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counsel on February 15, 2005 asking plaintiff to stipulate that he did not oppose defendant's request for leave. Plaintiff's counsel did not respond prior to the filing of this administrative request for leave.

- 3. **[Redacted]** Exhibit A is a true and correct copy of excerpts from the deposition transcript of Thomas William Slattery, taken January 30, 2006.
- 4. Attached hereto as Exhibit B is a true and correct copy of plaintiff's iTunes Music Store purchase history produced by plaintiff in this litigation as SLA000031.
- 5. Attached hereto as Exhibit C is a true and correct copy of excerpts from the transcript of the hearing on defendant's motion to dismiss, held June 6, 2005.

I declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of California and the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct of my personal knowledge. Executed this 21st day of February, 2006 at San Francisco, California.

Tracy M. Strong

EXHIBIT A

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EXHIBIT B

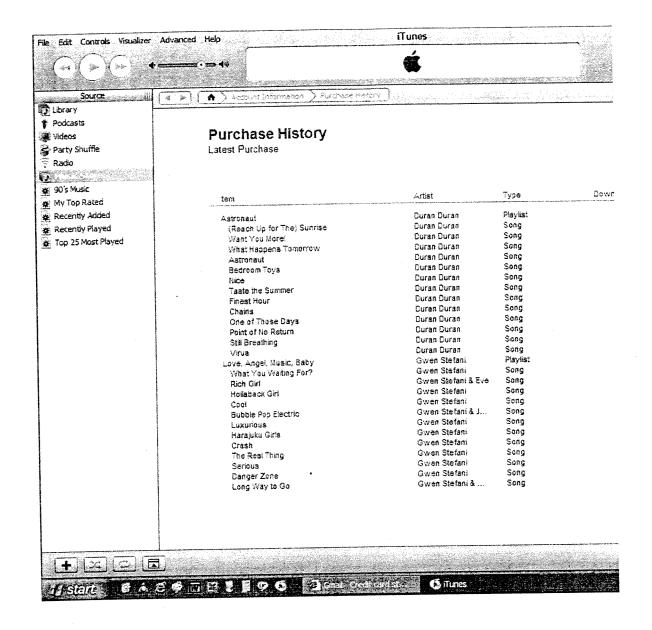


EXHIBIT C

1	IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2	FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
3	SAN JOSE DIVISION
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5	THOMAS WILLIAM) C-05-00037-JW SLATTERY,)
6) JUNE 6, 2005 PLAINTIFF,
7	V.) MOTION
8) PAGES 1-34 APPLE COMPUTER, INC.,)
9	DEFENDANT.) COPY
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11	THE PROCEEDINGS WERE HELD BEFORE
12	THE HONORABLE UNITED STATES DISTRICT
13	JUDGE JAMES WARE
14	APPEARANCES:
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24	OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER: IRENE RODRIGUEZ, CSR, CRR
25	CERTIFICATE NUMBER 8074
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IN THIS VALLEY?

MR. KATRIEL: EXCEPT, AS EXHIBIT A TO OUR COMPLAINT, WHICH IS THE LAST PAGE OF THE COMPLAINT, APPLE'S OWN REPRESENTATIONS, WHICH IT MAKES TO ITS CONSUMERS, IS THAT PARAGRAPH 3, SONGS PURCHASED FROM I-TUNES MUSIC STORES ARE ENCODED USING THE AAC PROTECTED FORMAT AND CANNOT BE CONVERTED TO MP3 FORMAT. YOU CAN BURN THEM AND PLAY THEM IN AUDIO CD PLAYERS.

WHAT MR. MITTELSTAEDT IS NOW REPRESENTING
TO THE COURT IS THAT YOU CAN TAKE AN EXTRA STEP AND
USE THAT AUDIO CD TO CONVERT IT BACK TO ANOTHER
PORTABLE DIGITAL MUSIC PLAYER. I DON'T KNOW IF
THAT'S TRUE OR NOT. WE CERTAINLY ARE NOT MAKING
ANY ALLEGATIONS WITH RESPECT TO THAT IN THE
COMPLAINT BUT ASSUMING THAT WERE TRUE FOR THE
PURPOSES OF ARGUMENT, THAT STILL DOESN'T SOLVE THE
PROBLEM BECAUSE THE ARGUMENT IS THAT BASICALLY THAT
THERE'S A METHOD BY WHICH YOU CAN CIRCUMVENT THE
TIE. OF COURSE THERE ALWAYS IS. ASSUME THIS
DIDN'T EXIST. I COULD ALWAYS SPEND MY MONEY AND
HIRE SOMEONE TO CRACK THE CODE AND THEN CIRCUMVENT
THE TIE. NOW WHAT THEY'RE SAYING IS THAT YOU CAN
GO OUT AND BUY A DVD BURNER.

THE COURT: BUT THE TIE, THE TIE IS NOT

ONE THAT IS COMPELLED THEN BY THE DEFENDANT IN THIS
CASE.
IN OTHER WORDS, I CAN BUY BOTH PRODUCTS
SEPARATELY. I CAN SUBSCRIBE TO I-TUNES ON MY
COMPUTER AND NEVER BUY AN IPOD AND I CAN THEN
LISTEN TO THE MUSIC THAT I DOWNLOAD AND I CAN TAKE
IT WITH ME; IS THAT CORRECT?
MR. KATRIEL: NOT UNLESS YOU MAKE AN
EXTRA PURCHASE AND THAT'S THE POINT. YOU HAVE TO
SPEND ANOTHER HUNDRED.
THE COURT: WHAT OTHER PURCHASE DO I HAVE
TO MAKE?
MR. KATRIEL: YOU HAVE TO BUY A DVD
BURNER.
THE COURT: IT WON'T DO IT ON A CD?
MR. KATRIEL: WELL, A CD BURNER.
THE COURT: BUT THAT'S ALL PART OF MY
COMPUTER EQUIPMENT.
MR. KATRIEL: BUT THERE'S A COST
ASSOCIATED WITH THAT.
THE COURT: THAT'S WHY I ASK WHETHER OR
NOT THE COMPUTER IS AN IMPORTANT INGREDIENT. BOTH
PRODUCTS NEED A COMPUTER, IT'S JUST A QUESTION OF
WHAT DEVICES ARE IN THE COMPUTER. YOU'RE TELLING
ME YOU NEED A COMPUTER WITH CERTAIN DEVICES IN

MR. KATRIEL: WELL, IN A SENSE THAT'S

CORRECT BUT I WOULD SHARPEN IT THIS WAY. THE,

THE -- HOW MUCH DO YOU HAVE TO SPEND TO BE ABLE TO

GET AROUND THE TIE IS THE WAY WE LOOK AT IT.

YOUR HONOR GAVE THE EXAMPLE OF THE PHOTOCOPIER MACHINE FOR KEY LOCK IN THE SERVICE.

SO YOU CAN'T DO IT. SO YOU'RE COERCED BECAUSE YOU CAN'T DO IT UNLESS YOU HAVE THE KEY FROM THE MANUFACTURER.

BUT I WOULD IMAGINE THAT YOU COULD HIRE SOMEBODY TO CRACK THAT KEY AND THE QUESTION IS IF YOU HAVE TO HIRE SOMEONE FOR \$10,000 TO UNLOCK THAT WITH THAT KEY, IS IT A TIE? HOW MUCH DO YOU HAVE TO SPEND? BECAUSE THE POINT THE MARKET REALITIES IS THAT YOU WON'T SPEND IT. HERE THE REALITIES IS THAT. YOU'RE NOT GOING TO BUY A \$49 CD BURNER TO BUY A .49 SONG.

THE COURT: NOW, LET ME ASK ONE QUESTION,

I'M INCLINED TO GRANT THE MOTION BUT AT THE SAME

TIME WORRIED I SHOULD ALLOW YOUR COMPLAINT AND WAIT

FOR THE INEVITABLE MOTION SO I COULD HAVE MORE

INFORMATION BECAUSE I HAVE TO ACCEPT, AS I SAID,

THE WELL PLEADED FACTS AS TRUE FOR PURPOSES OF THIS

MOTION AND IF I'M IN SUMMARY JUDGMENT MODE THEN I

AM GOING TO GET MORE INFORMATION FROM YOU ALL.

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