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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

MALIBU MEDIA, LLC,

Plaintiff,

No. C 15-04441 WHA

v.

JOHN DOE Subscriber Assigned IP  
Address 76.126.99.126,

**ORDER RE SEALING MOTION**

Defendant.

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And All Related Cross-Actions.  
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Defendant has moved to keep portions of the Court’s order denying his motion to quash subpoenas under seal, citing concerns that excerpts from Internet posts allegedly made by him and his user name could be used to identify him, thereby exposing him to embarrassment and pressure to settle this litigation. The motion is **GRANTED**, with one exception. Page 4 of the order reads “Malibu Media identifies numerous other posts by the user [defendant’s username] on the forgoing websites and others, not set forth in detail in this order, many of which refer to masturbation, pornography, voyeurism [and other topics].” In addition to his user name (which may be redacted), defendant seeks to redact the text “masturbation, pornography, voyeurism” (though not the subsequent topics). These generic references cannot be used to identify defendant in any way, so there is no good cause to redact that text. To that extent only, defendant’s motion is **DENIED**.

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To be clear, this is without prejudice to whether the same or similar materials may be redacted or sealed in future filings or proceedings, including at trial.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Dated: December 23, 2016.

  
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WILLIAM ALSUP  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE