

Sample form for a Federal Lawsuit

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

\_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT OF \_\_\_\_\_

AT \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, )

)

Plaintiff, ) Case. No.

)

v. ) CIVIL COMPLAINT,

) SUIT IN EQUITY

\_\_\_\_\_, )

) 42 U.S.C.S., 1983

\_\_\_\_\_, and )

) \* JURY DEMAND

\_\_\_\_\_, )

)

Defendant(s). )

\_\_\_\_\_)

1. INTRODUCTION

Plaintiff, \_\_\_\_\_, brings this suit in equity for deprivation of rights, privileges, and immunities secured by the Constitution and laws of the United States.

2. JURISDICTION

This court has jurisdiction over this matter brought under 42 U.S.C.S., 1983, pursuant to 28 U.S.C.S. 1343(a)(3).

3. FACTS CONSTITUTING CAUSE OF ACTION

On or about \_\_\_\_\_,

in the city of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ County,

defendant \_\_\_\_\_,

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residing/working at \_\_\_\_\_,

in concerted effort with defendant \_\_\_\_\_,

residing/working at \_\_\_\_\_,

did knowingly and willfully unlawfully harass, intimidate, manipulate, coerce, or compel (me) (my ex-spouse) (and my employer) (and my ex-spouse's employer) (my mother) (my father) (name) \_\_\_\_\_, by order, to pay an imposed debt or obligation termed alimony, maintenance, spousal support, or child support, in an attempt to establish, maintain, and enforce (my) (his) (her) (our) (their) service or labor, or to otherwise impose a condition of involuntary servitude and peonage upon (me) (him) (her) (us) (them) with the intent to forcefully seize (my) (his) (her) (our) (their) personal earnings and property for an illegitimate purpose under threat of fine, penalty, or imprisonment for failure to comply, facilitated by the above-named defendants' station and capacity of influence over police agencies, and acting under color of state law, they did thereby deprive (one) (him) (her) (us) (them) of the federal right not to be held in a condition of involuntary servitude and peonage, and the federal right to not be a victim of a federal criminal offense, all to (my) (our) detriment in violation of:

Title 42 United States Code, Section 1994;

Title 18 United States Code, Section 1581;

Title 18 United States Code, Section 1584; and

Title 18 United States Code, Section 241.

I further state that I am a United States citizen and resident of \_\_\_\_\_ State, residing in the city of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ County, and that this complaint is based on my personal knowledge.

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, Plaintiff in this matter, as a taxpaying citizen, strenuously object to my tax dollars, or any portion thereof, being used to aid and abet the aforementioned alleged criminal activities of the above-named defendants in any way, or by any means, thereby making me an unwilling accomplice to, and victim of, the alleged deprivation of federal rights of persons named, as well as persons unnamed, in this suit.

4. DEMAND FOR RELIEF

Plaintiff requests the following relief:

For damages by reason of the tortious conduct of the defendant(s) in depriving and conspiring to deprive the plaintiff of constitutional and civil rights under color of state law, both compensatory and punitive, in amounts to be approved at time of trial.

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Plaintiff

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Tel. # \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and sworn before me on \_\_\_\_\_, by \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_

Notary Public in and for the State of \_\_\_\_\_,

residing at \_\_\_\_\_.

My appointment expires: \_\_\_\_\_.

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Title 42 United States Code, Section 1994.

The holding of any person to service or labor under the system known as peonage is abolished and forever prohibited in any Territory or State of the United States, and all acts, laws, resolutions orders, regulations or usages of any Territory or State, which have heretofore established, maintained or enforced, or by virtue of which any attempt shall hereafter be made to establish, maintain, or enforce, directly or indirectly, the voluntary or involuntary service or labor of any persons as peons in liquidation of any debt or obligation, or otherwise, are declared null and void.

Title 18 United States Code, Section 1581.

(a) Whoever holds or returns any person to a condition of peonage, or arrests any person with the intent of placing him in or returning him to a condition of peonage, shall be fined not more than \$5,000 or imprisoned not more than- five years, or both.

(b). Whoever obstructs, or attempts to obstruct, or in any way interferes with the enforcement of this section, shall be liable to the penalties prescribed in subsection (a).

Title 18 United States Code, Section 1584. Sale into involuntary servitude

Whoever knowingly and willfully holds to involuntary servitude or sells into any condition of involuntary servitude, any other person for any term, or brings within the United States any person so held, shall be fined not more than \$5,000 or imprisoned not more than five years, or both.

Title 18 United States Code, Section 241.

If two or more persons conspire to injure, oppress, threaten, or intimidate any inhabitant of any State, Territory, or District in the free exercise or enjoyment of any right or privilege secured to him by the Constitution or laws of the United States, or because of his having so exercised the same; or If two or more persons go in disguise on the highway, or on the premises of another, with the intent to prevent or hinder his Free exercise or enjoyment of any right or privilege so secured - They shall be fined not more than \$10,000 or Imprisoned not more than ten years, or both; and if death results, they shall be subject to imprisonment for any term of years or for life.

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