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10	FREDRICK RIZZOLO a/k/a RICK RIZZOLO)) C	ase No.: A-12-671462-C
11	Plaintiff, vs.	,	ept No.: XIV
12	KIRK HENRY, an individual, AMY HENRY, an individual, DOE individuals I through XX, and	,	MENDED OMPLAINT
13	ROE CORPORATIONS I through XX,)	OWIPLAINI
14 15	Defendants.	•	XEMPT FROM RBITRATION
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17	COMES NOW, Plaintiff, FREDRICK RIZZOLO a/k/a RICK RIZZOLO, by and through		
18	his attorney of record, SIGAL CHATTAH, ESQ., of the LAW OFFICES OF SIGAL		
19	CHATTAH, who hereby complains of Defendants and each of them and allege as follows:		
20	<u>PARTIES</u>		
21	1. Plaintiff, FREDRICK RIZZOLO a/k/a RICK RIZZOLO (hereinafter "Mr.		
22	RIZZOLO") is and at all times herein mentioned, a resident of County of Clark, the state of		
23	Nevada.		
24	2. At all times mentioned herein, Defendant, KIRK HENRY, is and at all times		
25	herein mentioned, a resident of Kansas City, Missouri.		

- 3. At all times mentioned herein, Defendant, AMY HENRY, is and at all times herein mentioned, a resident of Kansas City, Missouri.
- 4. The true names and capacities, whether individual, corporate, associate, or otherwise, of Defendants DOES I through V, and ROE CORPORATIONS I through V, inclusive, are unknown to Plaintiff, who therefore sues said Defendants by such fictitious names. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that each of the Defendants designated herein as a DOE or ROE CORPORATION is responsible in some manner for the events and happenings herein referred to and damages caused proximately thereby to Plaintiff as herein alleged; that Plaintiff will ask leave of this Court to amend this Complaint to insert the true names and capacities of said Defendants DOES I through V and/or ROE CORPORATIONS I through V, when same have been ascertained by Plaintiff, together with appropriate charging allegations, and to join such Defendants in this action.
- 5. All of the acts or failures to act herein were duly performed by and attributable to all Defendants, each acting as agent, employee, or under the direction and/or control of the others. Said acts or failures to act were within the scope of said agency and/or employment and each Defendant and ratified the acts and omissions by the other Defendants. Whenever and wherever reference is made in this Amended Complaint to any acts by Defendants, such allegations and references shall also be deemed to mean the acts of each Defendant acting individually, jointly or severally.

II. INTRODUCTION

6. On October 2, 2001, Kirk and Amy Henry filed a lawsuit arising out of injuries sustained during a September 20, 2001 incident, titled *Kirk and Amy Henry v. The Power Company, Inc. et al.*, Clark County District Court for the State of Nevada, Case No.: A440740. Rick Rizzolo was individually named as a Defendant in said lawsuit on June 26, 2002.

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- 7. On August 8, 2006, The Power Company, Inc. and Rick Rizzolo entered into the Settlement Agreement with Kirk and Amy Henry in *Case No.: A440740*. In the Settlement Agreement, The Power Company, Inc. and Rick Rizzolo agreed to pay \$10,000,000.00 USD to Kirk and Amy Henry with \$1,000,000.00 USD due immediately and the remainder to be paid from the proceeds of the sale of the Crazy Horse Too at the time of the closing, consistent with the terms of the foregoing guilty plea agreements.
- 8. The Settlement Agreement further provided that "[a]lthough it is anticipated that the NINE-MILLION DOLLARS (\$9,000,000) will be paid from the proceeds of the sale, the obligation to make said payment upon the closing is not contingent upon the realization of net proceeds from the sale sufficient to make the NINE-MILLION DOLLARS (\$9,000,000) payment." *Id.*
- 9. The Settlement Agreement also provided that "the issuance of said draft is not, nor is it to be construed as an admission of liability on the part of any release but is a compromise, settlement, accord and satisfaction, and discharge of loss, damages, claims, actions, causes of action, suits, and liability which are each and all uncertain, doubtful and disputed. *Id*.
- 10. Two months prior to the entry of the Settlement Agreement on Case No.: A440740, on June 2, 2006, The Power Company, Inc., entered into a guilty plea agreement with the United States government for the crime of Conspiracy to Participate in an Enterprise Engaged in Racketeering Activity in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1962(d). United States v. The Power Company, Inc., USDC Case No. 2:06:-cr-00186.
- 11. As part of its guilty plea, The Power Company, Inc. agreed to make restitution in the amount of \$10,000,000.00 USD to Kirk and Amy Henry with \$1,000,000.00 USD due

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immediately upon the entry of the Power Company's guilty plea and the remainder due and to be paid from the proceeds of the sale of the Crazy Horse Too at the time of the closing. *Id.*

- 12. On June 2, 2006, Rick Rizzolo entered into a guilty plea agreement with the United States government for the crime of conspiracy to defraud the United States of taxes in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371. *United States v. Frederick Rizzolo*, USDC Case No. 2:06:-cr-00186.
 - 13. The Plea Agreements had specific contingencies therein; specifically as follows:

"Defendant Corporation, THE POWER COMPANY, INC., within 12 months from the entry of its plea shall sell THE CRAZY HORSE TOO. If upon the expiration of the 12-month period for selling THE CRAZY HORSE TOO, Defendant Corporation has signed in good faith a sales contrast for THE CRAZY HORSE TOO, Defendant Corporation may have up to sixty days grace period to close the sale of THE CRAZY HORSE TOO."

If at the end of the 12-month period for selling of THE CRAZY HORSE TOO, Defendant Corporation has not sold THE CRAZY HORSE TOO or does not have a pending sale of THE CRAZY HORSE TOO, the Government and defendant, through their counsel, will confer in a good faith effort to determine and agree on a third party manager/seller of the Crazy Horse Too. If the parties are unable to reach an agreement as to an appropriate manager/seller, then either or both parties may apply to the Court for a determination of the manager/seller. The third party manager/seller shall be a nationally recognized management/commercial sales firm. manager/seller will be responsible to: 1) lawfully operate the Crazy Horse Too during the time the business is being sold in such manner the manager/seller deems appropriate to best maintain or enhance the value of the Crazy Horse Too and the profitability of its ongoing operations; and 2) to sell the club in as reasonable time as possible and in a manner the manager/seller believes is best designed to maximize or to obtain the fair market value of the the Crazy Horse Too at the time it is sold. If either party believes that the manager/seller is not properly operating the Crazy Horse Too or the terms of the sale of the Crazy Horse Too are not reasonable or the sale price is not reasonably within the parameters of fair market value at the time of sale, the party can ask the Court to disapprove the sale. [Emphasis added]

14. On August 8, 2006, The Power Company, Inc. and Rick Rizzolo entered into the Settlement Agreement with Kirk and Amy Henry in the state court action.

¹ Stewart Caldwell, A third party had made an offer to purchase the Crazy Horse Too at \$46 Million US Dollars.

The business and the Real Estate was appraised at \$53 Million USD.

- 15. Based on the abovementioned guilty plea agreements and the Settlement Agreement, District Court Judge Philip M. Pro entered the Judgment and Commitment Order against Rick Rizzolo on January 26, 2007. USDC Case No. 2:06:-cr-00186.
- 15. Rick Rizzolo's Judgment and Commitment Order ordered that he pay restitution to Kirk Henry in the amount of \$10,000,000.0. The Judgment and Commitment Order further provides that "[t]he restitution amount is payment jointly and severally with the Co-Defendant Power Co. Inc." *Id.*
- 16. On May 22, 2007 Mr. Rizzolo began serving his sentence at Metropolitan Detention Center in Los Angeles, California wherein at said time the Crazy Horse Too was appraised at \$53 Million US Dollars.¹
- 17. On August 21, 2007, the Court in *USDC Case No. 2:06:-cr-00186* entered into an Order granting the US Government's Motion to Substitute the Assets, forfeiture and sell the substituted assets and distribute the sale's proceeds in accordance with the restitution schedules.
- 18. One month later, September 7, 2007, Leonard Briskman provided the US Marshalls an appraisal of the Crazy Horse Too of \$31,000,000.00 USD.
- 19. In order for all Parties' claims to have been resolved in accordance with the US
 Governments Motion to Substitute the Assets, forfeiture etc., the Henrys, as intended
 beneficiaries of the Plea Agreements, had to authorize the US Governments action and acquiesce
 to same.
- 20. On September 7, 2007, the Henrys entered into a Petition and Settlement

 Agreement, Stipulation for Entry of Order of Forfeiture and Order. Said Settlement Agreement

 would have placed the Henrys at the top of the "pay-out" list had there been a sale of the asset in

accordance with the Parties contemplated intent and the \$30 million US Dollar price tag.

- 21. In short, Kirk and Amy Henry agreed to abandon their interest in the sale of the Crazy Horse Too to the United States Government, allowing the United States Government to forfeit the property, in consideration that Kirk and Amy Henry would be the first to receive any proceeds of the sale.
- 22. On May 7, 2008, the United States government filed and distributed in the criminal case a proposed First Amended Order of Forfeiture, reducing Kirk and Amy Henry from first position to fifth position.
- 23. Kirk and Amy Henry objected to the First Amended Order of Forfeiture. On June 24, 2008, the proposed First Amended Order of Forfeiture was entered in the criminal case, as an order acknowledging the Henrys' abandonment of their interest in the Crazy Horse Too.
- 24. In June, 2008, after endless opportunity to avoid the expiration of the Exotic Dance Use Permit and Tavern License for the Crazy Horse Too; The Honorable Judge Prodenied the US Government's Motion to Stay the Expiration of the Exotic Dance Use Permit and Tavern License for the Crazy Horse Too.
- 25. The Result of said denial caused the extreme devaluation of the asset substituted; *i.e.*, the Crazy Horse Too.
- 26. On October 15, 2008, a Second Amended Order of Forfeiture was entered in the criminal case acknowledging the abandonment of the Henrys' interest in the Crazy Horse Too and their fifth position as payment from the proceeds of the sale of the Crazy Horse Too.
- 27. Furthermore, due to the fact that the Federal Marshals refused to make the mortgage payments on the seized property (the building wherein The Crazy Horse Too was located), on February 28, 2011, District Court Judge Philip M. Pro ordered that Canico Capital

Group, LLC conduct a non-judicial foreclosure sale of the Crazy Horse Too.

- 28. On July 1, 2011, the Crazy Horse Too was sold to Canico Capital Group, LLC at the non-judicial foreclosure sale for approximately, \$3,000,000.00 USD. Kirk and Amy Henry did not receive any proceeds from the sale of the Crazy Horse Too.
- 29. On September 1, 2011, District Court Judge Timothy Williams in the case of Kirk and Amy Henry v. The Power Company, Inc. et al., Clark County District Court for the State of Nevada, CCDC Case No. A440740, entered a Judgment on behalf of Kirk and Amy Henry against Rick Rizzolo and The Power Company, Inc. in the amount of \$9,000,000 USD.
 - 30. The judgment in Case No. A440740 provided the following:
 - "On July 26, 2006, Plaintiffs entered into a Settlement Agreement with Defendant Rick Rizzolo in the amount of \$10 million. Defendant Rick Rizzolo paid \$1 million upon execution of the Settlement Agreement. Defendant Rick Rizzolo was obligated to pay the remaining \$9 million upon the closing of the sale of the Crazy Horse Too. The Crazy Horse Too was sold by foreclosure sale on July 1, 2011, and did not net the proceeds required to satisfy the \$9,000,000 judgment against Defendants. As such, Defendant Rick Rizzolo is obligated to make the remaining payment of the settlement to Plaintiffs. Since the initial \$1 million payment referenced above, Defendant Rick Rizzolo has failed to make any further payments to Plaintiffs under the Settlement Agreement. In light of the foregoing, Defendant Rick Rizzolo is now in breach of the Settlement Agreement and Plaintiffs are entitled to a judgment in their favor for all remaining amounts due under the Settlement Agreement." *Id*.
- 31. A Notice of Appeal on the Judgment Judge Williams granted has been filed in Clark County District Court for the State of Nevada, CCDC Case No. A440740.

III. FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF (Negligent Interference With Prospective Business Advantage) All Defendants

32. Plaintiff repleads and realleges all of the paragraphs in the preceding Claims for Relief and incorporates the same by reference as if fully set forth herein.

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34. By virtue of the Plea Agreements being contractual in nature, Mr. Rizzolo was an intended beneficiary of the terms of the Plea Agreements.

Power Company Inc., were for all intents and purposes contractual in nature.

It is undisputed that the Plea Agreements entered into by both Mr. Rizzolo and the

- 35. In accordance with said rights under the Plea Agreements, Mr. Rizzolo had an economic interest in the maximization of profit upon the sale of the Crazy Horse Too.
- 36. An economic relationship existed between Mr. Rizzolo and the US Government whereby, upon the sale of the Crazy Horse Too, after Defendants restitution was to be paid, Mr. Rizzolo would receive any residual amounts left over.
- 37. Mr. Rizzolo had a reasonably probable future economic benefit and advantage of both paying the remaining settlement amount to Defendants, the restitution owed to the US Government and receiving residual monies after the settlement of all claims.
- 38. Defendants knew of the existence of the terms of the plea bargain and their settlement and restitution were incorporated therein.
- 39. Defendants further knew that if they did not act with due care regarding their actions, a negligent assignment of their rights to the US Government would interfere with this relationship and cause Mr. Rizzolo to lose in whole or in part the probable future economic benefit or advantage of the Plea Agreement;
- 40. Defendants were negligent in assigning their rights to the US Government and abandoning their ability for any recourse against the US Government.

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- 41. Said negligence caused damage to Mr. Rizzolo in that the relationship was actually interfered with.
- 42. Due to said negligence, Mr. Rizzolo lost any economic benefits or advantage reasonably expected from the Plea Agreement.
- 43. That as a direct and proximate result of Defendants' behavior, Plaintiffs have been damaged in an amount in excess of \$10,000.00, the exact amount of which will be determined at trial.
- 44. That it has been necessary for Plaintiff to retain counsel to prosecute this action by reason of which they are entitled to reasonable attorney's fees.

III. SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF (Declaratory Relief Rescission- Force Majeure/Impossibility) All Defendants

- 45. Plaintiff repleads and realleges all of the paragraphs in the preceding Claims for Relief and incorporates the same by reference as if fully set forth herein.
- 46. A genuine justiciable controversy exists relevant to the rights and obligations herein regarding Defendants' obligations under the Agreement and Defendants recovery of all monies due and owing under same.
- As a result of the Order entered on August 21, 2007, by the Court in USDC Case

 No. 2:06:-cr-00186 granting the US Government's Motion to Substitute the Assets, forfeiture

 and sell the substituted assets and distribute the sale's proceeds in accordance with the restitution
 schedules; Mr. Rizzolo's ability to comply with the Settlement Agreement has been rendered
 impossible by virtue of force majeure and impossibility.
 - 48. Pursuant to the Plea Agreement, Mr. Rizzolo had until June 6, 2007, to

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Agreement provides the following: "the Government and defendant [Rizzolo], through their counsel, will confer in a good faith effort to determine and agree on a third party manager/seller of the Crazy Horse Too" <u>Id</u>. supra

- 49. Mr. Rizzolo was never given the opportunity to agree on a third-party manager of the Crazy Horse Too, since the US Government breached the terms of the Plea Agreement and on August 21, 2007, Judge Pro granted the US Governments Motion to substitute Mr. Rizzolo's assets, forfeiture and sell the substituted assets and distribute the sale's proceeds.
- 50. Judge Pro's action of substituting the assets directly and intentionally rendered the Plea Agreement and Settlement Agreement impossible to execute, rendering both of them subject to rescission.
- 51. Furthermore, on September 7, 2007 when, the Henrys entered into a Petition and Settlement Agreement, Stipulation for Entry of Order of Forfeiture and Order, they acquiesced to the impossibility of Mr. Rizzolo's performance of the Settlement Agreement.
- 52. Mr. Rizzolo seeks an order from this Court declaring that Defendants, knowingly and voluntarily forfeited their rights to recovery under the Settlement Agreement, rescinding said Agreement.
- 53. Mr. Rizzolo further seeks an Order from this Court declaring that the substitution of assets and the breach by the US Government of the Plea Agreement regarding the third party operator, rendered Mr. Rizzolo's ability to comply with the Settlement Agreement impossible and subject to rescission.
- 54. That as a result of the Defendants' actions, the US Governments actions, and Judge Pro's Orders in the Federal cases, it has been impossible and will be perpetually