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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

MALIBU MEDIA, LLC,  
  
Plaintiff,  
  
v.  
  
JOHN DOE SUBSCRIBER ASSIGNED  
IP ADDRESS 108.206.113.196, et al.  
  
Defendants.

No. 2:15-cv-2701-JAM-KJN, et al.

ORDER

On May 5, 2016, the court conducted a global hearing with respect to plaintiff Malibu Media, LLC's *ex parte* motions to conduct expedited discovery that had been pending in several related actions filed by plaintiff in the Sacramento division of this district. In connection with those motions, plaintiff lodged with the court for initial *in camera* review a status report addressing various questions/issues outlined in the court's April 8, 2016 order scheduling the May 5, 2016 hearing, as well as representative samples of plaintiff's settlement correspondence and settlement agreements. The status report was subsequently filed on the court's public docket, and the exhibits to the status report, which contain confidential settlement correspondence and

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1 settlement agreements, were filed under seal.<sup>1</sup> At the May 5, 2016 hearing, plaintiff's sole owner,  
2 Colette Pelisseir Field, appeared along with counsel and responded to further questioning by the  
3 court. Following that hearing, on May 10, 2016, the court issued a comprehensive order granting  
4 the motions to conduct expedited discovery in all of the related cases, subject to certain  
5 restrictions identified in that order.

6 Subsequently, plaintiff commenced several new actions, which were also ultimately  
7 related to this action on August 4, 2016. Thereafter, on September 28, 2016, plaintiff filed *ex*  
8 *parte* motions to conduct expedited discovery in each of the newly-related actions, which were  
9 then submitted for decision on the record and written briefing without a hearing.

10 After carefully considering the court's record and the applicable law, IT IS HEREBY  
11 ORDERED that:

- 12 1. Based on the showing made in plaintiff's motions, as well as plaintiff's representations  
13 made in its status report filed in Malibu Media, LLC v. John Doe subscriber assigned  
14 IP address 108.206.113.196, 2:15-cv-2701-JAM-KJN, ECF Nos. 11, 12, and verbally  
15 at the May 5, 2016 hearing in that matter, the court finds that plaintiff has shown that  
16 good cause exists to conduct the requested expedited discovery in these cases in an  
17 attempt to identify the respective John Doe defendants. See Semitool, Inc. v. Tokyo  
18 Electron Am, Inc., 208 F.R.D. 273, 276 (N.D. Cal. 2002). As such, plaintiff's motions  
19 are GRANTED, subject to the restrictions outlined below.
- 20 2. Plaintiff may immediately serve a Rule 45 subpoena ("Subpoena") on the internet  
21 service provider ("ISP") identified in Exhibit A to the operative complaint in each  
22 case, or on any other entity identified as providing internet services to the John Doe  
23 defendant at the particular IP address, to obtain information to identify the John Doe  
24 defendant; more specifically, his or her *name and address*. The ISP shall NOT release  
25 the subscriber's telephone number or e-mail address. A copy of this order shall be  
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27 <sup>1</sup> Those documents were filed on the court's docket in the first-filed case, Malibu Media, LLC v.  
28 John Doe subscriber assigned IP address 108.206.113.196, 2:15-cv-2701-JAM-KJN, ECF Nos.  
11, 12.

1 attached to the Subpoena in each case.

2 3. The ISP shall have 30 days from the date of service of the Subpoena upon it to serve  
3 the John Doe defendant with a copy of the Subpoena and a copy of this order. The  
4 ISP may serve the John Doe defendant using any reasonable means, including written  
5 notice sent to his or her last known address, transmitted either by first-class mail or via  
6 overnight service.

7 4. The John Doe defendant shall have 60 days from the date of service of the Subpoena  
8 and this order upon him or her to file any motions with this court contesting the  
9 Subpoena (including a motion to quash or modify the Subpoena), as well as any  
10 request to litigate the Subpoena anonymously. The ISP may NOT turn over the John  
11 Doe defendant's identifying information to plaintiff before the expiration of this 60-  
12 day period. Additionally, if the John Doe defendant or ISP files a motion to quash the  
13 Subpoena, the ISP may not turn over any information to the plaintiff until the motion  
14 has been resolved by the court. A John Doe defendant who moves to quash or modify  
15 the subpoena, or to proceed anonymously, shall at the same time as his or her filing  
16 notify the ISP so that the ISP is on notice not to release any of the John Doe  
17 defendant's information to plaintiff until the court rules on any such motions.

18 5. If the above-mentioned time periods elapse without the John Doe defendant or ISP  
19 contesting the Subpoena, the ISP shall have 10 days to produce the information  
20 responsive to the Subpoena to plaintiff.

21 6. Upon service with the Subpoena, the ISP shall preserve any subpoenaed information  
22 until either the information is produced to plaintiff or a timely-filed motion to quash  
23 the subpoena is resolved by the court.

24 7. Any information ultimately disclosed to plaintiff in response to a Subpoena may be  
25 used by plaintiff for the sole purpose of protecting plaintiff's rights as set forth in the  
26 operative complaint.


27 This order resolves all pending *ex parte* motions for expedited discovery in the following  
28 cases, and shall be filed by the Clerk of Court on the dockets of all the following cases:

1 2:16-cv-01708-JAM-KJN ECF No. 15  
2 2:16-cv-01709- JAM-KJN ECF No. 16  
3 2:16-cv-01710- JAM-KJN ECF No. 9  
4 2:16-cv-01711- JAM-KJN ECF No. 8  
5 2:16-cv-01712- JAM-KJN ECF No. 9  
6 2:16-cv-01713-JAM-KJN ECF No. 6  
7 2:16-cv-01714- JAM-KJN ECF No. 7  
8 2:16-cv-01715- JAM-KJN ECF No. 8  
9 2:16-cv-01716- JAM-KJN ECF No. 8  
10 2:16-cv-01717- JAM-KJN ECF No. 7  
11 2:16-cv-01718- JAM-KJN ECF No. 7  
12 2:16-cv-01719- JAM-KJN ECF No. 7  
13 2:16-cv-01720- JAM-KJN ECF No. 7  
14 2:16-cv-01721- JAM-KJN ECF No. 8  
15 2:16-cv-01722-JAM-KJN ECF No. 6  
16 2:16-cv-01723- JAM-KJN ECF No. 7  
17 2:16-cv-01724- JAM-KJN ECF No. 8  
18 2:16-cv-01725- JAM-KJN ECF No. 6  
19 2:16-cv-01726- JAM-KJN ECF No. 6  
20 2:16-cv-01727- JAM-KJN ECF No. 7  
21 2:16-cv-01728- JAM-KJN ECF No. 8  
22 2:16-cv-01729- JAM-KJN ECF No. 8  
23 2:16-cv-01733- JAM-KJN ECF No. 7

24 IT IS SO ORDERED.

25 Dated: October 11, 2016

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KENDALL J. NEWMAN  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE