

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

ALBERT SNYDER,

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Plaintiff,

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v.

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Civil Action No. RDB-06-1389

FRED W. PHELPS, SR., *et al.*,

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Defendants.

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ORDER

The Plaintiff has previously noted a document request with respect to the financial records of Westboro Baptist Church, Inc. and Fred W. Phelps, Sr. (*See* Paper No. 130.) The Plaintiff has proffered the relevancy of these documents in his claim for punitive damages. This Court has previously ruled that these financial records are not discoverable unless and until the jury makes a finding of the Plaintiff’s entitlement to damages. Accordingly, consistent with this Court’s previous ruling, the Defendants Westboro Baptist Church, Inc. and Fred W. Phelps, Sr., shall submit the requested documents in camera under seal to this Court. Those documents shall be submitted under oath of Fred W. Phelps, Sr., and the corporate representative of Westboro Baptist Church, Inc. attesting to the accuracy of these records. In the event that the jury renders a verdict in favor of the Plaintiff and indicates the entitlement of the Plaintiff to punitive damages, these documents will be released for review by the Plaintiff and introduction as evidence before the jury for its subsequent determination as to damages.

Dated: October 19, 2007

/s/
Richard D. Bennett
United States District Judge