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FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION,

Plaintiff.

MICHELLE JARAMILLO,

Applicant in Intervention,

VS.

ANTIGUA, INC., d/b/a MIKI'S COFFEE SHOP and d/b/a THE BUTCHER SHOP,

Defendant.

No. CIV - 01 861 M/KBM

COMPLAINT IN INTERVENTION

PARTIES, JURISDICTION & VENUE

- 1. Plaintiff Michelle Jaramillo, hereinafter referred to as Jaramillo, is presently a resident of Bernalillo County, New Mexico. At all times relevant to this action, she was a resident of Gallup, New Mexico and an employee of Defendant.
- 2. Plaintiff Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, hereinafter referred to as the Commission, is an agency of the United States of America, charged with the administration, interpretation and enforcement of Title VII.
- 3. At all times relevant to this action, Defendant Antigua, Inc., d/b/a Miki's Coffee Shop and d/b/a The Butcher Shop, hereinafter referred to as Antigua, has continuously been doing business in the State of New Mexico in the City of Gallup and is an employer of 15 or more employees, as defined by Title VII of the Civil Rights Act (42 U.S.C. §2000-e et seq.) as amended.
- 4. This Court has jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1331 et seq., and 42 U.S.C. §2000-e et seq.

- 5. This action arises under the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended by the Civil Rights Act of 1991 (Title VII), 42 U.S.C. §2000-e, et seq.
- 6. The unlawful employment practices and other acts which give rise to this Complaint were committed in Gallup, New Mexico and are within the jurisdiction and venue of the United States District Court for the District of New Mexico.
- 7. Jaramillo timely filed charges of discrimination with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and has satisfied all conditions precedent to the filing of this action.
- 8. On June 6, 2001, upon completion of its investigation of Jaramillo'S charges, the Commission issued a Determination that there was cause to conclude that Antigua had unlawfully discriminated against Jaramillo based on sex, a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

ALLEGATIONS COMMON TO ALL CLAIMS

- 9. Jaramillo was employed by Antigua from March 7, 1999 through April 27, 1999 as a waitress at Miki's Coffee Shop.
- 10. At all times relevant to this Complaint, Jaramillo was a 15 year old, tenth grade high school student who was employed for the first time.
- 11. At all times relevant to this Complaint, Jaramillo was under the direct supervision and control of Antigua's assistant manager, Camarino Sanchez, hereinafter referred to as Sanchez.
- 12. Shortly after Jaramillo began her employment, she was subjected to repeated sexually inappropriate comments, suggestions and touching by Sanchez, culminating in the rape of Jaramillo by Sanchez on April 25, 1999.
- 13. Sanchez had sexually harassed former female employees of Antigua and created a hostile work environment, such that said employees felt compelled to resign.

- 14. Antigua knew that Sanchez engaged in harassing behavior towards its female employees and of the resignation from employment by female employees due to the hostile work environment.
- 15. Antigua took inadequate action to either protect its female employees, including Jaramillo, from the sexually harassing behavior of Sanchez or to discipline Sanchez.
- 16. As a result of said sexual harassment and the hostile work environment created by Antigua, Jaramillo was compelled to resign from her employment with Antigua.
- 17. The sexual harassment Jaramillo suffered while in Antigua's employ has caused her to suffer extreme stress and anxiety, depression and physical ailments including headaches, stomach aches and sleeplessness.
- 18. Pursuant to Rule 38(b) of Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Jaramillo exercises her right to demand a trial by jury.

<u>COUNT I</u>

(Title VII - Gender Discrimination)

- 19. Jaramillo incorporates each and every allegation of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.
- 20. Jaramillo is within a protected class (female) and was treated differently by Antigua from male co-workers in the terms and conditions of her enployment.
 - 21. Antigua subjected Jaramillo to a hostile work environment.
- 22. Antigua's actions toward Jaramillo were violations of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended by the Civil Rights Act of 1991 (Title VII).
- 23. Jaramillo has suffered damages as a result of Antigua's violations of Title VII.

COUNT II

(Negligent Infliction of Emotional Distress)

- 24. Jaramillo incorporates each and every allegation of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.
- 25. Antigua's employee, Sanchez, negligently inflicted severe emotional distress upon Jaramillo by the outrageous conduct described above.
- 26. The actions of Antigua's assistant manager, Sanchez, were done within the course and scope of his employment with Antigua.
- 27. Sanchez' actions toward Jaramillo were malicious, willful and done with a wanton and reckless disregard of Jaramillo.
- 28. Antigua is vicariously liable for Sanchez' actions under the doctrine of respondeat superior.
- 29. Antigua knew that Sanchez engaged in sexually harassing behavior towards its female employees.
- 30. Antigua failed to take reasonable action to protect Jaramillo from the sexually harassing behavior of Sanchez.
- 31. As a direct and proximate result of Antigua's failure to take reasonable steps to either protect Jaramillo or discipline Sanchez, Antigua negligently inflicted emotional distress on Jaramillo.
- 32. As a result of the negligent infliction of emotional distress, Jaramillo suffered severe emotional distress and physical injury.

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COUNT III

(Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress)

- 33. Jaramillo incorporates each and every allegation of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.
 - 34. Antigua's employee, Sanchez, intentionally inflicted severe emotional

distress upon Jaramillo by the outrageous conduct described above.

- 35. The actions of Antigua's assistant manager, Sanchez, were malicious, willful and done with a wanton and reckless disregard of Jaramillo.
- 36. The actions of Antigua's assistant manager, Sanchez, were done within the course and scope of his employment with Antigua.
- 37. Antigua is vicariously liable for the actions of its assistant manager under the doctrine of *respondeat superior*.
- 38. Antigua knew of Sanchez' sexual harassment of its female employees, including Jaramillo, and intentionally allowed the harassment to continue.
- 39. As a direct and proximate result of Antigua's allowance of sexually harassing behavior in the workplace, Antigua intentionally inflicted emotional distress on Jaramillo.
- 40. Antigua's actions were malicious, willful and done with a wanton and reckless disregard of Jaramillo.
- 41. As a result of this intentional infliction of emotional distress, Jaramillo suffered severe emotional distress and physical injury.

COUNT IV

(Negligent Supervision)

- 42. Jaramillo incorporates each and every allegation of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.
- 43. Antigua had a duty to properly supervise all of its employees, including its assistant manager, Sanchez.
- 44. By the outrageous conduct described above, Antigua breached this duty of care.
- 45. Antigua's actions were malicious, willful and done with disregard of Jaramillo.

46. As a direct and proximate result of Antigua's breach of duty of care, Jaramillo has suffered and will continue to suffer severe emotional distress and physical injury.

COUNT V

(Negligent Failure to Provide a Safe Work Environment)

- 47. Jaramillo incorporates each and every allegation of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.
- 48. Antigua had a duty to provide Jaramillo with a safe work environment.
- 49. By the outrageous conduct described above, Antigua breached these duties of care.
- 50. Antigua's actions were malicious, willful and done with disregard of Jaramillo.
- 51. As a direct and proximate result of Antigua's breach of duty of care, Jaramillo has suffered and will continue to suffer severe emotional distress and physical injury.

COUNT VI

(Assault and Battery)

- 52. Jaramillo incorporates each and every allegation above as though fully set forth herein.
- 53. Sanchez' sexual remarks and comments to Jaramillo caused her to suffer fear and apprehension regarding Sanchez' intended sexual action towards her.
- 54. Sanchez' physical sexual acts were unwelcome and unpermitted by Jaramillo and constituted a battery.
- 55. Sanchez' abuse of Jaramillo as described above was intentional, outrageous and offensive conduct which caused and continues to cause her severe

emotional distress.

- 56. The actions of Sanchez were malicious, willful and intentional.
- 57. As a direct and proximate result of Sanchez' assault and battery of Jaramillo, she suffered extreme emotional distress and physical injuries.
- 58. Antigua is vicariously liable for Sanchez' action under the doctrine of respondeat superior.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Based on the foregoing, Plaintiffs respectfully request the Court to award Jaramillo the following relief against Antigua:

- A. Issue a declaratory judgment declaring that Antigua's conduct violated Plaintiffs' rights under the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. §2000em as amended by the Civil Rights Act of 1991, 42 U.S.C. §1981a;
- B. Issue a permanent injunction enjoining Antigua from engaging in sexual discrimination;
- C. Issue a permanent injunction against Antigua to implement and enforce policies which provide equal employment opportunities for its employees and which eradicate the effects of its past discriminatory practices;
- D. Issue Plaintiff an award of back pay and front pay against Antigua;
- E. Compensatory damages against Antigua for physical and emotional damages;
- F. Punitive damages against Antigua in an amount sufficient to deter the type of tortious and statutorily prohibited conduct complained of herein; and
- G. Award Plaintiff all other relief that is just, equitable and appropriate under the circumstances.

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day of February, 2002. LAW OFFICE OF SARA J. POWELL Sára J. Powell, NM State Bar No. 3929 8170 North 86th Place, Suite 102 Scottsdale, Arizona 85258-4308 Telephone: (480) 596-8822 Attorney for Intervening Plaintiff

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2	4 th day of March, 2002.
3	COPY of the foregoing Complaint mailed this 4th day of March,
4	2002, to:
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Respondent

DETERMINATION

Under the authority vested in me by the Commission, I issue the following determination as to the merits of the subject charge filed under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e, et. Seq. (Title VII).

Respondent is an employer as defined by Title VII. All requirements for coverage have been met.

The Charging Party filed a charge of discrimination with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission on February 7, 2000, alleging she was discriminated against because of her sex, female in violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended. In her charge, Charging Party alleged she had been sexually harassed by her supervisor. Charging Party further alleged that as a result of the sexual harassment, she was forced to leave her employment.

The Commission's investigation revealed that Charging Party was subjected to verbal and physical conduct by her supervisor because of her sex. This conduct created a hostile work environment for the Charging Party. As a result of the environment, Charging Party was forced to resign her position.

Based on this analysis I have determined that there is reasonable cause to believe that the Respondent violated Section 703 of Title VII when it subjected Charging Party to harassment because of her sex and constructively discharged her.

Upon finding that there is reason to believe that violations have occurred, the Commission attempts to eliminate the alleged unlawful practices by informal methods of conciliation. Therefore, the Commission now invites the parties to join with it in reaching a just resolution of this matter.

If the Respondent declines to discuss settlement or when, for any other reason, a settlement acceptable to the office Enforcement Manager is not obtained, the Enforcement Manager will inform the parties and advise them of the court enforcement alternatives available to aggrieved persons and the Commission.

On behalf of the Commission:

Date

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Enforcement Manager

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