

#23-6997

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

Russell Rope,

Petitioner,

vs.

Facebook, Inc., Apple, Inc., Alphabet, Inc., Twitter, Inc.,
JPMorgan Chase & Co., & John Does 1 to 10,

Respondents,

On Petition for Rehearing of Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus
The Supreme Court of the United States; Case #19-5616 & #20-5236
The United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit; Case #18-55782
District Court for the Central District of California; Case #2:17-cv-04921

IN RE RUSSELL ROPE. PETITION FOR REHEARING FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

Based on Reliance of Information Where

Obstruction of Justice is Concealment Causing Damages

- How is Petitioner's argument against lower courts, including some new points included in this document, impossibly incorrect and rights not being violated due to fraud if not obstruction of justice; nevertheless, in conspiracy to RICO?
- Evidence lodged with filings was not docketed, rejected, destroyed several times, and stolen by handlers, no federal judge has seen the evidence that is Petitioner's eyes do not lie, nor does the scarred living body, so how can anyone conclude against Petitioner "IN PRO PER" without all the details and evidence?
- Is the *habeas corpus* right to a hearing not sacred and undeniable; moreover, as petitioned for with presumed perfection after several returns and corrections?
- How can a Petitioner be expected to believe that a denial with a pixelated signature on standard printer paper from the suspect clerk is official when there is good reason to doubt the docket and lack of both information and explanation?

- Why haven't docket hacks been corrected and is it normal for case numbers to be assigned based on a returned filing where this hack case number starts with 23 but was not technically filed until 2024, with a following number 69 in alignment with patterns of racketeering and suggested conspiracy to deny rights based on weaponized sex while unwanted defendant wannabe debt forcing pimptards keep sending mismatched untrustworthy trap hoes to stalk Petitioner in addition to, and as enabling false justification for more stalkers sent to agitate and provoke?
- Why is Petitioner the only known person in the USA who is not allowed to earn income no matter what he does like no good deed goes unpunished?
- Is it not a sign, if not an admission, of guilt if someone intelligent can not answer a simple question before or addressed to the court?
- How is it not fraud in addition to obstruction of justice plus liability for all causes of action by adopting the crime via the doctrine of conspiracy if a judge or group of judges at any level in any court contribute to the concealment of vital information, and fail to explain disruption of relevant discovery?
- Without a hearing in person, why should courts be given benefits of total doubt?

* Petitioner still has reliance on answers for all questions presented in previous petitions.

LIST OF PARTIES
To Be Amended As Necessary

A. PETITIONER:

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B. RESPONDENTS:

- Facebook [Meta], Inc. is located in Menlo Park, CA.
- Apple, Inc. is located in Cupertino, CA.
- Alphabet, Inc. is located in Mountain View, CA.
- Twitter [X], Inc. is located in San Francisco, CA.
- JPMorgan Chase [Bank] & Co. is located in New York, NY.
- John & Jane Does 1 to 10 are located locally to internationally.
 - List of some Does was lodged under seal @ CACD
 - No confirmation and neglected communication from 9th Circuit & SCOTUS regarding inquiries as to receipt of all exhibits.

** Defending respondents have not filed any opposition to previous petitions at SCOTUS, and that should be considered a sign of guilt if not similar to a no contest plea.*

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 - INVALID for reasons previously stated, & IRRELEVANT to this petition, but also disproven again in this document with some new points just in case someone thinks Petitioner missed something, which he did not, and the obstruction should be obvious to anyone competent who gave everything a thorough read. This also illustrates an example of why oral argument is crucial not only because so much could be much more easily communicated in person using the FAC as a reference point, but there is also a new issue being that AI could be used to simulate Justices in telephone or video conferences. Petitioner responded to their every line only to be treated like his responses were nonexistent because they probably had their minds made for them upon someone casting evil court actors. Communication is everything and the lower court judges intentionally cut it off in their obstructions of justice.

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To be Granted for the Best Reasons

Petitioner respectfully DEMANDS justice, which begins with a REAL hearing. In the collective case, this is the only way to ensure honest and open communication with an honorable court. Justice must preferably bring Petitioner to SCOTUS, or also reconsider previous petitions and send the case back to a new and impartial judge at district court.

There are numerous valid reasons for Petitioner to question everything, and to receive honest answers. For example, stalkers camp at, work at, and follow Petitioner into print shops and all of the local post offices upon filing everything. They are recognizable by both body language and patterns of style; obnoxious red dyed hair witches, camera stalkers, and brand stalkers trying to exploit the frame in coordination with the camera stalkers, hack license plates around the area, etc. Their ability to convince USPS employees to do little things gives rise to reason not to trust even certified mail. Mail fraud is clearly pleaded and exhibited as part of the complaints.

Incoming mail is also slightly suspect because Petitioner has to use both mail forwarding and a POB, which requires mail to be passed through too many hands. Petitioner could have counterfeited every letter received from SCOTUS when he was a child, and the

possibility that a security breach thought one or few out of ten thousand petitions a year could go unnoticed is not an unreasonable thought to entertain.

The docket is still abuse of (admin) power hacked to require quotes around Petitioner's name to pull up previous petitions after someone also caused broken links from Petitioner's blog to where they were located on the docket @ [supremecourt.gov](https://www.supremecourt.gov). Perhaps some immature clown thinks it a joke to assign case numbers and update docket entries on number hack dates corresponding to the FAC, or to send denials signed by case analysts with name hacks corresponding to Defendant Does, but that could be considered an intentional adoption of everything via the conspiracy tort, but most relevantly as reasons to suspect sabotage in the lines of communication. The clerk's office and new case analysts do not answer the phone or respond to all messages. Petitioner's trap phone server provider and manufacturer are suspect, and anyone can easily create a free area code 202 second line burner number with common apps.

Petitioner has been working on this case for an entire decade, will never give up, and the courts must respect this civil mind, legal applications, and the truth.

OPINIONS BELOW
Facts Above & Throughout

Obstruction of Justice in All Cases Not Limited to Civil @ Every Level; WTF!?

CASE # 20-5236 @ SCOTUS - No opinion provided; Obstructed via shady filing process?

CASE # 19-5616 @ SCOTUS - No opinion provided; Obstructed via shady filing process?

CASE # 18-55782 @ USA 9th Circuit - Dismissed by corrupt judges appearing to be aligned with illegal one-sided religious conflict of interest based on their names and their defamatory, fraudulent labeling of the nonexistent appeal.

CASE # 2:17-cv-04921 @ USA CA Central District - Judge proven wrong if not corrupt

CASE # BC607769 @ CA Superior Court - Missed court literally due to false imprisonment

CASE # BC608501 @ CA Superior Court - Missed court literally due to false imprisonment

CASE # 2:14-cv-04900 @ USA CA Central District - Obstruction scam / *in forma pauperis*

CASE # 2:14-cv-04232 @ USA CA Central District - Obstruction scam / *in forma pauperis*

* Erroneous opinions; only relevant to sending the case back to district court because the primary intention of this petition is for nothing less than a hearing in person and where questions will be answered by those who have competence for the truth.

JURISDICTION
The Highest Court Has It

Jurisdiction of **SCOTUS** is invoked, as previously detailed, under not limited to:

- **28 USC §§ 22419(a) & § 1254(2), § 2241, § 2242, & § 1651**
- **Article III, Section II of The Constitution**
- **14th Amendment**
- **SCOTUS Rule 44**

CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY PROVISIONS INVOLVED
Justices' Job is to Preserve Our Rights

The Constitution & as previously detailed:

- **Suspension Clause (Clause 2) @ Article I, Section 9**
- **1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th, 8th, & 14th Amendments**
- **Judiciary Act of 1789**

STATEMENT OF THE CASE
Obstruction of Justice = False Imprisonment

SCOTUS RULES 20.4(a) STATEMENT:

Exceptional circumstances warrant the exercise of the Court's discretionary powers because this case is like none other and adequate relief cannot be obtained in any other form or from any other court because all federal courts including SCOTUS have obstructed and SCOTUS is the only one the can overrule all three including itself, if the Justices even received the case, so it is necessary to have a hearing in real life ("IRL").

CASE SUMMARY:

This Petition follows several Petitions to SCOTUS, an obstructed appeal that was not permitted to be filed because the 9th Circuit went out of order and criminally neglected the application for counsel, RICO complaints that were dismissed by California Central District Court with bogus reasons,, and obstructions by law enforcement.

Petitioner has apparently and falsely been confined to a new form of private prison, held incommunicado in the sense that not all communications are going through, denied employment rights and income, denied proper medical care and disability after respondents caused three qualifying physical disabilities, denied both representation and the right to a hearing before a judge. This is exactly what *habeas corpus* is intended for as is respectfully presented.

RELIEF SOUGHT:

- ★ Same Relief Sought in Petition for Habeas Corpus; Bring Petitioner to SCOTUS

THE ISSUES PRESENTED:

- None Have Presented a Valid or Logically Relevant Motion or Order to Dismiss
- Obstruction of Justice Caused if not Extremely Exacerbated False Imprisonment
 - Courts Definitely Conspired to Obstruct Justice
 - Law Enforcement Definitely Conspired to Obstruct Justice
 - Filing New Case(s), w/ Arrest Warrant Requests, Could Bring us Back Here
 - or Justices, Judges, & Does Can Become Criminal RICO Defendants
 - F2F Hearing Proof that Everything was Thoroughly Reviewed is Necessary
 - *Habeas Corpus* was Designed for this Type of Situation
- Not Limited to Due Process Rights are Violated Until Writs (Plural) are Issued
- Respondents & John Does 1 to 10 have not Stopped Violating Petitioner's Rights
 - New & Old Issues Require Discovery & Amendment Over New Legal Action
 - Main Respondent IT Hacks & Attacks are Present & Evolved
 - New Financial, Healthcare, Real Estate & Housing Related Fraud
 - Outrageous Counts of Same, Similar, & New Violations

FACTS NECESSARY TO UNDERSTAND ISSUES PRESENTED BY THE PETITION:

Unlike Defendants and their illogical fluff-filled motions for dismissal in district court, Petitioner is always 100% honest; no lies, no contradictions, no exaggerations, no discrepancies, and no problem speaking for himself under oath. By this statement, Petitioner re-alleges everything from all previous petitions at SCOTUS and the FAC.

Respondents are so petty they just stole food stamps directly out of Petitioner's account because there was no cash, which they stole twice as reported to police last year; police who refuse to recover security camera footage from the places where hack transactions occurred. Think about how morales that is, and during the three month out of twelve month break from GR, after not permitting work, obstructing SSI for disabilities they caused, cutting off UI halfway through, and all while obstructing justice. Respondents have been abusing power to troll life including Petitioner's harmless new art venture, which has not generated income since the previous application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. As of recently they have sent a lot of kamikazee stalkers acting on increased death threats, trying to crash into Petitioner's car, to run him off the road, to provoke altercations; with weapons, etc. All of these assertions are supported by clear and convincing facts and evidence.

The future amendment or next RICO complaint against John Does 1 to 10 goes into more detail about each element with less causes of action and it explains justification for the relief sought using copycat startups with \$100M annual revenue and multi-billion dollar valuations as examples for the financial loss incurred over the span of more than a decade. Several original Defendants and Does have gone from billionaire to centi-billionaire, and from multi-billion dollar company to trillion dollar companies. “Yesterday’s price is not today’s price” and punitive damages must be deterrents to future crime. Perhaps Petitioner is still not requesting enough relief to deter Respondents, and there are several more deep pockets, including our government, that should split the bill.

Returning to the outrageous dismissals, Defendants mockingly pled that Petitioner was claiming the racket is messing with literally every aspect of Petitioner’s life and at the same time pretending not to understand the claim, but that is exactly what the complaint is about and the courts have permitted evil to evolve for an entire decade after the original complaints were filed. This is an extraordinarily complex case and petitioner is trying to keep it simple; specifically, regarding the original complaint because it was going to be amended after discovery or by request for additional details. This is probably going to be resolved in ADR and Respondents know exactly what they are doing, so is it really necessary to add another 100 pages of complaint without first seeing if this can be settled? Petitioner has been fighting for his life with no time to spare in meeting all deadlines. The FAC completes the incomplete complaint where all elements for each

cause of action have always been alleged in the COA section; by adding more references to each paragraph number where statements correspond to the COA. Perhaps this is not how the court is not used to this method, but it is efficiently organized and goes above and beyond stating the claim. Petitioner knows around thirty programming languages and everything about computers and comm tech down to binary logic. That is how Petitioner thinks, where his true foundation is built, and how he writes.

Everything stated in the RICO claim is connected, unlike the bad judge's delusional framework in the district court dismissals. The laws criminal COAs have a purpose of fulfilling the prerequisite elements of the civil RICO claim, and should be covered by what was cited in the jurisdiction sections. Was the RICO Act not intended to give a petitioner means for prosecuting criminals by order of a judge in the event of corrupt authorities? The judge fails to comprehend the simple fact that all Defendants are being held liable for everything via the conspiracy tort; therefore, his example of *res judicata* regarding the bank's involvement was an invalid argument in addition to neglect of case law previously cited and explanation of the fact that Defendants are collectively extending statutes of limitations everyday as they continue to violate Petitioner's rights with new crimes. Petitioner explained and exhibited the timeline of the racket's relentless daily attacks for more than the past decade; online and in person. The timestamps were offered upon necessity and request; for every photograph, screenshot, video, etc. The FAC was a major upgrade on the original complaint. It completed what

was submitted in a rush, and corrected all of the alleged flaws such as rewording conclusory statements and clarifying the statement of the RICO claim, etc. It came down to the wire, and petitioner submitted the FAC with much more information to add, but the judge was full of it and said it could not be improved, which was in contradiction to his complaining about the length with no interest for more details, many of which were pending discovery where the judge criminally quashed relevant subpoenas. Petitioner was well aware of alleging the elements since writing the original complaints, and had gone so far as to download about 10 separate RICO complaints, which were all similar hundred-plus page-length and used as models for doing it right. The lower court judges and Defendant attorneys are insanely dishonest and should have been recused.

As far as the 9th Circuit, there is nothing frivolous or malicious about the case. Plaintiff has much better things to do than spend countless hours writing to bodiless cowards remotely permitting terrorism. They went out of order and dismissed an appeal that had not even been filed because they had motive not to deny Petitioner access to an attorney. The pro se clinic was not helpful, seemingly intentional based on observations. Defendants obstructed every attempt to acquire help or representation, similar to the job hunt, to the point where it would have been insane to keep trying and expecting different results. Petitioner is not doing the same thing by filing all of these different petitions and complaints. Petitioner has never filed a Petition for Rehearing of Petition for Habeas Corpus, had not previously ever filed for *habeas corpus*, and is presenting new facts.

Someone evil appears to have hand-picked all the lower court judges to obstruct worse than the way people say Justices were selected to overturn Roe v. Wade, except Justices acquired their seats at SCOTUS lawfully by presidential appointment, or did they not? Case assignment is supposed to be random in the lower courts where name hack judges seem to have been selected like a jury of Defendant peers to represent Defendants like their attorneys, and with immoral or religious motives to obstruct justice for the Defendants. Petitioner has been trying to get presidential support for the past decade. Has any POTUS or other government entity or individual influenced previous decisions behind the scenes? Obama and Trump definitely received campaign support from Defendants, and Harris is suspected of obstructing justice as CA Attorney General in exchange for career advancement similarly as all the corrupt, justice obstructing, falsely arresting Sheriffs, as petitioner easily predicted in court, because money and power are motive, and defendants are racking up the centi-billion dollar tab.

**PETITIONER IS A MOST LOGICAL GENIUS; “THEY” ARE NOT
THIS IS REALITY**

REASONS FOR GRANTING THE PETITION
Human Rights + The Law of Our Land & Beyond

WHY THE WRIT(s) SHOULD ISSUE:

- ★ THE MOTIONS & ORDERS TO DISMISS ARE WRONG
- ★ This is Why *Habeas Corpus* & Steps Leading Up to this Exist
- ★ Life Threatening Reliance on Answers to Questions
- ★ Concealment is Obstruction Exacerbating & Causing Damages
- ★ No Reason to Believe Justices Thoroughly Reviewed the Case
- ★ All Reasons to Suspect DOJ Communication Interference
- ★ Defendants (Comm/Tech Abusers) Have Not Stopped Violating
- ★ Mail Fraud Already Exhibited in Original Complaint
- ★ Tremendous Amounts of New Evidence to Exhibit & Details to Amend
- ★ Petitioner is Still Confined to the Situation
- ★ This is TRUTH & More Must Arise

SIGNIFICANT CONSTITUTIONAL & LEGAL ISSUES:

This case is extremely important for modern society, democracy, and legal principles at stake including *habeas corpus*, due process, abuse of *res judicata*, and literally everything pleaded in accordance with law. The court should set an example for civil ADR over violence and other less than civil means of justice. Several of these issues are of Constitutional significance, point out flaws in the system that can be corrected, and

could set precedent and legal authority for greater good, if not by legal standards, as a deterrent of these unethical and inhumane violations. Moreover, Petitioner has previously pointed out that wrong decisions are in conflict with established principles.

HYPOTHESIS; HYPOTHETICAL & PLAUSIBLE JUSTIFICATION:

Justices and lower court judges conspired with Defendants to criminally obstruct justice as if a most intelligent, brave, organized and diligent man would miss deadlines or not call them out on total BS, and if that happened, then they would blame it on Defendant hackers and never having received the case files or evidence. The system is flawed because this is actually possible, especially when defendants have unlimited resources and have spared no expense stalkerteering that must cost an insane amount of money to have Petitioner followed day and night. *Habeas corpus* was specifically designed for this type of situation, so if the Justices' intent is not to fix what is broken, then this theory can be assumed to be accurate enough to merit a case simply for obstruction of justice and/or fraud, and subpoenas of all judges and Justices; however, Petitioner only files RICO until justice is served proper.

A problem for national security lies in not addressing this and leaving a backdoor open for billionaires to bribe entire courts. Moreover, this case touches on several issues of great importance not only to the petitioner, but also to the entire planet regarding criminal actions, liabilities, and governance of social media platforms. Petitioner is a

web development expert who never would have entrust employees with admin access and all the temptation in the world for which CEOs should be held accountable.

Then there are several serious "theories" that must be investigated regarding defendants conspiring with, coercing, and bribing government actors, obstructing justice, suspected fake deaths, and hacks corresponding to this case, the pandemic, and possible election fraud. The people need to know if the Vice President made a deal with defendants to obstruct justice for a VP nomination. Justices know people go to and remain in prison for one poor decision made in a split second. Time for good karma to catch bad apples.

CONCLUSION

Due Process & Justice For All

There is neither justification for denying Petitioner's Constitutional rights nor the relentless attack on every aspect of Petitioner's personal and professional life. Petitioner is a competent competitor, a challenger, a rational debater, and a defender of his freedom demanding nothing more in this petition than his right to a hearing in person because obstruction of justice has Petitioner's hands shackled behind his back while fighting giant bullies head on. Petitioner is a virtuous man who works hard and deserves to be compensated straight up. Get out of here with the cowardly puppet-string pulling human traffickers and their fake self-serving luck, those interposing on privacy, physical space and threatening free will. Petitioner is moist honest, and as you will hear, talks the talk,

and will run the walk; respectfully, to all nine of your faces upon invitation. Hear the oral argument against whatever the courts must stop concealing. There are no excuses for this past decade of torture and only one proposed solution.

GIVE RR THE LOOT IS JUSTICE

Please & Thanks

Additionally, Petitioner suspects a reason for obstruction is based on haters of evidence. The sealed list of individual 'suspect' John Does identifies more government actors including corrupt: cops, politicians, and people of personal relation who were labeled by their connections, including by religion where delusional beliefs have been used as false justification for entitlements, which is something that traditionally comes in the form of inheritance and has nothing to do with rights based on age or birth order. Petitioner has respect for different aspects of all religions and was only drawing connections between suspects who have not been filed against because Petitioner desires the most civil solution, which is holding the trigger pulling enabler corporations responsible for paying the bill. None of these Doe defendants have been dismissed by any level of federal court. Let us resolve this conflict with the proper most civil solution as originally intended.

Granting everything and the Writ of *Habeas Corpus* should be based on the law, not politics or religion. Petitioner lives a legal, ethical, and righteous life independent of all

nonscientific social constructs, and that should bring him peace, not racketeers. Politics and religion should have no place in deciding this case; unless we are talking about delusional defendant Does, but if you must know, not even SCOTUS should have any reason to hate on Petitioner and his mostly, or should be, universal positions.

- NO FEAR
- NO HOMO
- NO PHOBIAS
- PRO FEDERAL
- PRO GUN RIGHTS
- PRO DUE PROCESS
- PRO COEXISTENCE
- PROFESSIONAL GENIUS
- PRO LIFE & PRO CHOICE
- PRO FREEDOM OF SPEECH
- INDEPENDENT CITIZEN VOTER
- RESPECTFULLY DEMANDING JUSTICE

In conclusion, THE LOWER COURT JUDGES WERE WRONG, and it is Petitioner's turn to play offense where he has been more than civil in the face of extremely oppressive more than felonious fraud, theft, and violence; all-in and on-point, unwavering through

more than a decade of evil trap tactics and chronic pain, with less resources than the cost of living, yet still both survival of the fittest stronger and significantly more intelligent than literally 100% of the racketeers only with the realistic exception to the physical strength few incompetent puppet string pulled stalker meatheads; so by law, in addition to common, unwritten, religious, and street law, Petition has the right to no less than due process beginning with what should be a unanimous decision for the writ of *habeas corpus* to be GRANTED.

Respectfully,

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APPENDIX A

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ORDER

Before: LEAVY, BYBEE, and HURWITZ, Circuit Judges.

Upon a review of the record and the responses to the court's July 31, 2018 order, we conclude this appeal is frivolous. We therefore deny appellant's motion to proceed in forma pauperis (Docket Entry No. 2), *see* 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a), and dismiss this appeal as frivolous, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2) (court shall dismiss case at any time, if court determines it is frivolous or malicious).

All other pending motions are denied as moot.

DISMISSED.

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ORDER

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The filings at Docket Entry Nos. 28, 29, and 31 are construed as motions for reconsideration of this court's December 18, 2018 order.

Appellant's motions for reconsideration (Docket Entry No. 26, 27, 28, 29, and 31) of this court's December 18, 2018 order are denied. *See* 9th Cir. R. 27-10.

No further filings will be entertained in this closed case.

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APPENDIX B

Cover Sheet & Copy of Justice Obstructing Order/Opinion(s) of CA Central District Court

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CIVIL MINUTES—GENERAL

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Present: The Honorable MICHAEL W. FITZGERALD, U.S. District Judge

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Rita Sanchez

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Attorneys Present for Plaintiff:
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Attorneys Present for Defendant:
None Present

Proceedings (In Chambers): ORDER GRANTING MOTIONS TO DISMISS [222] [224]; PLAINTIFF’S VARIOUS REQUESTS RE: MOTIONS [237] [242] [243] [244] [245]

Before the Court are two motions to dismiss Pro Se Plaintiff Russell Rope’s First Amended Complaint (“FAC”), which was filed on February 19, 2018. (Docket No. 136). Defendant JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. (“JPMorgan”), filed a Motion to Dismiss (the “JPMorgan Motion”) on March 16, 2018. (Docket No. 222). Plaintiff filed an Opposition on April 23, 2018 (Docket No. 238), to which JPMorgan replied on April 30, 2018. (Docket No. 240).

On March 19, 2018, Defendants Apple Inc., Facebook, Inc., Alphabet, Inc., and Twitter, Inc. (together, “Tech Defendants”) also filed a Motion to Dismiss (the “Tech Motion”). (Docket No. 224). Plaintiff filed an Opposition on April 23, 2018 (Docket No. 239), and the Tech Defendants filed a Reply on April 30, 2018. (Docket No. 241).

Plaintiff also sought leave to file sur-replies to JPMorgan’s and the Tech Defendants’ Replies. (Docket Nos. 242, 243, 244, 245). Those requests are **DENIED**. Plaintiff already filed over-sized Oppositions of at least 50 pages each to each Motion, and the proposed sur-replies are not necessary for the Court’s determination of the Motions.

In connection with his Oppositions, Plaintiff also requested that the Court consider all of the exhibits filed in connection with his initial Complaint as

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incorporated into the FAC. (Docket No. 237). The Court considers the exhibits as necessary to determine the Motions; the request is **GRANTED**.

Pursuant to Rule 78 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and Local Rule 7-15, the Court determined that the Motions were appropriate for submission on the papers, and vacated the hearing set for May 14, 2018. (Docket No. 246). The Court has read and considered the papers filed on the Motions, and for the reasons set forth below, the JPMorgan Motion and the Tech Motion are both **GRANTED *without leave to amend***. Plaintiff's FAC suffers from the same defects as his initial Complaint.

I. DISCUSSION

First, like the initial Complaint, the FAC fails to meet the requirements of Rule 8 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The initial Complaint was 100 pages long (without the 66 exhibits), and contained 310 paragraphs of “rambling, unrelated allegations against the named Defendants as well as his doctors, strangers on the street, law enforcement officers, doormen at night clubs, his brothers, his landlords, and myriad other companies and individuals.” (Order re Motions to Dismiss at 7 (Docket No. 114)). In the Court’s prior Order granting Defendants’ Motions to Dismiss the Complaint, the Court afforded Plaintiff *one* opportunity to “remove excessive redundancy, allegations irrelevant to the claims for relief, and conclusory or excessively argumentative allegations” such that the amended Complaint conformed to the Rule 8. (*Id.*).

Plaintiff has failed to comply with the Court’s directives in this regard. The FAC is now 126 pages (without exhibits) and contains 365 paragraphs in which Plaintiff doubles down on the conclusory, unrelated allegations asserted in the initial Complaint. The allegations in the FAC do no more to put Defendants on notice of the nature of the claims against them than did the allegations in the initial Complaint. Indeed, Plaintiff’s failure to comply – or even attempt to comply – with the Court’s order is itself reason to dismiss the FAC. *See Ferdik v. Bonzelet*, 963 F.2d 1258, 1260

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(9th Cir. 1992) (stating that district court may dismiss action for failure to comply with any order of the court).

Again, it is not the Court's responsibility to "expend time and effort searching through large masses of conclusory, argumentative, evidentiary and other extraneous allegations in order to discover whether the essentials of claims asserted can be found in such a *mélange*." *Jacobson v. Schwartzenegger*, 226 F.R.D. 395, 397 (C.D. Cal. 2005) (citation omitted) (dismissing 200-page complaint for failure to comply with Rule 8); *Hatch v. Reliance Ins. Co.*, 758 F.2d 409, 415 (9th Cir. 1985) (affirming district court's dismissal of complaints that "exceeded 70 pages in length, were confusing and conclusory, and not in compliance with Rule 8"); *McHenry v. Renne*, 84 F.3d 1172, 1178 (9th Cir. 1996) (affirming dismissal of complaint that was "argumentative, prolix, replete with redundancy, and largely irrelevant").

Second, as with the initial Complaint, it appears that at least some, if not all, of Plaintiff's claims are barred by the doctrine of *res judicata*, although the confusing nature of the FAC makes it impossible for the Court to determine conclusively that the claims are barred. In the FAC, Plaintiff himself refers to and incorporates by reference his multiple prior actions in federal and state court against Defendants. (*See, e.g.*, FAC ¶¶ 41, 85, 321). Regardless of how Plaintiff now styles his claims for relief, even he acknowledges that they are based on the same facts and issues – for example, JPMorgan's allegedly wrongful closing of Plaintiff's bank account, theft of his money, and attempts to thwart his job searches. The "true inquiry" for *res judicata* purposes is whether the "claims arose from the same transactional nucleus of facts." *United States v. Liquidators of European Fed. Credit Bank*, 630 F.3d 1139, 1151 (9th Cir. 2011); *Turtle Island Restoration Network v. U.S. Dep't of State*, 673 F.3d 914, 918 (9th Cir. 2012) (holding that where claims arise out of "same transactional nucleus of facts" *res judicata* may apply even if actions present different legal claims).

In the Court's prior Order dismissing the Complaint, the Court ordered Plaintiff to amend his Complaint to ensure that it raised "only claims that have not already been dismissed on the merits" in Plaintiff's prior actions against Defendants. (Order re Motions to Dismiss at 10). Although the Court does not conclusively determine

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which claims are barred by res judicata – nor does it need to do so, in light of its determination that the FAC fails under Rule 8 – it is apparent that Plaintiff has not complied with the Court’s instructions with respect to amending his Complaint.

Third, Defendants correctly argue that no one of Plaintiff’s 22 claims is properly pled. Although the Court need not reach this issue in light of its conclusion under Rule 8, it is apparent that Plaintiff’s claims fail under Rule 12(b)(6) as well. For example, 11 of Plaintiff’s claims are brought pursuant to the California Penal Code or federal criminal statutes that do not create private rights of action. (*See* JPMorgan Mot. at 12-15; Tech Mot. at 16-20). In his Opposition to the JPMorgan Motion, Plaintiff admits he is not seeking liability pursuant to these claims, and instead pleads them as “prerequisite[s]” for the alleged RICO conspiracy. (Opp. at 25).

In another example, Plaintiff’s various fraud claims (fraud, computer fraud, wire fraud, and mail fraud) all fail to meet the heightened pleading standards of Rule 9(b). “Rule 9(b) demands that, when averments of fraud are made, the circumstances constituting the alleged fraud be specific enough to give defendants notice of the particular misconduct so that they can defend against the charge[.]” *Vess v. Ciba-Geigy Corp. USA*, 317 F.3d 1097, 1106 (9th Cir. 2003) (internal citations omitted). Under Rule 9(b), fraud allegations must include the “time, place, and specific content of the false representations as well as the identities of the parties to the misrepresentations.” *Swartz v. KPMG LLP*, 476 F.3d 756, 764 (9th Cir. 2007) (citing *Edwards v. Marin Park, Inc.*, 356 F.3d 1058, 1066 (9th Cir. 2004)). In his Opposition to the Tech Motion, Plaintiff points to the timeline in Exhibit 39 and the “broad factual allegations stated throughout the body of the complaint” as satisfying this heightened standard. (Opp. at 27). But Exhibit 39 is a long list of vague, cryptic line items such as “Loan Fraud” and “Continuous Housing Fraud++ @ Hollywood”. Neither Exhibit 39 nor the allegations in the FAC state the necessary time, place, specific content, or specific parties involved in any misrepresentations.

In response to the Court’s grant of leave to amend the initial Complaint, Plaintiff ignored the Court’s directives regarding Rule 8 and res judicata. It is apparent that permitting Plaintiff another opportunity to amend would be futile. *See*,

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e.g., *Plumeau v. School Dist. No. 40 County of Yamhill*, 130 F.3d 432, 439 (9th Cir. 1997) (affirming district court's denial of leave to amend where "any such amendment would have been futile"); *Hawkins v. Thomas*, No. EDCV 09-1862 JST (SS), 2012 WL 1944828, at *1-2 (C.D. Cal. May 29, 2012) (dismissing pro se plaintiff's complaint with prejudice where "the dismissed claims could not be cured by any amendment"). Plaintiff acknowledges as much in his Opposition to the Tech Motion, stating, "Further amendment of the FAC at this point would mostly be a waste of time." (Opp. at 53).

II. CONCLUSION

Accordingly, the Motions are **GRANTED** *without leave to amend*.

This Order shall constitute notice of entry of judgment pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 58. Pursuant to Local Rule 58-6, the Court **ORDERS** the Clerk to treat this Order, and its entry on the docket, as an entry of judgment.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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Present: The Honorable MICHAEL W. FITZGERALD, U.S. District Judge

Deputy Clerk:

Rita Sanchez

Court Reporter:

Not Reported

Attorneys Present for Plaintiff:

None Present

Attorneys Present for Defendant:

None Present

Proceedings (In Chambers): ORDER RE MOTIONS TO DISMISS [67] [88];
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Before the Court are two motions to dismiss. Defendant JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. ("JPMorgan"), filed a Motion to Dismiss Complaint (the "JPMorgan Motion") on August 29, 2017. (Docket No. 67). Pro Se Plaintiff Russell Rope filed an Opposition on September 8, 2017 (Docket No. 76), to which JPMorgan replied on September 29, 2017. (Docket No. 92). Plaintiff filed an unsolicited Response in Opposition to that Reply on October 30, 2017. (Docket No. 105).

On September 28, 2017, Defendants Apple Inc., Facebook, Inc., Alphabet, Inc., and Twitter, Inc. (together, "Apple Defendants") also filed a Motion to Dismiss (the "Apple Motion"). (Docket No. 88). Plaintiff did not timely file an Opposition to the Apple Motion, as the Apple Defendants point out in their Response in Support of Motion to Dismiss, filed on October 13, 2017. (Docket No. 98). After the Apple Defendants' Response was filed, Plaintiff filed what appears to be an Opposition, also dated October 13, 2017. (Docket No. 100). He filed another Opposition on October 30, 2017. (Docket No. 108).

The Court determined that these Motions were appropriate for submission on the papers without oral argument, and vacated the hearings on the Motions. (See Docket No. 103).

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Under Local Rule 7-12, Plaintiff's failure to file an Opposition in response to the Apple Motion within the deadline may be deemed consent to the granting of the Apple Motion. However, as the Court indicated in its Order Denying Plaintiff's Ex Parte Application, dated October 30, 2017, the Court will consider all the papers filed on the Motions, including Plaintiff's untimely and unsolicited additional filings. (Order Denying Ex Parte Application at 2 (Docket No. 109)).

For the reasons set forth below, the Court **GRANTS** the JPMorgan Motion and the Apple Motion *with leave to amend*. The Complaint fails to comply with the pleading requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 8. Moreover, although the Court cannot determine it conclusively at this time due to the confusing nature of the Complaint, it appears that Plaintiff has already brought similar actions in state and federal court against the same defendants, such that his claims in this action are barred by res judicata.

Plaintiff also filed various other requests related to the Motions: Request for Order and Explanation (Docket No. 85); Request and Notice of Opposition (Docket No. 94); Request for Order for Opposition Against Defendants' Motions to Dismiss (Docket No. 111); and another Request for Order for Opposition Against Defendants' Motions to Dismiss. (Docket No. 112). These Requests are all **DENIED as moot**.

I. BACKGROUND

Plaintiff initiated this action in July 2017 against Defendants JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., Apple Inc., Facebook, Inc., Alphabet, Inc., and Twitter, Inc. (See Complaint (Docket No. 17)). The 166-page Complaint contains 310 paragraphs, 66 exhibits and sets forth 20 claims for relief against all Defendants, each of which incorporates all the preceding paragraphs: (1) RICO violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1962(c); (2) RICO conspiracy of 18 U.S.C. § 1962(d); (3) fraud; (4) computer fraud; (5) wire fraud; (6) criminal threats; (7) obscene, threatening, and annoying communications; (8) stalking; (9) assault and battery; (10); espionage; (11) theft of trade secrets; (12) obstruction of justice; (13) false imprisonment; (14) perjury; (15) grand theft &

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robbery; (16) defamation; (17) unfair competition; (18) intentional infliction of emotional distress; (19) cybersquatting; (20) employment discrimination.

Plaintiff describes this action as “a mashup and major update of three separate but connected and originally incorrectly filed cases.” (Compl. ¶ 1). He alleges that Defendants are “criminals breaking the law not limited to abusing power Internet and technology corporations to defraud Plaintiff of life, freedom, business, a domain name, and personal relationships [sic].” (*Id.*). Essentially, Plaintiff claims that “Defendants engaged in a multi-district conspiracy to defraud Plaintiff of money and property.” (*Id.* ¶ 11). Plaintiff refers to Defendants as the “Bad Karma Enterprise” (*Id.* ¶ 13), and alleges they have been “terrorizing” Plaintiff for over a decade. (*Id.* ¶ 35). It appears that the conspiracy reached all aspects of Plaintiff’s life.

The Defendants have allegedly “attempt[ed] to steal, sabotage, and control business [and] gone so low as to interfere with personal relations.” (Compl. ¶ 30). Defendant JPMorgan is allegedly withholding money after tricking Plaintiff into signing an indemnity agreement, and engaged in employment discrimination by removing job postings from its website before Plaintiff could apply to them. (*Id.* ¶¶ 33, 84–86). Defendant Facebook and its subsidiary, Instagram, are sabotaging Plaintiff’s accounts by interfering with friend requests and censoring posts, and is “get[ing] away with cyber murder over and over.” (*Id.* ¶¶ 50, 52, 53). Apple has disabled Plaintiff’s accounts and webpages and interfered with his smart phone connectivity and social media life. (*Id.* ¶ 51). Defendant Alphabet and its subsidiaries likewise have terminated and sabotaged Plaintiff’s accounts. (*Id.* ¶ 54). Defendant Twitter is also accused of “name and number hacks including cryptic message harassment such as modifying URLs or hyper links in tweets to form harassing messages.” (*Id.* ¶ 55).

Plaintiff appears to allege that Defendants have somehow conspired to steal the “rise.com” domain name that Plaintiff intended to purchase by leaking the name to people in the entertainment industry, even though Plaintiff had only told a few family members about his intentions. (Compl. ¶¶ 65–76). Now, despite Plaintiff’s secrecy, the word “rise” is appearing in various movies, television shows, and advertisements.

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(*Id.*). People have allegedly attempted to kill Plaintiff in attempts to steal this domain name. (*Id.* ¶ 149). Defendants are alleged to have gained access to Plaintiff's unpublished book, from which they are stealing trade secrets. (*Id.* ¶ 90).

Plaintiff alleges that Defendants are hacking his equipment to spy on him and stalk him, to sexually harass him, and to engage in sex trafficking, (Compl. ¶¶ 56, 58). He also alleges he is being physically "stalked . . . all around tinsel town" by females who wear clothes with threatening messages, cars with Florida license plates, and Australians. (*Id.* ¶¶ 114–17). Plaintiff also alleges that a series of car accidents are a part of the conspiracy orchestrated by Defendants. (Compl. ¶¶ 123–26).

The conspiracy is also alleged to involve health care fraud extending back to Plaintiff's birth in 1982. (Compl. ¶ 109). Defendants are accused of "using dermatology and other health care related fraud to control the Plaintiff; to trap the Plaintiff in his own skin." (*Id.*). Doctors are accused of "aging" Plaintiff, making him wait in examination rooms, and prescribing medication with dangerous side effects. (*Id.* ¶ 110–12).

Plaintiff lists "additional problems," including "Google Maps/iPhone Hack", "Car Computer Hack False System Malfunction Errors", "Pharmacy and Doctor Office Harassment", "License Plate Stalking Hacks", and "Food, Gas Station, and Entertainment Hacks". (*Id.* ¶ 61). Plaintiff also makes allegations against parties not named as Defendants in the action, such as PayPal, Spotify, Comm100, Mail Chimp, Uber, Model Mayhem, and AirBnb, as well as door men at night clubs, law enforcement officers, the court system, the EEOC, Plaintiff's family members, and Plaintiff's landlords and roommates. (*Id.* ¶¶ 60, 78, 80–83, 103–5, 113–15, 123–26, 129–41). Plaintiff also suggest that Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg, Apple CEO Tim Cook, and Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey are involved directly in the conspiracy. (*Id.* ¶¶ 152, 154, 157). Plaintiff further alleges that Defendants are publishing fake news online and on television to control Plaintiff. (Compl. ¶ 108).

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The JPMorgan Motion seeks dismissal of the Complaint pursuant to Rule 12(b)(6) and the doctrine of res judicata. The Apple Motion also seeks dismissal pursuant to Rule 12(b)(6) and res judicata, as well as Rule 8.

II. FAILURE TO STATE A CLAIM

A. Legal Standard

“Dismissal under Rule 12(b)(6) is proper when the complaint either (1) lacks a cognizable legal theory or (2) fails to allege sufficient facts to support a cognizable legal theory.” *Somers v. Apple, Inc.*, 729 F.3d 953, 959 (9th Cir. 2013). “Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 8(a)(2) requires only ‘a short and plain statement of the claim showing that the pleader is entitled to relief,’ in order to ‘give the defendant fair notice of what the . . . claim is and the grounds upon which it rests’” *Bell Atl. Corp. v. Twombly*, 550 U.S. 544, 555 (2007) (quoting *Conley v. Gibson*, 355 U.S. 41, 47 (1957)).

In ruling on the Motion under Rule 12(b)(6), the Court follows *Bell Atlantic and Ashcroft v. Iqbal*, 556 U.S. 662 (2009). “To survive a motion to dismiss, a complaint must contain sufficient factual matter . . . to ‘state a claim to relief that is plausible on its face.’” *Iqbal*, 556 U.S. at 678 (quoting *Twombly*, 550 U.S. at 570). The Court must disregard allegations that are legal conclusions, even when disguised as facts. *See id.* at 681 (“It is the conclusory nature of respondent’s allegations, rather than their extravagantly fanciful nature, that disentitles them to the presumption of truth.”); *Eclectic Properties E., LLC v. Marcus & Millichap Co.*, 751 F.3d 990, 996 (9th Cir. 2014). “Although ‘a well-pleaded complaint may proceed even if it strikes a savvy judge that actual proof is improbable,’ plaintiffs must include sufficient ‘factual enhancement’ to cross ‘the line between possibility and plausibility.’” *Eclectic Properties*, 751 F.3d at 995 (quoting *Twombly*, 550 U.S. at 556–57) (internal citations omitted).

The Court must then determine whether, based on the allegations that remain and all reasonable inferences that may be drawn therefrom, the complaint alleges a

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plausible claim for relief. *See Iqbal*, 556 U.S. at 679; *Cafasso, U.S. ex rel. v. Gen. Dynamics C4 Sys., Inc.*, 637 F.3d 1047, 1054 (9th Cir. 2011). “Determining whether a complaint states a plausible claim for relief is ‘a context-specific task that requires the reviewing court to draw on its judicial experience and common sense.’” *Ebner v. Fresh, Inc.*, 838 F.3d 958, 963 (9th Cir. 2016) (quoting *Iqbal*, 556 U.S. at 679). Where the facts as pleaded in the complaint indicate that there are two alternative explanations, only one of which would result in liability, “plaintiffs cannot offer allegations that are merely consistent with their favored explanation but are also consistent with the alternative explanation. Something more is needed, such as facts tending to exclude the possibility that the alternative explanation is true, in order to render plaintiffs’ allegations plausible.” *Eclectic Properties*, 751 F.3d at 996–97; *see also Somers*, 729 F.3d at 960.

B. Discussion

Apple Defendants argue that the Complaint fails to satisfy Rule 8’s basic notice requirements. (Apple Mot. at 6). Rule 8 requires pleadings to contain “a short and plain statement of the claim showing that the pleader is entitled to relief.” Fed. R. Civ. P. 8(a)(2).

A court may dismiss a complaint “for failure to satisfy Rule 8 if it is so confusing that ‘its true substance, if any, is well disguised.’” *Bailey v. BAC Home Loan Serv., LP*, No. CV 11-648-LEK (BMKx), 2012 WL 589414, at *1 (D. Haw. Feb. 12, 2012) (quoting *Hearns v. San Bernardino Police Dep’t*, 530 F.3d 1124, 1131 (9th Cir. 2008)). Indeed, the Ninth Circuit has affirmed dismissal of excessively long, redundant, and confusing complaints for failure to comply with Rule 8. *See, e.g., McHenry v. Renne*, 84 F.3d 1172, 1178 (9th Cir. 1996) (affirming dismissal of complaint that was “argumentative, prolix, replete with redundancy, and largely irrelevant”); *Carrigan v. Cal. State Legislature*, 263 F.2d 560, 566 (9th Cir. 1959) (affirming dismissal of a 150-page complaint describing plaintiff’s thoughts, worries, hearsay conversations, frustrations and difficulties with doctors and insurance companies, and medical reports); *Nevijel v. North Coast Life Ins. Co.*, 651 F.2d 671, 675 (9th Cir. 1981) (affirming dismissal of complaint that was “verbose, confusing

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and almost entirely conclusory”); *Hatch v. Reliance Ins. Co.*, 758 F.2d 409, 415 (9th Cir. 1985) (affirming district court’s dismissal of complaints that “exceeded 70 pages in length, were confusing and conclusory, and not in compliance with Rule 8”);

District Courts regularly dismiss complaints containing indecipherable claims for relief. *See, e.g., United States ex rel. Mateski v. Raytheon Co.*, No. CV 06-3614-ODW (KSx), 2017 WL 1954942 (C.D. Cal. Feb. 10, 2017) (dismissing with leave to amend 134-page, undecipherable complaint); *Adams v. California*, No. CV 02-5419-CRB, 2003 WL 202638, at *3 (N.D. Cal. Jan 24, 2003) (dismissing claims with prejudice where “Plaintiff has not stated a coherent claim against any of the defendants”); *George v. Dutcher*, No. CV 16-679-RCJ (VPCx), 2017 WL 1393064, at *2 (D. Nev. Feb. 28, 2017) (“[P]laintiff’s largely incomprehensible narrative makes it nearly impossible for the court to identify the factual or legal basis for her claims or the nature of her requested relief.”).

Here, Plaintiff’s Complaint is 166 pages long, and filled with rambling, unrelated allegations against the named Defendants as well as his doctors, strangers on the street, law enforcement officers, doormen at night clubs, his brothers, his landlords, and myriad other companies and individuals. Plaintiff includes every slight and setback he has encountered in the last several years in the Complaint, claiming that they are all part of one conspiracy. He attaches 66 exhibits which only add to the confusion. For example, Exhibits 1 and 2 to the Complaint are lists of other suspected conspirators, ranging from Plaintiff’s high school and college classmates and his siblings to attorneys he has contacted and companies like AT&T and MySpace. (Docket Nos. 17-13, 17-4). Exhibit 4 appears to be a collage of appearances of the number “187” in Plaintiff’s social media pages. (Docket No. 17-6).

It is neither Defendants’ nor the Court’s responsibility to “expend time and effort searching through large masses of conclusory, argumentative, evidentiary and other extraneous allegations in order to discover whether the essentials of claims asserted can be found in such a mélange.” *Jacobson v. Schwartzenegger*, 226 F.R.D. 395, 397 (C.D. Cal. 2005) (citation omitted) (dismissing 200-page complaint with leave to amend for failure to comply with Rule 8). Plaintiff’s conclusory assertion

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that “Rule 8 does not apply” because Plaintiff did provide short and plain statements (Docket No. 108) does not make it so.

The Motions are therefore **GRANTED**. The Court will permit Plaintiff one opportunity to amend his Complaint to remove excessive redundancy, allegations irrelevant to the claims for relief, and conclusory or excessively argumentative allegations. Because the Court concludes that the Complaint fails to meet the requirements of Rule 8, it does not reach Defendants’ arguments regarding why the Complaint fails to state each of the 20 claims for relief, which in any case appear to largely point to the conclusory, vague, and confusing nature of the allegations. Defendants may raise these arguments again in response to Plaintiff’s First Amended Complaint, if there is one.

III. RES JUDICATA

Both Motions argue that some of Plaintiffs’ claims are barred by res judicata. (JPMorgan Mot. at 5–7; Apple Mot. at 7 n.3). Under the doctrine of res judicata, “a final judgment on the merits bars further claims by parties or their privies based on the same cause of action.” *In re Schimmels*, 127 F.3d 875, 881 (9th Cir. 1997). The doctrine precludes a party from re-litigating (1) the same claim, (2) against the same party, (3) when that claim proceeded to a final judgment on the merits in a prior action.” *MHC Fin. Ltd. P’ship v. City of San Rafael*, 714 F.3d 1118, 1125 (9th Cir. 2013). Federal courts are required to give state court judgments the same preclusive effect they would be given by other courts in that state. *Brodheim v. Cry*, 584 F.3d 1262, 1268 (9th Cir. 2009).

JPMorgan argues that, although Plaintiff’s Complaint in this action contains 20 vague claims for relief, the factual allegations against JPMorgan are the same as the allegations in Plaintiff’s state court action, filed in 2016: *Russell Rope v. JP Morgan Chase & Co.*, Case No. BC608501. Essentially, both actions alleged that JPMorgan closed Plaintiff’s account, withheld his money, tried to force him to sign an indemnity agreement, and engaged in employment discrimination. (JPMorgan Mot. at 6, Ex. A). The superior court sustained JPMorgan’s demurrer in that action, which was based on

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Plaintiff's failure to state a claim upon which relief could be granted. The case was subsequently dismissed with prejudice. (*See id.*, Exs. B, D, and E):

Likewise, the Apple Defendants argue that to the extent Plaintiff's allegations in this Complaint are based on the same facts and evidence alleged in his prior state court action against Apple and its CEO, Facebook and its CEO, Alphabet, and Twitter, which was dismissed in its entirety without leave to amend, the current claims are barred by res judicata. (Apple Mot. at 6–7, n.3). The similar state court action, *Russell Rope v. Apple, Inc., et al.*, Case No. BC607769, was filed in 2016. (*See id.*, Ex. B). In 2014, Plaintiff also attempted to file a similar case in federal court against the same defendants as the current action (excepting JPMorgan). That case, *Russell Rope v. Facebook, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 2:14-cv-04900 (C.D. Cal), was dismissed in its entirety by the Magistrate Judge for failure to state a claim upon which relief could be granted. (*Id.*, Ex. A at 10 (“Plaintiff’s Complaint contains conclusory allegations but not specific facts to support a claim of conspiracy.”)).

Plaintiff himself refers to and incorporates by reference all of the prior actions described above. He acknowledges that “[t]his case was originally filed incorrectly as three individual cases. It now makes most sense to refile as a single new case.” He appears to think that by filing this case and paying the filing fee, he “bypass[ed] the previously false frivolous case block, which is allegedly a trick used against poor pro se litigants legitimately filing in forma pauperis.” (Compl. ¶ 41). He says this action is “most similar” to the 2014 federal action against Facebook, et al. (*Id.* ¶ 45). He attaches that federal court complaint as Exhibit 41 to the Complaint. (Docket No. 17-43). He also references the state court action against JPMorgan throughout the Complaint, even incorporating it by reference as Exhibit 45 to the Complaint. (*See* Compl. ¶¶ 41, 85, 264).

Plaintiff argues in Opposition to the JPMorgan Motion that res judicata cannot apply because Defendants “basically kidnapped Plaintiff thereby making him unable to attend court.” (Opp. at 2). This allegations is irrelevant to the three elements of res judicata, listed above. He further asserts that res judicata does not apply because the Complaint in this action is “brought under a different title and with a lot of new

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subject matter.” (*Id.*). This, too, may not be relevant to the application of res judicata. The “true inquiry” for res judicata purposes is whether the “claims arose from the same transactional nucleus of facts.” *United States v. Liquidators of European Fed. Credit Bank*, 630 F.3d 1139, 1151 (9th Cir. 2011); *Turtle Island Restoration Network v. U.S. Dep’t of State*, 673 F.3d 914, 918 (9th Cir. 2012) (holding that where claims arise out of “same transactional nucleus of facts” res judicata may apply even if actions present different legal claims).

He further suggests that res judicata should not apply because he was “fraudulently denied his rights” and because the prior courts made “bad decisions.” (Opp. at 2, 3). The remedy for Plaintiff’s dissatisfaction with any prior rulings would have been to file motions to vacate the judgment or for reconsideration, or to appeal the decisions, not to re-plead the same allegations in a new Complaint.

Although the confusing nature of the allegations of the Complaint make it impossible to determine conclusively that this action is barred by res judicata, it appears highly likely that at least some of the claims are so barred. To the extent Plaintiff chooses to amend his Complaint to comply with Rule 8, as described above, he must also ensure that his Complaint raises only claims that have not already been dismissed on the merits. That Plaintiff may not agree with the decisions of the courts in the prior actions is irrelevant to their preclusive effect in this action, and he may not raise the same allegations again here.

IV. CONCLUSION

Accordingly, the Motions are **GRANTED with leave to amend**. Although the Court doubts Plaintiff can state a non-frivolous claim that is not barred by res judicata, Plaintiff may file a First Amended Complaint, if any, consistent with the Court’s instructions above on or before **January 16, 2018**.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CIVIL MINUTES—GENERAL

Case No. CV17-04921-MWF (PLAx)

Date: December 20, 2017

Title: Russell Rope -v- Facebook, Inc., et al.

The Court notes that a party to this lawsuit does not have a lawyer. Parties in court without a lawyer are called "pro se litigants." These parties often face special challenges in federal court. Public Counsel runs a free Federal Pro Se Clinic at the Los Angeles federal courthouse where pro se litigants can get information and guidance. The clinic is located in Room G-19, Main Street Floor, of the United States Courthouse, 312 North Spring Street, Los Angeles, California 90012. For more information, litigants may call (213) 385-2977 (x 270) or they may visit the Pro Se Home Page found at <http://prose.cacd.uscourts.gov/federal-pro-se-clinics> . Clinic information is found there by clicking "Pro Se Clinic - Los Angeles".

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AFFIDAVIT & CERTIFICATION OF A PARTY UNREPRESENTED BY COUNSEL

Petitioner, Russell Rope, seeks a Writ of Habeas Corpus and any immediate relief requested for the above entitled case number TBD; inclusive to notated cases with all statements and exhibits by this reference made a part of this action. **Briefly and distinctly stated, this petition is necessary and not limited to based on grounds not previously presented. Constitutional rights are being violated and life is at stake, but remedy can arise from *habeas corpus*, which shall not be suspended.** Justice obstructing errors falsely imprisoned the Petitioner who must be brought to hearing in person for reasons further elaborated upon in **this Petition presented in great faith and not for delay.**

/s/ RUSSELL ROPE 05/08/2024

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PROOF OF SERVICE OF PETITION FOR REHEARING FOR HABEAS CORPUS

I, Russell Rope, declare that on the date of May 8, 2024, as required by Supreme Court, that I have again served the enclosed EMERGENCY: MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS* as well as again serving the APPLICATION OR DECLARATION IN SUPPORT, PETITION FOR WRIT OF *HABEAS CORPUS*, AFFIDAVIT & CERTIFICATION OF A PARTY UNREPRESENTED BY COUNSEL on each party to the above proceeding (including judges), specifically on their counsel by both electronically filing said documents in the Ninth Circuit and emailing where they have previously agreed to electronic service. Furthermore, Petitioner is exempt from traditional methods of serving Respondents for the following reason:

SCOTUS Rule 29.3:

“...unless the party filing the document is proceeding *pro se* and *in forma pauperis*...”

Plaintiff is both *pro se* and *in forma pauperis*. The rule is not clear as what exactly to do in this extraordinary situation, but other SCOTUS instructions and rules give reason for Petitioner to believe The Court can and will provide service if unbelievably necessary.

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I declare under penalty of perjury, that to the best of my knowledge, all of the aforementioned is true and correct.

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