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LAUREN KANAREK,

Plaintiff(s).

VS.

MICHAEL BARISONE, SWEETGRASS FARMS, LLC, RUTH COX, JOHN DOES 1-30, and ABC CORPORATIONS 1-20,

Defendant(s)

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY LAW DIVISION: MORRIS COUNTY DOCKET NO. MRS-L-2250-19

**CIVIL ACTION** 

NOTICE OF MOTION TO COMPEL DOCUMENTS

TO: Mark K. Silver, Esq.

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Attorneys for Defendant Sweet Grass Farm, LLC

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**Attorneys for Defendant Michael Barisone** 

## SIRS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Friday, March 31, 2023 at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard, the undersigned, attorney for plaintiff Lauren Kanarek, shall apply to the above named Court for an Order Compelling the Production of Documents.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that we shall rely upon the attached Certification of Counsel in support of this Motion.

ARBITRATION: NONE PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE: NONE CALENDAR CALL: NONE TRIAL DATE: NONE

Pursuant to R.1:6-2(c), the undersigned hereby:

( ) waives oral argument and consents to disposition on the papers.

( ) requests oral argument if Motion is contested.

( X ) requests oral argument.

A proposed form of Order is annexed hereto.

KIRSCH, STONE & MORGAN, P.A.

BY: GREGG ALAN STONE

DATED: March 15, 2023

GREGG ALAN STONE, ESQ. ID#: 000221987 KIRSCH, STONE & MORGAN 50 PARK PLACE - SUITE 401 **NEWARK, NEW JERSEY 07102** Attorney for Plaintiff Lauren Kanarek (973) 623-0100 SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY LAUREN KANAREK, LAW DIVISION: MORRIS COUNTY Plaintiff(s), DOCKET NO. MRS-L-2250-19 VS. CIVIL ACTION MICHAEL BARISONE, SWEETGRASS FARMS, LLC, RUTH COX, JOHN DOES ORDER 1-30, and ABC CORPORATIONS 1-20, Defendant(s)

This matter having been brought before the Court on Motion of Gregg Alan Stone, Esq., of the law firm of Kirsch, Stone & Morgan, P.A, attorneys for plaintiff Lauren Kanarek, for an Order to compel discovery, due notice of the application having been given to the attorneys for defendant(s) and the Court having read and considered all of the moving papers submitted, and for good cause shown

IT IS ON THIS DAY OF 2023;

**ORDERED** that defendant Barisone shall produce any and all pleadings, filings, Orders, and related Appeals from <u>State v. Barisone</u>, subject to a protective Order, within five days of entry hereof; and it is further

**ORDERED** that defendant Sweet Grass Farm shall produce all documents responsive to plaintiff's request for any and all documents related to or touching upon

"instances of alleged harassment" known to defendant	Sweet Grass Farm, within five
days of entry hereof; and it is further	
ORDERED that a copy of this Order shall be serve	d upon all counsel in this actior
within days of the date hereof.	
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Opposed Unopposed	

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## **CERTIFICATION OF COUNSEL**

## I, GREGG ALAN STONE, ESQ., hereby certify as follows:

- 1. I am an attorney-at-law of the State of New Jersey and a member of the firm of Kirsch, Stone & Morgan, P.A., attorneys for plaintiff Lauren Kanarek. I am fully familiar with the facts of this case.
- 2. This high-profile negligence action arises out of the shooting of plaintiff Lauren Kanarek by defendant Michael Barisone, while plaintiff was residing on the property owned by defendant Sweet Grass Farm ("SGF").
- 3. On March 8, 2023, plaintiff requested that defendant Barisone provide all pleadings, filing, Orders, and related Appeals from defendant Barisone's criminal trial, <a href="State v. Barisone">State v. Barisone</a>.
- 4. Defendant Barisone did not respond. Plaintiff followed up with defendant Barisone the following day, March 9, 2023.

- To date, plaintiff has not received a response to her request from defendant
   Barisone.
- 6. Plaintiff acknowledges that the requested pleadings, filings, Orders, and Appeals are filed under seal of confidentiality. Plaintiff advised defendant Barisone that plaintiff would execute a consent protective Order regarding these documents.
- 7. All pleadings, filing, Orders, and related Appeals in the Barisone criminal matter are relevant to plaintiff's prosecution of her civil lawsuit, and her defense to Barisone's Counterclaim, and are discoverable.
- 8. In addition, defendant SGF wrote in its most recent Brief that plaintiff has engaged in other alleged instances of harassment. SGF cited a redacted filing, and indicated that the [redacted] incident is not the only [incident of alleged harassment] known to SGF."
- 9. After receiving defendant SGF's Brief, plaintiff requested any and all documents related to or touching upon "instances of alleged harassment" known to defendant SGF.
- 10. In response, defendant SGF indicated that plaintiff was not entitled to responsive documents to her request, claiming same are subject to the work-product privilege.
- 11. If defendant SGF seeks to defend on the basis that plaintiff is comparatively responsible for being shot because she engaged in other instances of alleged harassment, plaintiff is entitled to all related discovery. Presumably, defendant SGF seeks to question plaintiff regarding these alleged instances of harassment. Plaintiff's deposition is scheduled for April 13, 2023.

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12. Plaintiff has an absolute right to this relevant discovery in the possession

of defendant SGF, particularly since defendant SGF has admitted in filings to the Court

that it seeks to rely upon same to argue the comparative fault of plaintiff.

13. Defendant SGF has not met its burden regarding claimed work-product

privilege.

14. Based on the foregoing, plaintiff respectfully requests that the Court enter

an Order compelling defendant Barisone to produce all pleadings, filing, Orders, and

related Appeals from State v. Barisone, subject to a protective Order.

15. Plaintiff further respectfully requests that the Court enter an Order

compelling defendant SGF to produce all documents responsive to plaintiff's request for

any and all documents related to or touching upon "instances of alleged harassment"

known to defendant SGF.

16. Plaintiff respectfully requests that the requested discovery be provided

within five days of entry of the within Order, given that plaintiff's deposition is currently

scheduled for April 13, 2023.

I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if

any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false. I am subject to

punishment.

KIRSCH, STONE & MORGAN, P.A.

By:

GREGG ALAN STONE, ESQ.

DATED: March 15, 2023

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CERTIFICATION OF MAILING

I certify that the original and copy of the within Cross-Notice of Motion has been forwarded to the Motions Clerk at the Morris County Superior Court, Court and Washington Streets. Morristown, New Jersey 07960 and a copy served upon:

TO: Mark K. Silver, Esq.

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