CAUSE NO.		-		
DANIELA	, Individually, friends of RAYMOND , JR., RAYDEN RAY , RAYLYNN DANIELLE , RAYDER JAX , & JAVIEN	\$\text{\tin}\text{\tett{\text{\tetx{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\ti}\\\ \text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\te\tint{\text{\text{\text{\texi}\text{\texi}\text{\text{\texit{\tet{\text{\texi}\text{\text{\texi}\text{\texit{\texi}\text{\text{\titil\titt{\texitint{\texitil\texi{\texi{\texi{\texi{\texi}	IN THE	
CARMEN and WEST TEXAS , INC. Defendants		\$ \$ \$ \$	EL PASO COUNTY, TEX	
PLA	INTIFFS' ORIGINAL P DISC	ETITION AN	D REQUESTS FOR	
ТО ТНЕ НО	NORABLE JUDGE OF SAID C	OURT:		
COME N	OW, Raymond Gilbert	and Daniela	, Individually, and	
as next frien	ds of Raymond , .	Jr., Rayden Ray	, Raylynn Danielle	
	, Rayder Jax , an	nd Javien	("Plaintiffs") and files this	
their Origina	l Petition complaining of Carme	en <b>e</b> n	and West Texas ,	
Inc. ("Defend	dants"), and for cause of action w	ould respectfully s	how the Court the following:	
1.00	DISCOVERY CONTROL PI	LAN		
Pursuant	to Texas Rule of Procedure 190.1	, discovery is inter	nded to be conducted under Level	
2 of Rule 190	0.4 of the Texas Rules of Civil Pro	ocedure.		
2.00	<u>PARTIES</u>			
2.01	Plaintiff Raymond Gilbert	is an in	dividual and a citizen of the State	
of Texas.				

2.02 Plaintiff Daniela is an individual and a citizen of the State of Texas. 2.03 Minor child Raymond , Jr. is an individual and a citizen of the State of Texas. 2.04 Minor child Rayden Ray is an individual and a citizen of the State of Texas. 2.05 Minor child Raylynn Danielle is an individual and a citizen of the State of Texas. 2.06 is an individual and a citizen of the State of Minor child Rayder Jax Texas. 2.07 is an individual and a citizen of the State of Minor child Javien Texas. 2.08 Defendant Carmen is an individual and a citizen of the State of Texas. Defendant can be served with process by serving her at her home address, , El Paso, Texas or wherever she may be found. Avenue, Apt. 2.09 West Texas , Inc. is a company which can be served by serving its registered agent Jacob Avenue, Odessa, Texas

# 3.00 JURISDICTION & VENUE

wherever he may be found.

- 3.01 The amount in controversy is within jurisdictional limits of this Court. Plaintiffs seek over \$1,000,000 in damages.
- 3.02 El Paso County is the proper venue for this action pursuant to the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code, Section 15.001(a)(1), *et seq.*, because Defendant Carmen is a resident of El Paso County.

# 4.00 STATEMENT OF FACTS

4.01	On November 21,		, Raymond	Gilbert		was trav	veling
northbound or	u US Highway 385 by	car. As he a	pproached an	intersect	ion, Carmer	n	
unlawfully att	empted to turn her 1	8-wheeler or	nto the southb	ound lan	e of the sar	me highwa	y Mr.
	was on. As Ms.		crossed into	the inters	section, Mr		
crashed his ca	r into the back of Ca	rmen	's 18-	-wheeler'	s trailer. Po	olice determ	mined
that Carmen	had fa	iled to yield	the right of w	ay.			
4.02	The crash caused	extensive,	permanent,	and life	e-altering i	njuries to	Mr.
	<b>I</b> .						
4.02	At the time of the co	ollision, Carr	nen	wa	s employed	d by or the	agent
acting on beh	alf of West Texas		, Inc.; Carn	nen		was opera	ting a
motor vehicle	in the course and sc	ope of her e	mployment ar	nd/or age	ncy on beha	alf of Defe	ndant
West Texas	, Inc.						

# 5.00 <u>CLAIMS AGAINST DEFENDANT CARMEN</u>

At all times relevant to the occurrence in question, Carmen had a duty to act as a reasonable and prudent motorist would have acted under the same or similar circumstances. Carmen breached this duty in one or more respects including, but not limited to: failing to maintain a proper lookout, failing to keep her vehicle under control, changing lanes when unsafe and/or failing to maintain a single lane of travel, failing to properly signal a lane change, failing to properly apply her brakes, driving at an excessive rate of speed given the road conditions, and failing to act as a reasonably prudent motorist would in the same or similar circumstances.

5.02 The above acts and/or omissions were a proximate cause of the collision in question and the resulting injuries and damages sustained by Plaintiffs.

6.00	CLAIM AGAINST DEFENDANT WEST TEXAS, INC.				
6.01	Defendant West Texas, Inc. is vicariously liable for the damages				
proximately caused to Plaintiffs by virtue of the negligent conduct of its driver/employee/agent,					
Carmen					
6.02	At the time of the subject collision, Carmen was an employee and/or				
agent of Defe	endant West Texas was acting was acting				
within the co	urse and scope of her employment and/or agency relationship on behalf of Defendant				
West Texas	, Inc. at the time of the subject incident. That is, Carmen				
was acting in furtherance of the business of her employer and/or master.					
6.03	Therefore, Defendant West Texas, Inc. is vicariously liable to				
Plaintiffs for the negligent acts and/or omissions of its employee/agent, Carmen,					
on the basis of respondeat superior and/or agency law.					
7.00	PERSONAL INJURY CLAIMS: RAYMOND GILBERT				
7.01	As a direct and proximate result of the Defendants' negligent acts and/or omissions,				
Plaintiff Ray	mond Gilbert has suffered substantial damages for which he seeks				
recovery from	n Defendants:				
a.	Reasonable medical care and expenses in the past. These expenses were incurred				

by Plaintiff for the necessary care and treatment of injuries resulting from the

accident complained of herein, and such charges were reasonable and were usual and customary charges for such services;

- Reasonable and necessary medical care and expenses which will, in all reasonable probability, be incurred in the future;
- c. Physical pain and suffering in the past;
- d. Physical pain and suffering in the future;
- e. Physical impairment in the past;
- f. Physical impairment which, in all reasonable probability, will be suffered in the future;
- g. Loss of earnings in the past;
- h. Loss of earning capacity which will, in all reasonable probability, be incurred in the future;
- i. Disfigurement in the past;
- j. Disfigurement in the future;
- k. Mental anguish in the past;
- 1. Mental anguish in the future; and
- m. Cost of monitoring and prevention in the future.

# 8.00 LOSS OF SERVICES: DANIELA and CHILDREN¹ 8.01 Prior to the accident, Raymond Gilbert was industrious, affectionate, loving, compassionate, energetic, cooperative, patient, attentive, and a good husband and provider to Daniela . He gave guidance, advice, counsel, protection, comfort,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For sake of brevity, Plaintiffs refer to their natural offspring Raymond , Jr., Rayden Ray , Raylynn Danielle , Rayder Jax , and Javien as "Children."

services, care, and attention to her. His severe injuries have deprived Daniela of the complete society of her husband, right to that affection, solace, comfort, companionship, and assistance.

8.02 In the future, Raymond Gilbert would have been a good father and would have provided care, advice, maintenance, services, counsel, education, support and training for the Children. His severe injuries have caused the Children to suffer the loss of his care, advice, maintenance, services, counsel, education, support, and training.

8.03 As a result of the above-described negligence of Defendants, the Children have suffered certain losses for which they now bring suit.

8.04 The injuries to Raymond Gilbert have caused Daniela and their Children to suffer the loss of care, maintenance, support, services, advice, counsel, and reasonable contributions of a pecuniary value in reasonable probability which they would have received from Raymond Gilbert had he not been injured, loss of inheritance, loss of companionship and society, and mental anguish.

8.05 These damages have been suffered in the past, and, in reasonable probability, will continue to be suffered in the future.

### **9.00 COSTS**

Plaintiffs also seek recovery for all costs of court and prejudgment and post-judgment interest in the maximum amounts allowable by law.

# **10.00 PRAYER**

Plaintiffs respectfully pray that Defendants be cited to appear and answer herein, and that upon a final hearing hereof, Plaintiffs recover a judgment over and against the Defendants for the damages as pled herein in amounts the jury determines to be fair and reasonable, and for such other and further relief, at law and in equity, to which the Plaintiffs may show themselves justly entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

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