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	PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,	Case No.
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20	Attorney DAVID CHIU,	COMPLAINT FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF AND CIVIL PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS
21	Plaintiff,	OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE SECTION 17200
21	VS.	SEC 1101 1/200
22	SOL ECOM INC. DRIVER LLC ITAL	
23	SOL ECOM, INC., BRIVER LLC, ITAI TECH LTD., DEFIREX OÜ, ITAI OÜ,	
24	AUGUSTIN GRIBINETS, and DOES #1	
24	through #50,	
25	Defendants.	
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Plaintiff, the People of the State of California (the "People"), acting by and through San Francisco City Attorney David Chiu, brings this action against Sol Ecom, Inc., Briver LLC, Itai Tech Ltd., Defirex OÜ, Itai OÜ, Augustin Gribinets, and Does #1 through #50 (together, the "Defendants"), and alleges as follows:

#### INTRODUCTION

1. Rapid advancements in the field of artificial intelligence ("AI") in recent years have created immense opportunities for innovation, with major implications for scientific research, healthcare, education, computing, and beyond.

9 2. Among the most significant developments is the emergence of generative AI models
10 that have the capacity to create content, be it in the form of text, speech, images, video, or music.

3. Despite the potential for generative AI models to improve people's lives, they also
 present new and profound safety and privacy concerns. In particular, some generative AI models have
 been released to the public as open source with the goal of fostering innovation and collaboration, but
 have been adapted and misused for illegal and harmful purposes.

4. One disturbing form of misuse is the adaptation of open-source AI image generation models to create fake pornographic and sexual abuse content depicting real, identifiable women and girls, so-called "deepfake pornography" or "deepnudes."

5. These models have led to the proliferation of websites and apps that offer to "undress" or "nudify" women and girls. By exploiting open-source AI image generation models, these websites and apps manipulate images of real women and girls without their consent to create photorealistic images showing these women and girls with AI-generated nude bodies and intimate body parts.

6. Defendants operate some of the world's most popular websites that offer to nudify
images of women and girls. The primary purpose of Defendants' websites is to create fake, nude
images of women and girls without their consent. Defendants tout their ability to let users "see anyone
naked." As one Defendant puts it: "[i]magine wasting time taking her out on dates, when you can just
use [the website] to get her nudes." Collectively, these sites have been visited over 200 million times
just in the first six months of 2024.

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- 7. Nonconsensual intimate images ("NCII") generated from Defendants' websites-and 1 other similar websites—are used to bully, threaten, and humiliate women and girls.<sup>1</sup> In California and 2 across the country, there has been a stark increase in the number of women and girls harassed and 3 victimized by AI-generated NCII, and this distressing trend shows no sign of abating. For example, in 4 February 2024, AI-generated nude images of sixteen eighth-grade students were circulated among 5 students at a California middle school.<sup>2</sup> Reports of the use of AI-generated NCII to target and bully 6 schoolchildren—primarily girls—in California and across the country abound.<sup>3</sup> The Federal Bureau 7 of Investigation has also warned of an uptick in instances of extortion schemes where bad actors use 8 9 public social media pictures of their victims to create AI-generated nude and sexually explicit images and threaten to release the images if the victims do not pay them.<sup>4</sup>
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- <sup>3</sup> Howard Blume, L.A. School District Probes Inappropriate Images Shared at Fairfax High. More AI Abuse?, Los Angeles Times (Apr. 9, 2024), https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2024-04-09/student-generated-inappropriate-ai-image-of-girls-at-fairfax-high (archived at https://perma.cc/ B8CK-68E6); Bridget Chavez, No Charges as AI-Generated Nude Pictures of Female Students
- 18 *Circulate Around Issaquah School*, KIRO7.com (Nov. 9, 2023), https://www.kiro7.com/news/local/ no-charges-ai-generated-nude-pictures-female-students-circulate-around-issaquah-
- school/MCQTOKWRVREPTK3K2IAQWTRR6U/ (archived at https://perma.cc/84CJ-WQXL);
   Hannah Fry, Laguna Beach High School Investigates 'Inappropriate' AI-generated Images of
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- Sharing Real and Fake Nude Images of Her, ABC7.com (Mar. 14, 2024), https://abc7.com/calabasas-high-school-student-accuses-classmate-sharing-real-and-fake-nude-photos/14521422/ (archived at https://perma.cc/S68X-8V9B); Anthony Johnson, Call for Action at Westfield High School After AI
- <sup>23</sup> Used to Make Fake Pornographic Images of Girls, ABC7NY.com (Nov. 3, 2023),
- https://abc7ny.com/nj-westfield-high-school-artificial-intelligence-pornographic-images/14009286/
   (archived at https://perma.cc/G9XZ-4D3G); Liz Landers et al., A 15-year-old's Prom Picture was
   Altered into AI-created Nudes, Scripps News (May 22, 2024), https://www.scrippsnews.com/politics/
   disinformation-desk/high-schools-nationwide-are-facing-a-new-problem-ai-generated-nudes (archived at https://perma.cc/HSV8-X56K).
- <sup>4</sup> James Vincent, *Blackmailers are Using Deepfaked Nudes to Bully and Extort Victims, Warns FBI*, The Verge (June 8, 2023), https://www.theverge.com/2023/6/8/23753605/ai-deepfake-sextortion-nude-blackmail-fbi-warning (archived at https://perma.cc/9E4N-DDHX).
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Coralie Kraft, *Trolls Used Her Face to Make Fake Porn. There Was Nothing She Could Do*, The New York Times Magazine (July 31, 2024), https://www.nytimes.com/2024/07/31/magazine/sabrina-javellana-florida-politics-ai-porn.html (archived at https://perma.cc/5XNQ-22RB).

8. Victims have little to no recourse, as they face significant obstacles to remove these
 images once they have been disseminated. They are left with profound psychological, emotional,
 economic, and reputational harms, and without control and autonomy over their bodies and images.
 As one victim explained, "I felt like I didn't have a choice in what happened to me or what happened
 to my body."<sup>5</sup> Another emphasized that she and her family live in "hopelessness and perpetual fear
 that, at any time, such images can reappear and be viewed by countless others."<sup>6</sup>

9. Given the widespread availability and popularity of Defendants' websites, San
Franciscans and Californians face the threat that they or their loved ones may be victimized in this
manner.

10 10. Defendants' conduct violates state and federal laws prohibiting the creation, possession,
11 disclosure, and distribution of AI-generated NCII and similar forms of sexual abuse and harassment.

11.The People bring this case to hold Defendants accountable for creating and distributingAI-generated NCII of women and girls and for aiding and abetting others in perpetrating this conduct.

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## PARTIES

12. Plaintiff, the People of the State of California, acting by and through San Francisco
 City Attorney David Chiu, prosecutes this action pursuant to Business and Professions Code section
 17200 *et seq*.

13. Defendant Sol Ecom, Inc. ("Sol Ecom") is a corporation organized under the laws of the state of Florida with its principal place of business at 610 South Main Street, Apartment 730, Los Angeles, California, 90014. Sol Ecom owns and operates the website **Econom**, which produces AI-generated NCII of adults.

14. Defendant Briver LLC ("Briver") is a corporation organized under the laws of the state of New Mexico with its principal place of business at 530-B Harkle Road, Suite 100, Santa Fe, New

<sup>5</sup> Coralie Kraft, *supra* n.1.

<sup>6</sup> Charles Toutant, *An AI Took Her Clothes Off. Now a New Lawsuit Will Test Rules for Deepfake Porn*, Law.com (Feb. 5, 2024), https://www.law.com/njlawjournal/2024/02/05/an-ai-took-her-clothes-off-now-a-new-lawsuit-will-test-rules-for-deepfake-porn/?slreturn=20240704180530,
 (archived at https://perma.cc/7ENN-Y6VH).

Mexico 87505. Briver owns and operates the websites and , which produce AI-generated NCII of adults and children. 2

15. Defendant Itai Tech Ltd. ("Itai Tech") is a corporation organized under the laws of the United Kingdom with its registered office address at 81 Anthony Drive, Norwich, England, United Kingdom, NR3 4EW. Itai Tech owns and operates the websites

produces AI-generated NCII of adults. The , and . The website website produces AI-generated NCII of adults and children. On information and belief, the websites and produce AI-generated NCII of adults.

Defendant Defirex OÜ ("Defirex") is a corporation organized under the laws of Estonia 16. with a registered address at Vesivärava tn 50-301, Kesklinna Iinnaosa, 10152 Tallinn and a contact address at Väike-Paala tn 2, Lasnamäe Iinnaosa, 11415 Tallinn. Defirex owns and operates the website On information and belief, produces AI-generated NCII of

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Defendant Itai OÜ is a corporation organized under the laws of Estonia with a contact 17. address of Järvevana tee 9, Kesklinna Iinnaosa, 11314 Tallinn. Itai OÜ has a registered address of Branka Bajića 9e, Novi Sad, Serbia. Itai OÜ owns and operates the website which produces AI-generated NCII of adults.

18. Defendant Augustin Gribinets ("Gribinets") is a resident of Estonia. Gribinets owns and operates the website , which produces AI-generated NCII of adults and children. 19. Defendant Doe #1 owns and operates the website , which produces AIgenerated NCII of adults and children. The People are not currently aware of the true identity of Doe #1, and therefore sue this Defendant under a fictitious name. The People will seek leave to amend this complaint to allege Doe #1's true identity when that information is ascertained.

20. Defendant Doe #2 owns and operates the websites , which 24 and 25 produce AI-generated NCII of adults and children. The People are not currently aware of the true identity of Doe #2, and therefore sue this Defendant under a fictitious name. The People will seek 26 leave to amend this complaint to allege Doe #2's true identity when that information is ascertained. 27

21. Defendant Doe #3 owns and operates the website **Exercise**, which produces AIgenerated NCII of adults and children. The People are not currently aware of the true identity of Doe #3, and therefore sue this Defendant under a fictitious name. The People will seek leave to amend this complaint to allege Doe #3's true identity when that information is ascertained.

22. Defendant Doe #4 owns and operates the website **Control**, which produces AIgenerated NCII of adults and children. The People are not currently aware of the true identity of Doe #4, and therefore sue this Defendant under a fictitious name. The People will seek leave to amend this complaint to allege Doe #4's true identity when that information is ascertained.

23. Defendant Doe #5 owns and operates the website **Exercise**, which produces AIgenerated NCII of adults. The People are not currently aware of the true identity of Doe #5, and therefore sue this Defendant under a fictitious name. The People will seek leave to amend this complaint to allege Doe #5's true identity when that information is ascertained.

24. The People are not aware of the true names and capacities of Defendants sued as Does #6 through #50, inclusive, and therefore sue these Defendants by such fictitious names. Each fictitiously named Defendant is responsible in some manner for the violations of law alleged. The People will seek leave to amend this complaint to allege their true names and capacities when that information is ascertained.

25. Whenever this Complaint refers to "Defendants," such reference shall include Does 1 through 50 as well as the named Defendants.

26. Whenever this complaint refers to any act of any corporate defendant, such allegation shall be deemed to mean that such corporate defendant did the acts alleged in the complaint through its officers, directors, agents, employees, and/or representatives while they were acting within the actual or ostensible scope of their authority.

27. On information and belief, each Defendant owns and operates other websites that produce AI-generated NCII of adults and/or children. The People will seek leave to amend this complaint to identify these additional websites when that information is ascertained.

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### JURISDICTION AND VENUE

28. The San Francisco Superior Court has jurisdiction over this action. Upon information and belief, Defendants are engaging in unlawful and unfair business practices in San Francisco, and the San Francisco City Attorney has statutory authority to prosecute this case on behalf of the People.

29. Venue is proper in this Court because, upon information and belief, the unlawful conduct occurred in San Francisco and elsewhere in California.

#### FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

## The Development and Misuse of Open-Source AI Image Generation Models

30. Among the most significant recent developments in AI is the advent of highly sophisticated generative AI models. While the specific computing techniques used in these models differ, in general these models are fed vast quantities of data and are trained to detect patterns and generate new content that mimics the information they have ingested.

31. Several companies have deployed this technology to develop AI models specifically designed to generate images or edit existing images based on text prompts from users. These models are trained on enormous datasets consisting of hundreds of millions of images and associated text from the Internet, and learn to recognize features of these images and the text descriptions associated with such features.

32. Several such models are made available to the public as "open-source" models. With an open-source model, any member of the public can adapt and train a specific implementation of that model on additional images in order to hone (or "fine tune") its ability to generate specific kinds of content. These models can be modified and adapted by anyone for almost any purpose. Consequently, these open-source models have been adapted and trained to create new fine-tuned versions that are highly effective at generating pornographic content.<sup>7</sup> Even where the creators of these open-source models subsequently incorporate safeguards into new releases of the model, earlier

<sup>7</sup> Will Knight, *This Uncensored AI Art Tool Can Generate Fantasies—and Nightmares*, Wired (Sept. 21, 2022), https://www.wired.com/story/the-joy-and-dread-of-ai-image-generators-without-limits/ (archived at thttps://perma.cc/7MBU-CHRV); Lydia Morrish, *The Dark Side of Open Source AI Image Generators*, Wired (Mar. 6, 2024), https://www.wired.com/story/dark-side-open-source-ai-image-generators/ (archived at https://perma.cc/CUN9-VHMA).

releases—and fine-tuned versions trained to generate pornographic content—continue to circulate online.

33. These highly popular fine-tuned versions generate not only pornographic content involving fictitious AI-generated individuals, but also manipulate images of real people to produce fictional pornographic content that depicts those individuals. The models are able to recognize clothing and body features in an image of a person, and can be further conditioned to manipulate the image to generate a fake, photorealistic image that maintains the person's face, but replaces their clothed body with a nude body—thus appearing to "undress" the person and display their intimate body parts. These models "undress" or "nudify" not only adults, but also children.

34. These manipulated intimate images are generated without the consent of the persons
depicted, resulting in the creation and dissemination of AI-generated NCII of these individuals.

35. The availability of these fine-tuned versions designed to create AI-generated NCII has spawned the development of websites dedicated to creating "nudified" images of women and girls.<sup>8</sup> These websites offer user-friendly interfaces for uploading clothed images of real people to generate realistic "nudified" versions of those images. These websites require users to subscribe or pay to generate nude images. Some websites give users a "free trial," allowing them to create a limited number of free images as a way of enticing them to pay for additional images.

# II. Defendants Operate Popular Websites Used to Nudify Images of Women and Girls

36. Defendants operate some of the world's most popular websites specifically designed to generate and distribute AI-generated NCII of women and girls.

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37. Sol Ecom owns and operates the website **12** had over 12 million visits in the first six months of 2024.

38. Users can access by signing in using their Google, Discord, or X accounts.

<sup>8</sup> Santiago Lakatos, *A Revealing Picture*, Graphica (Dec. 8, 2023), https://graphika.com/
 reports/a-revealing-picture (archived at https://perma.cc/5BCN-G4R3).

39. The website allows users to "deepnude girl[s] for free" by uploading an image and using the website's AI technology to "undress" the image. Users are invited to upload a photo with the message: "Have someone to undress?" Sol Ecom provides step-by-step instructions on how to select images that will provide "good" quality nudified results.

40. 5 Users can upload an image of a clothed woman to , and the site will create a fake nude image of the subject. 6

41. Sol Ecom allows users to generate a limited number of nudified images for free, after which users must purchase credits (or "coins") in order to generate additional images. On information and belief, users can purchase credits from Sol Ecom, or "dealers" affiliated with Sol Ecom, through a 10 variety of mobile and online payments platforms, including Apple Pay, PayPal, Venmo, and Cash App, or using cryptocurrency.

42. While the website purports to require users to obtain consent for the images they use, Sol Ecom in fact accepts any image that a user wants to nudify and does not verify that the depicted individual has consented to the nudification of her image.

43. Sol Ecom knows that the primary purpose of websites like is to create AI-generated NCII of identifiable women.

44. Sol Ecom intentionally creates and distributes to, or otherwise knowingly encourages, enables, and facilitates the creation and distribution of, AI-generated NCII of identifiable women to users with the knowledge that these images will traumatize and cause severe emotional distress to the depicted individuals if disclosed.

**Briver** 

45. Briver owns and operates the websites had 22 and 23 approximately 4.85 million visits during the first six months of 2024. had close to 670,000 views during that time period. 24

25 46. Briver promotes as a tool to "See Anybody Nude for FREE" and claims that its technology "can undress any photo you upload." Briver likewise claims that the 26 website provides the "Best Undress AI Tool" to "Nudify Anyone in Seconds." 27

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48. Users can upload an image of a clothed woman to and 3 sites will create fake nude images of the subject. 4

49. 5 Because Briver has failed to deploy available technology to detect images of minors, users can upload an image of a clothed girl under 18 years old to and and the 6 7 sites will create fake nude images of the subject.

50. Briver allows users to generate a limited number of nudified images for free, after 8 which users must purchase credits (or "gems") in order to generate additional images. On information 9 10 and belief, users can purchase credits from Briver using their credit cards, PayPal, or cryptocurrency.

51. While the and websites purport to require users to obtain consent for the images they use, Briver in fact accepts any image that a user wants to nudify and does 12 not verify that the depicted individual has consented to the nudification of her image. Indeed, both 13 websites emphasize that they can be used to "see anybody nude" and "nudify anyone." 14

52. is Briver knows that the primary purpose of websites like and to create AI-generated NCII of identifiable women and girls.

53. Briver intentionally creates and distributes to, or otherwise knowingly encourages, enables, and facilitates the creation and distribution of, nonconsensual nude images of identifiable women and girls to users with the knowledge that these images will traumatize and cause severe emotional distress to the depicted individuals if disclosed.

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54. Itai Tech owns and operates a number of websites that offer to nudify images of clothed 22 people, including, but not limited to, and 23 55. In the first six months of 2024, had 26.6 million visits, had 24 25 nearly 15.5 million visits, had 14.4 million visits, and had 133,924 visits. 56. website as a way to "[s]ee anybody nude for free." Itai Tech promotes the 26 27 Similarly, on , Itai Tech claims that users can "[s]ee anyone naked with the most realistic undress AI app." On the website, Itai Tech displays a visual depiction of how the 28 10

website's "Deepnude AI" technology nudifies images of a clothed woman, with the tagline "[j]ust 1 upload a picture and get the result." And Itai Tech touts its ability to "[e]ffortlessly produce authentic 2 undressed AI images" on the 3 website. 57. by signing in using their Users can access , and 4 5 Google or Discord accounts. 58. Users can upload an image of a clothed woman to , and the site will create a 6 7 fake nude image of the subject. 59. Itai Tech allows users to generate a limited number of nudified images on 8 for free, after which users must purchase credits using a subscription plan in order to generate 9 10 additional images. On information and belief, users can purchase credits from Itai Tech using PayPal or cryptocurrency. 11 12 60. Users can upload an image of a clothed woman to and the site will create a fake nude image of the subject. 13 61. Because Itai Tech has failed to deploy available technology to detect images of minors, 14 users can upload an image of a girl under 18 years old to , and the site will create a fake 15 nude image of the subject. 16 62. Itai Tech allows users to generate a limited number of nudified images on 17 for free, after which users must purchase credits in order to generate additional images. On 18 information and belief, users can purchase credits from Itai Tech using cryptocurrency. 19 20 63. On information and belief, users can upload an image of a clothed woman to and the site will create a fake nude image of the subject. 21 64. On information and belief, users can upload an image of a clothed woman to 22 and the site will create a fake nude image of the subject. 23 65. Itai Tech allows users to partially "undress" images of clothed women for free on the 24 25 and websites, generating AI-modified versions of these images depicting the women in bikinis or lingerie. In order to generate a nude image, users must purchase credits 26 through a subscription plan. On information and belief, users can purchase credits from Itai Tech 27 28 using cryptocurrency.

fact accepts any image that a user wants to nudify and does not verify that the depicted individual has 2 consented to the nudification of her image. Indeed, its websites emphasize the ability to see 3 "anybody" and "anyone" naked. 4 5 67. Itai Tech knows that the primary purpose of websites like is to create AI-generated NCII of identifiable women and girls. and 6 68. 7 Itai Tech intentionally creates and distributes to, or otherwise knowingly encourages, enables, and facilitates the creation and distribution of, AI-generated NCII of identifiable women and 8 9 girls to users with the knowledge that these images will traumatize and cause severe emotional distress to the depicted individuals if disclosed. 10 69. On information and belief, Itai Tech operates other websites that nudify images of 11 women and girls without their consent, and through which Itai Tech intentionally creates and 12 distributes, and aids and abets the creation of, AI-generated NCII that it knows will traumatize and 13 cause severe emotional distress to depicted individuals. 14 Defirex 15 70. had 18.8 million Defirex owns and operates the website 16 visitors in the first six months of 2024. 17

While Itai Tech purports to require users to obtain consent for the images they use, it in

71. Defirex promotes as a website to "[g]enerate highly-realistic AI nudes in 18 a few clicks." 19

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74. Defirex allows users to partially "undress" images of clothed women for free on the website, generating AI-modified versions of these images depicting women in bikinis or

lingerie. In order to generate a nude image, users must purchase credits through a subscription plan.

On information and belief, users can purchase credits from Defirex using PayPal, credit or debit cards, 27

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75. While the website purports to require users to obtain consent for the 1 images they use, Defirex in fact accepts any image that a user wants to nudify and does not verify that 2 the depicted individual has consented to the nudification of her image. 3 76. Defirex knows that the primary purpose of websites like is to create AI-4 5 generated NCII of identifiable women. Defirex intentionally creates and distributes to, or otherwise knowingly encourages, 77. 6 enables, and facilitates the creation and distribution of, AI-generated NCII of identifiable women to 7 users with the knowledge that these images will traumatize and cause severe emotional distress to the 8 9 depicted individuals if disclosed. Itai OÜ 10 78. Itai OU owns and operates the website had over 6.1 11 million visits in the first six months of 2024. 12 79. Itai OÜ promotes 's "unparalleled precision in generating deepfake 13 nudes," and claims that the website creates "AI-generated photos that simulate undressing, available 14 for anyone online." 15 80. by signing in using their Google or Discord Users can access the 16 accounts. 17 81. Users can upload an image of a clothed woman to , and the site will 18 create a fake nude image of the subject. 19 82. 20 Itai OÜ allows users to generate a blurred nudified image for free. In order to reveal the nudified image or generate additional images, users must purchase credits. On information and 21 belief, users can purchase credits from Itai OÜ using PayPal, Apple Pay, Google Pay, credit or debit 22 23 cards, or cryptocurrency. 83. Itai OU fails to verify that depicted individuals in the images generated by 24 25 have consented to the nudification of their respective images. 84. Itai OÜ knows that the primary purpose of websites like 26 is to create AIgenerated NCII of identifiable women. 27 28

85. Itai OÜ intentionally creates and distributes to, or otherwise knowingly encourages, enables, and facilitates the creation and distribution of, AI-generated NCII of identifiable women to users with the knowledge that these images will traumatize and cause severe emotional distress to the depicted individuals if disclosed.

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6 86. Gribinets owns and operates the website . had over 5.8
7 million visits in the first six months of 2024.

8 87. Gribinets claims that will "[u]ndress anyone" and "remove[s] clothes
9 from any photo within seconds."

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13 create a fake nude image of the subject.

90. Because Gribinets has failed to deploy available technology to detect images of minors,
users can upload an image of a clothed girl under 18 years old to generate a fake nude image of the subject.

91. Gribinets allows users to generate a limited number of nudified images for free, after which users must purchase credits in order to generate additional images. On information and belief, users can purchase credits from Gribinets using credit or debit cards, mobile and online payment services like Cash App or Link, and cryptocurrency.

92. While the **best set of** website purports to require users to obtain consent for the images they use, Gribinets in fact accepts any image that a user wants to nudify and does not verify that the depicted individual has consented to the nudification of her image.

93. Gribinets knows that the primary purpose of websites like **1998** is to create AI-generated NCII of identifiable women and girls. Indeed, the website specifically promotes its use to generate nonconsensual images, stating "Imagine wasting time taking her out on dates, when you can just use **1998** to get her nudes."

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94. Gribinets intentionally creates and distributes to, or otherwise knowingly encourages, enables, and facilitates the creation and distribution of, AI-generated NCII of identifiable women and girls to users with the knowledge that these images will traumatize and cause severe emotional distress to the depicted individuals if disclosed.

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95. Doe #1 owns and operates the website had over 32 million 6 visits in the first six months of 2024. 7

96. Doe #1 promotes as "the best free AI deepnude nudifier to see anyone 8 naked." 9

97. Users can access by signing in using their Google accounts.

Users can upload an image of a clothed woman to 98. and the site will create 11 a fake nude image of the subject. 12

99. Because Doe #1 has failed to deploy available technology to detect images of minors, 13 users can upload an image of a clothed girl under 18 years old to , and the site will create 14 a fake nude image of the subject. 15

Doe #1 allows users to generate a limited number of nudified images for free, after 100. 16 which users must purchase credits in order to generate additional images. On information and belief, 17 users can purchase credits from Doe #1 using cryptocurrency. 18

101. Doe #1 fails to verify that depicted individuals in the images generated by 19 20 have consented to the nudification of their respective images. In fact, Doe #1 promotes the website as a way to see "anyone" naked.

102. Doe #1 knows that the primary purpose of websites like is to create AI-22 generated NCII of identifiable women and girls. 23

103. Doe #1 intentionally creates and distributes to, or otherwise knowingly encourages, enables, and facilitates the creation and distribution of, AI-generated NCII of identifiable women and girls to users with the knowledge that these images will traumatize and cause severe emotional distress to the depicted individuals if disclosed.

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1	<u>Doe #2</u>	
2	104.	Doe #2 owns and operates the website . had over 22.5 million visits
3	in the first six months of 2024.	
4	105.	Doe #2 advertises as a website to "create your own AI porn."
5	106.	Users can access by signing in using their Google accounts.
6	107.	Users can upload an image of a clothed woman to <b>a set of a clothed woman</b> , and the site will create a
7	fake nude image of the subject.	
8	108.	Because Doe #2 has failed to deploy available technology to detect images of minors,
9	users can uplo	ad an image of a clothed girl under 18 years old to and the site will create a
10	fake nude image of the subject.	
11	109.	Doe #2 allows users to generate a limited number of nudified images for free on
12	, after	which users must purchase credits (or "tokens") in order to generate additional images.
13	On information and belief, users can purchase credits from Doe #2 using their bank cards or	
14	cryptocurrency	у.
15	110.	On or after May 22, 2024, Doe #2 moved the "Undress" feature from to a new
16	website called	. However, on the website, Doe #2 assures users that "everything's
17	staying the same for you: same functionality, prices, personal area, and features." The	
18	website claims to be the "ultimate undress tool" that allows users to "[s]ee anyone fully naked in	
19	seconds." It invites users to "[p]ick age, body type, and more for your perfect deepnude."	
20	has accumulat	ed 166,000 views in the last three months.
21	111.	Like , users can access by signing in using their Google accounts.
22	112.	Users can upload an image of a clothed woman to , and the site will create a
23	fake nude imag	ge of the subject.
24	113.	Because Doe #2 has failed to deploy available technology to detect images of minors,
25	users can uplo	ad an image of a clothed girl under 18 years old to and the site will create a
26	fake nude image of the subject.	
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114. Doe #2 allows users to generate a limited number of nudified images for free on after which users must purchase credits in order to generate additional images. On information and belief, users can purchase credits from Doe #2 using cryptocurrency.

115. While the and websites purport to require users to obtain consent for the images they use, Doe #2 in fact accepts any image that a user wants to nudify and does not verify that the depicted individual has consented to the nudification of her image. In fact, makes clear that it can be used to "[s]ee anyone fully naked."

116. Doe #2 knows that the primary purpose of websites like and is to create AI-generated NCII of identifiable women and girls.

10 117. Doe #2 intentionally creates and distributes to, or otherwise knowingly encourages, enables, and facilitates the creation and distribution of, AI-generated NCII of identifiable women and 11 12 girls to users with the knowledge that these images will traumatize and cause severe emotional distress to the depicted individuals if disclosed. 13

**Doe #3** 

Doe #3 owns and operates the website had almost 13.5 118. million visits in the first six months of 2024.

119. Doe #3 promotes as a tool to "see anyone naked" and claims that the website uses "the most powerful image deepfake AI" to allow users to "[s]ee any girl clothless [sic] with the click of a button." The website provides users with instructions to select images that will produce high-quality nudified images.

120. Users can access using their email addresses.

Users can upload an image of a clothed woman to 121. , and the site will create 22 a fake nude image of the subject. 23

122. Because Doe #3 has failed to deploy available technology to detect images of minors, users can upload an image of a clothed girl under 18 years old to , and the site will create a fake nude image of the subject. 26

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1 123. Doe #3 allows users to generate a limited number of nudified images for free, after
 which users must purchase credits in order to generate additional images. On information and belief,
 users can purchase credits from Doe #3 using cryptocurrency.
 124. Doe #3 fails to verify that depicted individuals in the images generated by
 have consented to the nudification of their respective images. In fact, Doe #3 promotes the website as

a way to see "any girl clothless [sic]."

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7 125. Doe #3 knows that the primary purpose of websites like is to create AI8 generated NCII of identifiable women and girls.

9 126. Doe #3 intentionally creates and distributes to, or otherwise knowingly encourages,
10 enables, and facilitates the creation and distribution of, AI-generated NCII of identifiable women and
11 girls to users with the knowledge that these images will traumatize and cause severe emotional distress
12 to the depicted individuals if disclosed.

**Doe #4** 

14 127. Doe #4 owns and operates the website \_\_\_\_\_. had over 20 million visits
15 in the first six months of 2024.

16 128. Doe #4 promotes as a website to "undress any photos," and invites visitors to 17 "[u]ndress any girl photo or image to AI nudes NOW." The website's FAQs further confirm that the 18 site will "remove clothing from a girl's photo."

129. Users can access by signing in using their Google accounts.

20 130. Users can upload an image of a clothed woman to an image of the subject.
21 fake nude image of the subject.

131. Because Doe #4 has failed to deploy available technology to detect images of minors,
users can upload an image of a clothed girl under 18 years old to failed, and the site will create a
fake nude image of the subject.

132. Doe #4 allows users to generate a limited number of nudified images for free, after which users must purchase credits in order to generate additional images. On information and belief, users can purchase credits from Doe #4 using cryptocurrency.

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133. Doe #4 fails to verify that depicted individuals in the images generated by 1 have consented to the nudification of their respective images. In fact, Doe #4 promotes the website as 2 a way to "undress any photos." 3 Doe #4 knows that the primary purpose of websites like 134. is to create AI-4 5 generated NCII of identifiable women and girls. 135. Doe #4 intentionally creates and distributes to, or otherwise knowingly encourages, 6 7 enables, and facilitates the creation and distribution of, AI-generated NCII of identifiable women and girls to users with the knowledge that these images will traumatize and cause severe emotional distress 8 to the depicted individuals if disclosed. 9 10 Doe #5 Doe #5 owns and operates the website had approximately 26.9 136. 11 million visits in the first six months of 2024. 12 137. Doe #5 promotes as a website to "undress any photo with deepnude AI for 13 free." Users are invited to upload a photo with the message: "Have someone to undress?" Doe #5 14 provides step-by-step instructions on how to select images that will provide "good" quality nudified 15 results. 16 by signing in using their Google, Apple, Discord, and X 17 138. Users can access accounts. 18 139. Users can upload an image of a clothed woman to and the site will create a 19 20 fake nude image of the subject. 140. also offers users the option to modify the image into various enumerated 21 "sex pose[s]." On information and belief, users can upload an image of a clothed woman to 22 and the site will create a fake nude image of the subject in a sexually explicit pose. 23 141. Doe #5 allows users to generate a limited number of nudified images for free, after 24 25 which users must purchase credits in order to generate additional images. Users can also pay for "VIP coins" to unlock certain features, such as the ability to modify clothed images to depict sexually 26 27 explicit poses. On information and belief, users can purchase credits from Doe #5 using PayPal, Apple Pay, Cash App, Venmo, Wise, AliPay, and cryptocurrency. 28

1	142. While the website purports to require users to obtain consent for the images	
2	they use, Doe #5 in fact accepts any image that a user wants to nudify and does not verify that the	
3	depicted individual has consented to the nudification of her image. In fact, makes clear	
4	that it will "undress any photo."	
5	143. Doe #5 knows that the primary purpose of websites like is to create AI-	
6	generated NCII of identifiable women.	
7	144. Doe #5 intentionally creates and distributes to, or otherwise knowingly encourages,	
8	enables, and facilitates the creation and distribution of, AI-generated NCII of identifiable women to	
9	users with the knowledge that these images will traumatize and cause severe emotional distress to the	
10	depicted individuals if disclosed.	
11	CAUSES OF ACTION	
12	FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION	
13	VIOLATIONS OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE 17200	
14	AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS	
15	145. The People incorporate by reference the allegations contained in each paragraph above,	
16	as if those allegations were fully set forth in this cause of action.	
17	146. California Business and Professions Code section 17200 prohibits any "unlawful,	
18	unfair, or fraudulent business act or practice."	
19	147. Defendants have engaged in and continue to engage in unlawful business acts and	
20	practices in violation of section 17200. Such acts and practices include, but are not limited to, the	
21	following:	
22	a. Defendants have violated California Civil Code section 1708.86(b)(1) prohibiting the	
23	creation and intentional disclosure of nonconsensual sexually explicit images, or aided	
24	and abetted violations of California Civil Code section 1708.86(b)(1) by the acts and	
25	practices set forth herein.	
26	b. Defendants have violated California Civil Code section 1708.85(a) prohibiting the	
27	intentional distribution of nonconsensual depictions of intimate body parts, or aided and	
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1		abetted violations of California Civil Code section 1708.85(a) by their acts and
2		practices set forth herein.
3	с.	Defendants have violated California Penal Code section 647(j)(4) prohibiting the
4		intentional distribution of nonconsensual depictions of intimate body parts of an
5		identifiable person, or aided and abetted violations of California Penal section 647(j)(4)
6		in violation of California Penal Code section 31 by the acts and practices set forth
7		herein.
8	d.	Defendants have violated 15 U.S.C. § 6851(b)(1) prohibiting the knowing or reckless
9		disclosure in interstate commerce of intimate visual depictions of identifiable persons,
10		or aided and abetted violations of 15 U.S.C. § 6851(b)(1) by the acts and practices set
11		forth herein.
12	148.	Defendants have engaged in and continue to engage in unfair business acts and
13	practices in violation of section 17200. Defendants' acts and practices of creating nudified images	
14	constitute unf	air business practices because they offend established public policy, the harm they cause
15	to consumers greatly outweighs any benefits associated with those practices, and they are immoral,	
16	unethical, opp	pressive, unscrupulous and/or substantially injurious to consumers.
17		SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION
18		VIOLATION OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE 17200
19	AGAINS	T DEFENDANTS BRIVER LLC, ITAI TECH LTD., AUGUSTIN GRIBINETS,
20		DOE #1, DOE #2, DOE #3 & DOE #4
21	149.	The People incorporate by reference the allegations contained in each paragraph above,
22	as if those alle	egations were fully set forth in this cause of action.
23	150.	California Business and Professions Code section 17200 prohibits any "unlawful,
24	unfair, or frau	dulent business act or practice."
25	151.	Defendants Briver LLC, Itai Tech Ltd., Augustin Gribinets, Doe #1, Doe #2, Doe #3,
26	and Doe #4 and	re engaged in and continue to engage in unlawful business acts and practices in violation
27	of section 172	200. Such acts and practices include, but are not limited to, the following:
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1	a.	Each of the above-named Defendants has violated California Penal Code section
2		311.3(a) prohibiting the knowing development of nonconsensual obscene images of
3		persons under the age of 18 years, or aided and abetted violations of California Penal
4		section 311.3(a) in violation of California Penal Code section 31 by the acts and
5		practices set forth herein.
6	b.	Each of the above-named Defendants has violated California Penal Code section
7		311.2(a) prohibiting the knowing distribution of obscene images, or aided and abetted
8		violations of California Penal section 311.2(a) in violation of California Penal Code
9		section 31 by the acts and practices set forth herein.
10	c.	Each of the above-named Defendants has violated California Penal Code section
11		311.2(b) prohibiting the knowing distribution for commercial gain of obscene images
12		depicting persons under the age of 18 years engaged in sexual conduct, or aided and
13		abetted violations of California Penal section 311.2(b) in violation of California Penal
14		Code section 31 by the acts and practices set forth herein.
15	d.	Each of the above-named Defendants has violated California Penal Code section
16		311.2(c) prohibiting the knowing distribution to adults of images depicting persons
17		under the age of 18 years engaged in sexual conduct, or aided and abetted violations of
18		California Penal section 311.2(c) in violation of California Penal Code section 31 by
19		the acts and practices set forth herein.
20	e.	Each of the above-named Defendants has violated 18 U.S.C. § 1465 prohibiting the
21		knowing production of any obscene images with the intent to distribute by interactive
22		computer service, or aided and abetted violations of 18 U.S.C. § 1465 in violation of 18
23		U.S.C. § 2(a) by the acts and practices set forth herein.
24	f.	Each of the above-named Defendants has violated 18 U.S.C. § 1466 prohibiting
25		engaging in the business of distributing, or knowingly producing with intent to
26		distribute, any obscene images by interactive computer service, or aided and abetted
27		violations of 18 U.S.C. § 1466 in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2(a) by the acts and practices
28		set forth herein.
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- Each of the above-named Defendants has violated 18 U.S.C. § 1466A(a)(1) prohibiting g. the knowing distribution of, or production with intent to distribute, obscene depictions of minors engaging in sexually explicit conduct that were produced by computer, or aided and abetted violations of 18 U.S.C. § 1466A(a)(1) in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2(a) by the acts and practices set forth herein. h. Each of the above-named Defendants has violated 18 U.S.C. § 1466A(b)(1) prohibiting the knowing possession of obscene depictions of minors engaging in sexually explicit conduct that were produced by computer, or aided and abetted violations of 18 U.S.C. § 1466A(b)(1) in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2(a) by the acts and practices set forth herein. i. Each of the above-named Defendants has violated 18 U.S.C. § 2252A(a)(1) prohibiting the knowing distribution of any child pornography by computer, or aided and abetted violations of 18 U.S.C. § 2252A(a)(1) in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2(a) by the acts and practices set forth herein. Each of the above-named Defendants has violated 18 U.S.C. § 2252A(a)(2) prohibiting j. the knowing receipt or distribution of any child pornography or materials containing child pornography by computer, or aided and abetted violations of 18 U.S.C. § 2252A(a)(2) in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2(a) by the acts and practices set forth herein.
  - k. Each of the above-named Defendants has violated 18 U.S.C. § 2252A(a)(4)(B)
    prohibiting the knowing sale of any child pornography by computer, or aided and
    abetted violations of 18 U.S.C. § 2252A(a)(4)(B) in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2(a) by the
    acts and practices set forth herein.
  - Each of the above-named Defendants has violated 18 U.S.C. § 2252A(5)(B) prohibiting the knowing possession of child pornography that was produced or distributed by computer, or aided and abetted violations of 18 U.S.C. § 2252A(5)(B) in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2(a) by the acts and practices set forth herein.
  - m. Each of the above-named Defendants has violated 18 U.S.C. § 2252A(a)(7) prohibiting the knowing production or distribution of any adapted or modified images of child pornography of identifiable minors by computer, or aided and abetted violations of 18

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U.S.C. § 2252A(a)(7) in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2(a) by the acts and practices set forth herein.

152. Defendants Briver LLC, Itai Tech Ltd., Augustin Gribinets, Doe #1, Doe #2, Doe #3, and Doe #4 are engaged in and continue to engage in unfair business acts and practices in violation of section 17200. Each of the above-named Defendants' acts and practices of creating nudified images of children constitute unfair business practices because they offend established public policy, the harm they cause to consumers greatly outweighs any benefits associated with those practices, and they are immoral, unethical, oppressive, unscrupulous and/or substantially injurious to consumers.

#### **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

The People respectfully request that the Court enter judgment in favor of the People and against Defendants, jointly and severally, and grant the following relief:

1. Enjoin all Defendants, their successors, agents, representatives, employees, and any and all other persons who act in concert or participation with Defendants by preliminarily and permanently restraining them from performing or proposing to perform any acts in violation of California Business and Professions Code section 17200 as set forth above, including but not limited to ceasing operation of all websites they own or operate that are capable of creating AI-generated NCII of identifiable individuals.

18 2. Order that any domain-name registrars, domain-name registries, webhosts, payment processors, or companies providing user authentication and authorization services or interfaces who 19 20 are provided with notice of the injunction, shall take all actions necessary to restrain Defendants from performing or proposing to perform any unlawful or unfair business practices in violation of California 22 Business and Professions Code section 17200, including but not limited to ceasing to facilitate access 23 to any websites owned or operated by Defendants that are capable of creating AI-generated NCII of identifiable individuals. 24

25 3. Order each Defendant to pay a civil penalty of \$2,500 for each violation of California Business and Professions Code section 17200. 26

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4. Order Defendants to pay the costs of suit; and

1	5.	Provide such further and additional relief as the Court deems just, proper, and
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