UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

PATRICK COLLINS, INC.)
<u>Plaintiff</u> ,)
V.)
JOHN DOES 1-79,)
Defendants.)

Civil Action No. 12-10532-GAO

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION ON DOE No. 12'S MOTION TO DISMISS

)

August 22, 2012

SOROKIN, C.M.J.

On June 5, 2012, Defendant Doe No. 12 filed a Motion to Sever, Quash and/or Dismiss . Docket # 15. That motion to quash and sever (and other such pending motions) are the subject of a separate Memorandum and Order issued this date. Docket # 41. As described therein, the Plaintiff has stated unconditionally both in pleadings and at the hearing on substantially identical motions to quash in a related case that the Defendants in this case are not the subscribers to the IP addresses detailed in Exhibit A to the Complaint, but rather the alleged infringers of the Plaintiff's copyright who utilized those IP addresses (but who may or may not be the same individuals as the subscribers). <u>See Id.</u> at 7-12. Given this position, which the Court accepts, Doe Defendant No. 12 is not presently a Party, but rather a third party from whom the Plaintiff seeks discovery, and he or she does not have standing to seek dismissal.

For that reason, I RECOMMEND that the Court DENY the motion to dismiss as

MOOT.¹

/s / Leo T. Sorokin

Leo T. Sorokin CHIEF UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

¹ The Parties are hereby advised that any party who objects to these proposed findings and recommendations must file a written objection thereto within 14 days of receipt of this Report and Recommendation. The written objections must identify with specificity the portion of the proposed findings, recommendations, or report to which objection is made, and the basis for such objections. <u>See</u> Fed. R. Civ. P. 72 and Habeas Corpus Rule 8(b). The parties are further advised that the United States Court of Appeals for this Circuit has repeatedly indicated that failure to comply with Rule 72(b) will preclude further appellate review of the District Court's order based on this Report and Recommendation. <u>See Keating v. Secretary of Health and Human Services</u>, 848 F.2d 271 (1st Cir.1988); <u>United States v. Emiliano Valencia-Copete</u>, 792 F.2d 4 (1st Cir.1986); <u>Park Motor Mart, Inc. v. Ford Motor Co.</u>, 616 F.2d 603 (1st Cir.1980); <u>United States v. Vega</u>, 678 F.2d 376, 378-379 (1st Cir.1982); <u>Scott v. Schweiker</u>, 702 F.2d 13, 14 (1st Cir.1983); <u>see also Thomas v. Arn</u>, 474 U.S. 140, 106 S.Ct. 466 (1985).