A. LUIS LUCERO, JR. 1 **CLAIRE CORDON** EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION 2 909 FIRST AVENUE, SUITE 400 SEATTLE, WA 98104 3 TEL: 206/220-6895 4 FAX: 206/220-6869 5 6 7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 8 FOR THE DISTRICT OF IDAHO 9 EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY 10 COMMISSION, CIVIL ACTION NO. Plaintiff, 11 CN99-0089+N-EN 12 HALL-COPELAND FORD LINCOLN JURY TRIAL DEMAND 13 MERCURY MAZDA d/b/a HALL-COPELAND AUTO VILLAGE d/b/a TONY COPELAND 14 AUTO VILLAGE, 15 Defendants. 16 17 **NATURE OF THE ACTION** 18 This is an action under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Title I of the Civil 19 Rights Act of 1991 to correct unlawful employment practices and to provide appropriate relief to 20 Marla Martin. The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission alleges that defendant sexually 21 harassed Ms. Martin, retaliated against her when she complained of the harassment, and failed to 22 take prompt corrective action to remedy the harassment, thus forcing Ms. Martin to quit her job. 23 Plaintiff seeks monetary relief including pecuniary and nonpecuniary compensatory and punitive 24 damages and injunctive relief. 25 U.S. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION
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1 JURISDICTION AND VENUE 2 1. Jurisdiction of this Court is invoked pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 451, 1331, 1337, 1343 and 1345. This action is authorized and instituted pursuant to sections 706(f)(1) and (3) of 3 Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. section 2000e et seq. ("Title 4 VII") and section 102 of the Civil Rights Act of 1991, 42 U.S.C. § 1981a. 5 2. The employment practices alleged to be unlawful were committed within the 6 7 jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the District of Idaho. 8 **PARTIES** Plaintiff, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (the "Commission"), is 9 3. the agency of the United States of America charged with the administration, interpretation and 10 enforcement of Title VII, and is expressly authorized to bring this action by Section 706(f)(1) 11 12 and (3) of Title VII, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000e-5(f)(1) and (3). 13 4. At all relevant times, defendant, Hall-Copeland Ford Lincoln Mercury Mazda, dba Hall-Copeland Auto Village dba Tony Copeland Auto Village. ("Defendant"), has 14 continuously been a corporation doing business in the State of Idaho and has continuously had at 15

an industry affecting commerce within the meaning of Sections 701(b), (g) and (h)

At all relevant times, Defendant has continuously been an employer engaged in

of Title VII, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000e(b), (g) and (h).

STATEMENT OF CLAIMS

- 6. More than thirty days prior to the institution of this lawsuit, Ms. Martin filed a charge of discrimination with the Idaho Human Rights Commission alleging violations of Title VII by Defendant. All conditions precedent to the institution of this lawsuit have been fulfilled.
- 7. Ms. Martin began working for Defendant in March 1995 and was subjected to sexual harassment and retaliation until the time of her constructive discharge in May, 1997.

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Defendant's unlawful employment practices at its facilities in Lewiston, Idaho violated Section 704(a) of Title VII, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e-2(a).

- 8. The effect of the practice(s) complained of in paragraph 7 above, has been to deprive Ms. Martin of equal employment opportunities and otherwise adversely affect her status as an employee because of her sex and in retaliation for her having complained about sexual harassment in Defendant's workplace.
- 9. The unlawful employment practices complained of in paragraph 7 above were intentional.
- 10. The unlawful employment practices complained of in paragraph 7 above, were done with malice or with reckless indifference to the federally protected rights of Ms. Martin.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Wherefore, the Commission respectfully requests that this Court:

- A. Grant a permanent injunction enjoining Defendant and its officers, agents, successors, assigns, and all persons in active concert or participation with them, from engaging in sex discrimination and retaliation against employees who oppose discrimination.
- B. Order Defendant to institute and carry out policies, practices, and programs which prevent its employees from being subjected to sexual harassment and retaliation for opposing practices that they believe are unlawful under federal anti-discrimination laws and which eradicate the effects of its past and present unlawful employment practices.
- C. Order Defendant to make whole Ms. Martin by providing appropriate back pay with prejudgment interest, and front pay in amounts to be determined at trial, and other affirmative relief necessary to eradicate the effects of its unlawful employment practices described above, including but not limited to, reinstatement.
- D. Order Defendant to make whole Ms. Martin by providing compensation for past and future pecuniary losses resulting from the unlawful employment practices described in

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