare would
6	and Sports & Entertainment Physicians
7	possibly, but I could not say for sure.
8	Q. I don't want you to guess. If you
9	know, that's fine. If you don't know,
10	that's fine as well.
11	Do you have any personal knowledge
12	as to whether Transcare and Sports $\&$
13	Entertainment Physicians kept a log of
14	medical personnel including ambulance
15	drivers and EMTs or paramedics who would
16	have been on duty on March 11th, 2010?
17	A. I don't know.
18	Q. Do you know what a Part-18 log is?
19	A. No.
20	Q. Are you familiar with any logs
21	that are required to be maintained during
22	particular sporting events by the Department
23	of Health of the State of New York where
24	medical personnel and injured personnel are
25	required to write down a log and the log has

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1 K. HOFFMAN 2 MR. TERRASI: I have no further 3 questions. Thank you. THE WITNESS: Thank you. 4 5 (Whereupon, at 3:31 p.m., the examination of this witness was 6 7 concluded.) 8 9 KÁRÉŇ M. HOF FMAN 10 11 12 13 Subscribed and sworn to before me 14 this day 2015. of 15 16 NOTZ 17 ARET I CHRISTOFORATOS 18 Notary Public, State of New York No. 02CH6212675 Qualified in New York County 19 Comm. Exp 20 21 22 23 24 25

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Karen M. Hoffman, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

That she has read the following Examination Before Trial Transcript and makes the

following corrections:

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### Curt Gilfillan

From:Roberta Tarshis <RETarshis@tarshisandhammerman.com>Sent:Thursday, August 27, 2015 10:52 AMTo:Curt GilfillanSubject:RE: Scuorzo v. Big Apple

I have checked with my client Those log books are the records of Transcare. They give MSG access to them but Transcare maintains them and controls access You need to direct this request to them.

Roberta E. Tarshis Tarshis & Hammerman LLP 118-35 Queens Boulevard Forest Hills, New York 11375 T-718-793-5000 F-718-793-5008 Retarshis@tarshisandhammerman.com

From: Curt Gilfillan [mailto:cgilfillan@tristatelaw.com] Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2015 2:07 PM To: Roberta Tarshis <RETarshis@tarshisandhammerman.com> Subject: Scuorzo v. Big Apple

Ms. Tarshis:

As you may recall, you produced Karen Hoffman of MSG as a non-party witness in the above litigation (I am plaintiff's counsel) to provide deposition testimony as to injuries at the Big East Tournament on 3/11/10. I thank you for your courtesies and assistance in that regard. I do need to follow-up with you on one additional item that has come up during a deposition of a further Transcare ambulance that took place on Monday of this week. Transcare staffing at MSG on 3/11/10 is a central issue in this litigation now – so as to determine how many ambulances were signed in at the start of the event – and the Transcare witness Julia Villa (a supervisor for Transcare at MSG events) testified that there are log books (hard cover, brown, legal sized) kept in the drawer of the desk in the doctor's office of the 5<sup>th</sup> floor medical staffing area. She testified that she last saw them less than 1 month ago. She also testified that these logs date back to 3/11/10 and contain a roll-call and sign in for Transcare personnel present.

I am writing to inquire as to possible avenues of obtaining access to these log books (particularly with respect to only the day of 3/11/10) obviously subject to any redaction for any possible HIPAA information that may be contained therein. It seems as if a number of parties have access to these logbooks yet everyone denies control over them. Subject to your objection, none of the current parties to the litigation would have any objection to their production and/or inspection. I look forward to talking to you about this.

Thank you,

Curtis Gilfillan



Andrew N. Bazos, M.D. Diplomate, American Board of Orthopedic Surgery

May 18, 2015

Reg: Subpoena

Sports & Entertainment Physicians PC did not maintain and is not in possession of any of the records in the attached subpoena.

Sincerely,



Andrew N. Bazos

## SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX

#### MICHELLE SCUORZO,

Index No.: 20812/12E

Plaintiff,

-against-

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LUQMAN SAFDAR, FAYYAZ AHMAD, BIG APPLE CAR, INC., CITYWIDE MOBILE RESPONSE CORP., TRANSCARE AMBULANCE CORP., JOHN DOE, JANE DOE and ABC CORPORATION,

Defendants.

TO: Sports & Entertainment Physicians, PC 250 W. 54<sup>th</sup> Street New York, New York 10019

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WE COMMAND YOU, that all business and excuses being laid aside, you and each of you appear at the Law Offices of Albert Buzzetti & Associates, LLC, 521 Fifth Avenue, Suite 1700, New York, New York 10175 on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015 at 10:00 a.m., in the forenoon, and at any recessed or adjourned date, and that you bring with you, and produce at the time and place aforesaid, copies of the following documents:

- 1) All contracts or agreements with Madison Square Garden and/or Transcare Ambulance Corp. For the provision of professional services at Madison Square Garden in force and effect in 2010 and March 11, 2010 specifically;
- Part 18 Medical Incident Log for Madison Square Garden services for March 11, 2010 (as duly redacted as to patient name and identifying information, injury and/or treatment in accordance with HIPAA);
- 3) Personnel book, sign-in log or scheduling sheets indicating which, if any, personnel from Sports Entertainment Physician, PC and/or Transcare Ambulance Corp. were scheduled to and/or did appear so as to provide professional services at Madison Square Garden on March 11, 2010 (as duly redacted as to patient name and identifying information, injury and/or treatment in accordance with HIPAA);

- All documents evincing ambulance calls and/or responses to or from Madison Square Garden By and or through Transcare Ambulance Corp. on March 11, 2010 (as duly redacted as to patient name and identifying information, injury and/or treatment in accordance with HIPAA);
- 5) All incident reports generated by Sports Entertainment Physicians, PC relating to services requested or provided by Sports Entertainment Physicians, PC and/or Transcare Ambulance Corp. at Madison Square Garden on March 11, 2010 (as duly redacted as to patient name and identifying information, injury and/or treatment in accordance with HIPAA);
- 6) Procedures, protocols, forms and/or instructions for the request of ambulance and/or EMT transport services from Transcare Ambulance Corp., covering the time period of March 11, 2010, pursuant to the applicable agreement and/or contract with Madison Square Garden and/or Transcare Ambulance Corp. (as duly redacted as to patient name and identifying information, injury and/or treatment in accordance with HIPAA).

Failure to comply with this subpoena is punishable as contempt of Court and shall make you liable to the person on whose behalf this subpoena was issued for a penalty not to exceed fifty dollars and all damages sustained by reason of your failure to comply.

No personal appearance shall be required should you produce copies of the requested documents by mail at the Law Offices of Albert Buzzetti & Associates, LLC, 467 Sylvan Avenue, Englewood Cliffs, NJ 07632 on or before May 4, 2015.

Should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned attorney at (201) 816-3733.

Dated: New York, New York March 30, 2015

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ALBERT BUZZETTI & ASSOCIATES By: Curtis B. Gilfillan, Esq.

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February 4, 2015

Supreme Court of the State of New York County of Bronx Part 11, Room 711 Hon. Laura G. Douglas 851 Grand Concourse Bronx, NY 10451

#### Re: Scuorzo v. Safdar, et al. Index No: 20812/2012 Our File No.: 10085

Dear Judge Douglas:

The Note of Issue filing date in this matter is March 1, 2016, and a further extension of this date is sought wherein your Honor is still in the process of deciding a motion involving the potential remaining discovery in this matter. Additionally, this case has been ordered by the Appellate Division to be transferred back to Kings County, which same transfer has yet to be effectuated. As such, I am writing to request a conference to discuss this matter and to extend the Note of issue so as to avoid any potential repercussions for not filing the Note of issue as per the current Court directed deadline.

Thank you for your courtesies and attention to this matter.

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CG/lf w/enclosure cc: Joelle Jensen, Esq. Vincent Terrasi, Esq. Nancy Isslerlis, Esq. APPELLATE DIVISION OF THE SUPREME COURT FIRST JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

MICHELLE SCUORZO,

M-1382 Index No.: 20812-2012E

#### NOTICE OF ENTRY OF REMITTUR

-against-

Plaintiff-Respondent,

LUQMAN SAFDAR, et al.,

Defendants,

BIG APPLE CAR, INC.,

Defendant-Appellant.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the within is a true copy of a Remittur entered on

January 14, 2015 reflecting unanimous reversal and change of venue to Kings County on

behalf of Big Apple Car, Inc.

Dated: New York, New York January 15, 2016

WADE CLARK MULCAHY

Vincent F. Terrasi Attorneys for Defendant-Appellant Big Apple Car, Inc. 111 Broadway, 9th Floor New York, New York 10006 (212) 267-1900 Our File No.: 190.7013.3VT

TO: (See Attached Affidavit)

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NYSCEF DOC. NO. 256

Tom, J.P., Sweeny, Renwick, Manzanet-Daniels, JJ.

16405N Michelle Scuorzo, Plaintiff-Respondent, Index 20812/12E

-against-

Luqman Safdar, et al. Defendants,

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Wade Clark Mulcahy, New York (Vincent F. Terrasi of counsel), for appellant.

Albert Buzzetti & Associates, L.L.C., New York (Curtis B. Gilfillan of counsel), for respondent.

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ENTERED: DECEMBER 15, 2015

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) ss.:

I, Kathleen Cush, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

I am not a party to the within action, I am over 18 years of age, and I reside in Kings County, New York.

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#### APPELLATE DIVISION OF THE SUPREME COURT FIRST JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

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