

The plaintiff filed a motion for default judgment. (ECF No. 26.) The court appreciates the 17 18 plaintiff's briefing of the Eitel factors. (See ECF No. 26-1 at 3-6.) In addition to the Eitel factors, 19 though, the court must determine three preliminary matters in a default-judgment case: 1) whether 20 it has subject-matter jurisdiction over the action; 2) whether it has personal jurisdiction over the defendant; and 3) whether service was proper. See In re Tuli, 172 F.3d 707, 712 (9th Cir. 1999); 21 Timbuktu Educ. v. Alkaraween Islamic Bookstore, No. C 06-03025 JSW, 2007 WL 1544790, 22 23 at *2 (N.D. Cal. May 25, 2007). The court requests that the plaintiff submit additional briefing regarding personal jurisdiction over Top Shelf Classics and the propriety of service. In particular, 24 25 with respect to service, the court requests additional briefing as to why substitute service at the Hercules, California "mail box store" address was proper. (See ECF No. 18.) The plaintiff 26 previously informed the court that it had difficulty identifying a "reliable address" for Top Shelf, 27

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see ECF No. 16 at 2, and identifies Top Shelf as an "unknown entity," see ECF No. 18 at 2. Without additional information, the court cannot determine if service was proper.

The court also requests that the plaintiff submit additional information for the damages and attorney's fees he seeks. First, with respect statutory damages, the court requests that the plaintiff submit additional evidence as to why — if at all — the statutory damages sought plausibly relate to his actual damages. See Adobe Sys., Inc. v. Tilley, No. C 09-1085 PJH, 2010 WL 309249, at *5 (N.D. Cal. Jan. 19, 2010); see also Jones v. Collectal Associates, No. 15-cv-02223-JCS, 2016 WL 721279, at * 4 (N.D. Cal. Jan. 29, 2016). Second, with respect to attorney's fees, the court requests that the plaintiff submit evidence supporting the number of hours billed. He may submit actual itemized billing records or a chart showing the hours worked on specific tasks. This is necessary for the court to determine whether the approximately twenty-five hours spent on the matter was reasonable. (See ECF No. 26-2, \P 7.)

The court orders the plaintiff to file this additional briefing and supporting evidence by August 10, 2016 at 12:00 p.m. The matter remains on calendar for a hearing on August 11 at 9:30 a.m.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: August 5, 2016

LAUREL BEELER United States Magistrate Judge

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