

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA**

Bueno Zaragoza v. Lynch

Bueno Zaragoza · No. 2:21-cv-02294 TLN-JDP · Decided March 12, 2025

OPINION

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PER CURIAM.

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8 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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MA ROSARIO BUENO ZARAGOZA, an 2:21-cv-02294 TLN-JDP

12 individual; ESTATE OF LUIS GIOVANNY AGUILAR, deceased, by his successor-in-
ORDER 13 interest Ma Rosario Bueno Zaragoza, 14 Plaintiffs, 15 v. 16 JEFFREY W. LYNCH, an
individual, and 17 DOES 1 through 30, inclusive, 18 Defendants. 19 20 21 22 On January 23,
2025, Defendants filed a motion for summary judgment. (ECF No. 84.) 23 Plaintiff’s counsel
informed defense counsel that she intended to submit video surveillance 24 footage evidence in
support of her opposition to Defendants’ motion, and on February 18, 2025, 25 defense counsel
submitted the video evidence, along with an unopposed request under Local Rule 26 141 that the
video evidence be filed under seal because it contains confidential and sensitive 27 information.
28] There is “a strong presumption in favor of access to court records.” Ctr. for Auto Safety v. 2 ||
Chrysler Grp., LLC, 809 F.3d 1092, 1096 (9th Cir. 2016) (citation omitted). However, “access to 3
|| judicial records is not absolute.” Kamakana v. City & Cnty. of Honolulu, 447 F.3d 1172, 1178 4 |
(9th Cir. 2006). For dispositive motions, such as a motion for summary judgment, a request to 5 ||
seal can be granted only if the moving party offers a “compelling reason” to keep the information
6 || in question from the public. Ctr. for Auto Safety, 809 F.3d at 1096-97 (quoting Kamakana, 447
7 | F.3d at 1179); see also Xie v. De Young Properties 5418, LP, No. 16-01518, 2018 WL 3241068,
8 | at *2 (E.D. Cal. July 2, 2018). The party seeking to seal must “articulate compelling reasons 9 ||
supported by specific factual findings, that outweigh the general history of access and the public
10 || policies favoring disclosure, such as the public interest in understanding the judicial process.”
11 || Kamakana, 447 F.3d at 1178 (internal marks and citations omitted). 12 Having considered the
request to seal documents, the Court finds that compelling reasons 13 || exist to file the video
evidence under seal. Accordingly, the request to seal the video evidence is 14 | GRANTED. The
Clerk of Court is DIRECTED to file the video evidence under seal along with 15 || the request to

seal in order to preserve the record. 16 IT IS SO ORDERED. 18 | DATED: March 11, 2025 19
Troy L. Nunl y Chief United States District Judge 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

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