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FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
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MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
TAMPA, FLORIDA

ANDREW THIBAUT

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No. 8:15-cv-1813-T-36TGW

U.S. FOOD AND DRUG
ADMINISTRATION

Defendant.

DECLARATION OF CHRISTOPHER PITTMAN

I, Christopher Pittman, hereby declare, under penalty of perjury, the following:


1. I am 27-years-old and am incarcerated at Walden Correctional Institution in South Carolina. On November 28, 2001, at 12-years-old, I took the lives of my grandparents Joe and Joy Pittman while under the influence of a prescribed antidepressant Zoloft (sertraline). The prescribed antidepressant was switched from Paxil (paroxetine) to Zoloft, and the prescribed dosage of Zoloft was doubled two days before the tragedy. Since the tragedy, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has issued a black box label warning – the strongest possible – on Paxil and Zoloft of clinical worsening and unusual changes in behavior, particularly in children and adolescents.

2. I've learned that the case narratives of the FDA Adverse Event Reports (“FAERs”) numbered 3962725, 4094531, 4104255, 5809608, 6296459, 6317367, 6343579, and 6346317 pertaining to my case have been completely redacted. I was surprised to learn the reason the FDA has provided for withholding the information is to protect my privacy,

since my case was widely reported in the media, and was the subject of an episode of *48 Hours* entitled *Prescription for Murder*?

3. I do not consider the information contained in the aforesaid FAERs to be private, and want the information contained therein to be fully disclosed publicly in order to warn others of the risks of homicidal ideations and homicidal actions associated with the medications I was prescribed.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 16 day of June, 2016.



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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a copy of the Declaration of Christopher Pittman was mailed first class, postage paid, this 16 day of Aug 2016 to:

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