In Re Uber Text Messaging

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Plaintiff Christopher Ziers ("Ziers") and Defendant Uber Technologies, Inc. ("Uber") hereby stipulate and agree as follows, and request entry of the below proposed order approving their stipulation.

WHEREAS, on December 17, 2018 Uber filed a motion to compel arbitration as to Ziers and to stay the action, including the claims of plaintiff Wanda Rogers (the "Motion to Compel") (ECF No. 64);

WHEREAS, in support of the Motion to Compel, Uber submitted evidence in the form of a declaration of Naveen Narayanan, an Uber software engineer, who attested that Ziers had completed the process of registering with Uber to create an account and agreed to Uber's Terms and Conditions, which included an arbitration provision (*Id.* at 3-4 (citing ECF No. 64-2));

WHEREAS, on December 21, 2019, Ziers noticed the deposition of Mr. Narayanan (*See e.g.*, ECF No. 68);

WHEREAS, on January 3, 2019, Uber sought a protective order regarding Mr. Narayanan's deposition, arguing that Ziers had not provided any factual basis for taking arbitration discovery (*Id.*);

WHEREAS, on January 11, 2019, Ziers filed an opposition to Uber's Motion to Compel and submitted a declaration stating that he "[did] not recall ever completing the Uber registration process." (ECF No. 71-3);

WHEREAS, on January 24, 2019, Uber provided Ziers's counsel with information regarding the payment card that Ziers used to complete the Uber registration process. Uber designated this information "Highly Confidential -- Attorneys Eyes Only" and in response to Ziers's assertion that he did not provide his payment card information to Uber, Uber produced it on the condition that Plaintiffs' counsel not share any part of the payment card number with Ziers;

WHEREAS, on January 25, 2019 Ziers opposed Uber's motion for a protective order, declaring that he "[had] no recollection of completing Uber's registration process" and that the payment card information that Uber had provided to Ziers's counsel "had no connection to any

form of payment Ziers has a record or memory of possessing during the relevant time." (ECF No. 76);

WHEREAS, in connection with Ziers's opposition to Uber's motion for a protective order, Ziers's counsel signed a declaration under the penalty of perjury stating "I have confirmed that the payment information Uber produced does not match any credit or debit card Mr. Ziers has a record or memory of having possessed at any time." (ECF No. 76-1);

WHEREAS, on February 6, 2019, Magistrate Judge Corley denied Uber's motion for a protective order regarding Mr. Narayanan's deposition (ECF No. 84.)

WHEREAS, Mr. Narayanan sat for an approximately four-hour deposition on February 25, 2019;

WHEREAS, on February 27, 2019, Ziers filed a sur-reply opposing Uber's Motion to Compel (ECF No. 89);

WHEREAS, in support of his sur-reply and his denial of using a payment card that matched the number that Uber had provided to his counsel, Ziers signed a declaration under the penalty of perjury on February 27, 2019, identifying "the last four digits and expiration dates of the only payment card numbers [he had] any record or memory of ever using or owning" and stating that "[he had] no record or memory of ever owning or using any other payment card numbers." (ECF No. 89-5);

WHEREAS, on June 18, 2019, the Court denied Uber's Motion to Compel without prejudice, finding that there were disputed issues of fact in part because "Ziers attested that he did not have a payment card matching the one listed" in the documents that Uber provided to Ziers's counsel. (ECF No. 108 at 5, 16);

WHEREAS, on July 17, 2019, Uber served a subpoena on the financial institution that issued the payment card that Uber had on file as associated with Ziers;

WHEREAS, on July 3, 2019, Uber served discovery on Ziers seeking, among other things, the identity of the financial institution that Ziers used in or around the time that Uber's records show that he registered with Uber;

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2. As a part of the registration process, Ziers provided a cellular telephone number and payment card information to Uber;

1	3. Uber has produced records showing the cellular telephone number and payment
2	card information that Ziers provided to Uber during the registration process;
3	4. Ziers acknowledges and agrees that by registering with Uber, under the terms of
4	Uber's Terms and Conditions, he consented to arbitrate his claims in this action;
5	5. Ziers agrees to dismiss this action against Uber without prejudice; and
6	6. The parties stipulate to the dismissal of Ziers's claims without prejudice and
7	without costs as to either party.
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1	ORDER
2	This matter is before the Court on the Parties' Stipulation and [Proposed] Order, IT IS
3	HEREBY ORDERED that Plaintiff Christophe Ziers's claims against Uber in this action are
4	dismissed in their entirety without prejudice pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure
5	41(a)(1)(ii).
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8	IT IS SO ORDERED.
9	DATED: 10/7/2019
10	Honorable Haywood S. Gilliam, Jr.
11	United States District Judge
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