AFFIDAVIT OF NICHOLAS MYLES

STATE OF OHIO COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA

I, Nicholas Myles, swear under penalty of perjury that the following statement is true and correct:

- 1. I was a licensed loan officer in the State of Ohio from approximately 2001 through 2009.
- 2. I was indicted in <u>State of Ohio v. Myles</u>, 11-cr-557589 and <u>USA v. Myles</u>, 10-cr-75, N.D. Ohio.
- Prosecutors alleged that I was involved in a mortgage fraud conspiracy with Anthony Viola and others to defraud lenders into making 'no money down' mortgage loans and that various loan applications contained material misrepresentations.
- 4. Following the indictments, I authorized my legal counsel to negotiate a resolution to these charges.
- 5. During the criminal proceedings, I met with federal and state prosecutors who worked together through a multi-jurisdictional Mortgage Fraud Task Force.
- 6. During these interviews, I informed prosecutors Mark Bennett and Dan Kasaris that the state of Ohio Division of Financial Institutions conducted multiple audits of Central National Mortgage, where I was operations manager, and that the company passed all audits.
- 7. During the investigation, I received a subpoena to provide computers and other documents to Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office.
- 8. I complied with the subpoena and brought computers and documents to Prosecutor Michael Jackson, and he did not pursue any criminal charges.
- 9. Several years later, Prosecutor Dan Kasaris ordered me to falsely testify that I never brought any computers to the Prosecutor's Office.

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- 10. During interviews with law enforcement, I also informed Mr. Bennett and Mr. Kasaris the following:
 - Lenders including Argent Mortgage, Long Beach Mortgage, New Century and Washington Mutual routinely 'waived' guidelines and permitted 'no money down' mortgage loans
 - Any seller funded down payment assistance was disclosed to lenders and was not part of any fraudulent scheme
 - Lender representatives routinely authorized loans that did not meet the lender's guidelines.
 - I fired Kathryn Clover as a mortgage originator at Central National Mortgage because she was committing fraud.
- 11. Even though I provided honest and truthful information to prosecutors, both Mark Bennett and Dan Kasaris frequently raised their voices during meetings and threatened to prosecute my wife Dyan unless I entered a guilty plea and agreed to testify against Anthony Viola, Uri Gofman and others.
- 12. Mr. Bennett insisted that I testify that lenders were victims of mortgage fraud schemes, even though I did not believe lenders were victims and that, in many of the charges against me, I was not involved with the loan submissions.
- 13. While I was in final negotiations to resolve my case, Mr. Kasaris stated that unless I signed a plea agreement at that moment, he intended on returning to his office and indicting my wife Dyan.
- 14. Upon reading court dockets and reviewing email exchanges between Kathryn Clover and Dan Kasaris, I believe I was prosecuted in order to protect Mr. Kasaris' romantic relationship with Clover.
- 15. I believe both my plea agreement and trial testimony against Anthony Viola were coerced.

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Further I sayeth naught.

Nicholas Myles

Sworn and subscribed in my presence this _____ day of December, 2022.

Leah R Caskey

Notary Public. State of Ohio My Commission Expires August 26, 2024