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8	UNITED STATES BA	
9	FOR THE DISTRI	CT OF OREGON
10	In re	Case No. 11-65401-fra13
11	Stacey and Lisa Fields,	Adv. Pro. No.
12 13	Debtors.	COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATIONS OF
14		THE AUTOMATIC STAY, TURNOVER OF PROPERTY, AND CONTEMPT
15	STACEY FIELDS and LISA FIELDS,	11 U.S.C. § 362
16	Plaintiffs,	) 11 U.S.C. § 542
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18	FANNIE MAE and VICTORIA HAWKS,	)
19	Defendants.	)
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22	Despite receiving <b>1</b> ) actual notice of the A	Automatic Stay, 2) numerous verbal requests
23	from the Plaintiffs, <b>3</b> ) a voicemail from Plaintiffs	' counsel, and <b>4</b> ) a fax from Plaintiffs' counsel.
24 25	Fannie Mae, by and through broker Victoria Haw	
25 26		-
20	Reston Road in Roseburg and now refuses to pro	vide Plaintiffs access to their personal property
28	constituting property of the estate located in the h	nome.
	Plaintiffs seek a Turnover Order pursuant	to § 542 and relief pursuant to § 362(k).
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## 2.

This Adversary Proceeding is one arising in the above-captioned bankruptcy case, filed under Chapter 13 of Title 11 now open in this Court. This Court has jurisdiction over this Adversary Proceeding pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 105, 362(k), 542 and 28 U.S.C. §§ 157, 1334, and 1331. The actions for violating the Automatic Stay and for a Turnover Order are core proceedings under 28 U.S.C. § 157.

3.

This is an action for declaratory relief, injunctive relief, actual damages, punitive damages, sanctions, and attorneys fees and costs brought by Stacey and Lisa Fields ("Plaintiffs") against Fannie Mae and Victoria Hawks ("Defendants") resulting from continued willful and malicious violations of the Automatic Stay and refusal to turnover property of the estate.

Prior to filing this bankruptcy, Plaintiffs owed a home loan owned by Defendant Fannie Mae.

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Plaintiffs filed for chapter 13 bankruptcy protection in the District of Oregon on or around October 31, 2011.

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Plaintiffs' chapter 13 plan proposed to surrender the home located at 474 Raston Road, Roseburg, Oregon 97471 ("the home").

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2	7.
3	Upon commencement of Plaintiffs' bankruptcy case, Plaintiffs' personal property, as
ł	listed on petition Schedule B, became property of the estate.
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,	8. D. G. J.
3	Defendants have not sought instruction from this Court or the chapter 13 trustee and have
)	not filed for relief from the Automatic Stay in this case.
)	9.
	Defendant Hawks delivered a letter to Plaintiffs dated November 3, 2011, asking
2	Plaintiffs to call as soon as possible.
3	10.
ł	Defendant Hawks indicated to Plaintiffs that Defendant Hawks was working on behalf of,
5	and at the instruction of, Defendant Fannie Mae.
,	11.
3	Upon information and belief, Defendants were working together in a partnership or
)	ongoing venture and shared an economic interest in carrying out pre-foreclosure and post-
)	foreclosure duties under state and federal law.
2	12.
;	Upon information and belief, Defendants' duties are nondelegable and Defendants are
Ł	vicariously liable for the acts of their independent contractors and agents, as well as for each
5	other, in carrying out these duties.
,	13.
	Upon information and belief, Defendants were related as principal and agent.
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14.

Upon information and belief, the wrongdoing of Defendant Hawks was in furtherance of her principal-agent relationship with Defendant Fannie Mae.

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Upon information and belief, Defendants' independent contractors and agents who committed wrongdoing while carrying out Defendants' pre-foreclosure and post-foreclosure duties were acting within the scope of their employment and in furtherance of Defendants' economic interests.

16.

Defendant Hawks made contact with Plaintiffs various times after the commencement of Plaintiffs' bankruptcy case.

17.

When Plaintiffs informed Defendant Hawks about their bankruptcy case and the Automatic Stay, Defendant Hawks said something to the effect of, "That doesn't matter to me."

18.

Defendant Hawks indicated to Plaintiffs that Defendant Fannie Mae sold the home.

19.

Upon information and belief, on or around January 28, 2012, Defendants intentionally changed the locks on the home after receiving actual notice of the Plaintiffs' bankruptcy case and the Automatic Stay.

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2	26.
3	As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' actions, Plaintiffs have suffered actual
4 5	damages, including loss of use of their personal property, anxiety and stress, among other
6	negative emotions to be proven at trial.
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9	As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' actions, Plaintiffs have suffered actual
10	damages in the form time spent and expenses including attorneys fees and costs.
11	28.
12	FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF
13 14	(WILLFUL VIOLATIONS OF THE AUTOMATIC STAY)
15	(11 U.S.C. § 362(k))
16	Plaintiffs incorporate the above by reference.
17	29.
18	Defendants' acts to exercise control over Plaintiffs' personal property constituting
19	property of the estate, despite receiving actual notice of the Automatic Stay, constitute willful
20	violations of 11 U.S.C. § 362.
21 22	30.
23	Defendants' refusal to turnover access to Plaintiffs' personal property constituting
24	property of the estate, despite receiving actual notice of the Automatic Stay and various requests
25	from Plaintiffs and Plaintiffs' counsel, constitute willful violations of 11 U.S.C. § 362.
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2	31.
3	Defendants continue to refuse to turnover to Plaintiffs what rightfully belongs to
4	Plaintiffs, tantamount to common law theft.
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7	32.
8	Defendants continue to refuse to respond to Plaintiffs requests or Plaintiffs' counsel's
9	letter and voicemail, leaving Plaintiffs with no choice but to seek redress in this Court.
10	33.
11	Defendants willful and malicious actions violate the Automatic Stay and provide
12	Defendants an unfair advantage over businesses that choose to responsibly carry our pre-
13	foreclosure and post-foreclosure duties within the bounds of the law.
14	34.
15 16	Defendants' actions constitute extraordinary transgressions of socially tolerable behavior
17	based on the social standards in Plaintiffs' community.
18	35.
19	Plaintiffs are entitled to and so seek punitive damages against Defendants.
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21	36.
22	Plaintiffs were injured as a result of Defendants' willful violations, and so are entitled to
23	actual damages, punitive damages, declaratory relief that Defendant violated the Automatic Stay,
24	and attorneys fees and costs pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 362(k).
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2	37.	
3	SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF	
4	(COMPENSATORY CIVIL CONTEMPT)	
5	(11 U.S.C. § 105)	
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8	Plaintiffs incorporate the above by reference.	
9	38.	
10	Defendants acted to exercise control over Plaintiffs' personal property, despite receiving	
11	actual notice of the Automatic Stay and without first obtaining relief from the Automatic Stay.	
12	39.	
13	These actions, taken without first seeking instruction from this Court or the chapter 13	
14	trustee, are in direct violation of this Court's Order and Defendants should be sanctioned and	
15 16	held in contempt pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 105 and pursuant to this Court's inherent powers.	
17	40.	
18	THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF	
19	(TURNOVER OF PROPERTY)	
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21	(11 U.S.C. § 542)	
22	Plaintiffs incorporate the above by reference.	
23	41.	
24	Plaintiffs are entitled to and so seek a Turnover Order requiring Defendants to grant	
25 26	Plaintiffs access to their personal property constituting property of the estate. A Turnover Order	
20	is appropriate relief under 11 U.S.C. § 542.	
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2	WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs request judgment against Defendants for the following:
3	A. Declaratory judgment that Defendants' actions violated the Automatic Stay;
4 5	B. An Order holding Defendants in Contempt;
6	C. Injunctive relief requiring Defendants turnover access to all personal property
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8	constituting property of the estate to Plaintiffs;
9	D. An award of actual damages against Defendants;
10	E. An award of expenses, including reasonable attorneys fees and costs against
11	Defendants;
12	F. An award of punitive damages against Defendants;
13	G. An award of sanctions against Defendants;
14 15	H. For such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and proper.
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17	Dated: February 20, 2012
18	/s/ Michael Fuller
19	Michael Fuller, OSB #09357 Trial Attorney for Plaintiffs
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