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15 **SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**  
16 **FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

17 SARAH TITHER-KAPLAN and TONI GAAL, on  
behalf of themselves and all those similarly  
18 situated,

19 Plaintiffs,

20 v.

21 JAMES FRANCO, VINCE JOLIVETTE, JAY  
DAVIS, RABBITBANDINI PRODUCTIONS;  
22 RABBITBANDINI PRODUCTIONS, LLC;  
RABBITBANDINI FILMS, LLC; DARK  
23 RABBIT PRODUCTIONS, LLC;  
RABBITBANDINI PRODUCTIONS STUDIO 4,  
24 LLC, and DOES 1-10

25 Defendants.

Case No: 19STCV35156

[Assigned to the Honorable Ann I. Jones –  
Dept. 11 – Spring Street Courthouse]

**CLASS ACTION**

**JOINT STATUS REPORT**

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1 Plaintiffs Sarah Tither-Kaplan and Toni Gaal, on behalf of themselves and all others similarly  
2 situated (hereinafter "Plaintiffs"), and Defendants James Franco, Vince Jolivette, Jay Davis, RabbitBandini  
3 Productions; RabbitBandini Productions, LLC; RabbitBandini Films, LLC; Dark Rabbit Productions, LLC;  
4 RabbitBandini Productions Studio 4, LLC; and Does 1-10 (hereinafter "Defendants") (collectively, the  
5 "Parties"), by and through their counsel of record, hereby submit the following Joint Status Report regarding  
6 their settlement efforts: The Parties have reached a settlement and executed a Memorandum of  
7 Understanding that will be further memorialized in a Joint Stipulation of Class Action Settlement. Under  
8 the terms of the Parties' Memorandum of Understanding:

- 9 (1) The Named Plaintiffs have agreed to a general release of their individual claims;  
10 (2) The Fraud Class claims will be subjected to a limited release; and  
11 (3) The Sexual Exploitation Class claims will be dismissed without prejudice. The Notice to the  
12 Class will inform that Class that the sexual exploitation claims are not being released or resolved  
13 as part of this settlement but are being dismissed without prejudice, and that the statute of  
14 limitations was tolled during the pendency of this suit and remains tolled until the Court grants  
15 final approval and the time for an appeal has ceased.  
16 (4) The Parties also reached agreement on several non-economic terms that will be further detailed  
17 in the final settlement papers.

18 The Parties anticipate that they will file a motion for preliminary approval of the settlement with the  
19 Court no later than March 15, 2021.

20 Based on the foregoing, the Parties respectfully request that all existing Orders be suspended pending  
21 the filing of the preliminary approval with this Court.

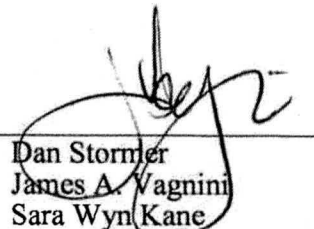
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23 Dated: February 9, 2021

Respectfully Submitted,

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3 a party to the within action; my business address is 128 N. Fair Oaks Avenue, Pasadena, California  
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5 **REPORT** on the interested parties in this cause by placing true and correct copies thereof in envelopes  
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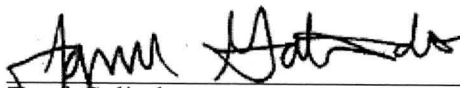
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21 Executed on February 11, 2021, at Pasadena, California.

22 **XX** (State) I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above  
23 is true and correct.

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