1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	J. Andrew Coombs (SBN 123881) andy@coombspc.com Nicole L. Drey (SBN 250235) nicole@coombspc.com J. Andrew Coombs, A Prof. Corp. 517 East Wilson Avenue, Suite 202 Glendale, California 91206 Telephone: (818) 500-3200 Facsimile: (818) 500-3201 Attorneys for Plaintiff DC Comics UNITED STA	TES DISTRICT COURT	
9	CENTRAL DIS	TRICT OF CALIFORNIA	
10 11	DC Comics,) Case No.: CV11-03934 RSWL (OPx)	
12	Plaintiff,) EX PARTE APPLICATION FOR	
13	V.) ORDER AUTHORIZING	
14	Mark Towle, an individual and doing business as Gotham Garage, and Does 1 - 10, inclusive,	 SERVICE OF PROCESS ON DEFENDANT BY PUBLICATION 	
15	Does 1 - 10, inclusive, Defendants.	 AND MAIL AND REQUEST FOR ENLARGEMENT OF TIME 	
16) WITHIN WHICH TO EFFECT	
17		 SERVICE; MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES IN 	
18) SUPPORT THEREOF	
19	<u>EX PARTE APPLICATION</u>		
20 21	Plaintiff DC Comics ("DC") ("I	Plaintiff") seeks an order authorizing service of	
21	the Summons in this matter upon Defe	endant Mark Towle, an individual and doing	
23	business as Gotham Garage ("Defenda	ant") via publication and mail, pursuant to	
24		nd California Civil Code of Procedure § 415.50.	
25	This application is made in the interests of justice and pursuant to the Court's power to authorize publication as a means for service as provided by Federal Rules of Civil		
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application is made on the grounds that Plaintiff has stated a cause of action against Defendant, as shown by the Complaint on file, and Defendant cannot with reasonable diligence be found and served in any other manner specified in California Code of Civil Procedure §§ 415.10 through 415.40.

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In addition, Plaintiff respectfully requests a sixty (60) day enlargement of time to effect service of process within the Court's broad discretion pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 6(b) to grant such an enlargement so long as the request is made before the expiration of the period originally prescribed.

This application is based upon the Memorandum of Points and Authorities, the Declarations filed in support, including Exhibits attached thereto, the Complaint and any other papers and records on file in this action and upon such additional evidence and arguments as may be presented at, or before, the hearing on Plaintiff's Application.

Despite Plaintiff not having yet served Defendant, Plaintiff has served notice of this Application on Defendant's counsel on or about August 31, 2011.

Dated: August 31, 2011

J. Andrew Coombs, A Prof. Corp.

By: <u>/s Nicole L. Drey</u> J. Andrew Coombs Nicole L. Drey Attorneys for Plaintiff DC Comics

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MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

I. INTRODUCTION

Defendant Mark Towle, an individual and doing business as Gotham Garage ("Defendant"), is a manufacturer and distributor of unlicensed and counterfeit replica Batman vehicles who will be rewarded for concealing his whereabouts and evading service to avoid responsibility for his illegal actions if this application is not granted. As alleged in the Complaint filed by Plaintiff DC Comics ("Plaintiff"), Defendant is actively manufacturing, selling, offering for sale, renting, and distributing unlicensed and counterfeit replica vehicles, and kits comprised of assorted parts and accessories, which incorporate unauthorized reproductions of fanciful vehicles copyrighted and trademarked by DC Comics from its world famous BATMAN property, including, but not necessarily limited to the various BATMOBILE vehicles and all of their BATMAN-related indicia and components within this Judicial District through his fully interactive commercial Internet website operating under the domain name GothamGarage.net.

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4(e)(1) and California Code of Civil Procedure § 415.50, Plaintiff requests an order allowing service of process on Defendant via publication and mail. Service by publication and mail is appropriate and necessary in this case because the Defendant's current residence is unknown. <u>See</u> Declaration of Nicole L. Drey ("Drey Decl.") at ¶¶ 3-7, Exhibits ("Exs.") A-C. Defendant has also failed to return an Acknowledgment of Service, leaving Plaintiff with no other course for service than that by publication and mail. <u>See id.</u> at ¶ 8. Further, although counsel for Defendant (Lawrence Zerner of Los Angeles, California) has contacted Plaintiff's counsel and acknowledged that his client is aware of the filing of this action, he has specifically refused to accept service on Defendant's behalf or provide an executed Waiver of Service. <u>Id.</u> at ¶ 6. Plaintiff thus respectfully submits that an order allowing service of process via publication and mail in this case
will benefit all parties and the Court by ensuring the Defendant receives immediate
notice of the pendency of this action and allowing this action to move forward
expeditiously. Absent the ability to serve the Defendant by publication and mail,
Plaintiff will almost certainly be left without the ability to pursue a remedy.

II. STATEMENT OF FACTS

Defendant owns, operates and manages a business producing custom cars related to various television shows, movies and other fanciful and copyrighted works. Complaint ("Compl.") at ¶¶ 1, 20. Specifically, Defendant's business manufactures, sells, offers for sale, rents, and distributes unlicensed and counterfeit replica vehicles and kits comprised of assorted parts and accessories which incorporate unauthorized reproductions of fanciful vehicles copyrighted and trademarked by Plaintiff from its world-famous BATMAN property, including, but not necessarily limited to, the various BATMOBILE vehicles and all of their BATMAN-related indicia and components (collectively "Infringing Product"). <u>Id.</u> at ¶¶ 1, 23, 25, 34.

On or about May 6, 2011, Plaintiff filed its complaint against Defendant. Drey Decl. at \P 2. Thereafter, Plaintiff has attempted to serve Defendant via personal service at five (5) different addresses on no less than nineteen (19) different occasions. <u>Id.</u> at $\P\P$ 3-4, 7, Exs. A, B & C. Plaintiff has also attempted to effect service through an Acknowledgment of Service as well as Defendant's counsel, Lawrence Zerner of Los Angeles, but Defendant has refused both means. <u>Id.</u> at $\P\P$ 5-6, 8.

Plaintiffs, therefore, demonstrate good cause for leave to serve Defendant by publication and mail as well as an enlargement of time within which to effect service of process.

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III. ARGUMENT

A.

The Court May Authorize Service via Publication and Mail Pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure § 415.50.

Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4(e)(1) states that service may be effected pursuant to the law of the forum state. California law provides for service to be made on out-of-state residents by either (1) personal service, (2) substituted service, (3) mail and acknowledgment of receipt, (4) certified mail, or (5) publication. Cal. Code Civ. Proc. § 415.10, *et seq.* Service by publication, however, requires a court order prior to service attempts in order for service to be valid. <u>See</u> Cal. Code Civ. Proc. § 415.50(a). Plaintiffs respectfully request such an order in order to effect service of process upon the evasive Defendant.

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1. Plaintiffs Have Demonstrated Reasonable Diligence and a Cause of Action Against Defendant.

California Code of Civil Procedure § 415.50(a) provides that service may be effected by publication, pursuant to court order, if "the party to be served cannot with reasonable diligence be served in another manner specified in this article and ... a cause of action exists against the party upon whom service is to be made or he or she is a necessary or proper party to the action."

Plaintiff has repeatedly attempted to serve Defendant by either personal service or substituted service. See Drey Decl. at ¶¶ 3-4, 7, Exs. A, B & C. These attempts have proven unsuccessful. See id. Plaintiff has also attempted to secure service through Defendant's counsel, but counsel has refused to accept service on Defendant's behalf or sign a waiver of service. Id. at ¶ 6. Plaintiff has attempted to serve Defendant by mail and acknowledgment as well, but as of the time of this filing, Defendant has not returned the Acknowledgment of Service and is unlikely to do so given his ongoing efforts to evade service and his counsel's statements that Defendant would not waive service. See id. at \P 8; see also id. at $\P\P$ 3-7. At this point, there is no other means of service available to Plaintiff other than service by publication.

Further, Plaintiff has demonstrated a valid cause of action against Defendant. Plaintiff has alleged in its Complaint that Defendant's manufacture and distribution of unauthorized replica BATMOBILE vehicles infringes its copyrights and trademarks. <u>See</u> Complaint, <u>generally</u>. Thus, a cause of action exists against Defendant such that service by publication is proper.

2. Plaintiff Has Identified the Means Most Likely to Provide Actual Notice to Defendant of this Lawsuit.

Although it is clear from the contacts initiated by Defendant's counsel that Defendant is aware of this action, this does not constitute "actual notice" under California law. Pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure § 415.50(b), "[t]he court shall order the summons to be published in a named newspaper, published in this state, that is most likely to give actual notice to the party to be served. If the party to be served resides or is located out of this state, the court may also order the summons to be published in a named newspaper outside this state that is most likely to give actual notice to that party." Plaintiff has determined that Defendant is most likely residing in Santa Ana, California, or the immediately surrounding area. Drey Decl. at ¶ 7. Thus, Defendant will most likely receive actual notice of this lawsuit through a newspaper targeted to residents of Santa Ana, such as the Orange County Register. Id. at ¶ 10.

Further, if a defendant's address is ascertained before the expiration of the time prescribed for publication of the summons, copies of the summons, complaint and order for publication must be mailed to the defendant. Cal. Code Civ. Proc. § 415.50(b). While Plaintiff has not yet conclusively determined a physical or mailing address for Defendant, Plaintiff has what it believes to be the last known address for

Defendant. Drey Decl. at ¶ 7. Further, Plaintiff has been contacted by counsel for Defendant, whose address Plaintiff has been able to determine. Drey Decl. at ¶¶ 5-6. Therefore, Plaintiff will send copies of the summons, complaint and order for 3 publication to Defendant at his last known address as well as at his counsel's address 4 in addition to publishing the summons. 5

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Plaintiff Demonstrates Cause Permitting an Enlargement of Time B. Within Which to Effect Service of Process

Plaintiff respectfully requests that, pursuant to Rule 6(b), the Court grant a sixty (60) day enlargement of time within which to effect service of Summons and Complaint.

> "When an act may or must be done within a specified time, the court may, for good cause, extend the time: (1) with or without motion or notice if the court acts, or if a request is made, before the original time or its extension expires . . ."

Fed. Rule Civ. P. 6(b). Plaintiff is to effect service of Summons and Complaint on Defendant on or before September 3, 2011. Drey Decl. at ¶ 2. Accordingly, Plaintiff submits its request for an enlargement of time before the expiration of the current extension.

Moreover, "[d]istrict courts have broad discretion to extend time for service under Rule 4(m)....[as] Rule 4's 120-day time period for service 'operates not as an outer limit subject to reduction, but as an irreducible allowance." Efaw v. Williams, 473 F.3d 1038, 1041 (9th Cir. 2007) quoting Henderson v. United States, 517 U.S. 654, 661, 116 S. Ct. 1638, 134 L. Ed. 2d 880 (1996). Further, "'Rule 4(m) explicitly permits a district court to grant an extension of time to serve the complaint after that 120-day period." Id. quoting Mann v. Am. Airlines, 324 F.3d 1088, 1090 (9th Cir. 2003) ("On its face, Rule 4(m) does not tie the hands of the district court after the 120-5

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day period has expired."). Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(m), a district court is required to grant an extension of time for service if good cause is shown and permitted to grant such an extension even absent good cause. <u>Mann</u>, 324 F.3d at 1090, n. 2 <u>citing</u> Henderson, 517 U.S. at 662.

Here, Plaintiff's actions demonstrate good cause for granting an enlargement of time to effect service upon the Defendant. First, Plaintiff has, in good faith, made significant attempts to identify, locate and serve Defendant by September 3, 2011. See Drey Decl. at ¶¶ 3-7. Since the filing of the Complaint, Plaintiff has attempted service on Defendant at multiple addresses, on numerous occasions, and through various methods, but Defendant is currently evading and/or refusing service. Id. Plaintiff has employed the investigative efforts of a process server who has attempted service on Defendant at five (5) different addresses and on no less than nineteen (19) occasions, including leaving copies of the service packet with contacts of Defendant. Id. at ¶¶ 3-4, 7. Further, Plaintiff was contacted by counsel for Defendant regarding this matter, but despite several discussions, counsel for Defendant refuses to accept service for Defendant or sign a waiver of service. Id. at ¶¶ 5-6. Additionally, Plaintiff has attempted to secure an Acknowledgment of Service by mail, but Defendant has thus far failed to return and is unlikely to return given the statements made by his counsel. Id. at ¶ 8. Accordingly, Plaintiff's efforts to effect service demonstrate its good faith effort to diligently prosecute this Action and good cause for an enlargement of time.

Second, Defendant will not suffer prejudice by virtue of the delayed service. Pursuant to the Court's Order, Plaintiff was to serve Defendant on or before September 3, 2011. Drey Decl. at ¶ 2. Plaintiff requests only a brief extension within which to effect service by publication and mail upon Defendant. Accordingly, this is not a significant delay during which memories may fade or evidence be lost that

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would prejudice Defendant, particularly when Defendant has notice of this lawsuit as evidenced by Plaintiff's communications with Defendant's counsel. <u>Id.</u> at ¶¶ 5-6, 9; <u>but see Efaw v. Williams</u>, 473 F.3d at 1041 (finding that an extraordinary delay of seven years prejudiced Defendant).

Further, it is due to Defendant's own actions that Plaintiff has not yet effected service. Defendant's conduct thus far has indicated he intends to continue to dodge service in this matter. Defendant's counsel has refused to accept service on Defendant's behalf, and counsel has also indicated that Defendant will vigorously fight any attempt by Plaintiff to deem service as having been effected at one of the previous addresses at which Plaintiff has left service of process. See Drey Decl. at ¶¶ 5-6. Further, Defendant has refused to return the Acknowledgment of Service sent to Defendant's last known address. Id. at ¶ 8. Defendant should not be allowed to benefit from his attempts to evade service. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 4, Advisory Committee Notes ("Relief may be justified...if the defendant is evading service"); Motley v. Parks, 2001 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 12479, at *17 (C.D. Cal. July 23, 2001) (same); see also Mid-Continent Wood Products, Inc. v. Harris, 936 F.2d 297, 303 (7th Cir. 1990) citing Nikwei v. Ross School of Aviation, Inc., 822 F.2d 939, 942 (10th Cir. 1987) (refusal to accept mail constitutes evasion of service).

Finally, Plaintiff requires additional time to employ alternate means of service. Personal service and substituted service attempts have proven ineffective thus far. See Drey Decl. at ¶¶ 3-7. Plaintiff has also attempted service on Defendant by mail and acknowledgment of receipt, but Defendant has thus far failed to return the Acknowledgment. Id. at ¶ 8. Should the Court granted Plaintiff's *Ex Parte* Application and order service by publication, Plaintiff will be required to run the publication for at least four weeks, pursuant to California Government Code § 6064.

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1	Service is then deemed effective on the twenty-eighth day of publication. <u>Id.</u> ; Cal.		
2	Code Civ. Proc. § 415.50(c).		
3	Thus, Plaintiff has clearly demonstrated good cause for an enlargement of time		
4	within which to effect service of process on Defendant.		
5	IV. CONCLUSION		
6	For the foregoing reasons, Plaintiff respectfully requests this Court grant the		
7	present motion to serve Defendant by publication and mail. Additionally, Plaintiff		
8	respectfully requests this Court grant a sixty (60) day extension of time within which		
9	to effect service of process.		
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11	Dated: August 31, 2011J. Andrew Coombs, A Prof. Corp.		
12	By: <u>/s Nicole L. Drey</u> J. Andrew Coombs		
13	J. Andrew Coombs Nicole L. Drey Attorneys for Plaintiff DC Comics		
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DECLARATION OF NICOLE L. DREY

I, NICOLE L. DREY, declare as follows:

 I am an attorney at law, duly admitted to practice before the Courts of the State of California and the United States District Court for the Central District of California. I am an attorney for Plaintiff DC Comics ("DC") ("Plaintiff") in an action styled <u>DC Comics v. Mark Towle, et al.</u>, Case Number CV11-03934 RSWL (OPx). Except as otherwise expressly stated to the contrary, I have personal knowledge of the following facts and, if called as a witness, I could and would competently testify as follows.

2. I am informed and believe that Plaintiff filed its Complaint on or about May 6, 2011. Pursuant to Rule 4(m), Plaintiffs are to serve Defendant on or before September 3, 2011.

3. I am informed and believe that since the filing of the Complaint until the filing of this *ex parte* request, my office has spent a considerable amount of time and resources tracing all known contact information for Defendant, including extensive research on Lexis-Nexis and by other means to determine any and all possible aliases, dba's, email addresses, websites and physical locations. In connection therewith, I am informed and believe that my office identified three (3) potential addresses for Defendant – (1) ADDRESS A in Lake Elsinore, California; (2) ADDRESS B in Corona, California; and (3) ADDRESS C in Temecula, California. I am informed and believe that my office determined ADDRESS A to be the most likely address for Defendant but provided the process server with all three addresses.

4. I am informed and believe that the process server attempted service at ADDRESS B on one occasion but noted that the address was vacant. I am informed and believe that the process server attempted service at ADDRESS C on two separate occasions. During the second attempt, the process server was informed by the owner

that Defendant no longer resided at that address. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a
true and correct copy of the process server's diligence report. I am informed and
believe that the process server attempted service at ADDRESS A on four (4) separate
occasions. Specifically, on or about June 1, 2011, the process server attempted to
serve Defendant at ADDRESS A. I am informed and believe that when the process
server asked for Defendant, an unidentified male stated that Defendant was not home.
I am further informed and believe that the process server then sub-served the
unidentified male. Attached hereto as Exhibit B is a true and correct copy of the
process server's diligence report.

5. On or about June 9, 2011, I received a telephone call from a Larry Zerner, who purported to represent Defendant. Mr. Zerner stated that ADDRESS A belonged to Defendant's ex-wife and that Defendant had never lived at that address. I noted to Mr. Zerner that the process server had asked the unidentified male who answered the door if Defendant was home, and the male had answered no. Mr. Zerner stated that he would look into the statements. I also asked if Mr. Zerner would be willing to accept service or if Defendant would be willing to sign a waiver of service, and Mr. Zerner stated that he would get back to me.

6. On or about June 20, 2011, I again spoke with Mr. Zerner. Mr. Zerner stated that Defendant disputed the process server's account of statements made by the unidentified male at ADDRESS A. Mr. Zerner stated that Defendant would vigorously fight any attempt by Plaintiff to claim that service had been properly made at ADDRESS A. Mr. Zerner also stated that he would not accept service for Defendant nor would Defendant sign a waiver of service unless Plaintiff agreed to a license for Defendant's actions.

7. I am informed and believe that my office continued to conduct significant research into the whereabouts of Defendant. I am informed and believe that most of 10

my office's research continued to point to ADDRESS A as belonging to Defendant. I 1 am further informed and believe that my office hired an investigator to research the 2 current address for Defendant. I am informed and believe that the investigator 3 discovered an additional potential addresses for Defendant – ADDRESS D in Santa Ana, California, which appeared to be the current and most up-to-date address for Defendant. I am informed and believe that my office also conducted additional research and identified an alternative apartment number at the same building in Santa Ana, California – ADDRESS E. I am informed and believe that my office then provided these addresses to the process server who attempted service on both apartments on multiple occasions. I am informed and believe that the process server attempted service on ADDRESS D on at least three (3) separate occasions. On the third attempt, I am informed and believe that the process server was informed by the occupant that Defendant was unknown at that address. I am further informed and believe that the process server attempted service on ADDRESS E on no less than nine (9) separate occasions. I am informed and believe that on the last attempt, on or about August 2, 2011m the process server spoke with a man named "Charles" who stated that Defendant hadn't lived in the complex for years. I am informed and believe that the process server left a courtesy copy of the summons and complaint with Charles. Attached hereto as Exhibit C is a true and correct copy of the process server's supplemental diligence report.

8. Having exhausted the addresses for personal service, I am informed and believe that, on or about August 18, 2011, my office mailed the Summons, Complaint and an Acknowledgment of Service to Defendant at ADDRESS D, the address identified by Plaintiff's hired investigator as being Defendant's current residence.
Pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure § 415.30, Defendant is to return the Acknowledgment by September 17, 2011. I am informed and believe that Defendant 11

has not yet returned the Acknowledgment. I am also informed and believe it is unlikely Defendant will return the Acknowledgment given Defendant's counsel's statements that Defendant would not sign a waiver.

9. The requested Order granting Plaintiff's Application for an Order Authorizing Service of Process on Defendant by Publication and Mail is Plaintiff's only remaining method available to effectively serve Defendant. I am informed and believe that Defendant has notice of this action, based on the conversations with Defendant's counsel, but without the relief requested herein, Defendant will continue to deliberately evade service in order to avoid responsibility for her illegal actions.

10. Should the Order be granted, Plaintiff will publish the Summons in the Orange County Register. According to my office's research, Defendant is a resident of Santa Ana, California, and thus the Orange County Register is the "newspaper, published in this state, that is most likely to give actual notice to the party to be served," pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure § 415.50. Plaintiff will run the publication once a week for four successive weeks, pursuant to California Government Code § 6064.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct under the laws of the United States of America.

Executed this 31st day of August, 2011, at Glendale, California.

<u>/s Nicole L. Drey</u> NICOLE L. DREY

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EXHIBIT "A"

ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (Name, State Bar number, and address)	FOR COURT USE ONLY
J. ANDREW COOMBS 517 E. WILSON ST. #202 GLENDALE, CA 91206	
TELEPHONE NO.: (818) 500-3200 FAX NO.(Optional): (818) 500-3201 E-MAIL ADDRESS (Optional): ATTORNEY FOR (Name): 1	
USDC - Central District - Central Division	
STREET ADDRESS: 312 N. Spring St. #G-8	
MAILING ADDRESS:	
CITY AND ZIP CODE: Los Angeles, CA 90012	
BRANCH NAME: Central District - Central Division	
PLAINTIFF/PETITIONER: DC COMICS	CASE NUMBER:
DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT: M. TOWLE, ET AL.	CV11-03934 RSWL (OPx)
NON SERVICE REPORT	Ref. No. or File No.:

I received the within process on May 11, 2011 andthat after due and diligent effort I have been unable to personally serve said witness. The following itemization of the dates and times of attempts details the efforts required to effect personal service. Additional costs for diligence are recoverable under CCP §1033.5 (a)(4)(B).

Servee: MARK TOWLE, AN INDIVIDUAL AND DOING BUSINESS AS GOTHAM GARAGE

Documents: summons;complaint;Judge Assignment; Notice of Interested Parties; Civil Case Cover Sheet; Trademark Notice;Copyright Notice

As enumerated below:

05/13/2011 -- 2:10PM

CORONA, CA 92880

Unable to effect service at given residential address. Given address is vacant.

Fee for Attempted Service: \$75.00



County: San Bernardino Registration No.: 1225 Janney & Janney Attorney Service, Inc. 1545 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 311 Los Angeles, CA 90017 (213) 628-6338 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of The State of California that the foregoing information contained in the return of service and statement of service fees is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on: May 25, 2011 at Riverside, California.

Signature: Robert W. See

NON SERVICE REPORT

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DECLARATION OF D	ILIGENCE		Ref. No. or File No.:

I received the within process on May 11, 2011 and that after due and diligent effort I have not been able to personally serve said person. I made the following attempts on the dates and times listed below to effect personal service. Additional costs for diligence are recoverable under CCP §1033.5 (a)(4)(B).

Servee: MARK TOWLE, AN INDIVIDUAL AND DOING BUSINESS AS GOTHAM GARAGE

Documents: summons;complaint;Judge Assignment; Notice of Interested Parties; Civil Case Cover Sheet; Trademark Notice;Copyright Notice

As enumerated below:

May 16, 2011 -- 6:00 PM

TEMECULA, CA 92591 There was no answer at the door at the time of attempt.

May 18, 2011 -- 5:00 PM

TEMECULA, CA 92591

Bad address. Defendant lives here 5 years ago per owner. Thinks he's in Arizona.



County: **RIVERSIDE** Registration No.: **805** Janney & Janney Attorney Service, Inc. 1545 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 311 Los Angeles, CA 90017 (213) 628-6338 I declare under penalty of perjury the foregoing information contained in the return of service and statement of service fees is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on: May 25, 2011 at RIVERSIDE, California.

RANDY LOPER

DECLARATION OF DILIGENCE

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Signature:

ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (Name, State Bar number, and address)	FOR COURT USE ONLY
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05/18/2011 -- 5:00PM

TEMECULA, CA 92591

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Fee for Attempted Service: \$75.00



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Signature:_

RANDY LOPER

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EXHIBIT "B"

	J. ANDREW COOMBS SBN: 123881 J. ANDREW COOMBS 517 E. WILSON ST. #202 GLENDALE, CA 91206 (818) 500-3200		
	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT Central District - Central Division		
	DC COMICS Plaintiff(s)		
	v. M. TOWLE, ET AL. Defendant(s) PROOF OF SERVICE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT (Use separate proof of service for each person/party served)		
1.	At the time of service I was at least 18 years of age and not a party to this action and served copies of the (specify documents):		
2.	a. X summons first amended complaint third party complaint X complaint second amended complaint counter claim alias summons third amended complaint cross claim X other (specify): Judge Assignment; Notice of Interested Parties; Civil Cover Sheet; Trademark Notice;Copyright Notice Person served:		
	a. 🔀 Defendant (name:) MARK TOWLE, AN INDIVIDUAL AND DOING BUSINESS AS GOTHAM GARAGE b. 🗌 Other (specify name and title or relationship to the party/business named):		
	c. Address where the papers were served:		
3.	Manner of Service in compliance with (the appropriate box must be checked):		
	a. 🔲 Federal Rules of Civil Procedure		
	b. X California Code of Civil Procedure		
4.	I served the person named in Item 2:		
	a. By Personal Service. By personally delivering copies. If the person is a minor, by leaving copies with a parent, guardian, conservator or similar fiduciary and to the minor if at least twelve (12) years of age.		
	1. Papers were served on (date): at (time):		
	b. X By Substituted Service. By leaving copies: JOHN DOE - CO-OCCUPANT Age: 49 Weight: 190 Hair: Gray Sex: Male		
	Height: 5'10 Eyes: Race: Caucasian Marks:		
	1. X (home) at the dwelling house, usual place of abode, or usual place of business of the person served in the presence of a competent member of the household, at least 18 years of age, who was informed of the general nature of the papers.		
	2. (business) or a person apparently in charge of the office, or place of business, at least 18 years of age, who was informed of the general nature of the papers.		
	3. 🔀 Papers were served on (<i>date</i>): 6/1/2011 at (<i>time</i>): 6:41 PM		
	4. by mailing (by first-class mail, postage prepaid) copies to the person served in Item 2(b) at the place where the copies were left in Item 2(c).		
	5. 🔀 papers were mailed on Jun 10, 2011 - DECLARATION OF MAILING ATTACHED		
	6. 🔀 due diligence. I made at least three (3) attempts to personally serve the defendant.		
	c. A Mail and acknowledgment of service. By mailing (by first-class mail or airmail, postage prepaid) copies to the person served, with two (2) copies of the form of Waiver of Service of Summons and Complaint and a return envelope, postage prepaid addressed to the sender. (Attach completed Waiver of Service of summons and Complaint).		

d. 🗆	Service on domestic corporation, unincorporated associ 4(h)) (C.C.P. 416.10) By delivering, during usual business ho managing or general agent, or to any other agent authorized agent is one authorized by statute and the statute so requires the defendant.	ation (including partnership), or public entity. (F.R.Civ.P. purs, a copy of the summons and complaint to an officer, a by appointment or by law to receive service of process and, if the s, by also mailing, by first-class mail, postage prepaid, a copy to	
e. 🗌	Substituted service on domestic corporation, unincorpor (C.C.P. 415.20 only) By leaving during usual business hours, served with the person who apparently was in charge and the the persons at the place where the copies were left in full con California Secretary of State requires a court order. (Attach a	a copy of the summons and complaint in the office of the person reafter by mailing (by first-class mail, postage prepaid) copies of appliance with C.C.P. 415.20. Substitute service upon the	
f. 🗌	Service on a foreign corporation. In any manner prescribed	d for individuals by FRCP 4(f)	
g. 🗖	Certified or registered mail service. By mailing to an addre requiring a return receipt) copies to the person served. (Attac by the person served).	ss outside California (by first-class mail, postage prepaid, h signed return receipt or other evidence of actual receipt	
h. 🗌	Other (specify code section and type of service):		
5. Servi	ce upon the United States, and Its Agencies, Corporations o	or Officers.	
a. 🗖	a. by delivering a copy of the summons and complaint to the clerical employee designated by the U.S. Attorney authorized to accept service, pursuant to the procedures for the Office of the U.S. Attorney for acceptance of service, or by sending a copy of the summons and complaint by registered or certified mail addressed to the civil process clerk at the U.S. Attorneys Office.		
	Name of person served:		
	Title of person served:		
	Date and time of service: (date): at (time):		
b. 🗌	By sending a copy of the summons and complaint by register at Washington, D.C. (Attach signed return receipt or other of	ed or certified mail to the Attorney General of the United States evidence of actual receipt by the person served).	
c. 🗌	By sending a copy of the summons and complaint by registere signed return receipt or other evidence of actual receipt b	ed or certified mail to the officer, agency or corporatior(Attach y the person served).	
6. At the	e time of service I was at least 18 years of age and not a party to	o this action.	
7. Perso	on serving (name, address and telephone number): Joseph Sulak Janney & Janney Attorney Service, Inc. 1545 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 311 Los Angeles, CA 90017 (213) 628-6338	 a. Fee for service: \$75.00 b. Not a registered California process server c. Exempt from registration under B&P 22350(b) d. Registered California process server Registration # :539 County: Riverside 	
8. 🗌 I a	am a California sheriff, marshal, or constable and I certify that th		
	under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.		
Date: Ju	ne 10, 2011 <u>Joseph Sulak</u> Type or Print Server's Name	(Signature)	
	PROOF OF SERVICE - SUMM	IONS AND COMPLAINT	
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ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (Name, State Bar number, and J. ANDREW COOMBS J. ANDREW COOMBS 517 E. WILSON ST. #202 GLENDALE, CA 91206	address) SBN: 123881	FOR COURT USE ONLY
TELEPHONE NO.: (818) 500-3200 E-MAIL ADDRESS (Optional): ATTORNEY FOR (Name): Plaintiff:	FAX NO.(Optional): (818) 500-3201	
USDC - Central District - Central Division		
STREET ADDRESS: 312 N. Spring St. #G-8		
MAILING ADDRESS:		
CITY AND ZIP CODE: Los Angeles, CA 90012		
BRANCH NAME: Central District - Central Division		
PLAINTIFF/PETITIONER: DC COMICS		CASE NUMBER:
DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT: M. TOWLE, ET AL.		CV11-03934 RSWL (OPx)
DECLARATION OF I	DILIGENCE	Ref. No. or File No.:

I received the within process on May 25, 2011 and that after due and diligent effort I have not been able to personally serve said person. I made the following attempts on the dates and times listed below to effect personal service. Additional costs for diligence are recoverable under CCP §1033.5 (a)(4)(B).

Servee: MARK TOWLE, AN INDIVIDUAL AND DOING BUSINESS AS GOTHAM GARAGE

Documents: summons;complaint;Judge Assignment; Notice of Interested Parties; Civil Cover Sheet; Trademark Notice;Copyright Notice

As enumerated below:

May 27, 2011 -- 8:11 AM

Lake Elsinore, CA 92530

The Subject was not in at the time of attempt. For sale by Recon Real Estate (909) 821-5854.

May 29, 2011 -- 11:22 AM

Lake Elsinore, CA 92530

There was no answer at the door at the time of attempt.

May 31, 2011 -- 8:32 PM

Lake Elsinore, CA 92530

There was no answer at the door at the time of attempt.

June 01, 2011 -- 6:41 PM

Substituted service effected.

Lake Elsinore, CA 92530



County: Riverside Registration No.: 539 Janney & Janney Attorney Service, Inc. 1545 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 311 Los Angeles, CA 90017 (213) 628-6338

I declare under penalty of perjury the foregoing information contained in the return of service and statement of service fees is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on: June 10, 2011 at Los Angeles, California.

Signature:

Joseph Sulak

DECLARATION OF DILIGENCE

ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (Name, State Bar number, and address)J. ANDREW COOMBSSBN: 123881SBN: 12	FOR COURT USE ONLY
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USDC - Central District - Central Division	
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BRANCH NAME: Central District - Central Division	
PLAINTIFF/PETITIONER: DC COMICS	CASE NUMBER:
DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT: M. TOWLE, ET AL.	CV11-03934 RSWL (OPx)
PROOF OF SERVICE BY MAIL	Ref. No. or File No.:

I am a citizen of the United States and employed in the County of Los Angeles, State of California. I am over the age of 18 and not a party to the within action. My business address is 1545 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90017.

On June 10, 2011, after substituted service under section CCP 415.20(a) or 415.20(b) or FRCIV.P 4(d)(1) was made, I mailed copies of the:

summons;complaint;Judge Assignment; Notice of Interested Parties; Civil Cover Sheet; Trademark Notice;Copyright Notice

to the defendant in said action by placing a true copy thereof enclosed in a sealed envelope, with First Class postage thereon fully prepaid, in the United States Mail at LOS ANGELES, California, addressed as follows:

MARK TOWLE, AN INDIVIDUAL AND DOING BUSINESS AS GOTHAM GARAGE

Lake Elsinore, CA 92530

I am readily familiar with the firm's practice for collection and processing of documents for mailing. Under that practice, it would be deposited within the United States Postal Service, on that same day, with postage thereon fully prepaid at LOS ANGELES, California in the ordinary course of business.

Fee for Service: 75.00



Janney & Janney Attorney Service, Inc. 1545 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 311 Los Angeles, CA 90017 (213) 628-6338 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the The State of California that the foregoing information contained in the return of service and statement of service fees is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on June 10, 2011.

. alganiant Signature:__ K. Alexanian II

PROOF OF SERVICE BY MAIL

Order#: LA105101727A/mailproof

EXHIBIT "C"

ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (Name, State Bar number, and address)J. ANDREW COOMBS SBN: 123881J. ANDREW COOMBS	FOR COURT USE ONLY
517 E. WILSON ST. #202 GLENDALE, CA 91206	
TELEPHONE NO.: (818) 500-3200 FAX NO.(Optional): (818) 500-3201 E-MAIL ADDRESS (Optional): ATTORNEY FOR (Name): Plaintiff: DC Comics FAX NO.(Optional):	
USDC - Central District - Central Division	
STREET ADDRESS: 312 N. Spring St. #G-8	
MAILING ADDRESS:	
CITY AND ZIP CODE: Los Angeles, CA 90012	
BRANCH NAME: Central District - Central Division	
PLAINTIFF/PETITIONER: DC COMICS	CASE NUMBER:
DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT: MARK TOWLE, an individual and doing business as Gotham Garage	CV11-03934RSWL(OPx)
DECLARATION OF DILIGENCE	Ref. No. or File No.:

I received the within process on June 21, 2011 and that after due and diligent effort I have not been able to personally serve said person. I made the following attempts on the dates and times listed below to effect personal service. Additional costs for diligence are recoverable under CCP §1033.5 (a)(4)(B).

Servee: MARK TOWLE, an individual and doing business as Gotham Garage

Documents: summons;complaint;Judge Assignment; Civil Cover Sheet;Copyright Notice; Trademark Notice; Notice of Interested Parties

As enumerated below:

June 23, 2011 -- 8:10 PM

SANTA ANA, CA 92704

There was no answer at the door at the time of attempt.

June 25, 2011 -- 2:40 PM

SANTA ANA, CA 92704

There was no answer at the door at the time of attempt.

June 29, 2011 -- 8:05 PM

SANTA ANA, CA 92704

Defendant unknown per Earhardt residence, been here almost 2 years.

July 10, 2011 -- 9:05 PM

SANTA ANA, CA 92704

There was no answer at the door at the time of attempt.

July 13, 2011 -- 9:30 PM

SANTA ANA, CA 92704 There was no answer at the door at the time of attempt.

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County: **ORANGE** Registration No.: **408** Janney & Janney Attorney Service, Inc. 1545 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 311 Los Angeles, CA 90017 (213) 628-6338

I declare under penalty of perjury the foregoing information contained in the return of service and statement of service fees is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on: August 05, 2011 at Santa Ana, California.

Signature: Wendy Duffield

DECLARATION OF DILIGENCE

ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (Name, State Bar number, and address) J. ANDREW COOMBS SBN: 123881 J. ANDREW COOMBS 517 E. WILSON ST. #202 GLENDALE, CA 91206	FOR COURT USE ONLY
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BRANCH NAME: Central District - Central Division	
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DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT: MARK TOWLE, an individual and doing business as Gotham Garage	CV11-03934RSWL(OPx)
DECLARATION OF DILIGENCE	Ref. No. or File No.:

I received the within process on June 21, 2011 and that after due and diligent effort I have not been able to personally serve said person. I made the following attempts on the dates and times listed below to effect personal service. Additional costs for diligence are recoverable under CCP §1033.5 (a)(4)(B).

Servee: MARK TOWLE, an individual and doing business as Gotham Garage

Documents: summons;complaint;Judge Assignment; Civil Cover Sheet;Copyright Notice; Trademark Notice; Notice of Interested Parties

As enumerated below:

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July 15, 2011 -- 8:10 AM

SANTA ANA, CA 92704

There was no answer at the door at the time of attempt.

July 17, 2011 -- 11:30 AM

SANTA ANA, CA 92704

There was no answer at the door at the time of attempt.

July 19, 2011 -- 10:10 PM

SANTA ANA, CA 92704

There was no answer at the door at the time of attempt.

July 22, 2011 -- 8:15 AM

SANTA ANA, CA 92704

There was no answer at the door at the time of attempt.

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Signature:

Wendy Duffield

DECLARATION OF DILIGENCE EXHIBIT C PAGE 21

ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (Name, State Bar number, and address) _ J. ANDREW COOMBS SBN: 123881 J. ANDREW COOMBS 517 E. WILSON ST. #202 GLENDALE, CA 91206	FOR COURT USE ONLY
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DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT: MARK TOWLE, an individual and doing business as Gotham Garage	CV11-03934RSWL(OPx)
DECLARATION OF DILIGENCE	Ref. No. or File No.:

I received the within process on June 21, 2011 and that after due and diligent effort I have not been able to personally serve said person. I made the following attempts on the dates and times listed below to effect personal service. Additional costs for diligence are recoverable under CCP §1033.5 (a)(4)(B).

Servee: MARK TOWLE, an individual and doing business as Gotham Garage

Documents: summons;complaint;Judge Assignment; Civil Cover Sheet;Copyright Notice; Trademark Notice; Notice of Interested Parties

As enumerated below:

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July 26, 2011 -- 7:40 PM

SANTA ANA, CA 92704

There was no answer at the door at the time of attempt. Usually dark.

July 27, 2011 -- 9:30 PM

SANTA ANA, CA 92704

There was no answer at the door at the time of attempt. No towle on e-directory.

August 02, 2011 -- 9:30 PM

SANTA ANA, CA 92704

Left courtesy copy with Charles who stated, subjecthasn't lived in the complex for years.



County: ORANGE Registration No.: 408 Janney & Janney Attorney Service, Inc. 1545 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 311 Los Angeles, CA 90017 (213) 628-6338

I declare under penalty of perjury the foregoing information contained in the return of service and statement of service fees is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on: August 05, 2011 at Santa Ana, California.

Signature:

Wendy Dufff

DECLARATION OF DILIGENCE EXHIBIT C PAGE 22

ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (Name, State Bar number, and address) _ J. ANDREW COOMBS SBN: 123881 J. ANDREW COOMBS 517 E. WILSON ST. #202 GLENDALE, CA 91206	FOR COURT USE ONLY
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USDC - Central District - Central Division	
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CITY AND ZIP CODE: Los Angeles, CA 90012	
BRANCH NAME: Central District - Central Division	
PLAINTIFF/PETITIONER: DC COMICS	CASE NUMBER:
DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT: MARK TOWLE, an individual and doing business as Gotham Garage	CV11-03934RSWL(OPx)
NON SERVICE REPORT	Ref. No. or File No.:

I received the within process on June 21, 2011 andthat after due and diligent effort I have been unable to personally serve said witness. The following itemization of the dates and times of attempts details the efforts required to effect personal service. Additional costs for diligence are recoverable under CCP §1033.5 (a)(4)(B).

Servee: MARK TOWLE, an individual and doing business as Gotham Garage

Documents: summons;complaint;Judge Assignment; Civil Cover Sheet;Copyright Notice; Trademark Notice; Notice of Interested Parties

As enumerated below:

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SANTA ANA, CA 92704

Unable to effect service at given residential address. Attempts were made where there was no answer at the door. I made contact with the Earhardt residence who stated, they have been here almost 2 years, defendant unknown.

Fee for Attempted Service: \$.00

SANTA ANA, CA 92704

Unable to effect service at given residential address. Numerous attempts were made where there was no answer at the door. I made contact with a Charles who stated, subject has not lived in the complex for years. Left a courtesy copy of document with him.

Fee for Attempted Service: \$ 57.00

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County: **ORANGE** Registration No.: **408** Janney & Janney Attorney Service, Inc. 1545 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 311 Los Angeles, CA 90017 (213) 628-6338

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of The State of California that the foregoing information contained in the return of service and statement of service fees is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on: August 05, 2011 at Santa Ana, California.

Signature: Wendy Duffi

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PROOF OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned, certify and declare that I am over the age of 18 years, employed in the County of Los Angeles, and not a party to the above-entitled cause. I am employed by a member of the Bar of the United States District Court of California. My business address is 517 East Wilson Avenue, Suite 202, Glendale, California 91206.

On August 31, 2011, I served on the interested parties in this action with:

- *EX PARTE* APPLICATION FOR ORDER AUTHORIZING SERVICE OF PROCESS ON DEFENDANT BY PUBLICATION AND MAIL AND REQUEST FOR ENLARGEMENT OF TIME WITHIN WHICH TO EFFECT SERVICE; MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES IN SUPPORT THEREOF
- [PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFFS' *EX PARTE* APPLICATION FOR ORDER AUTHORIZING SERVICE OF PROCESS ON DEFENDANT BY PUBLICATION AND MAIL AND REQUEST FOR ENLARGEMENT OF TIME WITHIN WHICH TO EFFECT SERVICE

in support for the following civil action:

Warner Bros. Entertainment Inc. v. M. Towle, et al.

by placing a true copy thereof in an envelope to be immediately sealed thereafter. I am readily familiar with the office's practice of collecting and processing correspondence for mailing. Under that practice it would be deposited with the United States Postal Service on the same day with postage thereon fully prepaid at Glendale, California in the ordinary course of business. I am aware that on motion of the party served, service presumed invalid if postal cancellation date or postage meter is more than one day after date of deposit for mailing in affidavit.

Larry Zerner	
Zerner Law	
1801 Century Park East, Suite 2400	
Los Angeles, CA 90067	

Place of Mailing: Glendale, California Executed on August 31, 2011, at Glendale, California

> /s/ Jeremy Cordero Jeremy Cordero