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STATE OF ILLINOIS Pollution Control Board

State of Illinois POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD JAMES R. THOMPSON CENTER 100 W. RANDOLPH STREET, SUITE 11-500 CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60601

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FORMAL COMPLAINT

BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

Kyle Nash)
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(Insert your name(s) on lines)
above).)
Complainant(s),)) PCB 01.96) (For Board use)
Karen Sokolowski)
(Insert name(s) of alleged polluter(s) on lines above),)
Respondent(s).)

Note: If you do not use this formal complaint form and instead draft and type your own, it must contain all of the information requested by this form. All items must be completed. If there is insufficient space to complete any item, you may attach additional sheets, specifying the number of the item you are completing. Once completed, you must file the original and nine copies of the formal complaint, notice to respondent, and certificate of service with the Clerk of the Board at the above address.

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1.	Your name, street address, Kyle Nash			
	county, state:	1630 W. 33rd Place, Chicago		
		Cook County		
		Illinois		
		Phone:773.744.1954		
2.	Place where you can be contacted during normal business hours (if different from above):			
		Phone:		
3.	Name and address of respondent (alleged polluter):	Karen Sokolowski		
		1634 W. 33rd Place		
		Chicago, Illinois		
		60608-6202		
		Phone:773.8903838		
		(if known)		

4. Describe the type of business or activity that you allege is causing or allowing pollution (*e.g.*, manufacturing company, home repair shop) and give the address of the pollution source if different than the address above:

Residential win	d chimes.		
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5. List specific sections of the Environmental Protection Act, Board regulations, Board order, or permit that you allege have been or are being violated:

TITLE VI. NOISE

Section 24. Acts Prohibited

No person shall emit beyond the boundaries of his property any noise that unreasonably interferes with the enjoyment of life or with any lawful business or activity, so as to violate any regulations or standard adopted by the Board under this Act.

6. Describe the type of pollution that you allege (*e.g.*, air, odor, noise, water, sewer back-ups, hazardous waste) and the location of the alleged pollution. Be as specific as you reasonably can in describing the alleged pollution:

Wind chimes. They have been variably placed on the front porch and in the back yard.

7. Describe the duration and frequency of the alleged pollution. Be as specific as you reasonably can about when you first noticed the alleged pollution, how frequently it occurs, and whether it is still continuing (include seasons of the year, dates, and times of day if known):

As best I can recall, the wind chimes first became audible in the spring of 2006. They then remained up 24/7 until shortly before the winter holidays of 2006. They were put back up again 24/7 in late February - early March 2007. A second wind chime was put up 24/7 in their back yard in mid-March, 2007. Both remain there today.

Whenever there is any kind of breeze noise can be heard. At those times, the noise can be heard incessantly 24 hours a day often for days and days at a time. There may then be a break of a day or so when there is no breeze but soon the noise begins all over again. Yes, the noise does continue.

8. Describe any bad effects that you believe the alleged pollution has or has had on human health, on plant or animal life, on the environment, on the enjoyment of life or property, or on any lawful business or activity:

The negative effects my two sons and I experience include, but are not limited to: pain and hearing fatigue; exacerbated hearing impairment problems including tinnitus; annoyance and interference with regular social behavior (e.g., increased irritation, agitation, anxiety, frustration, and helplessness); interference with speech communication; sleep disturbance and the attendant consequences of that on both long and short term bases; cardiovascular effects including heart palpitations and higher blood pressure; gastric, digestive, and nutrition problems, negative hormonal responses (i.e., increased stress hormones) and their consequences on metabolism and the immune system (e.g. headaches, nausea, increased illness); cognitive problems including loss of concentration and memory difficulties; increased sense of alienation and hopelessness; and decreased performance and loss of productivity at work and school. (My older son and I work out of our home; my younger son is a college student who studies at home.)

My sons and I have experienced a marked loss of enjoyment of our lives and enjoyment of our property. As a result of this noise pollution, we often don't want to come home anymore, we don't like being in our home when we are there, and we don't any longer enjoy the neighborhood we've lived in and loved for almost 20 years now.

9. Describe the relief that you seek from the Board (*e.g.*, an order that the respondent stop polluting, take pollution abatement measures, perform a cleanup, reimburse cleanup costs, change its operation, or pay a civil penalty (note that the Board cannot order the respondent to pay your attorney fees or any out-of-pocket expenses that you incur by pursuing an enforcement action)):

I am seeking an order that the respondent stop polluting.

10. Identify any identical or substantially similar case you know of that is already pending before the Board or in another forum against this respondent for the same alleged pollution (note that you need not include any complaints made to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency or any unit of local government):

I have no knowledge of any identical or similar cases as described above.

State whether you are representing (a) yourself as an individual or (b) your 11. unincorporated sole proprietorship. Also, state whether you are an attorney and, if so, whether you are licensed and registered to practice law in Illinois. (Under Illinois law, an association, citizens group, unit of local government, or corporation must be represented before the Board by an attorney. Also, an individual who is not an attorney cannot represent another individual or other individuals before the Board. However, an individual who is not an attorney is allowed to represent (a) himself or herself as an individual or (b) his or her unincorporated sole proprietorship, though the individual may prefer having attorney representation.):

I am representing myself as an individual. I am not an attorney.

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(Complainant

CERTIFICATION (optional but encouraged)

Kyle Nash I,

, on oath

or affirmation, state that I have read the foregoing and that it is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

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(Complainant's signature)

Subscribed to and sworn before me

this 254h day of March, 2007.

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8-14-09 My commission expires:

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned, on oath or affirmation, state that on (month, day, year)

March 25, 2007 7:30 PM , I served the attached formal complaint and notice on the respondent by: (check appropriate line)

> certified mail (attach copy of receipt if available, otherwise you must file receipt later with Clerk)

registered mail (attach copy of receipt if available, otherwise you must file receipt later with Clerk)

messenger service (attach copy of receipt if available, otherwise you must file receipt later with Clerk)

<u>X</u> personal service (attach affidavit if available, otherwise you must file affidavit later with Clerk)

at the address below:

RESPONDENT'S ADDRESS:

Name Karen Sokolowski

Street 1634 W. 33rd Place

City, state, zip code Chicago, Illinois 60608-6202 (list each respondent's name and address if multiple respondents)

Complainant's signature

4/09/07

Street 1630 W. 33rd Place

City, state, zip code _____Chicago, Illinois 60608-6202___

Subscribed 19/and sworn before me

this 20 day of 7

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Notary Public

My commission expires:

NOTARY PUBLIC MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 4-9-2007

Sincerely. Kyle Nash Homeowner

[Click here and type your name] [Click here and type job title]

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