UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

For the

District of Columbia

Voltage Pictures, LLC,
Plaintiff

V.

Quest Customer (DOE XXXX)
67.40.214.85
Defendant.

Civil Action No. 1:10-cv-00873-RUM

Motion to Quash Subpoena

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NOW COMES the Defendant, by and moves this Court for an order to Quash Subpoena. In support thereof, the Plaintiff alleges the following:

- 1. The Plaintiff has not informed the Defendant of any violations to which this subpoena was requested. From the information in the subpoena and information the Defendant has been able to obtain, the Plaintiff is alleging the Defendant has violated copyright materials over the internet.
- 2. The Defendant advises the court, if the United States District Court for the District of Columbia takes jurisdiction, it will place an extreme financial burden on the Defendant. The Defendant will not be able to defend him/her self.
- 3. The Defendant is ready to submit evidence, that on the date and time of the alleged act, occupants of the house were out of state, (original receipts with the date, location and name), and all others at a meeting where it is documented and witnessed by over 100 witnesses they were taking place in said meeting, (out of town).
- 4. With the defendant's residence on the west coast of the United States, it is not financially feasible and the defendant would not be able to produce said witnesses in the District of Columbia.
- 5. The defendant has no ties and/or business with the District of Columbia and could not travel with an attorney due to the extreme cost. This would prevent the defendant from lawfully attempting to recover attorney fees.
- 6. The defendant argues the plaintiff is applying a shotgun effect where defendant does not have the legal right/ability to defend him/her self.
- 7. The defendant did not give permission, participate, have knowledge or contribute to the allegations of violation of copyright material and denies all accusations and knowledge of.
- 8. I have included a temporary mailing address and used my assigned unique Quest number for identification. This action was taken to prevent the Plaintiff from receiving the Defendants information by public disclosure prior to the Court issuing a ruling.

WHEREFORE, the Defendant prays this Court that it issue an order Order to Quash the Subponea for Quest Customer 67.40.214.85.

This the 21<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2010.

Respectfully Submitted

Quest Customer 67.40.214.85

P.O. Box 1300 Milton, WA 98354

Craig Carter
Sr Security Specialist
1801 California Street, 11<sup>th</sup> Flr
Denver, Colorado
80202



It is our Company policy to notify our customer when we have received a subpoena requesting their records in civil matters.

Qwest has been legally served with a subpoena from Nicholas A Kurtz; regarding the civil case, <u>Voltage Pictures</u>, <u>ILC vs. Does 1 – 5,000 Defendants</u>. The subpoena requires Qwest to produce copies of any internet traffic for 67.40.214.85 on 4/25/10 at 18:04:56 UTC.

As required by law to the extent we have these records; we will furnish the records on or before September 30, 2010

If you have any objections to this request, then you will need to file them with the court prior to the date Qwest provides them. This case was filed in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, and the case number is 1:10-cv-00873-RMU. I'm enclosing a copy of the subpoena.

If you have any questions regarding this subpoena, you will need to direct your questions to Nicholas A Kurtz, Grubb & Weaver, PLLC at 877 223 7212, or by email to subpoena@dgwlegal.com..

Very truly,

Craig Carter

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

For the

Civil Action No. 1:10-cy-00873-RUM

District of Columbia

Voltage Pictures, LLC, Plaintiff V. Quest Customer (DOE XXXX) 216.160.106.134 Defendant.

Motion to Quash Subroena

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NOW COMES the Defendant, by and moves this Court for an order to Quash Subpoena. In support thereof, the Plaintiff alleges the following:

- 1. The Defendant has now received two notices from his internet provider that said provider has been served with a second subpoena with a different IP Address regarding the above civil action.
- 2. The Defendant, as noted in the previous Motion to Quash Subpoena under line #3 and in this motion under line 5 was out of town when the alleged action took
- 3. The Defendant has not had any knowledge of how this copying procedure was done prior to being notified of the pending subpoena. Upon research, the Defendant was able to learn from a research article from the University of Washington, how it works and several different reasons for false identifications. See insert below.

"Malware and open access points: There are other ways in which innocent users may be implicated for copyright infringement. For example, their computer might be running malware that downloads or hosts copyrighted content, or their home network might have an open wireless access point that someone else uses to share copyrighted content. We do not consider these further in this paper since, in these cases, the user's IP address is involved in the sharing of copyrighted content (even if the user is innocent). Our previous examples show how it is possible for a user's IP address to be incorrectly accused of copyright violation even if no computer using that IP address" is sharing copyrighted content at the time of observation."

- 4. The Defendant has now removed all wireless access points to prevent unauthorized use.
- 5. The Defendant argues his computer was used by unauthorized individual(s), while the Defendant was away.
- 6. The Plaintiff has not informed the Defendant of any violations to which this subpoena was requested. From the information in the subpoena and information the Defendant has been able to obtain, the Plaintiff is alleging the Defendant has violated copyright materials over the internet.

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	Defendants, )	leave to file GRANTED
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## MOTION TO DISMISS FOR LACK OF PERSONAL JURISDICTION AND INCORPORATED MEMORANDUM OF LAW

THE UNDERSIGNED, pro se, moves the court, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(b)(2), and limits his appearance for the purposes of contesting jurisdiction, for an order dismissing the above case against the undersigned, and states that:

### Lack of Personal Jurisdiction

- The Plaintiff bears the burden of demonstrating personal jurisdiction. <u>RAR, Inc.</u>,
   <u>v. Turner Diesel, Ltd.</u>, 107 F.3d 1272, 1276 (7<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1997).
- 2. Federal cases with personal jurisdiction analysis under internet activity have repeatedly dismissed complaints for want of personal jurisdiction unless a contractual relationship exists with a party located within the state to establish sufficient minimum contacts, and no such relationship has been plead by the

- Plaintiff. <u>See GTE New Media Servs. v. BellSouth Corp.</u>, 199 F.3d 1343, 1348-49 (D.C. Cir. 2000) (citing <u>Bensusan Restaurant Corp v. King</u>, 126 F. 3d 25, 29 (2d Cir. 1997); <u>Mink v. AAAA Development, LLC</u>, 190 F.3d 333, 336-37 (5<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1999); <u>Cybersell, Inc. v. Cybersell, Inc.</u>, 130 F.3d 414, 419-420 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1997).
- 3. Plaintiff is fully aware of this court's lack of personal jurisdiction of the undersigned, and is simply using this court to obtain information to subject the undersigned to this jurisdiction, as the Plaintiff is aware that IP addresses may be located geographically to determine the proper jurisdiction without such John Doe discovery. See e.g., 16 Alb. L.J. Sci. & Tech. 343, 356 (discussing IP geolocation technologies). See also Universal City Studios Productions LLLP v. Franklin, 2006 U.S. Dist. Ct. Motions 748729, 9, n4 (N.D. Ind. Sept. 26, 2006) (plaintiff's memorandum of law seeking default judgment for copyright infringement over the internet, discussing geolocation of an ISP and claiming that statutory damages were reasonably related to the hiring of MediaSentry, whereupon investigation of the location of the ISP, they would file a John Doe suit in the jurisdiction where the ISP is located in order to serve discovery).
- 4. Upon compliance from the ISP with the subpoena of the Plaintiff in this case, the John Doe identity will be established and the case will immediately be amended, and the undersigned will be added as a party to the case, and immediately the court will lack personal jurisdiction. Requiring individuals from across the country to litigate in this district creates exactly the sort of hardship and

- unfairness that the personal jurisdiction requirements exist to prevent. <u>See International Shoe</u> at 311. <u>See also U.S. Const. amend. XIV.</u>
- 5. Allowing Plaintiff to proceed with their complaint against the defendant violates due process as it offends "traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice" as guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution. See International Shoe Co. v. Washington, 326 U.S. 310, 316 (1945).

#### Impermissive Joinder

- 6. Plaintiff has joined many multiple defendants in this action, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 20 which states:
  - "Persons . . . maybe joined in one action as defendants if:
    - (A) any right to relief is asserted against them jointly, severally, or in the alternative with respect to or arising out of the same transaction, occurrence, or series of transactions or occurrences; and
    - (B) any question of law or fact common to all defendants will arise in the action."
- 7. Logically, many separate cases that would not be proper for joinder will share questions of law, but by the very nature of the available defenses to this copyright infringement, it follows that each defendant is likely to have different facts in their defense, and therefore have different questions involving different areas of law, each having their own alleged separate behavior.
- 8. The courts have ordered severance of lawsuits involving similar alleged transactions of copyright infringement. See e.g., LaFace Records, LLC v. Does 1-

38, 2008 WL 544992 (E.D.N.C. Feb 27, 2008) (stating that the same type of violation does not allow for joinder of defendants); BMG Music v. Does 1-4, 2006 U.S. Dist. Lexis 53237, at 5-6 (N.D. Cal. July 31, 2006) (court severed defendants where only connection was they used the same ISP); Interscope Records v. Does 1-25, 2004 U.S. Dist LEXIS 27782 (M.D. Fla. Apr. 1, 2004) (magistrate recommended severance of multiple defendants where they used the same ISP and P2P network for copyright infringement); Twentieth Century Fox Film Corp., et al., v. Does 1-12, No. C-04-04862 (N.D. Cal Nov. 16, 2004) (copyright suit against twelve John Doe defendants, court permitted discovery of first Doe defendant but stayed case as to remaining Does until plaintiff could demonstrate proper joinder).

9. Based on the available defenses of all defendants, and separate set of facts and law surrounding, each potential defendant, the Plaintiff has impermissibly joined multiple defendants in violation of Rule 20, Fed. R. Civ. P.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned Defendant prays that this honorable court dismiss the Plaintiff's complaint as it pertains to the undersigned for lack of personal jurisdiction, or in the alternative, to remove the case from this court to a proper location, and the undersigned moves for a severance of all Defendants, or in the alternative, the undersigned moves for a severance of the case against him/her personally from the rest of the Defendants.

The undersigned proposes an order similar in form to: "The case against "John Doe #4000 (identity protected)" is hereby dismissed."

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Dated this 1 day of Septmber , 2010

Respectfully submitted,

Does 1 - 5000

Address Ln1: 1801 California Street

Address Ln2:

Name:

City, State, Zip: Denver CO 80202

Phone Number: John Doe #xxxx

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### MOTION TO QUASH AND/OR VACATE SUBPOENA AND INCORPORATED MEMORANDUM OF LAW

THE UNDERSIGNED, pro se, moves the court, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 45(c)(3), and limits his appearance for the purposes of contesting jurisdiction, for an order quashing the subpoena served on <a href="Qwest">Qwest</a>, the internet service provider (ISP) of the undersigned, seeking information relating to subscriber information of a certain IP address, and states that:

1. The undersigned was not the direct recipient of the subpoena at issue in this case, but is instead an end user of the above named Internet Service Provider (ISP), but has standing to file this motion to quash pursuant to the personal right and privilege of protection of information, identity, rights of jurisdiction, and undue

- burden of travel. See Smith v. Midland Brake, Inc., 162 F.R.D. 683, 685 (D. Kan. 1995).
- 2. The purpose of the subpoena issued to the undersigned is to disclose my identity as a listed "Doe" in the above styled case, a placeholder name used when a defendant's true identity is unknown. See generally, Plant v. Does, 19 F. Supp. 2d 1316, 1320 (S.D. Fla. 1998).
- 3. Once the Plaintiff has ascertained the name of the Defendant through the process of discovery, or in the instant case, through their subpoena, the plaintiff must amend the complaint to name the defendant and effect service of process.

  Slaughter v. City of Unadilla, 2008 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 8350 (M.D. Ga. 2008).
- 4. After amending the Plaintiff's complaint to reflect the disclosed identity, the undersigned would be subjected to the personal jurisdiction of a lawsuit filed in the District Court for the District of Columbia, without transacting any business in the District of Columbia, and without any other sufficient minimum contacts. See GTE New Media Servs. v. BellSouth Corp., 199 F.3d 1343, 1347 (D.C. Cir. 2000). See also International Shoe Co. v. Washington, 326 U.S. 310, 316 (1945).
- 5. Federal cases with personal jurisdiction analysis under internet activity have repeatedly dismissed complaints for want of personal jurisdiction unless a contractual relationship exists with a party located within the state to establish sufficient minimum contacts, and no such relationship has been plead by the Plaintiff. See GTE New Media Servs. v. BellSouth Corp., 199 F.3d 1343, 1348-49 (D.C. Cir. 2000) (citing Bensusan Restaurant Corp v. King, 126 F. 3d 25, 29 (2d Cir. 1997); Mink v. AAAA Development, LLC, 190 F.3d 333, 336-37 (5<sup>th</sup>

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- 6. Plaintiff is fully aware of this court's lack of personal jurisdiction of the undersigned, and is simply using this court to obtain information to subject the undersigned to this jurisdiction, as the Plaintiff is aware that IP addresses may be located geographically to determine the proper jurisdiction without such John Doe discovery. See e.g., 16 Alb. L.J. Sci. & Tech. 343, 356 (discussing IP geolocation technologies). See also <u>Universal City Studios Productions LLLP v. Franklin</u>. 2006 U.S. Dist. Ct. Motions 748729, 9, n4 (N.D. Ind. Sept. 26, 2006) (plaintiff's memorandum of law seeking default judgment for copyright infringement over the internet, discussing geolocation of an ISP and claiming that statutory damages were reasonably related to the hiring of MediaSentry, whereupon investigation of the location of the ISP, they would file a John Doe suit in the jurisdiction where the ISP is located in order to serve discovery).
- 7. Further, the undersigned contests the personal jurisdiction of this court over the ISP on which the subpoena was served and demands strict proof thereof.
- 8. Upon compliance from the ISP with the information requested, the John Doe identity will be established and the case will immediately be amended, and the undersigned will be added as a party to the case, causing an undue burden sufficient enough for this court to quash the subpoena at issue in this motion.

  Requiring individuals from across the country to litigate in this district creates exactly the sort of hardship and unfairness that the personal jurisdiction requirements exist to prevent.

9. Allowing Plaintiff to proceed without quashing this subpoena would allow general jurisdiction in any federal court against any person across the country, or the world, so long as the claim involved a John Doe defendant and internet use, and such precedent violates due process as it offends "traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice" as guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution. <u>See</u>

International <u>Shoe Co. v. Washington</u>, 326 U.S. 310, 316 (1945).

WHEREFORE the undersigned Defendant prays this honorable court quash the subpoena requesting subscriber information relating to my IP address issued against the Internet Service Provider in the instant case, and suspend discovery pursuant to the local rules.

The undersigned would respectfully request an order protecting his identity, ubstantially in the form of "The dubpoena seeking information from regarding John Doe #XXXX (identity protected), is hereby quashed."

Dated this 1 day of Septmber , 20 10

Respectfully submitted,

Name: Does 1 - 5000

Address Ln1: 1801 California Street

Address Ln2:

City, State, Zip: Denver CO 80202

Phone Number: John Doe #xxxx

Voltage Pictures, LLC Plaintiff, Civil Action No. (or Docket No.) 1:10-cv-00873-RMU v. Does 1 - 5000 ,pro se John Doe #xxxx Toave to file GRANTED
10/26/10 and multiple John Does Defendants.

### **MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER**

This motion is pursuant to Rule 37, F. R. Civ. Pr., and is for a protective order to be issued in the above styled case, and files this motion not to make an appearance, but to contest personal jurisdiction, and is made by the undersigned who states that:

- 1. The undersigned has complied with Rule 37(1) in that he has conferred with the party failing to make disclosure or discovery, namely, his internet service provider, who provided notice of the underlying action and the expressed opportunity to file a motion to quash a subpoena.
- 2. Notice is not required to all parties under the rule.
- 3. This is filed in the court where the discovery is to be taken on a non-party, pursuant to Rule 37(2).

- 4. The purpose of the various filings by the undersigned is to protect his identity from being disclosed to the Plaintiff and automatically subjecting himself to the jurisdiction of this court.
- 5. The authority of this motion is based on principles higher than statutory authority, that of personal jurisdiction guaranteed by the constitution. See, International Shoe Co. v. Washington, 326 U.S. 310 (1945).

WHEREFORE, the undersigned would respectfully request an order protecting his identity, substantially in the form of "John Doe #XXXX (identity protected) has filed motion for protective order in this case, and all filings shall be redacted to eliminate personal information when electronically docketed."

Dated this 1 day of Septmber , 2010 .

Respectfully submitted,

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### **United States District Court** For the **District of Columbia**

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Clerk, U.S. District and Bankruptcy Courts

Voltage Pictures, LLC

Vs.

Civil Action No. 1:10-cv-09873-RMU

Motion to Quash Subpoena to Produce Documents,
Information, or Objects or to Permit Inspection of Premises in
a Civil Action

An Original Subpoena was delivered to: Qwest, c/o CT Corporation System, 1015 15th Street, NW, Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20005

The subpoena commands Owest to provide electronic documents and records which are connected or associated with the IP Address 97.127.24.109 for the date 5/29/2010 at 02:13:22 UTC.

I am respectfully requesting that this order be quashed and the records not be released to the plaintiff, Voltage Pictures, LLC due to the fact that my wireless internet system's security has been compromised and any one of dozens of my neighbors may have been downloading material through my IP address. We are working to fix this problem with our internet security now that it has been detected and have noticed much activity on the system, even when our computers are turned off. This is what has alerted us to the security problem. New equipment configurations are expected during October, which should severely limit my neighbor's and passersby's ability to connect via our network.

Furthermore, we do not own or possess and have not owned any of the Plaintiff's films to the best of our knowledge and based upon the offerings that the Plaintiff lists on their website: Voltagepictures.com.

Sincerely,

Oct. 5,2010

v.

Voltage Pictures, Plaintiff,

v.

Defendants,

Civil Action No. (or Docket No.)

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#### Lack of Personal Jurisdiction

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WHEREFORE, the undersigned Defendant prays that this honorable court dismiss the Plaintiff's complaint as it pertains to the undersigned for lack of personal jurisdiction, or in the alternative, to remove the case from this court to a proper location, and the undersigned moves for a severance of all Defendants, or in the alternative, the undersigned moves for a severance of the case against him/her personally from the rest of the Defendants.

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## <u>AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF MOTIONS TO DISMISS, MOTION TO QUASH, AND GENERAL DEFENSES</u>

### Filed Under Penalty of Perjury

I, Nrcole 6. Lipson, the Affiant, am making and filing this affidavit solely in support of disputing jurisdiction in the above styled matter. However, in the event that jurisdiction is found proper, and proper service is effected on the undersigned, and if no supplementary answer is filed by the Defendant within 30 days of service, the intent of this affidavit shall be changed to be considered to be a verified response to the Plaintiff's complaint, negatively averring all claims, and setting forth affirmative defenses. I hereby certify that the following statements are true, and upon being first duly sworn on oath and before a person authorized to take swear and accept such oath, I, the Affiant, sayeth that:

Personal Jurisdiction

- Affiant has had no contact and done no business with the Plaintiff, and has not
  entered into any agreements with the Plaintiff that is the subject of this claim and
  relief sought.
- 2. Affiant does not reside within the state or district in which the above styled case was filed, and instead resides in  $Marie++A_2$
- Affiant has not caused tortuous injury within the state or district in which the above styled case was filed.
- 4. Affiant does not regularly solicit business within the state or district in which the above styled case was filed.
- 5. Affiant does not engage in any other persistent course of conduct within the state or district in which the above styled case was filed.
- 6. Affiant does not derive substantial revenue from goods used or consumed, or services rendered, within the state or district in which the above case was filed.
- I have taken no action, and had no contacts, which would reasonably allow me to anticipate being haled into court within the state or district in which the above case was filed.
- 8. I am unaware of any defenses that I have taken that are similar in nature to the other Defendants in this case, and I am unaware of any reasonable connection between myself and the cases of the other Defendants.

### General Defenses/Affirmative Defenses

Affiant, by virtue of selection by mark of the below affirmative defenses, adopts the statements as true within this affidavit:

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Dated this 17 day of September, 20 10

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Respectfully submitted,

Address Ln2:

Address Ln1:

City, State, Zip: Marie 44A, 6A 30067

Phone Number: >70 951 7950

v. Does 1-5,000

pro se

and multiple John Does

Defendants,

Civil Action No. (or Docket No.)

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Dated this / day of September, 2010

NICOLE G. LIPSON 3845 LAKE Shore DR. NE Name:

Address Ln1:

Respectfully submitted,

Address Ln2:

City, State, Zip: Marietta, GA 30067

>>0 951 7950 Phone Number:

Dated this 17 day of September, 20 10

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FURTHER, AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

BY SIGNING BELOW, I hereby declare, certify, verify, and state, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America, that the foregoing is true and 9 117/2010 correct. Dated

Print Name:

THE FOREGOING FACTS were sworn to, subscribed and acknowledged as true before me on this May, of Justember, 2010, by Nicole 4 ipson, who is personally known to me or who produced a valid state driver's license as identification and who did take an oath.

Notary Public - State of Crorgia

Printed Name: Tonya Price

My Commission No.:

My Commission Expires: 4 /19 /2011

Dated this 17th day of September, 2010

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Marietta, 6× 30067 >70 951 7950 City, State, Zip:

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Voltage Pictures, LLC

Plaintiff,

Civil Action No. (or Docket No.)

1:10--cv-00873-RMU

Kenneth G. Kupke

404 851 1776

and multiple John Does

Defendants,

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Respectfully submitted,

Name: Kenneth G. Kunke

Address Ln1: 5050 Jett Forest Trail NW

Address Ln2:

City, State, Zip: Atlanta GA 30327

Phone Number: 404 851 1776

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## AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF MOTIONS TO DISMISS, MOTION TO QUASH, AND GENERAL DEFENSES

### Filed Under Penalty of Perjury

I, Kenneth G. Kupke , the Affiant, am making and filing this affidavit solely in support of disputing jurisdiction in the above styled matter. However, in the event that jurisdiction is found proper, and proper service is effected on the undersigned, and if no supplementary answer is filed by the Defendant within 30 days of service, the intent of this affidavit shall be changed to be considered to be a verified response to the Plaintiff's complaint, negatively averring all claims, and setting forth affirmative defenses. I hereby certify that the following statements are true, and upon being first duly sworn on oath and before a person authorized to take swear and accept such oath, I, the Affiant, sayeth that:

Personal Jurisdiction

- Affiant has had no contact and done no business with the Plaintiff, and has not entered into any agreements with the Plaintiff that is the subject of this claim and relief sought.
- Affiant does not reside within the state or district in which the above styled case was filed, and instead resides in Atlanta GA 30327
- 3. Affiant has not caused tortuous injury within the state or district in which the above styled case was filed.
- 4. Affiant does not regularly solicit business within the state or district in which the above styled case was filed.
- 5. Affiant does not engage in any other persistent course of conduct within the state or district in which the above styled case was filed.
- 6. Aftiant does not derive substantial revenue from goods used or consumed, or services rendered, within the state or district in which the above case was filed.
- 7. I have taken no action, and had no contacts, which would reasonably allow me to anticipate being haled into court within the state or district in which the above case was filed.
- 8. I am unaware of any defenses that I have taken that are similar in nature to the other Defendants in this case, and I am unaware of any reasonable connection between myself and the cases of the other Defendants.

### General Defenses/Affirmative Defenses

Affiant, by virtue of selection by mark of the below affirmative defenses, adopts the statements as true within this affidavit:

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BY SIGNING BELOW, I hereby declare, certify, verify, and state, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America, that the foregoing is true and correct. Dated 09 /15 /20 10

Print Name: Kenneth G. Kunke

THE FOREGOING FACTS were sworn to, subscribed and acknowledged as true before me on this day, of the day, 2010, by King who is personally known to me or who produced a valid state driver's license as identification and who did take an oath.

Notary Public - State of

Printed Name: DUNSC Half - LANSL XU

My Commission No.: NA

My Commission Expires: 10/15/13

Dated this 15 day of September , 2010

Respectfully submitted,

Name: Kenneth G. Kvin

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### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Voltage Pictures, LLC	)	
v.	Plaintiff, ) ) )	Civil Action No. (or Docket No.) 1:10cv-00873-RMU
Kenneth G. Kupke 404 851 1776 and multiple John Does	,pro se )	Leave to file GRANTED
	Defendants, )	leave to file GRANIED

### MOTION TO QUASH AND/OR VACATE SUBPOENA AND INCORPORATED MEMORANDUM OF LAW

THE UNDERSIGNED, pro se, moves the court, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 45(c)(3), and limits his appearance for the purposes of contesting jurisdiction, for an order quashing the subpoena served on **Earthlink**, the internet service provider (ISP) of the undersigned, seeking information relating to subscriber information of a certain IP address, and states that:

1. The undersigned was not the direct recipient of the subpoena at issue in this case, but is instead an end user of the above named Internet Service Provider (ISP), but has standing to file this motion to quash pursuant to the personal right and privilege of protection of information, identity, rights of jurisdiction, and undue

- burden of travel. See Smith v. Midland Brake, Inc., 162 F.R.D. 683, 685 (D. Kan. 1995).
- 2. The purpose of the subpoena issued to the undersigned is to disclose my identity as a listed "Doe" in the above styled case, a placeholder name used when a defendant's true identity is unknown. See generally, Plant v. Does, 19 F. Supp. 2d 1316, 1320 (S.D. Fla. 1998).
- 3. Once the Plaintiff has ascertained the name of the Defendant through the process of discovery, or in the instant case, through their subpoena, the plaintiff must amend the complaint to name the defendant and effect service of process.
  Slaughter v. City of Unadilla, 2008 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 8350 (M.D. Ga. 2008).
- 4. After amending the Plaintiff's complaint to reflect the disclosed identity, the undersigned would be subjected to the personal jurisdiction of a lawsuit filed in the District Court for the District of Columbia, without transacting any business in the District of Columbia, and without any other sufficient minimum contacts. See GTE New Media Servs. v. BellSouth Corp., 199 F.3d 1343, 1347 (D.C. Cir. 2000). See also International Shoe Co. v. Washington, 326 U.S. 310, 316 (1945).
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Kenneth G. Kur

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5050 Jett Forest Trail NW

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City, State, Zip:

GA

30327

Phone Number:

404 851 1776

Atlanta

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Voltage Pictures, LLC

Plaintiff,

Plaintiff,

Civil Action No. (or Docket No.)

1:10--cv-00873-RMU

Kenneth G. Kupke

404 851 1776

and multiple John Does

Defendants,

Defendants,

### MOTION TO DISMISS FOR LACK OF PERSONAL JURISDICTION AND INCORPORATED MEMORANDUM OF LAW

THE UNDERSIGNED, pro se, moves the court, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(b)(2), and limits his appearance for the purposes of contesting jurisdiction, for an order dismissing the above case against the undersigned, and states that:

#### Lack of Personal Jurisdiction

- The Plaintiff bears the burden of demonstrating personal jurisdiction. <u>RAR, Inc.</u>,
   <u>v. Turner Diesel, Ltd.</u>, 107 F.3d 1272, 1276 (7<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1997).
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#### Impermissive Joinder

- 6. Plaintiff has joined many multiple defendants in this action, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 20 which states:
  - "Persons . . . maybe joined in one action as defendants if:
    - (A) any right to relief is asserted against them jointly, severally, or in the alternative with respect to or arising out of the same transaction, occurrence, or series of transactions or occurrences; and
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- 7. Logically, many separate cases that would not be proper for joinder will share questions of law, but by the very nature of the available defenses to this copyright infringement, it follows that each defendant is likely to have different facts in their defense, and therefore have different questions involving different areas of law, each having their own alleged separate behavior.
- 8. The courts have ordered severance of lawsuits involving similar alleged transactions of copyright infringement. See e.g., LaFace Records, LLC v. Does 1-

38, 2008 WL 544992 (E.D.N.C. Feb 27, 2008) (stating that the same type of violation does not allow for joinder of defendants); BMG Music v. Does 1-4, 2006 U.S. Dist. Lexis 53237, at 5-6 (N.D. Cal. July 31, 2006) (court severed defendants where only connection was they used the same ISP); Interscope Records v. Does 1-25, 2004 U.S. Dist LEXIS 27782 (M.D. Fla. Apr. 1, 2004) (magistrate recommended severance of multiple defendants where they used the same ISP and P2P network for copyright infringement); Twentieth Century Fox Film Corp., et al., v. Does 1-12, No. C-04-04862 (N.D. Cal Nov. 16, 2004) (copyright suit against twelve John Doe defendants, court permitted discovery of first Doe defendant but stayed case as to remaining Does until plaintiff could demonstrate proper joinder).

9. Based on the available defenses of all defendants, and separate set of facts and law surrounding, each potential defendant, the Plaintiff has impermissibly joined multiple defendants in violation of Rule 20, Fed. R. Civ. P.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned Defendant prays that this honorable court dismiss the Plaintiff's complaint as it pertains to the undersigned for lack of personal jurisdiction, or in the alternative, to remove the case from this court to a proper location, and the undersigned moves for a severance of all Defendants, or in the alternative, the undersigned moves for a severance of the case against him/her personally from the rest of the Defendants.

The undersigned proposes an order similar in form to: "The case against "John Doe #4000 (identity protected)" is hereby dismissed."

Dated this 15 day of September , 2010

Respectfully submitted,

Name: Kenneth G. Kupke

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Address Ln2:

City, State, Zip: Atlanta GA 30327

Phone Number: 404 851 1776

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Voltage Pictures, LLC

Plaintiff,

Civil Action No. (or Docket No.)

1:10-cv-00873-RMU

DELMAR R. TOWNER

pro se

DOES 1-5000

Defendants,

Lawe to file GRANTED

10 /26/10

### MOTION TO DISMISS FOR LACK OF PERSONAL JURISDICTION AND INCORPORATED MEMORANDUM OF LAW

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Dated this 16 day of September , 2010

Respectfully submitted,

X Seimaria, Tower, pro se

Name: DELMAR R. TOWLER

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Address Ln2:

City, State, Zip: Sutherlin, Or 9747?

Phone Number:

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#### FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Voltage Pictures, LLC v.	) ) Plaintiff, ) ) )	Civil Action No. (or Docket No.) 1:10-cv-00873-RMU
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1. The undersigned was not the direct recipient of the subpoena at issue in this case, but is instead an end user of the above named Internet Service Provider (ISP), but has standing to file this motion to quash pursuant to the personal right and privilege of protection of information, identity, rights of jurisdiction, and undue

- Case 1:10-cv-00873-RMU Document 18 Filed 10/26/10 Page 54 of 82 burden of travel. See Smith v. Midland Brake, Inc., 162 F.R.D. 683, 685 (D. Kan. 1995).
- 2. The purpose of the subpoena issued to the undersigned is to disclose my identity as a listed "Doe" in the above styled case, a placeholder name used when a defendant's true identity is unknown. See generally, Plant v. Does, 19 F. Supp. 2d 1316, 1320 (S.D. Fla. 1998).
- 3. Once the Plaintiff has ascertained the name of the Defendant through the process of discovery, or in the instant case, through their subpoena, the plaintiff must amend the complaint to name the defendant and effect service of process.
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- 4. After amending the Plaintiff's complaint to reflect the disclosed identity, the undersigned would be subjected to the personal jurisdiction of a lawsuit filed in the District Court for the District of Columbia, without transacting any business in the District of Columbia, and without any other sufficient minimum contacts. See GTE New Media Servs. v. BellSouth Corp., 199 F.3d 1343, 1347 (D.C. Cir. 2000). See also International Shoe Co. v. Washington, 326 U.S. 310, 316 (1945).
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- Case 1:10-cv-00873-RMU Document 18 Filed 10/26/10 Page 55 of 82 Cir. 1999); Cybersell, Inc. v. Cybersell, Inc., 130 F.3d 414, 419-420 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1997).
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- 8. Upon compliance from the ISP with the information requested, the John Doe identity will be established and the case will immediately be amended, and the undersigned will be added as a party to the case, causing an undue burden sufficient enough for this court to quash the subpoena at issue in this motion. Requiring individuals from across the country to litigate in this district creates exactly the sort of hardship and unfairness that the personal jurisdiction requirements exist to prevent.

Case 1:10-cv-00873-RMU Document 18 Filed 10/26/10 Page 56 of 82 9. Allowing Plaintiff to proceed without quashing this subpoena would allow general jurisdiction in any federal court against any person across the country, or the world, so long as the claim involved a John Doe defendant and internet use, and such precedent violates due process as it offends "traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice" as guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution. <u>See</u>

International Shoe Co. v. Washington, 326 U.S. 310, 316 (1945).

WHEREFORE the undersigned Defendant prays this honorable court quash the subpoena requesting subscriber information relating to my IP address issued against the Internet Service Provider in the instant case, and suspend discovery pursuant to the local rules.

The undersigned would respectfully request an order protecting his identity, ubstantially in the form of "The dubpoena seeking information from regarding John Doe #XXXX (identity protected), is hereby quashed."

Dated this 16 day of September , 20 10

Respectfully submitted,

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Name:

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760 E. Central Ave

Address Ln2:

City, State, Zip:

Sutherlin, Or 97479

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Phone Number:

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Voltage Pictures, LLC	Plaintiff,	) ) ) Civil Action No. (or Docket No.)
v.		) 1:10-cv-00873-RMU
Delmar R Towler		) )
	,pro se	)
Does 1-5000		)
		)
	Defendants,	_)

### AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF MOTIONS TO DISMISS, MOTION TO QUASH, AND GENERAL DEFENSES

#### **Filed Under Penalty of Perjury**

I, Delmar R Towler , the Affiant, am making and filing this affidavit solely in support of disputing jurisdiction in the above styled matter. However, in the event that jurisdiction is found proper, and proper service is effected on the undersigned, and if no supplementary answer is filed by the Defendant within 30 days of service, the intent of this affidavit shall be changed to be considered to be a verified response to the Plaintiff's complaint, negatively averring all claims, and setting forth affirmative defenses. I hereby certify that the following statements are true, and upon being first duly sworn on oath and before a person authorized to take swear and accept such oath, I, the Affiant, sayeth that:

#### Personal Jurisdiction

- Affiant has had no contact and done no business with the Plaintiff, and has not entered into any agreements with the Plaintiff that is the subject of this claim and relief sought.
- 2. Affiant does not reside within the state or district in which the above styled case was filed, and instead resides in Sutherlin, Or 974**79**
- 3. Affiant has not caused tortuous injury within the state or district in which the above styled case was filed.
- Affiant does not regularly solicit business within the state or district in which the above styled case was filed.
- 5. Affiant does not engage in any other persistent course of conduct within the state or district in which the above styled case was filed.
- 6. Affiant does not derive substantial revenue from goods used or consumed, or services rendered, within the state or district in which the above case was filed.
- 7. I have taken no action, and had no contacts, which would reasonably allow me to anticipate being haled into court within the state or district in which the above case was filed.
- 8. I am unaware of any defenses that I have taken that are similar in nature to the other Defendants in this case, and I am unaware of any reasonable connection between myself and the cases of the other Defendants.

#### General Defenses/Affirmative Defenses

Affiant, by virtue of selection by mark of the below affirmative defenses, adopts the statements as true within this affidavit:

Affiant has multiple computers in their residence used by multiple users
(family members, roommates, friends, visitors, etc.), that all share the same IP
address (internet connection). Affiant has no knowledge of the alleged
infringement.
Affiant has a wireless router with only WEP security enabled, and therefore
the internet address responsible for the alleged infringement was susceptible to
use to by the general public within range. Affiant has no knowledge of the
alleged infringement.
Affiant downloaded the movie, but such movie was intended to be used or
used for non-profit educational purposes.
Affiant, under penalty of perjury, certifies to this court, that they have no
knowledge of the alleged infringement.
Affiant owned a DVD of the movie during the alleged infringement and
downloaded the movie in an effort to make a backup copy of the film on their
computer.
Affiant has multiple computers in their residence used by multiple users
(family members, roommates, friends, visitors, etc.), that all share the same IP

address (internet connection). Affiant has knowledge of the alleged infringement, but did not commit the alleged infringement.

FURTHER, AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

BY SIGNING BELOW, I hereby declare, certify, verify, and state, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America, that the foregoing is true and correct. Dated 09 / 16 /20 10

Print Name: DELMAR R, Towler

THE FOREGOING FACTS were sworn to, subscribed and acknowledged as true before me on this <u>/b</u> day, of <u>SEPTEMBEN</u>, 2010, by <u>DELMARE TOWLER</u> who is personally known to me or who produced a valid state driver's license as identification and who did take an oath.

Notary Public - State of CREGON

Printed Name: SUSAN PUBLINSON

My Commission No.: 433917

My Commission Expires: 12-29-12

(notary seal)

OFFICIAL SEAL

Dated this 16 day of September , 2010

Respectfully submitted,

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Phone Number: 541-459 - 2823

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Voltage Pictures, LLC

Plaintiff,

Civil Action No. (or Docket No.)

1:10-cv-00873-RMU

DELMAR R. TOWLER pro se

DOES 1-5000

Defendants,

Defendants,

#### **MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER**

This motion is pursuant to Rule 37, F. R. Civ. Pr., and is for a protective order to be issued in the above styled case, and files this motion not to make an appearance, but to contest personal jurisdiction, and is made by the undersigned who states that:

- 1. The undersigned has complied with Rule 37(1) in that he has conferred with the party failing to make disclosure or discovery, namely, his internet service provider, who provided notice of the underlying action and the expressed opportunity to file a motion to quash a subpoena.
- 2. Notice is not required to all parties under the rule.
- 3. This is filed in the court where the discovery is to be taken on a non-party, pursuant to Rule 37(2).

- 4. The purpose of the various filings by the undersigned is to protect his identity from being disclosed to the Plaintiff and automatically subjecting himself to the jurisdiction of this court.
- 5. The authority of this motion is based on principles higher than statutory authority, that of personal jurisdiction guaranteed by the constitution. See, International Shoe Co. v. Washington, 326 U.S. 310 (1945).

WHEREFORE, the undersigned would respectfully request an order protecting his identity, substantially in the form of "John Doe #XXXX (identity protected) has filed motion for protective order in this case, and all filings shall be redacted to eliminate personal information when electronically docketed."

Dated this 16 day of September , 2010

Respectfully submitted,

X Delmar A. Herner, pro se

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City, State, Zip: Sutherlin, Or 97479

Phone Number: 541-459-7823

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Voltage Pictures LL6

Plaintiff,

v.

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Richard L Stelluk prose

and multiple John Does

Defendants,

Civil Action No. (or Docket No.)

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### MOTION TO QUASH AND/OR VACATE SUBPOENA AND INCORPORATED MEMORANDUM OF LAW

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1. The undersigned was not the direct recipient of the subpoena at issue in this case, but is instead an end user of the above named Internet Service Provider (ISP), but has standing to file this motion to quash pursuant to the personal right and privilege of protection of information, identity, rights of jurisdiction, and undue

- burden of travel. See Smith v. Midland Brake, Inc., 162 F.R.D. 683, 685 (D. Kan. 1995).
- The purpose of the subpoena issued to the undersigned is to disclose my identity
  as a listed "Doe" in the above styled case, a placeholder name used when a
  defendant's true identity is unknown. <u>See generally</u>, <u>Plant v. Does</u>, 19 F. Supp.
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Dated this 14 day of Catalar , 20 /c

Respectfully submitted,

Name: Richard L. Stelleh

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City, State, Zip: L'ancoiser WA. 9866/

Phone Number: 360 - 797 4152

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

v.

Voltage Pictures LLC

Plaintiff,

v.

Notes 1-5,000

Richard L. Stellich ,prose

and multiple John Does

Defendants,

Civil Action No. (or Docket No.)

1:10-cv -00873-RMU

Leave to file GRANTED

MOTION TO DISMISS FOR LACK OF PERSONAL JURISDICTION AND INCORPORATED MEMORANDUM OF LAW

THE UNDERSIGNED, pro se, moves the court, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(b)(2), and limits his appearance for the purposes of contesting jurisdiction, for an order dismissing the above case against the undersigned, and states that:

#### Lack of Personal Jurisdiction

- The Plaintiff bears the burden of demonstrating personal jurisdiction. <u>RAR, Inc.</u>,
   <u>v. Turner Diesel, Ltd.</u>, 107 F.3d 1272, 1276 (7<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1997).
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- unfairness that the personal jurisdiction requirements exist to prevent. <u>See</u> International Shoe at 311. <u>See also U.S. Const. amend. XIV.</u>
- 5. Allowing Plaintiff to proceed with their complaint against the defendant violates due process as it offends "traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice" as guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution. See International Shoe Co. v. Washington, 326 U.S. 310, 316 (1945).

#### Impermissive Joinder

- 6. Plaintiff has joined many multiple defendants in this action, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 20 which states:
  - "Persons . . . maybe joined in one action as defendants if:
    - (A) any right to relief is asserted against them jointly, severally, or in the alternative with respect to or arising out of the same transaction, occurrence, or series of transactions or occurrences;
       and
    - (B) any question of law or fact common to all defendants will arise in the action."
- 7. Logically, many separate cases that would not be proper for joinder will share questions of law, but by the very nature of the available defenses to this copyright infringement, it follows that each defendant is likely to have different facts in their defense, and therefore have different questions involving different areas of law, each having their own alleged separate behavior.
- 8. The courts have ordered severance of lawsuits involving similar alleged transactions of copyright infringement. See e.g., LaFace Records, LLC v. Does 1-

38, 2008 WL 544992 (E.D.N.C. Feb 27, 2008) (stating that the same type of violation does not allow for joinder of defendants); BMG Music v. Does 1-4, 2006 U.S. Dist. Lexis 53237, at 5-6 (N.D. Cal. July 31, 2006) (court severed defendants where only connection was they used the same ISP); Interscope Records v. Does 1-25, 2004 U.S. Dist LEXIS 27782 (M.D. Fla. Apr. 1, 2004) (magistrate recommended severance of multiple defendants where they used the same ISP and P2P network for copyright infringement); Twentieth Century Fox Film Corp., et al., v. Does 1-12, No. C-04-04862 (N.D. Cal Nov. 16, 2004) (copyright suit against twelve John Doe defendants, court permitted discovery of first Doe defendant but stayed case as to remaining Does until plaintiff could demonstrate proper joinder).

9. Based on the available defenses of all defendants, and separate set of facts and law surrounding, each potential defendant, the Plaintiff has impermissibly joined multiple defendants in violation of Rule 20, Fed. R. Civ. P.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned Defendant prays that this honorable court dismiss the Plaintiff's complaint as it pertains to the undersigned for lack of personal jurisdiction, or in the alternative, to remove the case from this court to a proper location, and the undersigned moves for a severance of all Defendants, or in the alternative, the undersigned moves for a severance of the case against him/her personally from the rest of the Defendants.

The undersigned proposes an order similar in form to: "The case against "John Doe #4000 (identity protected)" is hereby dismissed."

Dated this 14 day of October, 20 10

Respectfully submitted,

Name: Richa, d. L. Stelleh Address Ln1: 1600 June Popule

Address Ln2:

City, State, Zip: Landerice: Lun. 98661

360-748 - 4158 Phone Number:

### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Voltage Pictures LLC
Plaintiff, ٧. DOES 1-5,000 Richard L Stelloh prose and multiple John Does Defendants.

Civil Action No. (or Docket No.)

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AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF MOTIONS TO DISMISS, MOTION TO QUASH, AND GENERAL DEFENSES

Filed Under Penalty of Perjury

Richard L. Stellah, the Affiant, am making and filing this affidavit solely in support of disputing jurisdiction in the above styled matter. However, in the event that jurisdiction is found proper, and proper service is effected on the undersigned, and if no supplementary answer is filed by the Defendant within 30 days of service, the intent of this affidavit shall be changed to be considered to be a verified response to the Plaintiff's complaint, negatively averring all claims, and setting forth affirmative defenses. I hereby certify that the following statements are true, and upon being first duly sworn on oath and before a person authorized to take swear and accept such oath, I, the Affiant, sayeth that:

Personal Jurisdiction

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#### General Defenses/Affirmative Defenses

Affiant, by virtue of selection by mark of the below affirmative defenses, adopts the statements as true within this affidavit:

Affiant had their computer, and other internet devices, inspected by a
technician and found an infection of malicious software installed without consent
of Affiant. Through this malicious software, a user, other than the Affiant, could
have routed peer-to-peer traffic through the computer of Affiant, and making it
appear to the Plaintiff as if the Affiant had committed an act of infringement.
Affiant has no knowledge of the alleged infringement.
Affiant runs an operating system (e.g. Linux, Windows Server, etc.) which
would allow a bittorent client to be operated by a remote user, and had such
system open to multiple users at the time of alleged infringement. A user, other
than the Affiant, could have committed the alleged infringement. Affiant has no
knowledge of the alleged infringement.
Affiant runs a Virtual Private Network, Proxy Server, or other such internet
traffic re-routing server, and had such system open to multiple users at the time of
the alleged infringement. A user, other than the affiant, could have committed the
alleged infringement. Affiant has no knowledge of the alleged infringement.
Affiant has a wireless router without security enabled (e.g. WEP, WPA,
WPA2) and the internet address responsible for the alleged infringement was
available for use to the general public within range. Affiant has no knowledge of
the alleged infringement.

Affiant has multiple computers in their residence used by multiple users
(family members, roommates, friends, visitors, etc.), that all share the same IP
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computer.
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(family members, roommates, friends, visitors, etc.), that all share the same IP

address (internet connection). Affiant has knowledge of the alleged infringement, but did not commit the alleged infringement.

FURTHER, AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

BY SIGNING BELOW, I hereby declare, certify, verify, and state, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America, that the foregoing is true and 10 /14 /2010 correct. Dated

> Richard L. Stelleh Print Name:

THE FOREGOING FACTS were sworn to, subscribed and acknowledged as true before me on this 14th day, of 1900 1000 , 2010, by Richard Stelloh who is personally known to me or who produced a valid state driver's license as identification and who did take an oath.

Printed Name: Sharon Lee Kazangian

My Commission No.:

My Commission Expires: \2-1-12

Dated this May of Ortober, 2010

Respectfully submitted.

Richard L. Stelleh, prose Name:

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# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

v.

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and multiple John Does

Defendants,

Civil Action No. (or Docket No.)

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MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER

This motion is pursuant to Rule 37, F. R. Civ. Pr., and is for a protective order to be issued in the above styled case, and files this motion not to make an appearance, but to contest personal jurisdiction, and is made by the undersigned who states that:

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WHEREFORE, the undersigned would respectfully request an order protecting his identity, substantially in the form of "John Doe #XXXX (identity protected) has filed motion for protective order in this case, and all filings shall be redacted to eliminate personal information when electronically docketed."

Dated this 14 day of Calibration, 2010

Respectfully submitted,

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Phone Number: 360 - 798 - 4158

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

This form is not a joke. While I might have a sense of humor, the first document is filed UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY.

READ ENTIRE FORM COMPLETELY

**How to Notarize Affidavit:** Do not sign affidavit until in front of a <u>notary public.</u> Print and sign same day.

Send ONE copy and ONE ORIGINAL

How to Send: To proper clerk of court address USPS Mail or other delivery, tracking if desired, 1 copy your records. WRITE "DOCUMENTS PROTECTIVE ORDER" ON THE ENVELOPE AND INCLUDE THE CASE NUMBER.

Enter Information Into The Forms Below

Legal Name First M. Last: Richard L. Stellch

City, State (e.g. FL), ZIP: Vancover WA, 98661

Street Address: 1600 June Drive

Phone Number: 360 - 798 - 4158

Plaintiff's Name: Voltage Pictures LLC

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Internet Service Povider: Quest

Today's Date Numerically (MM/DD/YY):  $\frac{10}{1}$  /20  $\frac{10}{10}$ 

Today's Month Spelled Out: October

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MAKE SURE ALL STATEMENTS ARE TRUE BEFORE FILING ANY DOCUMENT WITH ANY COURT.

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United States District Court for District of Columbia 333 Constitution Avenue N.W. Washington, D.C. 20001

RE: Case # 1:10-cv-00873-RMU

IP address 168.103.168.117 on 5/4/10

Voltage Pictures, LLC V. DOES 1-5,000

To Whom it May Concern:

I would like the Court to Quash the order for my records in this civil matter. I have never downloaded an illegal movie. The address above is where I reside and my telephone is 253-847-8782. I own a residence at 24907 52nd Ave. E. in Graham, WA 98338. The telephone # is 253-847-7722. I do not reside there, but the telephone is in my name. I don't believe I should be held responsible for any activity at that address.

I contacted Craig Carter, Quest Security Specialist & the attorneys listed without much information from either. Enclosed is a copy of the Subpoena. Please quash this request of my records.

Thank you, Ja Neane Key

AO 88B (Rev. 06/09) Subpoena to Produce Documents, Information, or Objects or to Permit Inspection of Premises in a Civil Action

### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

District of Col	umbia
Voltage Pictures, LLC	Civil Action No. 1:10-cv-00873-RMU  (If the action is pending in another district, state where: )
SUBPOENA TO PRODUCE DOCUMENT OR TO PERMIT INSPECTION OF P	
To: Qwest. do CT Corporation System, 1015 15th Street, NW	, Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20005; 202-572-3100
Production: YOU ARE COMMANDED to produce at documents, electronically stored information, or objects, and permaterial: Pursuant to the attached order, provide the name, currenally addresses and Media Access Control addresses attached spreadsheet.	rmit their inspection, copying, testing, or sampling of the
Place: Nicholas A. Kurtz, Dunlap, Grubb & Weaver, PLLC 1200 G Street, NW Suite 800, Washington, DC 20005	Date and Time: 10/04/2010 10:00 am
Inspection of Premises: YOU ARE COMMANDED to other property possessed or controlled by you at the time, date, a may inspect, measure, survey, photograph, test, or sample the preplace:	and location set forth below, so that the requesting party
The provisions of Fed. R. Civ. P. 45(c), relating to your 45 (d) and (e), relating to your duty to respond to this subpoena attached.	
Date: <u>08/03/2010</u>	
CLERK OF COURT	OR -1/1 = ================================
Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk	Attorney v Signature
The name, address, e-mail, and telephone number of the attorney of tage Pictures, LLC	representing (name of party) Plaintiff , who issues or requests this subpoena, are:
Nicholas A. Kurtz, Dunlap, Grubb & Weaver, PLLC, 1200 G Stre Tel: 877-223-7212, Fax: 866-874-5101, email: subpoena@dgwl	