Plaintiff's D. Conn. Local R. 56(a)(2) Statement of Facts in Opposition to Summary Judgment

Fact	Fact Asserted	Plaintiff's Position
1.	Keith Massimino has been a freelance photographer from	Denied. Mr. Massimino clarified that he is a
	2012 to the present time. (Exhibit 1, Deposition Massimino p.	videographer. Exhibit 1 at 20:20-22. Admitted
	19).	as to the rest.
2.	On October 30, 2018, Keith Massimino was a freelance	Denied. Mr. Massimino clarified that he is a
	photographer and was a self-employed professional	"videographer." Exhibit 1 at 20:20-22. Admitted
	videographer. (Exhibit 1, Deposition Massimino pp. 20-21).	as to the rest.
3.	On October 30, 2018, Keith Massimino possessed press or	Admitted that the asserted fact is true, but it is
	media credentials for some promotions where credentials	immaterial to Defendants' burden.
	were needed. (Exhibit 1, Deposition Massimino pp. 20-21).	
4.	One instance where Keith Massimino needed press or media	Admitted that the asserted fact is true, but it is
	credentials was the New Jersey State Football Championship	immaterial to Defendants' burden.
	held at the MetLife Stadium. (Exhibit 1, Deposition	
	Massimino p. 21).	

5.	On and before October 30, 2018, Keith Massimino	Admitted that the asserted fact is true, but it is
	maintained a You Tube page under the name of Northeast	immaterial to Defendants' burden.
	Auditor and uploaded to his You Tube channel video	
	recordings he had taken. (Exhibit 1, Deposition Massimino p.	
	23).	
6.	Mr. Massimino planned to upload to his You Tube channel	Admitted that the asserted fact is true, but it is
	video recording of the Waterbury Police Department building	immaterial to Defendants' burden.
	even if he had not had his encounter with Sergeants Laone	
	and Benoit and been arrested to show that his First	
	Amendment Audit was successful. (Exhibit 1, Deposition of	
	Massimino pp. 63-64).	
7.	Sometime before October 30, 2018 Keith Massimino began	Admitted.
	engaging in First Amendment Audits (Exhibit 1, Deposition	
	Massimino p. 37; Exhibit A – Complaint Exhibit 1, Doc #3,	
	Massimino Video).	
8.	On October 30, 2018, Keith Massimino had attended an	Admitted.
	event as a professional videographer at Met Life Stadium for	

	which he received press or media credentials. (Exhibit 1,	
	Deposition Massimino pp. 21, 39).	
9.	On October 30, 2018, Keith Massimino resided in	Admitted.
	Wallingford, Connecticut. (Exhibit 1, Deposition Massimino	
	p. 41).	
10.	After completing his assignment at Met Life Stadium, Keith	Admitted.
	Massimino intended to travel back from New Jersey to his	
	home in Wallingford, Connecticut. (Exhibit 1, Deposition	
	Massimino pp. 40-41).	
11.	While traveling on Interstate 84 Keith Massimino	Admitted.
	encountered some type of accident on the highway resulting	
	in a traffic backup. (Exhibit 1, Deposition Massimino p. 39).	
12.	As Keith Massimino sat in traffic he thought instead of sitting	Admitted.
	in traffic he would film the Waterbury Police Department	
	building. (Exhibit 1, Deposition Massimino p. 40).	
13.	Prior to getting stuck in traffic, Keith Massimino, had not	Admitted that the asserted fact is true, but it is
	planned to stop in Waterbury to film the Waterbury Police	immaterial to Defendants' burden.

	Department building. (Exhibit 1, Deposition Massimino p.	
	40).	
14.	Keith Massimino's sole purpose for going to the Waterbury	Admitted.
	Police Department on October 31, 2018 was to conduct a	
	First Amendment Audit by videotaping the exterior of the	
	Waterbury Police Department. (Exhibit 1, Deposition	
	Massimino pp. 44, 60).	
15.	Keith Massimino assumed it could be a possibility that he	Admitted that the asserted fact is true, but it is
	would be approached by one or more Waterbury police	immaterial to Defendants' burden.
	officers as he was videotaping the Waterbury Police	
	Department building, considering he was outside a police	
	station where police work. (Exhibit 1, Deposition Massimino	
	p. 45).	
16.	On October 30, 2018, Keith Massimino existed Interstate 84	Admitted.
	at some point after the Route 8/I-84 Mixmaster and parked	
	his vehicle behind the mall parking lot area closest to the	

	Waterbury Police Department. (Exhibit 1, Deposition	
	Massimino p. 62).	
17.	When Keith Massimino exited his vehicle to undertake his	Admitted.
	First Amendment Audit, his driver's license, which was in his	
	wallet, remained in his car along with his media credentials	
	from the Met Life event (Exhibit 1, Deposition Massimino pp.	
	21, 39, 45-46).	
18.	Keith Massimino had no other form of identification on his	Admitted.
	person other than a check made payable to him. (Exhibit 1,	
	Deposition Massimino p. 47).	
19.	After parking his vehicle, Keith Massimino gathered a video	Admitted.
	camera and tripod and proceeded to walk down East Main	
	Street and at a point on East Main Street, approaching the	
	Waterbury Police Department, he began filming his First	
	Amendment Audit. (Exhibit 1, Deposition Massimino pp. 60,	
	63; Exhibit A – Complaint Exhibit 1, Doc #3, Massimino	
	Video).	

20.	On October 30, 2018, at approximately 6:00 p.m., Keith	Admitted.
	Massimino was actively videotaping the Waterbury Police	
	Department building from various angles as he moved around	
	the building. (Exhibit 1, Deposition Massimino p. 49; Exhibit	
	A – Complaint Exhibit 1, Doc #3, Massimino Video).	
21.	Prior to October 30, 2018, Keith Massimino did not have any	Admitted.
	involvement or issues with the Waterbury Police Department	
	or any department or employee of the City of Waterbury.	
	(Exhibit 1, Deposition Massimino pp. 51-52).	
22.	On October 30, 2018, as Keith Massimino was in the process	Admitted.
	of actively videotaping the exterior of the Waterbury Police	
	Department, he was approached by Sergeants Matthew	
	Benoit and Frank Laone. (Exhibit 1, Deposition Massimino p.	
	52; Exhibit 2, Benoit Affidavit ¶13; Exhibit 3, Laone Affidavit	
	¶16; Exhibit A – Complaint Exhibit 1, Doc #3, Massimino	
	Video).	

23.	Sergeant Laone inquired initially of Keith Massimino as to	Admitted.
	what he was doing as he continued to videotape the	
	Waterbury Police Department building. (Exhibit 3, Laone	
	Affidavit ¶16).	
24.	Keith Massimino told the officers that he was a journalist	Admitted in part. Mr. Massimino first told
	getting content for a story. (Exhibit 1, Deposition Massimino	Defendants that he was "getting footage" and
	p. 60; Exhibit A – Complaint Exhibit 1, Doc #3, Massimino	"getting content for a story." Ex. A – Complaint
	Video; Exhibit 2, Benoit Affidavit ¶14; Exhibit 3, Laone	Exhibit 1 ("Video") at 6:40-7:03. He then told
	Affidavit ¶16).	Defendants "I'm a journalist getting content for
		a story." <i>Id</i> . at 7:11.
25.	As a videographer, Keith Massimino considers himself to be a	Admitted that the asserted fact is true, but it is
	journalist. (Exhibit 1, Deposition Massimino pp. 52-53, 69).	immaterial to Defendants' burden.
26.	Keith Massimino never told the Waterbury police officers	Admitted that the asserted fact is true, but it is
	that he was a videographer or photojournalist, but	immaterial to Defendants' burden.
	consistently stated he was a journalist doing a story. (Exhibit	
	1, Deposition Massimino pp. 69-70; Exhibit A – Complaint	
	Exhibit 1, Doc #3, Massimino Video).	

27.	Although Keith Massimino was conducting a First	Admitted that the asserted fact is true, but it is
	Amendment Audit, he never disclosed that fact to Sergeants	immaterial to Defendants' burden.
	Benoit and Laone. (Exhibit 1, Deposition Massimino p. 70;	
	Exhibit A – Complaint Exhibit 1, Doc #3, Massimino Video).	
28.	When asked for identification that he was a journalist, Keith	Admitted that Mr. Massimino declined to
	Massimino refused to comply with the requests of Sergeant	provide identification, but denied that he was
	Benoit and Sergeant Laone. (Exhibit 2, Benoit Affidavit ¶15;	specifically "asked for identification that he was
	Exhibit 3, Laone Affidavit ¶19).	a journalist" as opposed to any other type of
		identification. See No. 49 infra.
29.	Keith Massimino was placed under arrest and charged with	Admitted.
	violation of Conn. Gen. Stat. §53a-167a, Interfering with a	
	Peace Officer. (Exhibit 2, Benoit Affidavit ¶24; Exhibit 3,	
	Laone Affidavit ¶25).	
30.	At some time after his arrest, Massimino uploaded the video	Admitted that the asserted fact is true, but it is
	of the Waterbury Police Department station and his	immaterial to Defendants' burden.
	encounter with Sergeants Laone and Benoit to his Northeast	

	Auditor You Tube channel. (Exhibit 1, Deposition Massimino	
	p. 23).	
31.	In the present action, Keith Massimino alleges that Sergeants	Admitted.
	Benoit and Laone violated his First Amendment rights by	
	stopping him from viewing and memorializing the Waterbury	
	Police Department building in plain view from a public	
	sidewalk. (Complaint, Doc. #1, Count 1 ¶53) and his Fourth	
	Amendment rights in the absence of probable cause for his	
	unreasonable seizure and for initiating criminal prosecution	
	against him (Malicious Prosecution). (Complaint, Doc. #1,	
	Count 3, ¶55).	
32.	On June 6, 2019, Keith Massimino appeared before the	Admitted that the asserted fact is true, but it is
	Honorable Joseph B. Schwartz, Judge of the Superior Court,	immaterial to Defendants' burden.
	at GA #4 in Waterbury, Connecticut, during which	
	proceeding Keith Massimino was represented by Attorney	
	Joseph Sastre. (Exhibit 4, June 6, 2019 Transcript, p. 1).	

33.	The matter before Judge Schwartz was a Motion to Dismiss	Admitted that the asserted fact is true, but it is
	filed by counsel for Keith Massimino which asserted in part	immaterial to Defendants' burden.
	that the continued prosecution of Mr. Keith Massimino was	
	not justified in the absence of probable cause for his arrest.	
	(Exhibit 4, June 6, 2019 Transcript, p. 2).	
34.	The Court, after hearing arguments from Mr. Massimino's	Admitted that the asserted fact is true, but it is
	attorney and the State made a finding that probable cause did	immaterial to Defendants' burden.
	exist for the charge in interfering with an officer in violation of	
	Conn. Gen. Stat. §53a-167a. (Exhibit 4, June 6, 2019	
	Transcript, pp. 29-34).	
35.	Massimino had a full and fair opportunity to litigate the issue	Denied that the evidence cited supports this
	of probable cause for his arrest. (Exhibit 4, June 6, 2019	assertion. Regardless, this is a legal conclusion.
	Transcript pp. 1-34 inclusive).	
36.	After the denial of Massimino's Motion to Dismiss, the	Admitted.
	prosecution continued until May 21, 2021, when the State	
	entered a <u>nolle prosequi</u> and thereafter, a Judge of the	

	Superior Court granted Mr. Massimino's oral motion for	
	dismissal. (Complaint, Doc. #1, ¶¶47-48).	
37.	Sergeant Matthew Benoit is currently employed by the City of	Admitted.
	Waterbury Police Department and has been for fourteen (14)	
	years. He became a Sergeant on June 12, 2018. On October	
	30, 2018, he was working as a Patrol Supervisor on the 3:30	
	p.m. to 11:30 p.m. shift. (Exhibit 2, Benoit Affidavit ¶¶2, 3).	
38.	On October 30, 2018, at approximately 6:00 p.m. as Sergeant	Admitted.
	Benoit was exiting the bathroom of the police department	
	lower level and exit to the garage, he observed an individual,	
	later identified as Keith Massimino, videotaping gas pumps	
	located in the garage area under the Waterbury Police	
	Department building as well as exterior surveillance cameras,	
	the exterior of the Youth Division and marked and unmarked	
	police vehicles located in the garage including undercover	
	vehicles. (Exhibit 2, Benoit Affidavit ¶4).	

39.	Sergeant Benoit observed Keith Massimino for several	Admitted.
	minutes and continued his surveillance of Massimino's	
	conduct by getting into his marked police vehicle and driving	
	around the Waterbury Police Department a couple of times.	
	(Exhibit 2, Benoit Affidavit ¶5).	
40.	Benoit continued to observe Massimino as he videotaped the	Admitted.
	department's gas pumps, youth division, surveillance	
	cameras, the daily operations, and various entry and exit	
	points of the police department building. (Exhibit 2, Benoit	
	Affidavit ¶6; Exhibit A – Complaint Exhibit 1, Doc #3,	
	Massimino Video).	
41.	Sergeant Benoit clearly observed the plaintiff as he had his	Admitted.
	camcorder viewing apparatus directed toward the	
	surveillance cameras. (Exhibit 2, Benoit Affidavit ¶7).	
42.	It was Benoit's impression that Massimino was casing the	Admitted that Benoit stated this. Exhibit 2,
	police department for the purpose of engaging in some	Benoit Affidavit ¶8. Denied that the evidence
	criminal activity and it was clear to Sergeant Benoit that he	supports the objective assertion that "it was clear

	was videotaping areas of potential danger to persons and	to Sergeant Benoit that he was videotaping areas
	property. (Exhibit 2, Benoit Affidavit ¶8).	of potential danger to persons and property."
43.	At that time, Benoit was aware of numerous attacks in recent	Admitted.
	years of officers and police stations, including the targeting	
	and assassinations of police officers across the country	
	including a Texas officer who was assassinated in 2015 while	
	pumping gas. (Exhibit 2, Benoit Affidavit ¶9).	
44.	The manner in which Keith Massimino was videotaping was	Admitted that Benoit stated, "The manner in
	suspicious and alarming and Benoit was concerned that	which he was videotaping was suspicious and
	Massimino was casing the police department for some	alarming." Ex. 2, Benoit Affidavit, ¶10. Denied
	potential criminal act ranging from anywhere from criminal	that the evidence supports this assertion.
	mischief up to assault or homicide. (Exhibit 2, Benoit	Admitted as to the rest.
	Affidavit ¶10).	
45.	Mr. Massimino was wearing a jacket and Sergeant Benoit was	Admitted.
	unable to determine whether he may be in possession of a	
	concealed weapon. (Exhibit 2, Benoit Affidavit ¶11).	

46.	Sergeant Benoit continued to observe Massimino and told	Admitted.
	Sergeant Frank Laone, who was on duty as the desk sergeant	
	at that time, to view the surveillance cameras to observe Mr.	
	Massimino's actions as well. (Exhibit 2, Benoit Affidavit ¶12).	
47.	Sergeant Frank Laone thereafter came outside to further	Admitted.
	investigate and both Sergeants Laone and Benoit approached	
	Mr. Massimino who continued recording with his camcorder.	
	(Exhibit 2, Benoit Affidavit ¶13; Exhibit A – Complaint	
	Exhibit 1, Doc #3, Massimino Video).	
48.	Sergeants Laone and Benoit asked Mr. Massimino what he	See No. 24 supra. Admitted in part. Mr.
	was doing to which he replied that he was a journalist and	Massimino first told Defendants that he was
	was filming content for a story. (Exhibit 2, Benoit Affidavit	"getting footage" and "getting content for a
	¶14; Exhibit A – Complaint Exhibit 1, Doc #3, Massimino	story." Video at 6:40-7:03. He later stated, "I'm
	Video).	a journalist getting content for a story." <i>Id.</i> at
		7:11.
49.	Mr. Massimino was asked several times by Sergeants Benoit	Denied. Defendants' requests were for "ID" and
	and Laone for credentials to prove he was a photographer or	"identification"; they did not specify if that

	member of the media. He was also asked to provide photo	meant media "credentials" or "photo
	identification several times, but continuously refused.	identification" (or something else). Video, 6:40-
	(Exhibit 2, Benoit Affidavit ¶15; Exhibit 3, Laone Affidavit	end.
	¶19; Exhibit A – Complaint Exhibit 1, Doc #3, Massimino	
	Video).	
50.	Mr. Massimino stated several times that "he knows his rights	Admitted in part. Mr. Massimino stated that he
	and did not need to show identification," but Sergeant Laone	was "not going to provide ID." Video 6:40-end.
	said to him that there was "reasonable suspicion" to detain	As to the remainder, the video speaks for itself.
	him and for him to provide identification based upon his	
	suspicious activities including his videotaping of sensitive	
	areas of the building and safety concerns, but he again	
	refused to produce media credentials or any form of	
	identification. (Exhibit 2, Benoit Affidavit ¶16; Exhibit A –	
	Complaint Exhibit 1, Doc #3, Massimino Video).	
51.	Sergeant Benoit, in his fourteen years of police experience,	Admitted.
	has not seen anyone clearly recording the daily operations of	

	the police department as Mr. Massimino was doing. (Exhibit	
	2, Benoit Affidavit ¶17).	
52.	In Benoit's experience, all media personnel with whom the	Admitted.
	police department interacts, on and around police property,	
	always provide media credentials. (Exhibit 2, Benoit Affidavit	
	¶18).	
53.	Both Sergeants Benoit and Laone's level of suspicion was	Admitted in part. Defendants' requests were for
	raised when Keith Massimino, who identified himself as a	"ID" and "identification"; they did not specify if
	journalist, refused to provide any credentials and/or	that meant "credentials" or "photo
	identification to substantiate his claim as a journalist or	identification" (or something else). Video, 6:40-
	member of the media. (Exhibit 2, Benoit Affidavit ¶19;	end.
	Exhibit A – Complaint Exhibit 1, Doc #3, Massimino Video).	
54.	Prior to Benoit's encounter with Mr. Massimino, he had no	Admitted.
	prior contact with him and did not know who Massimino was	
	and he had no way to verify his claim that he was a journalist	
	getting content for a story without some form of	
	identification. (Exhibit 2, Benoit Affidavit ¶20).	

55.	Had Mr. Massimino identified himself, Benoit and Laone	Admitted that Benoit stated this.
	would have continued their investigation by checking about	
	Keith Massimino through NCIC, COLLECT in-house for	
	warrants, protective orders, past arrests, background checks	
	and other past history which would have been very helpful in	
	alleviating the situation and documenting what he was doing.	
	(Exhibit 2, Benoit Affidavit ¶21).	
56.	After Mr. Massimino was arrested and identified, the	Admitted.
	background investigation noted in ¶55 was performed and no	
	information was found to suggest that Mr. Massimino was a	
	threat and in fact confirmed that he was a professional	
	videographer. (Exhibit 2, Benoit Affidavit ¶22).	
57.	Had Mr. Massimino produced identification as requested, the	Admitted that Benoit stated this. Denied that the
	background check would have been undertaken and Mr.	evidence supports this assertion.
	Massimino would not have been arrested. (Exhibit 2, Benoit	
	Affidavit ¶23).	

58.	Because Sergeants Benoit and Laone's level of suspicion was	Admitted.
	heightened by Mr. Massimino's refusal to produce	
	identification or otherwise identify himself, he was placed	
	under arrest for interfering and hindering the investigation in	
	violation of Conn. Gen. Stat. §53a-167a. (Exhibit 2, Benoit	
	Affidavit ¶24).	
59.	On October 30, 2018, Sergeant Laone was working as the	Admitted.
	Desk Sergeant on the 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. shift and was	
	in charge of security for the Waterbury Police Department,	
	the booking of arrested individuals and the oversight of 3-4	
	booking officers and was the only desk sergeant on duty that	
	afternoon and evening. (Exhibit 3, Laone Affidavit ¶3).	
60.	On that date there were a couple of surveillance cameras	Admitted.
	located on the exterior of the police department building to	
	which Sergeant Laone had access to view as necessary.	
	(Exhibit 3, Laone Affidavit ¶4).	

61.	At approximately 6:00 p.m. on October 30, 2018, Sergeant	Admitted.
	Matthew Benoit told Sergeant Laone to look at the video	
	cameras to observe a male individual, later identified as Keith	
	Massimino. (Exhibit 3, Laone Affidavit ¶5).	
62.	At Sergeant Benoit's request Sergeant Laone viewed the	Admitted.
	camera on the North Elm/East Main Street side of the	
	Waterbury Police Department building at which time Laone	
	observed the male individual videotaping as he was moving	
	around the building. (Exhibit 3, Laone Affidavit ¶6).	
63.	Laone observed him videotaping the gas pump area, where	Admitted.
	there were marked and unmarked police vehicles, including	
	undercover vehicles, surveillance cameras and the Youth	
	Division entrance/exit door area. (Exhibit 3, Laone Affidavit	
	¶7; Exhibit A – Complaint Exhibit 1, Doc #3, Massimino	
	Video).	
64.	The Youth Division offices are comprised of school resource	Admitted.
	officers, a few detectives that handle juvenile matters, and	

	any arrested juveniles who are processed in that office.	
	(Exhibit 3, Laone Affidavit ¶8).	
65.	The Youth Division exterior glass is blacked out to try and	Admitted that the asserted fact is true, but it is
	protect the identity of the juveniles who are arrested as the	immaterial to Defendants' burden.
	identity of juveniles is confidential by statute as well as	
	victims who are interviewed in that office. (Exhibit 3, Laone	
	Affidavit ¶9; Exhibit A – Complaint Exhibit 1, Doc #3,	
	Massimino Video).	
66.	Mr. Massimino's actions in videotaping surveillance cameras,	Admitted.
	gas pumps, marked and unmarked and undercover vehicles as	
	well as the Youth Division office caused Sergeant Laone to be	
	very suspicious of his activities. (Exhibit 3, Laone Affidavit	
	¶10).	
67.	Before this incident with Mr. Massimino, Sergeant Laone was	Admitted.
	aware that in recent years there have been attacks on officers,	
	including an incident involving a Texas officer who was	
	assassinated while putting gas in his vehicle in 2015. These	

	attacks included the targeting and assassinations of police	
	officers across the country. (Exhibit 3, Laone Affidavit ¶11).	
68.	The manner in which Massimino was videotaping was	Admitted that Laone stated this. Exhibit 3,
	suspicious and alarming, as it appeared that he was possibly	Laone Affidavit, ¶12. Denied that the evidence
	casing the police department for some potential criminal act	supports this assertion. Admitted as to the rest.
	leading from anything from criminal mischief up to assault or	
	homicide. (Exhibit 3, Laone Affidavit ¶12; Exhibit A –	
	Complaint Exhibit 1, Doc #3, Massimino Video).	
69.	Mr. Massimino was wearing a jacket and Sergeant Laone was	Admitted.
	unable to determine whether he may be in possession of a	
	concealed weapon. (Exhibit 3, Laone Affidavit ¶13).	
70.	The Waterbury Police Department is not a public building	Admitted to the extent this refers to the interior
	with the exception of the lobby area located on East Main	of the building. Denied to the extent Defendants
	Street. Access to the public is not allowed without permission	state the exterior of building is not public.
	except in the lobby area. (Exhibit 3, Laone Affidavit ¶14).	
71.	Since Sergeant Laone was in charge of the security of the	Admitted.
	police department building and had a duty to investigate and	

	protect the civilian employees and sworn personnel inside the	
	police station, Laone went outside to inquire of the male	
	individual as to what he was doing in order to confirm or	
	refute Laone's suspicions. (Exhibit 3, Laone Affidavit ¶15;	
	Exhibit A – Complaint Exhibit 1, Doc #3, Massimino Video).	
72.	Sergeants Laone and Benoit, approached Mr. Massimino to	Admitted.
	inquire what he was doing and he replied that he was a	
	journalist and was filming content for a story. (Exhibit 3,	
	Laone Affidavit ¶16; Exhibit A – Complaint Exhibit 1, Doc #3,	
	Massimino Video).	
73.	In Laone's 17 years as a Waterbury Police Officer, he has	Admitted that the asserted fact is true, but it is
	never met a journalist that shows up and starts filming, as	immaterial to Defendants' burden.
	was done by Mr. Massimino, without first notifying someone	
	at the front desk of the Waterbury police department.	
	(Exhibit 3, Laone Affidavit ¶17).	
74.	Journalists and media usually show up in some sort of	Admitted that the asserted fact is true, but it is
	marked vehicle and if they happen to come in their personal	immaterial to Defendants' burden.

	car, they usually walk into the front door to the front desk	
	and identify themselves and for whom they are employed or	
	working and tell the desk sergeant that they were planning on	
	filming something at or near the police station. (Exhibit 3,	
	Laone Affidavit ¶18).	
75.	Sergeant Laone asked Mr. Massimino several times for	Denied. Defendants' requests were for "ID" and
	identification or credentials to substantiate his claim that he	"identification"; they did not specify if that
	was a journalist and Massimino continually refused. (Exhibit	meant media "credentials" or "photo
	3, Laone Affidavit ¶19; Exhibit A – Complaint Exhibit 1, Doc	identification" (or something else). Video, 6:40-
	#3, Massimino Video).	end.
76.	Laone told Mr. Massimino that he had concerns with safety	Admitted.
	issues and did not know, for example, if he was planning to	
	blow up the building or engage in a shooting. (Exhibit 3,	
	Laone Affidavit ¶20; Exhibit A – Complaint Exhibit 1, Doc	
	#3, Massimino Video).	

77.	Mr. Massimino was filming a number of secure areas of the	Admitted in part. Whether Laone was
	building for which Sergeant Laone was reasonably suspicious	"reasonably suspicious" is not a fact, but a
	of his activity and when he continually refused to provide any	conclusion of law. Admitted as to the remainder.
	journalist credentials or other form of identification, Laone's	
	suspicions were heightened that Massimino was possibly	
	engaging in or planning to engage in some form of criminal	
	activity that could involve injury to persons and/or property.	
	(Exhibit 3, Laone Affidavit ¶21).	
78.	Prior to Laone's encounter with Mr. Massimino, he had no	Admitted.
	prior contact with him and did not know who he was and had	
	no way to verify his claim that he was a journalist getting	
	content for a story without some form of identification.	
	(Exhibit 3, Laone Affidavit ¶22).	
79.	Had Mr. Massimino identified himself, both Benoit and	Admitted that Defendants stated this.
	Laone would have continued their investigation by checking	
	about him through NCIC, COLLECT in-house for warrants,	
	protective orders, past arrests, background checks and other	

	past history which would have been very helpful in alleviating	
	the situation and documenting what he was doing. (Exhibit 2,	
	Benoit Affidavit ¶21; Exhibit 3, Laone Affidavit ¶23).	
80.	After Mr. Massimino was arrested and identified, the	Admitted.
	background investigation noted in ¶79 was performed and no	
	information was found to suggest that Mr. Massimino was a	
	threat and was in fact a professional videographer. (Exhibit 3,	
	Laone Affidavit ¶24).	
81.	Had Mr. Massimino produced identification as requested, the	Admitted that Laone stated this. Denied that the
	background check would have been undertaken and Mr.	evidence supports this assertion.
	Massimino would not have been arrested. (Exhibit 3, Laone	
	Affidavit ¶25).	
82.	Because Sergeants Benoit and Laone's level of suspicion was	Admitted.
	heightened by Mr. Massimino's refusal to produce	
	identification or otherwise identify himself, he was placed	
	under arrest for interfering and hindering the investigation in	

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violation of Conn. Gen. Stat. §53a-167a. (Exhibit 3, Laone	
Affidavit ¶26).	

Additional Material Facts

Fact	Fact Asserted	Source
83.	The Waterbury police department building occupies an entire	Pl.'s Req. to Admit Nos. 1-5 [Pl.'s Ex. 1]; Defs.'
	block, with the front entrance facing East Main Street, the	Admissions [Pl.'s Ex. 2] (admitting all).
	two sides facing North Elm and Maple Streets, and the rear of	
	the building facing Water Street	
84.	All four sides of the Waterbury police department have	Pl.'s Req. to Admit # 7; Defs.' Admissions
	sidewalks on them.	(admitting all).
85.	On October 30, 2018, there were no fences, shrubs, or any	Pl.'s Req. to Admit # 8; Defs.' Admissions
	other obstructions interfering with a person's view of the	(admitting all).
	building from any of the streets or sidewalks surrounding the	
	Waterbury police department.	
86.	On October 30, 2018, there were no signs on the exterior of	Declaration of Keith Massimino [Pl.'s Ex. 3] ¶ 3.
	the police station saying that recording was prohibited.	

87.	From the time that he arrived outside the police station until	Frank Laone Depo. Tr. [Pl.'s Ex 5] 31:20-22;
	he was arrested, Mr. Massimino never left the sidewalks.	Matthew Benoit Depo. Tr. [Pl.'s Ex. 6] 17:7-12.
88.	The total time that Mr. Massimino spent videorecording the	Video 00:30-06:39.
	police station before the defendants approached him on the	
	sidewalk was six minutes and nine seconds.	
89.	After filming the front of the police station along East Main	Video 2:08-4:19.
09.	The mining the front of the police station along East Main	Video 2.00 4.19.
	Street, Massimino filmed along the North Elm Street side of	
	the building, where the Youth Division entrance and garage	
	are, among other things.	
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90.	Everything Mr. Massimino recorded on October 30, 2018 was	Video 00:00-09:02 (when the camera is taken
	plainly visible to anyone passing by on the sidewalk or street.	by Benoit).
91.	After Mr. Massimino had recorded for more than six minutes,	Video 06:39.
	the defendants approached Mr. Massimino on the East Main	
	Street sidewalk, in uniform.	

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92.	Prior to speaking with Massimino, the defendants' sole basis	Benoit 38:16-22; Laone 33:22-34:11.
	for being suspicious of him was his videorecording.	
93.	The defendants did not suspect that Massimino had any	Benoit 17:13-18:2 (testifying that if he had been
	weapon.	suspicious of a weapon, he would have patted
		Massimino down), Laone 20:15-18 (same);
		Video 06:39-10:56 (showing that no pat-down
		occurred).
94.	After Laone asked Massimino "what kind of story" he was	Video 06:50-06:54.
	filming, Massimino declined to reveal its contents, citing the	
	fact that he was still working on it.	
95.	Flanking him on either side, Benoit instructed Massimino that	Video 07:01.
	"we need ID," and Laone immediately repeated "we need ID."	
96.	The total time of the parties' conversation before the	Video 06:39-07:01.
	defendants ordered Massimino to produce ID was 22	
	seconds.	
97.	Benoit and Laone did not specify what kind of ID they were	Video 07:01.
	demanding, using the term "ID."	

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98.	As he demanded Massimino's ID, Benoit was standing within	Video 07:01-07:03.
	inches of Massimino, in full uniform, with his arms crossed.	
99.	Massimino asked why he would need to identify himself	Video 07:03-07:05.
	when he was engaged in First Amendment protected activity.	
100.	Benoit stated that Massimino presented "a security issue,"	Video 07:05-07:09.
	because he was "videotaping a police station."	
101.	Laone told Massimino that the defendants' demand to	Video 07:37.
	identify himself was "a lawful order."	
102.	Benoit told Massimino several times that he was "not allowed	Video 08:10.
	to videotape a police station."	
103.	Laone agreed with Benoit's assertions that it was illegal to	Video 08:21.
	videorecord a police station.	
104.	Laone also claimed that Massimino was "videotaping secure	Video 08:36.
	areas of the police station" and told him the building was not	video 00.30.
	public because "you can't go in there."	

105.	Massimino asked the pair to "articulate a crime I've committed," and Laone announced simply: "reasonable suspicion," reiterating this again later on.	Video 08:26-08:28; Video 08:47.
106.	The total time of the parties' conversation before Benoit ordered Massimino to put his hands behind his back for arrest was two minutes and twenty seconds.	Video 06:39-08:59.
107.	Defendants charged Massimino with violating Conn. Gen. Stat. § 53a-167a.	Laone 43:7-19; Benoit 33:21-34:2.
108.	They did not have probable cause for any other charge.	Laone 38:14-39:3; Benoit 34:3-5.
109.	Unable to produce police-set bail of \$10,000, Massimino was held until approximately 10:00 p.m. before a state bail commissioner modified his conditions of release.	Promise to appear, State v. Massimino, No. U04W-CR18-0454740-S (Conn. Super. Ct. Oct. 31, 2018) [Pl.'s Ex. 7 at 8].
110.	The bail commissioner did away with the \$10,000 financial condition of release and set Massimino's conditions as (1) appearance at all future court dates, and (2) not "commit[ting] a federal, state, or local crime" during the pendency of his criminal case.	Promise to appear, State v. Massimino, No. U04W-CR18-0454740-S (Conn. Super. Ct. Oct. 31, 2018) [Ex. 7 at 8].

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111.	The superior court dismissed the lone charge against Mr.	Transcript of hearing [Pl.'s Ex. 9] 2-3, State v.
	Massimino on May 15, 2021, after nearly 20 hearings.	Massimino, No. U04W-CR18-0454740-S (Conn.
		Super. Ct. May 21, 2021).