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 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 	DAVID GREENLEY, individually and on behalf of others similarly situated, Plaintiff, vs. MAYFLOWER TRANSIT, LLC, Defendant.	Case No: '21CV339 WQHMDD CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF: 1. UNLAWFUL RECORDING OF CONFIDENTIAL TELEPHONE CALLS, CAL. PEN. CODE § 632 2. UNLAWFUL RECORDING OF CELLULAR TELEPHONE CALLS, CAL. PEN. CODE § 632.7 3. NEGLIGENCE JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
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INTRODUCTION

1. David Greenley ("Plaintiff"), individually and on behalf of all other similarly
situated California residents ("Class Members"), brings this action for damages and
injunctive relief against Mayflower Transit, LLC ("Defendant"), and its present,
former, or future direct and indirect parent companies, subsidiaries, affiliates,
agents, related entities for unauthorized recordings of conversations with Plaintiff
and Class Members without any notification nor warning to Plaintiff or Class
Members in violation of the Cal. Pen. Code § 630, et seq. ("CIPA").

2. The California State Legislature passed CIPA in 1967 to protect the right of privacy 9 of the people of California, replacing prior laws, which permitted the recording of 10 telephone conversations with the consent of one party to the conversation. The 11 California Penal Code is very clear in its prohibition against unauthorized recording 12 without the consent of the other person to the conversation: "Every person who, 13 intentionally and without the consent of all parties to a confidential communication, 14 by means of any electronic amplifying or recording device, eavesdrops upon or 15 records the confidential communication [violates this section]." Penal Code § 16 632(a). 17

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3. The conversations at issue herein were all related to Plaintiff's private moving
plans. As such, the telephone communications at issue herein were all
"confidential" as a matter of law and thus subject to the protection of California
Penal Code §632.

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

1	5. Plaintiff brings this class action on behalf of two related, but separate, classes as
2	more fully defined infra, consisting of 1) the Confidential Communication class
3	and 2) the Cellular subclass.
4	6. Plaintiff makes these allegations on information and belief, with the exception of
5	those allegations that pertain to Plaintiff, or to Plaintiff's counsel, which Plaintiff
6	alleges on his personal knowledge.
7	7. Unless otherwise stated, all the conduct engaged in by Defendant took place in
8	California.
9	8. All violations by Defendant were knowing, willful, and intentional, and Defendant
10	did not maintain procedures reasonably adapted to avoid any such violation.
11	9. Unless otherwise indicated, the use of Defendant's name in this Complaint includes
12	all agents, employees, officers, members, directors, heirs, successors, assigns,
13	principals, trustees, sureties, subrogees, representatives, and insurers of the named
14	Defendant.
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14. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391 for the following reasons: (i) At all times relevant to this Complaint, Plaintiff was a resident in the County of Los Angeles, State of California which is within this judicial district; (ii) the conduct complained of herein occurred within this judicial district; and (iii) Defendant conducted business within this judicial district at all times relevant.

PARTIES & DEFINITIONS

- 15. Plaintiff is, and at all times mentioned herein was, a natural person and resident of the State of California, County of Los Angeles, in this judicial district.
- 16. Defendant is, and at all times mentioned herein was, a Missouri corporation with 10 its headquarters located at One Premier Drive, Fenton, MO 63026-2989. 11 Defendant has registered an agent of process with the California Secretary of 12 State, CT Corporation System, 818 West Seventh Street, Suite 930, Los Angeles, 13 CA 90017. Plaintiff alleges that at all times relevant herein Defendant conducted 14 business in the State of California, in the County of San Diego, within this 15 judicial district. Defendant is, and at all times mentioned herein was, a "person", 16 as defined by Cal. Pen. Code § 632(b). 17

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

18. Sometime prior in and around June 2020, Plaintiff contacted Defendant in an effort to retain its moving services so that his personal property and vehicle could be moved to Minnesota.

19. Plaintiff in fact contracted with Defendant to have his property moved from California to Minnesota in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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20. On or about June 18, 2020, Plaintiff Greenley called and spoke with one of
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26. Defendant's employees, "Darrel."

26 21. Plaintiff had a customer service question for Defendant regarding additional charges Defendant was trying to charge him for the transportation of his personal vehicle which he was told was included in the original quote for services.

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- During the course of this conversation, Defendant revealed to Plaintiff that his
 prior call with an earlier employee had been recorded without his prior express
 consent.
- 4 23. Defendant's employee told Plaintiff that he had reviewed a recording of a previous
 5 telephone conversation that Plaintiff had had with another employee of Defendant.
- 6 24. Plaintiff did not provide consent to be recorded.
- 7 25. Plaintiff was located in California in June 2020 at the time the previous call to
 8 Defendant was recorded as Defendant's employee later confirmed.
- 9 26. The number Plaintiff called to speak with Defendant was (866) 833-1439.
- 10 27. Upon information and belief, Defendant is a large company with thousands of
 11 customers moving into and out of California annually as part of its moving
 12 business.
- 13 28. Plaintiff was completely unaware that Defendant had recorded his call until well
 14 after the fact and was therefore unable to consent.
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 29. At the inception of Defendant's illegally recorded call with Plaintiff in or around
 June 2020, Defendant never advised Plaintiff that the call was being recorded, and
 Plaintiff did not consent to the call being recorded.
- 18 30. Indeed, at no point did Defendant inform Plaintiff that the call was being recorded.
 19 Nonetheless, Defendant was in fact surreptitiously recording the entirety of the
 20 lengthy phone conversation between Plaintiff and Defendant.
- 21 31. Plaintiff was completely unaware that this call was recorded until it was later
 22 disclosed to him.
- 23 32. Plaintiff was personally affected by Defendant's aforementioned conduct because
 Plaintiff was shocked, upset and angry that Defendant audio recorded a telephone
 conversation with Plaintiff without Plaintiff's knowledge or consent.
- 26 33. California Penal Code § 632(a) prohibits recording of such confidential
 27 communications, including calls like those between Plaintiff and Defendant,
 28 without the consent of the other person to the conversation and states:

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8	unauthorized recording of cellular communications without the consent of the other party to the conversation:
9	"Every person who, without the consent of all parties to a
10	communication, intercepts or receives and intentionally
11	records, or assists in the interception or reception and intentional recordation of, a communication transmitted
12	between two cellular radio telephones, a cellular radio
13	telephone and a landline telephone, two cordless telephones, a cordless telephone and a landline telephone,
14 15	or a cordless telephone and a cellular radio telephone [violates this section]."
16	35. California Penal Code § 637.2 permits Plaintiff to bring this action for any
17	violation of California Penal Code § 632.7(a) and provides for statutory damages
18	of \$5,000 for each violation.
19	36. Defendant recorded or otherwise made an unauthorized connection to Plaintiff's
20	confidential conversation with Defendant and its employees in violation of
21	California's statutory and common law against such unlawful intrusions into a
22	person's private affairs, including the California Constitution's prohibition in
23	Article 1, Section 1.
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26	37. This suit seeks only damages and injunctive relief for recovery of economic injury
27	and it expressly is not intended to request any recovery for personal injury and
28	claims related thereto.
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1	38. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that Defendant
2	intentionally recorded a confidential communication as prohibited by California
3	Penal Code § 632.
4	39. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that Defendant
5	intentionally recorded a communication transmitted between a cellular radio
6	telephone and a landline telephone without Plaintiff's consent as prohibited by
7	California Penal Code § 632.7(a).
8	40. Defendant violated Plaintiff's constitutionally protected privacy rights by failing
9	to advise or otherwise provide notice at the beginning of the recorded
10	conversation with Plaintiff that the call would be recorded, and Defendant did not
11	try to obtain the Plaintiff's consent before such recording.
12	41. The recording or other unauthorized connection was done over the telephone,
13	without Plaintiff's prior knowledge or consent. Plaintiff was damaged thereby, as
14	detailed herein, in at least an amount permitted by the statutory damages
15	mandated by California Penal Code § 637.2(a).
16	42. Defendant, its employees or agents, secretly recorded a call made involving
17	Defendant and Plaintiff. At no time before, during, or after any of the calls was
18	Plaintiff warned, told, advised or otherwise given any indication by Defendant, its
19	employees or agents, that the calls were recorded.
20	43. As a result thereof, Plaintiff has been damaged as set forth in the Prayer for Relief
21	herein.
22	44. Plaintiff seeks statutory damages and injunctive relief under California Penal Code
23	§ 637.2.
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26	CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS
27	45. Plaintiff brings this lawsuit as a class action on behalf of himself and Class
28	Members of the proposed Classes. This action satisfies the numerosity,
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1	commonality, typicality, adequacy, predominance, and superiority requirements of
2	those provisions.
3	46. Plaintiff proposes the following two Classes consisting of and defined as follows:
4	A. The Confidential Communication Class for Violation of Penal
5	Code §632, consisting of;
6	All persons in California whose conversations were recorded
7	without their consent, by Defendant, and or its agents, within the one year prior to the filing of the Complaint.
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9	B. The Cellular Phone Communication Sub-Class for Violation of Penal Code §632.7, consisting of;
10	All persons in California whose cellular telephone
11	conversations were recorded without their consent, by
12	Defendant, and or its agents, within the one year prior to the filing of the Complaint.
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14	47. Excluded from the Class are: (1) Defendant, any entity or division in which
15	Defendant has a controlling interest, and its legal representatives, officers,
16	directors, assigns, and successors; (2) the Judge to whom this case is assigned and
17	the Judge's staff; and (3) those persons who have suffered personal injuries as a
18	result of the facts alleged herein.
19	48. Plaintiff reserves the right to redefine the Class and to add subclasses as
20	appropriate based on discovery and specific theories of liability
21	49. <u>Numerosity</u> : The Class Members are so numerous that joinder of all members
22	would be unfeasible and impractical. The membership of the entire Class is
23	currently unknown to Plaintiff at this time; however, given that, on information
24	and belief, Defendant called thousands of class members statewide and recorded
25	those calls during the class period, it is reasonable to presume that the members of
26	the Class are so numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable. The
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1	disposition of their claims in a class action will provide substantial benefits to the	
2	parties and the Court.	
3	50. <u>Commonality:</u> There are common questions of law and fact as to Class Members	
4	that predominate over questions affecting only individual members, including, but	
5	not limited to:	
6	• Whether the recorded calls concerned confidential communications with	
7	Class Members;	
8	• Whether, within the statutory period Defendant recorded any call with the	
9	Class Members;	
10	• Whether Defendant had, and continues to have, a policy during the	
11	relevant period of recording telephone calls made to the Class Members;	
12	• Whether Defendant's policy or practice of recording telephone	
13	communications with Class Members constitutes a violation of Cal. Penal	
14	Code § 632.7;	
15	• Whether Plaintiff and the Class Members were damaged thereby, and the	
16	extent of damages for such violation; and	
17	• Whether Defendant should be enjoined from engaging in such conduct in	
18	the future.	
19	51. <u>Typicality</u> Plaintiff's conversation was unlawfully recorded without a warning of	
20	such recording, and thus, his injuries are also typical to Class Members. Further,	
21	the communication was concerning matters which constitutes a "confidential"	
22	communication pursuant to California Penal Code §632.	
23	52. Plaintiff and Class Members were harmed by the acts of Defendant in at least the	
24	following ways: Defendant, either directly or through its agents, illegally recorded	
25	the Plaintiff and Class Members' conversations with Defendant, and Defendant	
26	invading the privacy of said Plaintiff and Class. Plaintiff and Class Members	
27	were damaged thereby.	
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53. Adequacy: Plaintiff is qualified to, and will, fairly and adequately protect the 1 interests of each Class Member with whom he is similarly situated, as 2 3 demonstrated herein. Plaintiff acknowledges that he has an obligation to make known to the Court any relationships, conflicts, or differences with any Class 4 Member. Plaintiff's attorneys, the proposed class counsel, are versed in the rules 5 governing class action discovery, certification, and settlement. In addition, the 6 proposed class counsel is experienced in handling claims involving consumer 7 actions and violations of the California Penal Code sections 632 and 632.7. 8 Plaintiff has incurred, and throughout the duration of this action, will continue to 9 incur costs and attorneys' fees that have been, are, and will be, necessarily 10 expended for the prosecution of this action for the substantial benefit of each 11 12 Class Member. 13 54. Predominance: Questions of law or fact common to the Class Members predominate over any questions affecting only individual members of the Class. 14 The elements of the legal claims brought by Plaintiff and Class Members are 15 capable of proof at trial through evidence that is common to the Class rather than 16 individual to its members. 17 18 55. Superiority: A class action is a superior method for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy because: 19 Class-wide damages are essential to induce Defendant to comply with 20 a. California law. 21 Because of the relatively small size of the individual Class Members' 22 b. 23 claims, it is likely that only a few Class Members could afford to seek legal redress for Defendant's misconduct. 24 Management of these claims is likely to present significantly fewer 25 c. difficulties than those presented in many class claims. 26

d. Absent a class action, most Class Members would likely find the cost
of litigating their claims prohibitively high and would therefore have no

effective remedy at law.

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Class action treatment is manageable because it will permit a large 2 e. 3 number of similarly situated persons to prosecute their common claims in a single forum simultaneously, efficiently, and without the unnecessary 4 duplication of effort and expense that numerous individual actions would 5 endanger. 6 Absent a class action, Class Members will continue to incur damages, f. 7 and Defendant's misconduct will continue without remedy. 8 56. Plaintiff and the Class Members have all suffered and will continue to suffer harm 9 and damages as a result of Defendant's unlawful and wrongful conduct. A class 10 action is also superior to other available methods because as individual Class 11 Members have no way of discovering that Defendant recorded their telephone 12 conversations without Class Members' knowledge or consent. 13 57. The Class may also be certified because: 14 15 the prosecution of separate actions by individual Class Members would create a risk of inconsistent or varying adjudication with respect to 16 individual Class Members, which would establish incompatible standards 17 of conduct for Defendant; 18 19 the prosecution of separate actions by individual Class Members would create a risk of adjudications with respect to them that would, as a 20 practical matter, be dispositive of the interests of other Class Members 21 not parties to the adjudications, or substantially impair or impede their 22 ability to protect their interests; and 23 24 Defendant has acted or refused to act on grounds generally applicable to the Class, thereby making appropriate final and injunctive relief with 25 respect to the members of the Class as a whole. 26 27 28 11 Complaint

1	58. This suit seeks only damages and injunctive relief for recovery of economic injury
2	on behalf of Class Members and it expressly is not intended to request any
3	recovery for personal injury and claims related thereto.
4	59. The joinder of Class Members is impractical and the disposition of their claims in
5	the Class action will provide substantial benefits both to the parties and to the
6	court. The Class Members can be identified through Defendant's records.
7	FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION
8	RECORDING OF CONFIDENTIAL CALLS UNDER CALIFORNIA PENAL CODE § 632
9	60. Plaintiff repeats, re-alleges, and incorporates by reference, all other paragraphs.
10	61. At all relevant times hereto, Defendant had and followed a policy and practice of
11	using a telecommunications system that enabled it to surreptitiously record
12	telephone communications between Defendant and Plaintiff and Class Members.
13	62. Because of the nature of its business, Defendant's communications with Plaintiff
14	and the Class Members were, by definition, "confidential" communications as a
15	matter of law.
16	63. At all relevant times Plaintiff and all Class Members have an expectation of
17	privacy in their conversations with Defendants and their employees and agents
18	concerning information their moving plans, and did not expect, or have
19	knowledge of, any such illegal recording or other unauthorized connections to
20	their conversations.
21	64. At all relevant times hereto, Defendant had and followed a policy and practice of
22	not advising or warning Plaintiff and Class Members at the beginning of a
23	conversation that their confidential telephone communications with Defendant
24	would be recorded.
25 26	65. Defendant failed to obtain consent of Plaintiff and Class Members prior to
26 27	recording any of their confidential telephone conversations.
27 28	66. Because Defendant and its employees and agents recorded or otherwise made
28	unauthorized connections to Plaintiff's and other Class Members' conversations,
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1	Defendant is liable for the greater of \$5,000 per violation or three times the
2	amount of actual damages sustained by each Plaintiff. Plaintiffs are seeking only
3	the statutory damages for the members of the Class under this cause of action.
4	67. Such conduct by these Defendants was willful, deliberate, malicious and
5	intentional, and in violation of California Penal Code §§ 632 and 637.2. Such
6	conduct violated the California Privacy Act, set forth in California Penal Code §§
7	630, <i>et seq</i> .
8	68. As a result of such unlawful conduct, Plaintiff and the Class Members were
9	damaged, in an amount according to proof.
10	SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION
11	RECORDING OF CELLULAR CALLS Under California Penal Code § 632.7
12	69. Plaintiff repeats, re-alleges, and incorporates by reference, all other paragraphs.
13	70. At all relevant times hereto, Defendant had and followed a policy and practice of
14	using a telecommunications system that enabled it to surreptitiously record
15	cellular telephone communications between Defendant and Plaintiff and Class
16	Members.
17	71. At all relevant times hereto, Defendant intentionally and secretly recorded cellular
18	telephone calls concerning confidential matters between Defendant and Plaintiff
19	and Class Members.
20	72. At all relevant times hereto, Defendant had and followed a policy and practice of
21	not advising or warning Plaintiff and Class Members at the beginning of a
22	conversation that their cellular telephone communications with Defendant would
23	be recorded.
24	73. Defendant failed to obtain consent of Plaintiff and Class Members prior to
25	recording any of their cellular telephone conversations.
26	74. This conduct by Defendant violated section 632.7(a) of the California Penal Code.
27	75. Plaintiff and Class Members are entitled to recovery of statutory punitive damages
28	in the amount of \$5,000 per violation of Cal. Pen. Code § 632.7.

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

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION NEGLIGENCE

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

78. Defendant owed a duty to Plaintiff and the Class to exercise reasonable care in recording as well as in engaging in confidential conversations with Plaintiffs and the Class members.

79. Defendant breached its duties by failing to obtain consent from Plaintiff and the Class or in any way warning them that their calls were being recorded at the onset of the calls. Instead, Defendant covertly recorded cellular telephone calls concerning confidential matters between Defendant and Plaintiff and Class Members without their knowledge and or authorization.

80. But for Defendant's wrongful and negligent breach of its duties owed to Plaintiff and the Class, their privacy would not have been improperly invaded. Defendant's negligence was a direct and legal cause of the intrusion of into Plaintiff and Class' 16 privacy resulting in damages.

81. The injury and harm suffered by Plaintiff and the Class members was the reasonably foreseeable result of Defendant's failure to exercise reasonable care with its disclosures, and which the Cal. Pen. Code § 632.7 was designed to prevent.

82. These damages include, but are not limited to, invasion of Plaintiff and the Class' constitutionally protected right to privacy, emotional distress, shock, and effort and money in responding to Defendant's negligence. However, Plaintiff only seeks statutory damages in this class action.

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1 2	PRAYER FOR RELIEF WHEREFORE, Plaintiff and the Class Members pray that judgment be entered
3	against Defendant, and Plaintiff and the Class be awarded damages from Defendant,
4	as follows:
5	• Certify the Class as requested herein;
6	• Appoint Plaintiff to serve as the Class Representative for the Class; and
7	• Appoint Plaintiff's Counsel as Class Counsel in this matter for the Class.
8	In addition, Plaintiff and the Class Members pray for further judgment as follows
9	against Defendant:
10 11	Recording of Confidential Calls Under California Penal Code § 632
12	• \$5,000 to each Class Member pursuant to California Penal Code § 637.2(a);
13	• Reasonable attorneys' fees pursuant to Cal. Code of Civ. Proc. § 1021.5;
14	• Injunctive relief to prevent the further occurrence of such illegal acts pursuant
15	to California Penal Code § 637.2(b);
16	• An award of costs to Plaintiff; and
17	• Any other relief the Court may deem just and proper including interest.
18	RECORDING OF CELLULAR CALLS Under California Penal Code § 632.7
19 20	• \$5,000 to each Class Member pursuant to California Penal Code § 637.2(a);
20	• Reasonable attorneys' fees pursuant to Cal. Code of Civ. Proc. § 1021.5;
21 22	• Injunctive relief to prevent the further occurrence of such illegal acts pursuant
22	to California Penal Code § 637.2(b);
23 24	• An award of costs to Plaintiff; and
25	• Any other relief the Court may deem just and proper including interest.
26	NEGLIGENCE
27	• Special, general, and compensatory;
28	• Injunctive relief, prohibiting such conduct in the future; and
_0	• Any other relief the Court may deem just and proper.
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1	TRIAL BY JURY
2	87. Pursuant to the Seventh Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of
3	America, Plaintiff and Class Members are entitled to, and demand, a trial by jury.
4	Respectfully submitted,
5	SWIGART LAW GROUP
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8	Date: February 25, 2021 By: <u>s/Joshua Swigart</u>
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This complaint is part of ClassAction.org's searchable class action lawsuit database and can be found in this post: Lawsuit Alleges Mayflower Transit Recorded Californians' Phone Calls Without Consent