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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

JOSEPH MRAZEK,

Plaintiff,

vs.

STAFFORD TOWNSHIP,
POLICE CHIEF JOSEPH GIBERSON,
In his Individual and Official Capacities, and
JOHN DOES 1-5,

Defendants.

CIV. ACTION NO. 3:13-CV-01091-FLW-TJB

**CERTIFICATION
OF
CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH**

I, CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH, of full age, hereby certify as follows:

1. I am employed by Stafford Township as the Assistant Network Administrator. I have been employed by the Township for five years and have been assigned to the Police Department for the last two years. As such I am fully familiar with the facts pertaining to this matter.

2. On or about June 10, 2014 a computer maintained and used by the Stafford Township Police Department was infected with a cryptolocker virus. This computer was used by Maryann Grady, the administrative assistant to the Chief of Police Joseph Giberson.

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3. Ms. Grady received an e-mail which purported to be from another employee in the Township. In fact, it was a computer virus which was created to look like it came from another employee.

4. The e-mail asked the receiver, Ms. Grady, to download the voicemail attached to the e-mail.

5. Once Ms. Grady tried to download the voicemail her hard drive became infected.

6. The result of the virus is that it encrypted all of the files on Ms. Grady's hard drive. In essence it held these files for ransom and in order to be able to try to retrieve the files it directed the user to pay a fee to get the code to un-encrypt the files.

7. The result of the virus made the files on Ms. Grady's computer unsalvageable.

8. A day or two after the virus was downloaded I took Ms. Grady's computer to my office and upgraded the computer and installed the Windows 7 operating system. I had to reformat the hard drive because of the virus. As a result all of the documents on Ms. Grady's hard drive were lost and were unable to be recovered.

9. I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

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Dated: September 3, 2014


CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH