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9 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
10 **SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

<p>11 DAVID GREENLEY, individually and 12 on behalf of others similarly situated,</p> <p>13 Plaintiff,</p> <p>14 vs.</p> <p>15 16 Kochava, Inc.,</p> <p>17 Defendant.</p>	<p>11 CASE NO: <u>'22CV1327 BAS AHG</u></p> <p>12 CLASS ACTION</p> <p>13 COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES:</p> <p>14 1. UNLAWFUL WIRETAPPING AND 15 INTERCEPTION OF ELECTRONIC 16 COMMUNICATIONS, CAL. PEN. 17 CODE § 631</p> <p>18 2. UNLAWFUL RECORDING OF 19 CONFIDENTIAL TELEPHONE 20 CALLS, CAL. PEN. CODE § 632</p> <p>21 3. UNLAWFUL RECORDING OF 22 CELLULAR TELEPHONE 23 CALLS, CAL. PEN. CODE § 632.7</p> <p>24 4. UNLAWFUL USE OF 25 ELECTRONIC TRACKING DEVICE 26 UNDER CAL. PEN. CODE § 637.7</p> <p>27 JURY TRIAL DEMANDED</p>
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INTRODUCTION

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2 1. David Greenley (“Plaintiff”), individually and on behalf of all other similarly
3 situated California residents (“Class Members”), brings this action for damages
4 and injunctive relief against Kochava, Inc. (“Defendant”), and its present, former,
5 or future direct and indirect parent companies, subsidiaries, affiliates, agents,
6 related entities for violations of the California Penal Code § 630, et seq.,
7 (“CIPA”) including § 631 Wiretapping in relation to the unauthorized collection,
8 recording, and dissemination of Plaintiff’s and Class Members’ data.
- 9 2. The California State Legislature passed CIPA in 1967 to protect the right of
10 privacy of the people of California. The California Penal Code is very clear in its
11 prohibition against unauthorized tapping or connection without the consent of the
12 other person: “Any person who, by means of any machine, instrument, or
13 contrivance, or any other matter, intentionally taps, or makes any unauthorized
14 connection . . . with any telegraph or telephone wire, line, cable, or instrument,
15 including the wire, line, cable. Or instrument of any internal telephonic
16 communication system, or who willfully and without consent of all parties to the
17 communication, or in any unauthorized manner, reads, or attempts to read, or to
18 learn the contents or meaning of any message, report, or communication while
19 the same is in transit or passing over any wire, line, or cable, or is being sent
20 from, or received at any place within this state [violates this section].” Penal
21 Code § 631(a).
- 22 3. The California State Legislature passed CIPA in 1967 to protect the right of
23 privacy of the people of California, replacing prior laws, which permitted the
24 recording of telephone conversations with the consent of one party to the
25 conversation. The California Penal Code is very clear in its prohibition against
26 unauthorized recording without the consent of the other person to the
27 conversation: “Every person who, intentionally and without the consent of all
28 parties to a confidential communication, by means of any electronic amplifying

1 or recording device, eavesdrops upon or records the confidential communication
2 [violates this section].” Penal Code § 632(a).

3 4. In addition to the general protections afforded to confidential communications by
4 California Penal Code §632, California Penal Code § 632.7 was added to CIPA
5 in 1992 due to specific privacy concerns over the increased use of cellular and
6 cordless telephones. Section 632.7 prohibits secretly recording all
7 communications involving cellular and cordless telephones, not just confidential
8 communications. Penal Code 637.2 permits Plaintiff to bring this action for any
9 violation of Penal Code § 632 and provides for statutory damages of \$5,000 for
10 each violation.

11 5. Defendant made an unauthorized connection with Plaintiff’s mobile device when
12 Defendant collected and stored geolocation data specific to each consumer’s
13 mobile device and then provided such information to its clients for the purposes
14 of targeted advertising.

15 6. Plaintiff brings this action for every violation of California Penal Code § 631
16 which provides for statutory damages of \$2,500 for each violation, pursuant to
17 California Penal Code § 631(a), and Penal Code § 632 for statutory damages of
18 \$5,000 for each violation under Penal Code § 637.2.

19 7. Defendant collected, sold, licensed, and transferred Plaintiff’s precise
20 geolocation data which were associated to visits to sensitive locations without
21 Plaintiff’s knowledge or consent. These actions cause or are likely to cause
22 substantial injury to Plaintiff which are not outweighed by any benefits to the
23 consumer or competition.

24 8. Plaintiff brings this class action on behalf of a class with four subclasses, as more
25 fully defined infra, consisting of the Confidential Communication class.

26 9. Plaintiff makes these allegations on information and belief, with the exception of
27 those allegations that pertain to Plaintiff, or to Plaintiff’s counsel, which Plaintiff
28 alleges on his personal knowledge.

1 10. Unless otherwise stated, all the conduct engaged in by Defendant took place in
2 California.

3 11. All violations by Defendant were knowing, willful, and intentional, and
4 Defendant did not maintain procedures reasonably adapted to avoid any such
5 violation.

6 12. Unless otherwise indicated, the use of Defendant's name in this Complaint
7 includes all agents, employees, officers, members, directors, heirs, successors,
8 assigns, principals, trustees, sureties, subrogees, representatives, and insurers of
9 the named Defendant.

10 **JURISDICTION & VENUE**

11 13. Jurisdiction is proper under the Class Action Fairness Act ("CAFA"), 28 U.S.C.
12 § 1332(d)(2), because Plaintiff, a resident of the State of California, seeks relief
13 on behalf of a California class, which will result in at least one class member
14 belonging to a different state than that of Defendant, a Delaware Corporation with
15 its principal place of business in Idaho.

16 14. Plaintiff is requesting statutory damages of \$2,500 per violation of Cal. Penal
17 Code §631, \$5,000 per violation of §632 under §637.2, and \$5,000 per violation
18 of §637.7 under §637.2, per unlawful interception, which, when aggregated
19 among a proposed class number in the tens of thousands, exceeds the \$5,000,000
20 threshold for federal court jurisdiction under CAFA.

21 15. Therefore, both diversity jurisdiction and the damages threshold under CAFA are
22 present, and this Court has jurisdiction.

23 16. Because Defendant conducts business within the State of California, personal
24 jurisdiction is established.

25 17. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391 for the following reasons: (i) the
26 conduct complained of herein occurred within this judicial district; and (ii)
27 Defendant conducted business within this judicial district at all times relevant.

28 **PARTIES**

1 18. Plaintiff is, and at all times mentioned herein was, a natural person and resident
2 of the State of California who regularly visits and conducts business in the
3 County of San Diego.

4 19. Defendant is, and at all times mentioned herein was, a Delaware corporation with
5 its principal place of business located at 201 Church Street, Standpoint, Idaho.

6 20. Defendant has registered an agent of process with the Idaho Secretary of State,
7 Doug Lieuallen, 201 Church Street, Sandpoint, Idaho 83864. Plaintiff alleges
8 that at all times relevant herein Defendant conducted business in the State of
9 California, in the County of San Diego, within this judicial district.

10 21. Defendant is, and at all times mentioned herein was, a “person”, as defined by
11 Cal. Pen. Code § 632(b).

12 **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

13 **Defendant Sells Precise Location Information**

14 **for Millions of Mobile Devices**

15 22. On August 29, 2022, the Federal Trade Commission filed a federal lawsuit
16 against Defendant for its market conduct in illegally gathering geo-location data
17 (“FTC Complaint”).

18 23. The following factual summary includes facts obtained from the FTC Complaint;
19 the Defendant’s statements on its own website, and various other reliable public
20 sources of information describing Defendant’s data gathering business practices.

21 24. Defendant is, among other things, a location data broker that provides its
22 customers massive amounts of precise geolocation data collected from
23 consumer’s mobile devices.

24 25. Defendant collects a wealth of information about consumers and their mobile
25 devices by, among other means, purchasing data from other data brokers to sell
26 to its own customers.

27 26. Defendant then sells customized data feeds to its clients to assist in advertising
28 and analyzing foot traffic at stores or other locations. Defendant sells

1 timestamped latitude and longitude coordinates showing the location of mobile
2 devices.

3 27. As noted in Defendant’s explanation, each pair or timestamped latitude and
4 longitude coordinates is associated with a “device_id_value,” which is also
5 known as a Mobile Advertising ID (“MAID”). A MAID is a unique identifier
6 assigned to a consumer’s mobile device to assist marketers in advertising to the
7 consumer. Although a MAID may be changed by a consumer, doing so requires
8 the consumer to proactively reset the MAID on the consumer’s mobile device.

9 28. In describing its product in the online marketplace, Defendant has asserted that it
10 offers “rich geo data spanning billions of devices globally.” Defendant further
11 claimed that its location data feed “delivers raw latitude/longitude data with
12 volumes around 94[billion]+ geo transactions per month, 125 million monthly
13 active users, and 35 million daily users, on average observing more than 90 daily
14 transactions per device.”

15 **Defendant Provides Public Access to Plaintiff**
16 **and Class Members’ Location Data**

17 29. According to the FTC Complaint, Defendant has sold access to its data feeds on
18 online data marketplaces that are publicly accessible. Defendant typically
19 charges a monthly subscription fee of thousands of dollars to access its location
20 data feed but has also offered a free sample (the “Kochava Data Sample”).

21 30. Defendant has made the Kochava Data Sample publicly available with only
22 minimal steps and no restrictions on usage.

23 31. For example, according to the FTC the Kochava Data Sample was available on
24 the Amazon Marketplace until approximately June 2022. In order to access the
25 sample data feed, a purchaser simply needed a free AWS account. A purchaser
26 would then search the AWS marketplace for “Kochava,” which resulted in two
27 available datasets – a \$25,000 location data feed subscription and the free
28 Kochava Data Sample.

1 32. The Kochava Data Sample consisted of a subset of the paid data feed, covering a
2 rolling seven-day period. It was formatted as a text file, which could be converted
3 into a spreadsheet, which contained over 327,480,000 rows and 11 columns of
4 data, corresponding to over 61,803,400 unique mobile devices.

5 33. The FTC Complaint further explained that when an AWS purchaser clicked
6 “subscribe” for the Kochava Data Sample feed, the purchaser was directed to a
7 screen that included a “Subscription terms” notification that stated the Kochava
8 Data Sample “has been marked by the provider [i.e., Kochava] as containing
9 sensitive categories of information.”

10 34. Below this notice, a form was displayed, requesting the purchaser’s company
11 name, name of purchaser, email address, and intended use case.

12 35. A purchaser could use an ordinary personal email address and describe the
13 intended use simply as “business.” The request would then be sent to Defendant
14 for approval. Defendant has approved such requests in as little as 24 hours.

15 36. Once Defendant approved the request, the purchaser was notified by email and
16 then gained access to the data, along with a data dictionary explaining the
17 categories of data provided as detailed within the FTC Complaint.

18 37. The Kochava Data Sample included precise location data gathered in the seven
19 days prior to the date Defendant approved the subscription request.

20 **Defendant’s Data Practices and Business Model**

21 38. Defendant gathers and tracks specific consumer geolocation and other data about
22 consumers, then combines it with other consumer data to create consumer
23 reporting about individual consumers by tracking their mobile phone location and
24 corresponding smartphone application and click-thru activity and usage.

25 39. According to Defendant’s own website, “Kochava is the industry standard for
26 secure, real-time data solutions. We help people-based marketers establish
27 identity, define and activate audiences, and measure and optimize their marketing
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1 across connected devices.” <https://www.kochava.com/company/> last accessed
2 August 30, 2022.

3 40. Defendant also states that,

4 Kochava Inc. is a real-time data solutions company offering the
5 leading omni-channel measurement and attribution solutions for
6 data-driven marketers. The Marketers Operating System™
7 (m/OS) from Kochava empowers advertisers and publishers with
8 a platform that seamlessly integrates and manages customer
9 identity, measurement, and data controls. Unlike the
10 complicated, siloed tech stacks employed today, the m/OS takes
11 the next step: unifying all of your data and critical omni-channel
12 solutions into a cohesive, operational system that goes beyond
13 data aggregation and reporting. The m/OS provides the
14 foundation for limitless advertiser and publisher tools, including
15 the option to build third-party solutions onto the platform. By
16 design, m/OS facilitates success by making data accessible and
17 actionable to maximize ROI.

18 [https://www.kochava.com/kochava-announces-clue-as-newest-authorized-](https://www.kochava.com/kochava-announces-clue-as-newest-authorized-agency-partner/)
19 [agency-partner/](https://www.kochava.com/kochava-announces-clue-as-newest-authorized-agency-partner/) last accessed August 30, 2022.

20 41. Defendant’s LinkedIn page touts that:

21 Kochava delivers what marketers need, when they need it, to
22 establish customer identity and segment and activate audiences
23 in a privacy-first world, leveraging data from the Kochava
24 Collective for audience enrichment.

25 <https://www.linkedin.com/company/kochava/about/> last accessed August 30,
26 2022.

27 42. Defendant lists its business sector specialties as, “Mobile Advertising Solutions,
28 Mobile Tracking, Analytics, Mobile Gamification, Attribution for Connected
Devices, Monetization, Mobile App Tracking, and App Analytics.” Id.

43. According to its CEO, Charles Manning, Defendant

Kochava offers a unique, holistic and unbiased approach to
mobile attribution analytics and optimization. Via its platform,
Kochava provides mobile advertisers with precise real-time
visualization of campaign data that spans from initial launch
through conversion and lifetime value (LTV) reporting,
including comprehensive post-install event tracking. Kochava’s
tools enable customers to turn their data into actionable
information. With over 3,000 publisher and network integrations
including Facebook, Twitter, Google, Snap, Pinterest and

1 Pandora, Kochava is trusted globally by the largest brands in
2 mobile gaming, commerce, news and media. For more
information visit www.kochava.com.

3 <https://www.linkedin.com/in/charlesfmanning/> last accessed August 30, 2022
4 (bold underline added).

5 44. One individual in the mobile analytics industry described the methodology and
6 significance of mobile attribution analytics like those employed by Defendant:

7 Attribution is how marketers understand the journey you take to
8 arrive in their app and what you do once you've landed there.
9 When done right, there's a data point for each of the actions a
user takes on the journey, from clicking an ad to making a
purchase.

10 **How does mobile attribution work?**
11 So why is it important to run with an attribution provider and not
12 just rely on something like Google Analytics? The most
13 important reason is that implementing a mobile app tracking
14 SDK enables you to make well-informed business decisions in
15 real time. An attribution provider gives you a platform to
16 discover where your users come from - if they arrived in your
app via a video ad, for instance. We're then able to help you
understand how that user moves through your app and how you
can compare their journey to someone else who arrived via a
different source.

17 This lets you determine which are your best-performing
18 campaigns, so you can pinpoint the most effective ads and iterate
19 on them. With this information, you're able to optimize your
20 creative assets and use hard data to get rid of failing ads and
tweak the good ones. Greater knowledge about how your ads
perform allows you to practice smart retargeting and build
campaigns targeted. For example, you could specifically target
users who tried out your app but didn't stick around.

21 Your users will come from multiple advertising channels. If you
22 cannot track the how, who, when and why of their journey to
23 your app, you cannot know which of your networks are
delivering users, the relative value of those users, or how much
of your marketing budget is going directly towards fake clicks
and fake installs.

24 **What happens when I click on an ad?**
25 Let's say that you're using your iPhone to play a game. A video
26 ad pops up within the game. You watch the video and click the
27 call to action (CTA) to download the app at the end of it. The
28 link takes you to the app in the iTunes store, but briefly redirects
you through Adjust. This takes a fraction of a second but is a key
step; it's how the attribution provider receives the first data point
- the engagement with the ad.

1 By clicking the link, going to the app store, downloading the app
2 and opening it for the first time, the attribution provider will
3 receive the following data points:

4 Advertising ID - a string of numbers and letters that identifies
5 every individual smartphone or tablet in the world

6 IP address – a specific address that devices use to communicate
7 with one another via the internet

8 User agent – a line of text that identifies a user’s browser and
9 operating system

10 Timestamp – When you clicked on the link

11 First Install - Activates on first app open

12 With this information, the attribution provider can determine
13 whether the user is new or existing. If the user is new, the
14 attribution provider will attempt to match the user’s install to
15 their engagement with a particular ad. This exchange of
16 information can happen in several ways; the most common is for
17 the app to integrate the attribution provider’s SDK.

18 An SDK (or software development kit) allows apps to
19 communicate with [a mobile analytics company’s] servers. App
20 developers integrate the SDK into their app’s code, much like if
21 they had a car and a manufacturer gave them a new part for a bit
22 of an upgrade. This creates a line of communication between the
23 app and us through which we can provide attribution data in real
24 time.

25 <https://www.adjust.com/blog/mobile-ad-attribution-introduction-for-beginners/>

26 last accessed August 30, 2022.

- 27 45. In addition, Defendant openly acknowledges that its software development kit
28 (SDK), made available to and inserted by other companies as a plug-in to their
own smartphone applications, intercepts and reads massive amounts of consumer
data using its technology in order to identify unique consumers and report on
their travel and habits for marketing, verification, and other purposes:

29 **SDK Data Privacy and Safety**

30 Various data is transmitted from the SDK to Kochava. This
31 document describes SDK behavior and which datapoints are
32 transmitted.

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34 **When is data transmitted?**

35 Data is transmitted only during app runtime milestones such as
36 the first app launch, user session envelopes, and when
37 performing host requested activities such as measuring an event.
38 Data is not transmitted otherwise and can only be transmitted
while the app is running. When not in use, the SDK remains idle,
awaiting instruction from the host, and does not continuously
transmit data to Kochava.

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28**Is data encrypted?**

Data is always encrypted during transmission via HTTPS.

Can data transmission be disabled?

Datapoint transmission may be disabled on an app-wide basis, rather than per-user basis. Many attribution-related datapoint transmissions may be disabled through your Edit App page in the dashboard, while others may be disabled upon request through your client success manager.

Can data be deleted upon request?

User data may be deleted from Kochava, so long as the request comes directly from the user.

Is the IP address transmitted?

The IP address of the device is an integral part of any network communication and is not explicitly set or controlled by the SDK; thus it is always transmitted when the device communicates with Kochava or any other entity. The IP address is used to derive a general location for purposes of analytics and reporting, but may also play a role in attribution depending on your attribution settings.

What data is transmitted?

Datapoints transmitted by the SDK are listed below. Keep in mind that some datapoints vary by SDK or platform, and datapoints are only transmitted if readily available for the given platform, and only if any required modules are present.

Android Specific Datapoints

These transmitted datapoints are specific to the Android SDK and are primarily used for attribution and install deduplication. Additionally, many of these datapoints are transmitted only if required modules are present.

<i>Datapoint</i>	<i>Description</i>
Google Advertising ID	Google Play Store advertising identifier.
Amazon Fire Advertising ID	Amazon advertising identifier.
Android ID	Android identifier.
Huawei Advertising ID	Huawei advertising identifier.

iOS Specific Datapoints

These transmitted datapoints are specific to the iOS/tvOS SDK and are primarily used for attribution and install deduplication.

<i>Datapoint</i>	<i>Description</i>
IDFA	Apple's identifier for advertisers. The IDFA is automatically redacted as of iOS 14.5 if ATT authorization has not been granted.
IDFV	Apple's identifier for vendors.
Apple Search Ads Results	Apple Search Ads attribution results.

1 Install Receipt The install receipt, which is used
2 for validation.

3 **Other Identifiers**

4 These transmitted datapoints are common across most SDK
5 platforms and are primarily used for attribution and install
6 deduplication.

7 <i>Datapoint</i>	8 <i>Description</i>
9 Facebook Attribution ID	10 Facebook's internal attribution 11 identifier.
12 Kochava Device ID	13 Kochava's internal identifier, 14 which is scoped to the current install, rather than the 15 device.
16 User Agent	17 The user agent of the device.

18 **App State Datapoints**

19 These transmitted datapoints are common across most SDK
20 platforms and describe the state of the app. They are used
21 primarily for your analytics and reporting and do not play a role
22 in attribution.

23 <i>Datapoint</i>	24 <i>Description</i>
25 App Name	26 The name of the app.
27 App Package/Bundle 28 of the app.	29 The Bundle ID or package name
30 App Version	31 App version string(s).
32 Notifications Enabled	33 Whether notifications are 34 enabled for the app.
35 Installer Package	36 The provider of the app 37 installation (Android only).
38 Date of Install from Store	39 The date the app was installed 40 (Android only).

41 **Device State Datapoints**

42 These transmitted datapoints are common across most SDK
43 platforms and describe the state of the device. They are used for
44 your analytics, reporting and fraud detection; they do not play a
45 role in attribution.

46 <i>Datapoint</i>	47 <i>Description</i>
48 Architecture	49 The device architecture.
50 Battery Level	51 The current battery level.
52 Boot Time	53 When the device was last 54 booted.
55 Battery Status	56 The status of the battery.
57 Cellular Carrier Name	58 The cellular carrier name.
59 Cellular Type	60 The cellular carrier type.
61 Device Type	62 The device model.
63 Display Width	64 The display width in pixels.
65 Display Height	66 The display height in pixels.
67 Locale Setting	68 The chosen locale setting.
69 Language Setting	70 The chosen language setting.
71 Network Is Metered	72 Whether the network is metered.
73 Network SSID	74 The SSID.
75 Network BSSID	76 The BSSID.

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Orientation	The device orientation.
OS Version	The version of the device OS.
Platform	The platform of the device.
Screen DPI	The screen DPI.
Screen Inches	The screen size.
Screen Brightness	The current screen brightness.
Signal Bars	The current cellular signal bars.
Timezone	The chosen timezone setting.

<https://support.kochava.com/reference-information/sdk-data-privacy-and-safety/> last accessed August 30, 2022.

46. By actively intercepting this digital information without the consent of knowledge of consumers like Plaintiff, Defendant is able to deliver targeted advertising to those consumers while tracking their locations, spending habits, and personal characteristics, while sharing this rich personal data simultaneously with untold numbers of third-party companies by in essence “fingerprinting” each unique device and user, as well as connecting users across devices and devices across users.

47. Defendant, without consent, surreptitiously intercepts and collects Plaintiff’s and Class Members' activity while using smartphone applications that have installed its SDK.

48. This data collection includes all sorts of website information, as well as Plaintiffs' and Class Members' respective IP addresses, browser and device information, user IDs, geolocation data, and other data, are used by Defendant to “fingerprint” individuals across the internet for Defendant’s benefit, deriving revenue from the targeted marketing and sale of this information to third parties.

49. Defendant has a huge and diverse client base of paid recipients of this consumer reporting data that includes, amongst others:

- 7-Eleven
- Airbnb
- Audible.com
- Capcom
- CBS
- Chevron
- Chick-Fil-A
- Choice Hotels
- Discovery Channel

- 1 • Disney+
- 2 • Dunkin Doughnuts
- 3 • Groupon
- 4 • GSN Channel
- 5 • Hilton Hotels
- 6 • Intuit
- 7 • John Hancock
- 8 • Kroger
- 9 • Little Caesars
- 10 • McDonalds
- 11 • NBC
- 12 • WesternUnion
- 13 • Priceline
- 14 • Roku
- 15 • SiriusXM
- 16 • Sling
- 17 • Sonic
- 18 • Univision
- 19 • UFC
- 20 • Venmo
- 21 • Zappos

22 [https://www.kochava.com/kochava-difference/?int-link=menu-competitive-](https://www.kochava.com/kochava-difference/?int-link=menu-competitive-differences)
23 [differences](https://www.kochava.com/kochava-difference/?int-link=menu-competitive-differences) last accessed August 29, 2022.

24 50. Upon good faith information and belief, Defendant and others installed software
25 Defendant's SDK onto Plaintiff's cellular telephone which gathers geo-location
26 data from Plaintiff's whereabouts, as well as his the previously described
27 datapoints on his smartphone, but without Plaintiff's express consent or
28 knowledge and then created consumer reports based upon this information.

29 51. Defendant uses its software to combine this information with other data points
30 Defendant has obtained about Plaintiff to create a composite of Plaintiff's
31 physical locations and consumer behavior.

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35 **Defendant's Data Can Be Used to Identify People**
36 **and Track Them to Sensitive Locations**

37 52. The FTC Complaint also details how precise geolocation data associated with
38 MAIDs, such as the data sold by Defendant, may be used to track consumers to

1 sensitive locations, including places of religion, domestic abuse shelters, places
2 inferring LGBTQ+ identification, medical facilities, welfare and homeless
3 shelters, and reproductive health clinics.

4 53. Since each set of coordinates is time-stamped, it is also possible to identify when
5 a mobile device visited a certain location.

6 54. Defendant does not anonymize the location data it provides, meaning it is
7 possible to use the geolocation data combined with the mobile device's MAID to
8 identify the user or owner of the device.

9 55. The location data sold by Defendant typically includes multiple timestamped
10 signals for each MAID. By plotting each of these signals on a map, much can be
11 inferred about the mobile device owners. For example, the location of the mobile
12 device at night likely corresponds to the user's home address. This, coupled with
13 other public records, can easily identify the name of the owner or resident of a
14 particular address.

15 56. Defendant has even recognized that its data may be used to track mobile devices
16 to home address. In its marketing on the AWS Marketplace, it has suggested
17 "Household Mapping" as a potential use case of the data.

18 57. Defendant employs no technical controls to prohibit its customers from
19 identifying consumers or tracking them to sensitive locations.

20 **Defendant Practices Cause and Are Likely**
21 **to Cause Substantial Injury to Consumers**

22 58. As described above, the data collected, stored, and sold by Defendant may be
23 used to identify individual consumers and their visits to sensitive locations. The
24 collection and sale of such data poses an unwarranted and unauthorized intrusion
25 into the most private areas of a consumer's life and caused or is likely to cause
26 substantial injury to the consumers.

27 59. The dangers associated with Defendant's practices are numerous. For example,
28 the data set makes it possible to identify a mobile device which visited a

1 reproductive health clinic or can demonstrate a person’s routine by showing
2 location data from a particular address, numerous times, in a single week.

3 60. Defendant collects and stores and disseminates this data all without the user’s
4 knowledge or consent.

5 61. Allowing a person access to such information, even for a seven-day period, can
6 cause substantial injury to the user.

7 62. Identification of sensitive and private characteristics of consumers from the
8 location data sold and offered by Defendant injures or is likely to injure
9 consumers through exposure to stigma, discrimination, physical violence,
10 emotional distress, and other harms.

11 63. Such injuries are exacerbated by the fact that Defendant lacks any meaningful
12 control over who accesses its location data feed.

13 64. The collection and use of their location data by Defendant are completely
14 unknown and/or opaque to consumers, who typically do not know who has
15 collected their location data and how it is being used—let alone to consent to the
16 interception and use of that data.

17 65. Once the information has been collected and stored, the information can be sold
18 multiple times to companies those consumers have never heard of and never
19 interacted with. Consumers are therefore unable to take reasonable steps to avoid
20 the above-described injuries.

21 66. By Defendant’s own admissions the data collected violates California’s broad
22 remedial statutory scheme supporting consumer privacy rights, as codified under
23 Cal. Pen. Code § 630, et seq.

24 “Kochava operates two business units, which offer digital marketing and
25 analytics services. It’s [sic] primary business unit provides mobile advertising
26 attribution through a set of customizable software tools (“Software as a Service”
27 aka “SAAS”) that allow Kochava’s customers to obtain various data points and
28 analytics for the customers’ digital marketing campaigns and applications.

1 Specifically, Kochava develops a set of software tools and programs that device
2 application (“app”) developers can use to measure, track, organize, and visualize
3 mobile app data for their marketing campaigns across marketing channels and
4 partners. Kochava’s secondary business unit, the Kochava Collective
5 (“Collective”), is an aggregator of third-party provided mobile device data, which
6 Kochava makes available through its proprietary data marketplace. *See Kochava,*
7 *Inc. v. Federal Trade Commission*; 2:22-cv-00349-BLW (Dist. Idaho), ¶ 7.

8 67. Defendant itself admits that it tracks sensitive consumer geo location data, in
9 violation of California law:

10 “The FTC’s allegations regarding Kochava’s alleged business practices illustrate
11 a lack of understanding of Kochava’s services. As part of its Collective services,
12 Kochava does not uniquely identify users, but collects Mobile Advertising
13 Identifier (MAID) information and links it to hashed emails and primary IP
14 addresses in relation to Kochava’s Data Marketplace. Although the Kochava
15 Collective collects latitude and longitude, IP address and MAID associated with
16 a consumer’s device, Kochava does not receive these data elements until days
17 after (unlike a GPS tool, for instance), Kochava does not identify the location
18 associated with latitude and longitude, nor does Kochava identify the consumer
19 associated with the MAID. As such, Kochava does not collect, then subsequently
20 sell data compilation that allows one to track a specific individual to a specific
21 location. Even if an injury to the consumer did indeed occur, it is reasonably
22 avoidable by the consumer themselves by way the opt-out provision to allow the
23 data collection. In other words, the consumer agreed to share its location data
24 with an app developer. As such, the consumer should reasonably expect that this
25 data will contain the consumer’s locations, even locations which the consumer
26 deems is sensitive. Prior to the data collection, a disclaimer or a warning was also
27 provided to a consumer regarding collection of data from all.” *Id.* at ¶ 19
28 locations, including sensitive ones.

1 68. In fact, Defendant recognizes the damage it has done to California consumers and
2 in response to an imminent FTC action, it proactively introduced a new feature
3 that allegedly now blocks the gathering of private, sensitive, location data related
4 to health care facilities:

5 “On August 10, 2022, Kochava, announced a capability for its Kochava
6 Collective marketplace. The Kochava Collective is an independent data
7 marketplace for connected mobile devices. The new capability is a “Privacy
8 Block” which removes health services location data from the Kochava Collective
9 marketplace. Privacy Block aggregates health services locations which have been
10 identified by a broad range of industry partners into a unified, super- set definition
11 of health services locations. Privacy Block bolsters consumer privacy by
12 leveraging multiple vendor location definitions for what each vendor determines
13 is a health services location, and blocks the onward transfer of this data. Kochava
14 invited data brokers and adtech industry vendors to register to participate with
15 Privacy Block and contribute to the database. In addition, those in the health
16 services sector were invited to register to block their location directly in Privacy
17 Block. Even if consumers previously consented to share their location data,
18 Privacy Block blocks the sharing of health services locations.” *Id.* at ¶¶ 26-27

19 **Defendant’s Unlawful Recording of Confidential Communications**

20 69. California Penal Code § 632(a) prohibits recording of such confidential
21 communications, including digital communications like those between Plaintiff
22 and Defendant, without the consent of the other person states:

23 A person who, intentionally and without the consent of all
24 parties to a confidential communication, uses an electronic
25 amplifying or recording device to eavesdrop upon or
26 record the confidential communication, whether the
27 communication is carried on among the parties in the
28 presence of one another or by means of a telegraph,
telephone, or other device, except a radio [violates this
section].

1 70. California Penal Code § 632.7(a) is clear in its prohibition against such
2 unauthorized recording of any communications without the consent of all parties
3 to the communication:

4 “Every person who, without the consent of all parties to a
5 communication, intercepts or receives and intentionally
6 records, or assists in the interception or reception and
7 intentional recordation of, a communication transmitted
8 between two cellular radio telephones, a cellular radio
telephone and a landline telephone, two cordless
telephones, a cordless telephone and a landline telephone,
or a cordless telephone and a cellular radio telephone
[violates this section].”

9 71. California Penal Code § 637.2 permits Plaintiff to bring this action for any
10 violation of California Penal Code § 632.7(a) and provides for statutory damages
11 of \$5,000 for each violation.

12 72. Defendant recorded or otherwise made an unauthorized connection to Plaintiff’s
13 confidential communications in violation of California’s statutory and common
14 law against such unlawful intrusions into a person’s private affairs, including the
15 California Constitution’s prohibition in Article 1, Section 1.

16 73. This suit seeks only damages and injunctive relief for recovery of economic
17 injury and it expressly is not intended to request any recovery for personal injury
18 and claims related thereto.

19 74. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that Defendant
20 intentionally recorded a confidential communication as prohibited by California
21 Penal Code § 632.

22 75. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that Defendant
23 intentionally recorded a communication transmitted between a cellular radio
24 telephone and a landline telephone without Plaintiff’s consent as prohibited by
25 California Penal Code § 632.7(a).

26 76. Defendant violated Plaintiff’s constitutionally protected privacy rights by failing
27 to advise or otherwise provide notice at the beginning of the recorded
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1 communication with Plaintiff that the communication would be recorded, and
2 Defendant did not try to obtain the Plaintiff's consent before such recording.

3 77. The recording or other unauthorized connection was done without Plaintiff's
4 prior knowledge or consent. Plaintiff was damaged thereby, as detailed herein,
5 in at least an amount permitted by the statutory damages mandated by California
6 Penal Code § 637.2(a).

7 78. Defendant, its employees or agents, secretly recorded a cellular communication
8 made involving Plaintiff and others. At no time before, during, or after any of
9 the communications was Plaintiff warned, told, advised or otherwise given any
10 indication by Defendant, its employees or agents, that the content of his
11 communications were recorded.

12 79. As a result thereof, Plaintiff has been damaged as set forth in the Prayer for Relief
13 herein.

14 80. Plaintiff seeks statutory damages and injunctive relief under California Penal
15 Code § 637.2.

16 **Defendant's Unlawful Use of an Electronic Tracking Device**

17 81. California Penal Code § 637.7 prohibits the use of surreptitious electronic
18 tracking devices:

19 **§ 637.7. Electronic tracking device**

20 (a) **No person or entity in this state shall use an electronic
21 tracking device to determine the location or movement of a
22 person.**

23 (b) This section shall not apply when the registered owner, lessor,
24 or lessee of a vehicle has consented to the use of the electronic
25 tracking device with respect to that vehicle.

26 (c) This section shall not apply to the lawful use of an electronic
27 tracking device by a law enforcement agency.

28 (d) **As used in this section, "electronic tracking device" means
any device attached to a vehicle or other movable thing that
reveals its location or movement by the transmission of
electronic signals.**

(e) A violation of this section is a misdemeanor.

(f) A violation of this section by a person, business, firm,
company, association, partnership, or corporation licensed under
Division 3 (commencing with Section 5000) of the Business and
Professions Code shall constitute grounds for revocation of the

1 license issued to that person, business, firm, company,
2 association, partnership, or corporation, pursuant to the
3 provisions that provide for the revocation of the license as set
4 forth in Division 3 (commencing with Section 5000) of the
5 Business and Professions Code.

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7 82. This suit seeks only damages and injunctive relief for recovery of economic
8 injury and it expressly is not intended to request any recovery for personal injury
9 and claims related thereto.

10 83. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that Defendant
11 intentionally used an electronic tracking device as prohibited by California Penal
12 Code § 637.7.

13 84. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that Defendant
14 intentionally tracked Plaintiff's geolocation on his movable device without
15 Plaintiff's consent as prohibited by California Penal Code § 637.7.

16 85. Defendant violated Plaintiff's constitutionally protected privacy rights by failing
17 to advise or otherwise provide notice at the beginning of the recorded tracking of
18 geolocation data with Plaintiff that the sensitive and private geolocation data
19 would be recorded, and Defendant did not try to obtain the Plaintiff's consent
20 before such use of an electronic tracking device and the recording of its results.

21 86. The use of the electronic tracking device by Defendant as described further herein
22 was unauthorized and done without Plaintiff's prior knowledge or consent.
23 Plaintiff was damaged thereby, as detailed herein, in at least an amount permitted
24 by the statutory damages mandated by California Penal Code § 637.2.

25 87. Defendant, its employees or agents, secretly recorded a cellular communication
26 made involving Plaintiff and others. At no time before, during, or after any of
27 the communications was Plaintiff warned, told, advised or otherwise given any
28 indication by Defendant, its employees or agents, that the content of his
communications were recorded.

88. As a result thereof, Plaintiff has been damaged as set forth in the Prayer for Relief
herein.

1 89. Plaintiff seeks statutory damages and injunctive relief under California Penal
2 Code § 637.2.

3 **Defendant's Unlawful Disclosure of Telephonic Messages**

4 90. California Penal Code § 637 prohibits the disclosure of telephonic messages
5 (emphasis added):

6 **§ 637. Disclosure of telegraphic or telephonic message:
7 punishment: exception**

8 Every person not a party to a telegraphic or telephonic
9 communication who **willfully discloses the contents of a
10 telegraphic or telephonic message, or any part thereof,
11 addressed to another person,** without the permission
12 of that person, unless directed so to do by the lawful order of a court,
13 is punishable by imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (h) of
14 Section 1170, or in a county jail not exceeding one year, or by fine
15 not exceeding five thousand dollars (\$5,000), or by both that fine
16 and imprisonment.

17 91. This suit seeks only damages and injunctive relief for recovery of economic
18 injury and it expressly is not intended to request any recovery for personal injury
19 and claims related thereto.

20 92. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that Defendant
21 intentionally disclosed Plaintiff's and the other Class Members telephonic
22 messages, and or parts thereof, while using its software devices on cellular
23 telephones, as prohibited by California Penal Code § 637, and as described further
24 herein.

25 93. Defendant violated Plaintiff's constitutionally protected privacy rights by failing
26 to advise or otherwise provide notice at the beginning of the disclosing such
27 telephonic messages by Plaintiff that the sensitive and private messages would
28 be disclosed, and Defendant did not try to obtain the Plaintiff's consent before
such disclosures.

94. These disclosures of Plaintiff and Class Member's telephonic messages by
Defendant as described further herein was unauthorized and done without their
prior knowledge or consent. Plaintiff and the other Class Members were

1 damaged thereby, as detailed herein, in at least an amount permitted by the
2 statutory damages mandated by California Penal Code § 637.2.

3 95. As a result thereof, Plaintiff has been damaged as set forth in the Prayer for Relief
4 herein.

5 96. Plaintiff seeks statutory damages and injunctive relief under California Penal
6 Code § 637.2.

7 **CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS**

8 97. Plaintiff brings this lawsuit as a class action on behalf of himself and Class
9 Members of the proposed Classes. This action satisfies the numerosity,
10 commonality, typicality, adequacy, predominance, and superiority requirements
11 of those provisions.

12 98. Plaintiff proposes the following four Classes consisting of and defined as follows:

13 **A. The Confidential Communication Class for Violation of**
14 **Penal Code §631, consisting of;**

15 All persons in California whose communications were
16 intercepted and recorded without their consent by Defendant, and
17 or its agents.

18 **B. The Confidential Communication Class for Violation of**
19 **Penal Code § 632, consisting of;**

20 All persons in California whose conversations were recorded
21 without their consent, by Defendant, and or its agents, within
22 the one year prior to the filing of the Complaint.

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26 **C. The Cellular Phone Communication Sub-Class for**
27 **Violation of Penal Code §632.7, consisting of;**

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1 All persons in California whose cellular telephone
2 conversations were intercepted and recorded without their
3 consent, by Defendant, and or its agents, within the one year
4 prior to the filing of the Complaint.

5 99. Excluded from the Class are: (1) Defendant, any entity or division in which
6 Defendant has a controlling interest, and its legal representatives, officers,
7 directors, assigns, and successors; (2) the Judge to whom this case is assigned
8 and the Judge's staff; and (3) those persons who have suffered personal injuries
9 as a result of the facts alleged herein. Plaintiff reserves the right to redefine the
10 Class and to add subclasses as appropriate based on discovery and specific
11 theories of liability

12 100. **Numerosity**: The Class Members are so numerous that joinder of all members
13 would be unfeasible and impractical. The membership of the entire Class is
14 currently unknown to Plaintiff at this time; however, given that, on information
15 and belief, Defendant accessed millions of unique mobile devices, it is reasonable
16 to presume that the members of the Class are so numerous that joinder of all
17 members is impracticable. The disposition of their claims in a class action will
18 provide substantial benefits to the parties and the Court.

19 101. **Commonality**: There are common questions of law and fact as to Class Members
20 that predominate over questions affecting only individual members, including,
21 but not limited to:

- 22 • Whether, within the statutory period, Defendant intercepted any
23 confidential communications with Class Members;
- 24 • Whether, the intercepted communications concerned confidential
25 communications Class Members;

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- 27 • Whether, within the statutory period, Defendant transmitted any
28 confidential communications of Class Members to a third party;

- 1 • Whether Defendant had, and continues to have, a policy during the
2 relevant period of intercepting digital communications of Class
3 Members;
- 4 • Whether Defendant’s policy or practice of intercepting Class
5 Members digital communications constitutes a violation of Cal.
6 Penal Code § 631;
- 7 • Whether Defendant’s policy or practice of recording telephone
8 communications with Class Members constitutes a violation of
9 Cal. Penal Code § 632
- 10 • Whether Defendant’s policy or practice of recording telephone
11 communications with Class Members constitutes a violation of Cal. Penal
12 Code § 632.7;
- 13 • Whether Defendant’s policy or practice of utilizing electronic
14 tracking devices with respect to Class Members digital
15 communications constitutes a violation of Cal. Penal Code §
16 637.7;

17 102. **Typicality:** Plaintiff’s wire and cellular telephone communications were
18 intercepted, unlawfully tapped and recorded without consent or a warning of such
19 interception and recording, and thus, his injuries are also typical to Class
20 Members.

21 103. Plaintiff and Class Members were harmed by the acts of Defendant in at least the
22 following ways: Defendant, either directly or through its agents, illegally
23 intercepted, tapped, recorded, and stored Plaintiff and Class Members’ digital
24 communications, geolocations, and other sensitive personal data from their
25 digital devices with others, and Defendant invading the privacy of said Plaintiff
26 and Class. Plaintiff and Class Members were damaged thereby.

27 104. Further, the communications at issue were concerning matters which constitutes
28 a “confidential” communication pursuant to California Penal Code §632.

1 105. **Adequacy**: Plaintiff is qualified to, and will, fairly and adequately protect the
2 interests of each Class Member with whom he is similarly situated, as
3 demonstrated herein. Plaintiff acknowledges that he has an obligation to make
4 known to the Court any relationships, conflicts, or differences with any Class
5 Member. Plaintiff's attorneys, the proposed class counsel, are versed in the rules
6 governing class action discovery, certification, and settlement. In addition,
7 Plaintiff's attorneys, the proposed class counsel, are versed in the rules governing
8 class action discovery, certification, and settlement. The proposed class counsel
9 is experienced in handling claims involving consumer actions and violations of
10 the California Penal Code §§ 632 and 632.7. Plaintiff has incurred, and
11 throughout the duration of this action, will continue to incur costs and attorneys'
12 fees that have been, are, and will be, necessarily expended for the prosecution of
13 this action for the substantial benefit of each Class Member.

14 106. **Predominance**: Questions of law or fact common to the Class Members
15 predominate over any questions affecting only individual members of the Class.
16 The elements of the legal claims brought by Plaintiff and Class Members are
17 capable of proof at trial through evidence that is common to the Class rather than
18 individual to its members.

19 107. **Superiority**: A class action is a superior method for the fair and efficient
20 adjudication of this controversy because:

21 a. Class-wide damages are essential to induce Defendant to
22 comply with California and Federal law.

23 b. Because of the relatively small size of the individual Class
24 Members' claims, it is likely that only a few Class Members could
25 afford to seek legal redress for Defendant's misconduct.

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27 c. Management of these claims is likely to present significantly
28 fewer difficulties than those presented in many class claims.

1 d. Absent a class action, most Class Members would likely find
2 the cost of litigating their claims prohibitively high and would
3 therefore have no effective remedy at law.

4 e. Class action treatment is manageable because it will permit a
5 large number of similarly situated persons to prosecute their
6 common claims in a single forum simultaneously, efficiently, and
7 without the unnecessary duplication of effort and expense that
8 numerous individual actions would endanger.

9 f. Absent a class action, Class Members will continue to incur
10 damages, and Defendant's misconduct will continue without
11 remedy.

12 108. Plaintiff and the Class Members have all suffered and will continue to suffer harm
13 and damages as a result of Defendant's unlawful and wrongful conduct. A class
14 action is also superior to other available methods because as individual Class
15 Members have no way of discovering that Defendant intercepted and recorded
16 the Class Member's telephonic digital communications without Class Members'
17 knowledge or consent.

18 109. The Class may also be certified because:

- 19 • the prosecution of separate actions by individual Class Members
20 would create a risk of inconsistent or varying adjudication with
21 respect to
22 individual Class Members, which would establish incompatible
23 standards of conduct for Defendant;
- 24 • the prosecution of separate actions by individual Class Members
25 would create a risk of adjudications with respect to them that
26 would, as a practical matter, be dispositive of the interests of other
27 Class Members not parties to the adjudications, or substantially
28 impair or impede their ability to protect their interests; and

- Defendant has acted or refused to act on grounds generally applicable to the Class, thereby making appropriate final and injunctive relief with respect to the members of the Class as a whole.

110. This suit seeks only damages and injunctive relief for recovery of economic injury on behalf of Class Members and it expressly is not intended to request any recovery for personal injury and claims related thereto.

111. The joinder of Class Members is impractical and the disposition of their claims in the Class action will provide substantial benefits both to the parties and to the court. The Class Members can be identified through Defendant's records.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

UNLAWFUL WIRETAPPING AND INTERCEPTION OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION

CALIFORNIA PENAL CODE § 631

112. Plaintiff repeats, re-alleges, and incorporates by reference, all other paragraphs.

113. At all relevant times to this complaint, Defendant intercepted and recorded components of Plaintiff's and the putative class' private telephone communications and transmissions when Plaintiff and other Class Members accessed Defendant's software via their cellular mobile access devices within the State of California.

114. At all relevant times to this complaint, Plaintiff and the other Class Members did not know Defendant was engaging in such interception and recording and therefore could not provide consent to have any part of their private and confidential videoconferencing communications intercepted and recorded by Defendant and thereafter transmitted to others.

115. Plaintiff was completely unaware that Defendant had intercepted and stored his geolocation and other personal data and communications on his mobile device until well after the fact and was therefore unable to consent.

1 116. At the inception of Defendant’s illegally intercepted and stored his geolocation
2 and other personal data, Defendant never advised Plaintiff or the other Class
3 Members that any part of this sensitive personal data would be intercepted,
4 recorded and transmitted to third parties.

5 117. Plaintiff was completely unaware that components of his private use of his mobile
6 device were in part being recorded and stored and thereafter transmitted to third
7 parties.

8 118. To establish liability under section 631(a), a plaintiff need only establish that the
9 defendant, “by means of any machine, instrument, contrivance, or in any other
10 manner,” does any of the following:

11 Intentionally taps, or makes any unauthorized connection,
12 whether physically, electrically, acoustically, inductively
13 or otherwise, with any telegraph or telephone wire, line,
14 cable, or instrument, including the wire, line, cable, or
system,

15 ***Or***

16 Willfully and without the consent of all parties to the
17 communication, or in any unauthorized manner, reads or
attempts to read or learn the contents or meaning of any
message, report, or communication while the same is in
transit or passing over any wire, line or cable or is being
sent from or received at any place within this state,

18 ***Or***

19 Uses, or attempts to use, in any manner, or for any
purpose, or to communicate in any way, any information
so obtained,

20 ***Or***

21 Aids, agrees with, employs, or conspires with any person
or persons to unlawfully do, or permit, or cause to be done
any of the acts or things mentioned above in this section.

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23 119. Section 631(a) is not limited to phone lines, but also applies to “new
24 technologies” such as computers, the Internet, and email. See *Matera v. Google*
25 *Inc.*, 2016 WL 8200619, at *21 (N.D. Cal. Aug. 12, 2016) (CIPA applies to “new
26 technologies” and must be construed broadly to effectuate its remedial purpose
27 of protecting privacy); *Bradley v. Google, Inc.*, 2006 WL 3798134, at *5-6 (N.D.
28 Cal. Dec. 22, 2006) (CIPA governs “electronic communications”); In re

1 Facebook, Inc. Internet Tracking Litigation, --- F.3d --- 2020 WL 1807978 (9th
2 Cir. Apr. 9, 2020) (reversing dismissal of CIPA and common law privacy claims
3 based on Facebook’s collection of consumers’ Internet browsing history).

4 120. Defendant’s use of MAIDs and its SDK are both a “machine, instrument,
5 contrivance, or . . . other manner” used to engage in the prohibited conduct at
6 issue here.

7 121. At all relevant times, by using Defendant’s MAID software and SDK as well as
8 tracking Plaintiff’s and Class Member’s geolocation, Defendant intentionally
9 tapped, electrically or otherwise, the lines of internet communication between
10 Plaintiff and class members on the one hand, and the specific sites and locations
11 Plaintiffs and Class Members visited on the other.

12 122. At all relevant times, by using Defendant’s geolocation tracking software
13 technology, Defendant willfully and without the consent of all parties to the
14 communication, or in any unauthorized manner, read or attempted to read or learn
15 the contents or meaning of electronic communications of Plaintiff and putative
16 class members, while the electronic communications were in transit or passing
17 over any wire, line or cable or were being sent from or received at any place
18 within California.

19 123. Plaintiff and Class Members did not consent to any of Defendant’s actions in
20 implementing these wiretaps within its geolocation tracking software. Nor have
21 Plaintiff or Class Members consented to Defendants’ intentional access,
22 interception, reading, learning, recording, and collection of Plaintiff and Class
23 Members’ electronic communications.

24 124. Plaintiff’s and the Class Members devices of which Defendant accessed through
25 its unauthorized actions included their computers, smart phones, and tablets
26 and/or other electronic computing devices.

27 125. Defendant violated Cal. Penal Code § 631 by knowingly accessing and without
28 permission accessing Plaintiffs’ and Class members’ devices in order to obtain

1 their personal information, including their device and location data and personal
2 communications with others, and in order for Defendant to share that data with
3 third parties, in violation of Plaintiff’s and Class Members’ reasonable
4 expectations of privacy in their devices and data.

5 126. Defendant violated Cal. Penal Code § 631 by knowingly and without permission
6 intercepting, wiretapping, accessing, taking and using Plaintiffs’ and the Class
7 Members’ personally identifiable information and personal communications with
8 others.

9 127. The violation of section 631(a) constitutes an invasion of privacy sufficient to
10 confer Article III standing in that Plaintiff and each class member has suffered a
11 concrete harm by having their privacy invaded by Defendant.

12 128. Plaintiff and Class Members seek all relief available under Cal. Penal Code §
13 631, including \$2,500 per violation.

14 **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**

15 **RECORDING OF CONFIDENTIAL CALLS**

16 **UNDER CALIFORNIA PENAL CODE § 632**

17 129. Plaintiff repeats, re-alleges, and incorporates by reference, all other paragraphs.

18 130. At all relevant times hereto, Defendant had and followed a policy and practice of
19 using a telecommunications system that enabled it to surreptitiously record
20 confidential communications between Plaintiff and Class Members, and third
21 parties.

22 131. Because of the nature of its business, the geolocation and other private and
23 sensitive data and communications that Defendant surreptitiously recorded of
24 Plaintiff and the Class Members were, by definition, “confidential”
25 communications as a matter of law.

26 132. At all relevant times Plaintiff and all Class Members have an expectation of
27 privacy in their communication that were intercepted and recorded by Defendant,
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1 and did not expect, or have knowledge of, any such illegal recording or other
2 unauthorized connections to their communications.

3 133. At all relevant times hereto, Defendant had and followed a policy and practice of
4 not advising or warning Plaintiff and Class Members at the beginning of a
5 communication that their confidential communications with third parties would
6 be recorded.

7 134. Defendant failed to obtain consent of Plaintiff and Class Members prior to
8 recording any of their confidential communications.

9 135. Because Defendant and its employees and agents recorded or otherwise made
10 unauthorized connections to Plaintiff's and other Class Members' confidential
11 communications, Defendant is liable for the greater of \$5,000 per violation or
12 three times the amount of actual damages sustained by each Plaintiff and Class
13 Member.

14 136. Plaintiff is seeking only the statutory damages for the members of the Class under
15 this cause of action.

16 137. Such conduct by this Defendant was willful, deliberate, malicious and
17 intentional, and in violation of California Penal Code §§ 632 and 637.2. Such
18 conduct violated the California Privacy Act, set forth in California Penal Code
19 §§ 630, et seq.

20 138. As a result of such unlawful conduct, Plaintiff and the Class Members were
21 damaged, in an amount according to proof.

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25 **THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**

26 **RECORDING OF CELLULAR CALLS**

27 **UNDER CALIFORNIA PENAL CODE § 632.7**

28 139. Plaintiff repeats, re-alleges, and incorporates by reference, all other paragraphs.

1 140. At all relevant times hereto, Defendant had and followed a policy and practice of
2 using software systems that enabled it to surreptitiously record cellular telephone
3 communications between Plaintiff and Class Members, and other third parties.

4 141. At all relevant times hereto, Defendant intentionally and secretly recorded
5 cellular communications concerning confidential matters between Defendant and
6 Plaintiff and Class Members.

7 142. At all relevant times hereto, Defendant had and followed a policy and practice of
8 not advising or warning Plaintiff and Class Members at the beginning of a
9 communication that their cellular communications with third parties would be
10 recorded.

11 143. Defendant failed to obtain consent of Plaintiff and Class Members prior to
12 recording any of their cellular communications.

13 144. This conduct by Defendant violated section 632.7(a) of the California Penal
14 Code.

15 145. Plaintiff and Class Members are entitled to recovery of statutory punitive
16 damages in the amount of \$5,000 per violation of Cal. Pen. Code § 632.7.

17 146. Plaintiff's counsel is also entitled to attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to Cal.
18 Code of Civ. Proc. § 1021.5.

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FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION

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UNLAWFUL USE OF ELECTRONIC TRACKING DEVICE

27

UNDER CALIFORNIA PENAL CODE § 637.7

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147. Plaintiff repeats, re-alleges, and incorporates by reference, all other paragraphs.

1 148. At all relevant times hereto, Defendant had and followed a policy and practice of
2 using software systems that enabled it to surreptitiously intercept and record
3 Plaintiff's geolocation data.

4 149. At all relevant times hereto, Plaintiff and the Class Member's geolocation data
5 was inherently private in nature and they did not consent to sharing that private
6 information with Defendant.

7 150. At all relevant times hereto, Defendant had and followed a policy and practice of
8 not advising or warning Plaintiff and Class Members that their geolocation
9 information would be intercepted and recorded to be later provided to third
10 parties.

11 151. Defendant failed to obtain consent of Plaintiff and Class Members prior to
12 intercepting and recording any of their geolocation data.

13 152. This conduct by Defendant violated section 637.7 of the California Penal Code.

14 153. Plaintiff and Class Members are entitled to recovery of statutory punitive
15 damages in the amount of \$5,000 per violation of Cal. Pen. Code § 637.2.

16 154. Plaintiff's counsel is also entitled to attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to Cal.
17 Code of Civ. Proc. § 1021.5.

18 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

19 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff and the Class Members pray that judgment be entered
20 against Defendant, and Plaintiff and the Class be awarded damages from Defendant, as
21 follows:

- 22 • Certify the Class as requested herein;
23 • Appoint Plaintiff to serve as the Class Representative for the Class; and
24 • Appoint Plaintiff's Counsel as Class Counsel in this matter for the Class.

25 In addition, Plaintiff and the Class Members pray for further judgment as follows
26 against Defendant:

27 **UNLAWFUL WIRETAPPING AND INTERCEPTION OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS**
28 **UNDER CALIFORNIA PENAL CODE § 631**

- 1 • \$2,500 to each Class Member pursuant to California Penal Code § 631(a) for each
- 2 such unlawful interception of communications;
- 3 • Reasonable attorneys’ fees pursuant to Cal. Code of Civ. Proc. § 1021.5;
- 4 • Injunctive relief to prevent the further occurrence of such illegal acts pursuant to
- 5 California Penal Code § 631;
- 6 • An award of costs to Plaintiff; and
- 7 • Any other relief the Court may deem just and proper including interest.

8 **RECORDING OF CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATIONS**

9 **UNDER CALIFORNIA PENAL CODE § 632**

- 10 • \$5,000 to each Class Member pursuant to California Penal Code § 637.2(a) for
- 11 each such unlawful recording;
- 12 • Reasonable attorneys’ fees pursuant to Cal. Code of Civ. Proc. § 1021.5;
- 13 • Injunctive relief to prevent the further occurrence of such illegal acts pursuant to
- 14 California Penal Code § 637.2(b);
- 15 • An award of costs to Plaintiff; and
- 16 • Any other relief the Court may deem just and proper including interest.

17 **RECORDING OF CELLULAR COMMUNICATIONS**

18 **UNDER CALIFORNIA PENAL CODE § 632.7**

- 19 • \$5,000 to each Class Member pursuant to California Penal Code § 637.2(a) for
- 20 each such unlawful recording;
- 21 • Reasonable attorneys’ fees pursuant to Cal. Code of Civ. Proc. § 1021.5;
- 22 • Injunctive relief to prevent the further occurrence of such illegal acts pursuant to
- 23 California Penal Code § 637.2(b);

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- 25 • An award of costs to Plaintiff; and
- 26 • Any other relief the Court may deem just and proper including interest.

27 **UNLAWFUL USE OF ELECTRONIC TRACKING DEVICE**

28 **UNDER CALIFORNIA PENAL CODE § 637.7**

- 1 • \$5,000 to each Class Member pursuant to California Penal Code § 637.2(a) for
- 2 each such unlawful tracking;
- 3 • Reasonable attorneys' fees pursuant to Cal. Code of Civ. Proc. § 1021.5;
- 4 • Injunctive relief to prevent the further occurrence of such illegal acts pursuant to
- 5 California Penal Code § 637.2(b);
- 6 • An award of costs to Plaintiff; and
- 7 • Any other relief the Court may deem just and proper including interest.

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9 **TRIAL BY JURY**

10 155. Pursuant to the Seventh Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of
11 America, Plaintiff and Class Members are entitled to, and demand, a trial by jury.

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13 Respectfully submitted

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