## SECOND DECLARATION OF JOHN MANCINI

My name is John Mancini, and I am over the age of 18 and fully competent to make this declaration. Under penalty of perjury, I declare the following:

- Although I receive some veteran's compensation because I am a disabled veteran, I
  depend on panhandling as a necessary part of my income.
- 2. I am a named plaintiff in the lawsuit Mancini v. Cleveland. Since I need the income from panhandling, I have tried to keep doing it, even though the lawsuit is not resolved yet, and the police have continued to harass me and threaten me with jail.
- 3. However, the threats have suddenly reached a new level. The police have escalated by following me, detaining me, and intimidating me specifically because I filed my lawsuit.
- 4. Yesterday, in the early afternoon (Saturday, March 11, 2017), an extremely cold winter day, I went out panhandling on Euclid Avenue along the north side of the block between 14<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. I started by sitting with my sign by the Starbucks on Euclid and 14<sup>th</sup>, because there was sun there and it was warmer to sit in the sunshine. As the afternoon went on, I moved eastward on the block a couple of times in order to stay in the sun. After a while the sun didn't reach any area to sit, so I moved to where there were more people, in front of Moko Coffee Restaurant at 1505 Euclid. Moko is closed on Saturdays, but people were walking by there.
- 5. At about 2:00 pm, the Cleveland police officer who usually harasses me, Officer Jordan, with a partner I didn't recognize, drove by in a police car. I could see that they saw me; Officer Jordan pointed at me. This made me afraid because Officer Jordan had threatened me with jail on four occasions previously.

- 6. Out of fear of being arrested, I immediately got up to go home. I walked through the parking lot across the street, turned right on Brownell Court, and turned South on 14<sup>th</sup> Street towards the bus stop at 14<sup>th</sup> and Erie Court to catch the bus home.
- 7. Officer Jordan and his partner followed me in their car and then drove past me. I lost sight of them when I cut through the parking lot, but when I got to 14<sup>th</sup> and Prospect, I saw their car waiting for me on Bolivar one block west, right near the bus stop where I had been headed.
- 8. Officer Jordan (who was in the passenger seat) called me over to the car. I was very frightened, but felt I had no choice but to obey, so I walked over to the passenger door.
- 9. Officer Jordan said to me, "So, you filed a lawsuit claiming you're being harassed, huh?" 10. I didn't know how I should answer, so I said nothing.
- 11. He continued, "does the ACLU know you're sitting in front of the Playhouse?"
- 12. I didn't feel comfortable talking with him about my conversations with my lawyers, but since he had threatened to arrest me several times before, I felt I couldn't walk away, and that I had to answer. What I said was, "the ACLU knows I panhandle all along Euclid Avenue."
- 13. Officer Jordan persisted, "but do they know you were sitting right in front of the Playhouse?"
- 14. Again, I didn't feel right about talking with him about the lawsuit, or my conversations with my lawyers, but I felt I needed to answer him so I said, "I wasn't in front the Playhouse, I was in front of a closed business."
- 15. He stopped questioning me then but I was so shaken up and felt so intimidated, and I wanted to get away so quickly, that I actually got on wrong bus. I hurriedly jumped onto

the #90 rather than the #15, and I ended up three miles from home – in Garfield Heights.

So I had to walk an hour in the bitter cold to get home.

16. I am even more afraid of panhandling in Cleveland now, because the police are acting angry that I filed my lawsuit. They are stalking and harassing me to intimidate me. I feel they are retaliating against me.

I sign this under penalty of perjury,

∕John Mancini