

DECLARATION OF JENNIFER SLUSHER

I, Jennifer Slusher declare as follows:

1. I am over the age of 18, and am otherwise competent to make this declaration.

The facts stated herein are within my own personal knowledge, and, if called upon to testify, I could and would testify competently thereto.

2. I reside in Telluride, Colorado where I work at a restaurant as an operations manager.

3. I first came to a OneTaste event around late 2008 after my friend, Aubrey Fuller, had told me about it.

4. From about mid-2009 through mid-2014, I became an increasingly active participant in OneTaste's programs and in the community of people who practiced Orgasmic Meditation.

5. Around the end of 2009 I moved into the 1080 Folsom residence, which was known as "1080" or "1080 Folsom," and lived there for approximately six months in my own room. During that time, I was a part time paid chef at 1080 Folsom and was a paid assistant to the residence operations manager, Henry Debusmann. Around the same time, several friends of mine and Fuller's including Michelle Wright and Madelyn Carl also moved in to the 1080 Folsom residence.

6. Around March of 2010, I moved out of 1080 Folsom to participate in a yoga teacher training in Costa Rica.

7. Around April of 2010 I moved back into 1080 Folsom and was roommates with my friend Lianna Lifson.

8. Around summer of 2010, I moved into a house in Oakland with several friends where I lived for approximately four or five months.

9. Around fall of 2010, I reached out to Rachael Hemsli, who had been managing the 1080 Folsom residence to ask if she needed a chef as I was interested in moving back in and enjoyed cooking. She told me that she did, and I moved back in to 1080 Folsom.

1 During this time, I also worked part-time doing sales for OneTaste, on a commission basis.
2 I attended weekly sales meetings and trainings with Rachel Cherwitz and other individuals
3 in the team. I was always paid for my work.

4 10. I lived at 1080 Folsom consistently from fall of 2010 until a month or two
5 before it closed in 2014.

6 11. When I lived at 1080 Folsom, I was often invited to attend OneTaste courses
7 and events for free and get training on how to apply the philosophy and ideas that I learned
8 at the classes I attended to hosting people and events. The training was fun, engaging and
9 invaluable. I apply skills that I learned from that training in my career and it has earned me
10 a lot of professional recognition from my co-workers and supervisors.

11 12. In September 2012, I enrolled in the OneTaste Coaching Program #5 which
12 took place over a three-day weekend once a month for 10 months.

13 13. Around late 2013, I spent a considerable amount of time around the OneTaste
14 senior staff as well as Nicole Daedone, who took my training in the application of the ideas
15 I had learned at OneTaste to the next level. The senior faculty and Nicole were always
16 wonderful and caring towards me.

17 14. In January of 2014, I applied and was hired for the position of Student
18 Coordinator for OneTaste programs. My responsibilities included texting and emailing with
19 students in every OneTaste program about program logistics and questions, and personal
20 check-ins to make sure they were all getting what they wanted from their course.

21 15. In April of 2014 I resigned from my student coordinator job because I was
22 interested in learning about sustainable agriculture and how to grow my own food. I moved
23 to Dinsmore, California to live on a farm and do just that. The OneTaste staff were kind and
24 supportive when I decided to quit my job and move out of the house I was living in with
25 other OneTaste staff. Nicole Daedone contacted me and wished me well on my path, letting
26 me know if I ever wanted to come back the door was open. Nobody tried to make me stay
27 and I was clear that there were no negative consequences for leaving.

1 16. I lived in Dinsmore until around August 2014 at which time I moved to New
2 York with my boyfriend and moved into a house in Manhattan with a group of friends who
3 I had met at OneTaste.

4 17. During this time in New York, I worked for several companies including
5 Indiefresh, a startup that made health food and a Gansevoort Market stall.

6 18. I lived in New York until 2016 when I moved to New Mexico with my
7 boyfriend. I have stayed in touch with the friends I met at OneTaste since I left.

8 19. In late 2018, a few months after Ellen Huet's Bloomberg Businessweek
9 article was published, I received a phone call from an FBI Agent who identified himself as
10 Agent Elliot McGinnis. I do not know how he got my phone number. During our 30–45-
11 minute conversation, Agent McGinnis told me that the FBI was investigating 'human
12 trafficking' allegations related to OneTaste. I spoke to Agent McGinnis about my
13 experience and related the truth of my experience which was positive. I told him that in my
14 extensive experience of OneTaste I never saw, heard or suspected any behavior even
15 vaguely resembled human trafficking or any other kind of criminal activity. I told Agent
16 McGinnis multiple times that I did not consider myself a victim of OneTaste in any sense of
17 the word. At the end of our conversation, Agent McGinnis told me something along the
18 lines of "Thank you very much for telling me all of that, I'm glad you had such positive
19 experience."

20 20. On August 31st, 2023, approximately seven weeks after I heard about the
21 indictment of Nicole Daedone and Rachel Cherwitz, Agent McGinnis called me again. He
22 began the call by reminding me we had spoken once before. He then referenced the
23 indictment of Nicole Daedone and Rachel Cherwitz and informed me they had been
24 charged with conspiracy for 'forced labor'. Agent McGinnis then informed me that the
25 purpose of his call was to provide me with 'victim assistance' and that he was 'calling
26 everyone' to offer them these services. Agent McGinnis told me these 'victim assistance'
27 services were for 'this type of crime', referring to conspiracy for forced labor. I
28 immediately told Agent McGinnis that I was not a victim of anything and that I did not

1 want or need 'victim assistance.' Agent McGinnis seemed surprised to hear me say this and
2 then proceeded to push back on my assertion that I did not qualify myself as victim in need
3 of these services. Agent McGinnis then told me something like 'Oh, well I thought in our
4 last call you told me you felt like a victim.' This was shocking to me as my recollection of
5 our first conversation is crystal clear and I am positive there is nothing I said that could
6 have been construed as identifying myself as a victim.

7 I declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the United States of America,
8 and under the laws of the State of Colorado, that the foregoing is true and correct.
9 Executed this 17th day of June 2024 at Telluride, Colorado.

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11 *Jennifer Slusher*

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