

April 15, 2021

VIA EMAIL

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Re: *Juan Anthony Sancho v. The City of Ashland et. al*, Jackson County Circuit Court
Case No. _____

Dear Dave:

I write on behalf of Juan Anthony Sancho. As a cooperating attorney for the ACLU of Oregon, I and Kelly Simon, who is an ACLU attorney, along with Richard Thierolf and Matthew Rowan, represent Mr. Sancho in connection with the referenced matter. In that regard, please direct all future communication about this matter to me and the other lawyers referenced above.

Mr. Sancho's case is important to him and the broader Ashland community because it involves a significant public concern generating much national and local discussion – namely, re-thinking police work. We view this case as a vehicle to bring public attention to this important issue and generate community-driven change. Accordingly, the ACLU is issuing a press release with Mr. Sancho. The City of Ashland, if it chooses, has an opportunity to be willing participant in effecting this change.

To give you a better understanding of Mr. Sancho's claims, I attach a draft Complaint. As you will read, the unfortunate police tactics used by the Ashland Police Department against Mr. Sancho transformed what should have been a non-police or low-level police interaction into one that resulted in Mr. Sancho's improper arrest and that caused him unnecessarily to suffer severe emotional distress. Given the compelling and undeniable facts of this case, Mr. Sancho will prevail at trial. However, Mr. Sancho would like to attempt to resolve this collaboratively before resorting to adversarial court procedures.

Mr. Sancho wanted to give the City an opportunity to have serious discussion about resolution before engaging in full-scale litigation. To allow time for that discussion, I attach a Tolling Agreement. If the City of Ashland and the individually named defendants are interested in having such a discussion, please sign and secure the signature of the individually named defendants – and return a fully endorsed version to me no later than by noon, Friday, April 16,

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2021. If you do not return the signed Agreement by that time, we will be forced to conclude that the City and the individually named defendants have no such interest in resolution and will file the enclosed lawsuit immediately.

Your anticipated cooperation and courtesies are appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Christopher Lundberg

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Enclosures

Cc: Client

Kelly Simon, Richard Thierolf and Matthew Rowan