

Aaron Vidaver  
November 27, 2002

No. L023374  
Vancouver Registry

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA**

BETWEEN:

City of Vancouver

PLAINTIFF

AND:

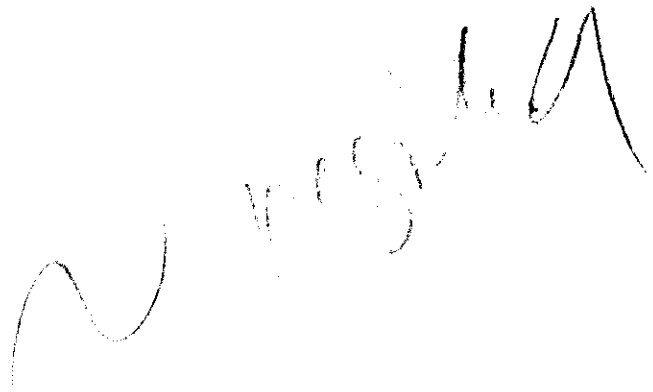
Claude Maurice, Kerry Pakarinen, Anton Pilippa, Craig Ballantyne, Jim Leyden,  
Jane Doe, John Doe and Other Persons Unknown, erecting, maintaining, or  
occupying tents, structures and other objects on City of Vancouver Streets in  
the 100 block West Hastings Street, the 300 block Abbott Street, or the 100  
block West Cordova Street, Vancouver, British Columbia

DEFENDANTS

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**AFFIDAVIT OF AARON VIDAVER**

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I, Aaron Vidaver, professional archivist, with mailing address at 42 Blood Alley, Vancouver, British Columbia, MAKE OATH AND SAY AS FOLLOWS:

1. I have been involved with the Friends of the Woodward's Squat ("the Friends"), a volunteer non-for-profit organization that formed on Day 4 of the Woodward's Squat, 17 September 2002, in order to provide material and legal support to squat residents. After the residents began living on the sidewalk, the Friends acted as a liaison between individual residents and lawyers, and published a daily newsletter to inform residents about the complex problem of finding housing for them. Throughout our existence as an organization we have not been involved in the direct management of the squat and have on no occasion acted as representatives of the residents.
2. As a spokesperson and street-level coordinator for the Friends, I have made over 40 trusted friendships with residents of the squat since 17 September 2002. I have attended to the Sidewalks daily in order to speak with people about their housing needs and observe the situation on the street.
3. I have never felt threatened by any resident maintaining a structure on the Sidewalks. At the Woodward's Squat I have felt safe and protected from the violence which is present elsewhere in the neighbourhood. I have never seen any weapon on the Sidewalks except for those carried by police constables who have attended to the Sidewalks from time to time. I believe that all remaining persons maintaining structures on the Sidewalks pose absolutely no threat of violence to City of Vancouver employees or members of the community.
4. I believe that all remaining persons maintaining structures on the Sidewalks are in genuine need of decent and dignified housing. The situation is complicated by the fact that many of the residents no longer trust Judy Graves, the only staff person the City has assigned to process over 200 people. This lack of trust arises from what

are perceived to be false statements made by her in her affidavits and the failure of many of the arrangements she had promised. Now, over the past four days, when Judy Graves has approached people to offer them emergency shelter beds they have often declined because they do not believe she is competent in this matter. It would be a mistake to confuse the lack of trust in Judy Graves with a refusal to accept housing.

double hearsay

5. I have had discussions with the Woodward's Social Housing Coalition, and they are working in a systematic and co-ordinated way with City of Vancouver Councillors-Elect Jim Green, Tim Louis and Ellen Woodsworth, The Portland Hotel Society, The Dominion Hotel, The Provincial Housing Corporation, emergency shelters, and church and community support groups to ensure that a peaceful solution to this matter is provided no later than early next week, after the swearing-in of the new City Council on Monday, December 2, 2002. I believe that we are five days away from a peaceful resolution to this matter and that an enforcement order would severely disrupt the process of peaceful resolution, and hamper the abilities of the remaining people to find housing.

date from

SWORN BEFORE ME in the City of  
Vancouver, in the Province of British  
Columbia, on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of  
November, 2002

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A Commissioner for taking  
Affidavits in British Columbia

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Aaron Vidaver

we'll lose  
why submit it?  
problem of being implicated - a witness

John 17 95

- Process server said  
if they returned "asses kicked" by police.
- asked "are you meeting or".
- "no, the cops will take care of you."  
"Tut tut cid is a disgrace!"

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hallways  
- elevator shaft  
- other