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2	NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
3	SAN JOSE DIVISION
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б	FACEBOOK, INC., and MARK
7	ZUCKERBERG,
8	Plaintiffs
9	vs. Docket No. 5:07-CV-01389
10	CONNECTU, INC. (formerly known as
11	CONNECTU, LLC), et al.,
12	Defendants
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14	VIDEOTAPED 30(b)(6) DEPOSITION OF DAVID TUFTS
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- 1 A. No.
- Q. It's G-u-c-w-a.
- 3 A. I don't know.
- 4 Q. What about John Taves, T-a-v-e-s?
- 5 A. Yes, I believe that he was sort of the new
- 6 webmaster, maybe. He was technically in charge of
- 7 the site after we -- he took over after we were
- 8 done.
- 9 Q. Have you ever had conversations with
- 10 Mr. Taves?
- 11 A. Yep.
- 12 Q. And when do you remember having your first
- 13 conversation with him?
- 14 A. I'm not sure of the exact -- maybe late
- 15 2004, or summer 2004. When we were -- we -- iMarc
- 16 moved ConnectU off of our servers, onto their own
- server, he seemed to be the one who was going to
- 18 take over, technically take over. So there was a
- 19 couple of conference calls, talking about where
- 20 files were, where stuff was.
- Q. Why was ConnectU being taken off of your
- 22 servers?
- 23 A. We just weren't happy with stuff they were
- asking us to do, and we just weren't happy with our

25 relationship with them.

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- 1 O. Describe what you mean by that.
- A. They asked us to do a couple of things that
- 3 we deemed unethical, and they actually seemed to do
- 4 something -- seemed to send out emails that we saw,
- 5 and we didn't want that happening on a server that
- 6 we managed.
- 7 O. Anything else?
- 8 A. Just in general we just weren't happy
- 9 working with them any more.
- 10 Q. Other than the email issue, when you say
- 11 you generally weren't happy, what was prompting
- 12 those feelings?
- 13 A. I think I touched on in that personal rant,
- 14 where they were just telling us to "Do this, add
- this, add this, " and that's not really how we work
- and like to work. We were growing and had enough
- 17 other clients that we just really didn't want to
- 18 work that way with them. Compound that with a
- 19 couple of unethical things that they seemed to be
- 20 doing, we just didn't want any part of managing
- 21 their server or working with them any more.
- Q. Were you concerned at all for iMarc's
- 23 liability associated with some of those activities?
- A. Oh, yeah, sure, yep.
- Q. Describe what you mean by that.

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- 1 If it's a server that we manage that might 2 have other clients on it and someone sends out mass 3 emails from it and the server gets blacklisted -which would mean that it's known to send spam, so 4 5 email clients won't accept mail from that -- if they're sending spam, it gets the whole server 6 7 blacklisted, and we have other clients that suddenly 8 their email stops working. So we didn't want to 9 deal with that. That's not what we do. 10 Q. You used the term "spam." What do you mean 11 by that? 12 Sending out email without someone signing up for it or requesting it. 13 O. Did you ever tell the Winklevoss brothers 14 or Divya Narendra that you didn't -- that you found 15
- 17 A. Yes.

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- 18 Q. Tell me when you first discussed that issue
- 19 with any of them.

these emails unethical?

- 20 A. It's in one of the emails. It's referenced
- in the bullet list in the back of the thing, where
- they sent out a number of emails, 6:00 a.m. by
- a.m. we saw, what are they doing, and we disabled
- the ability to do that and talked with them about

25 it.

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O. I'll ask a little bit more about that a 1 2 little bit later today. 3 I want to go back to John Taves. after migrating the ConnectU website from the iMarc 4 5 servers to John Taves --Does he have a business? 6 7 I think originally -- so iMarc hosted a Α. 8 number of websites on shared servers. So we buy one 9 single piece of hardware and can fit, you know, 40 to 50 websites on it. Step No. 1, when we saw that, 10 11 you know -- when we started to question their 12 ethics, we told them, "You guys get your own server. You sign up for it, and we'll help you move stuff 13 14 there." I don't know if John Tayes had anything to do with that, if he actually owned the server or 15 16 whatnot. So it's not saying it's John Taves' 17 server. It's a server that ConnectU set up. They 18 gave us the log-in information to move everything 19 So I think that was before there was any talk 20 of John Taves. 21 And so what was the first circumstance you remember having an interaction with John Taves? 22 I think he wanted to add a feature to the 23 24 website, and he was obviously taking over the 25 webmastering stuff. We were not as responsive with

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- 1 ConnectU. We were pushing them to schedule work.
- 2 And I think that they contacted John to actually
- 3 implement stuff, maybe. We ended up talking with
- 4 John about, "Here's where the server is. Here's the
- 5 log-in. Here's what's going on" -- just an overview
- of what's happening. I'm not sure what date it was.
- 7 I'm guessing 2004, summer to winter of 2004.
- 8 Q. Other than those discussions, did you have
- 9 any further discussions with John Taves?
- 10 A. Off the top of my head, no.
- 11 Q. Are you familiar with the company Pacific
- 12 Northwest Software?
- 13 A. I think that that is his company, or a
- 14 company he works for.
- 15 Q. Other than the discussions you've described
- 16 with John Taves, do you recall any other discussions
- 17 with anyone from Pacific Northwest Software?
- 18 A. Well, yeah, I don't -- there was -- he
- 19 seemed to have this team of people that he was
- 20 working with, and I'm not sure if they worked at
- 21 Pacific Northwest Software. We had no official
- 22 dealings with a company called Pacific Northwest
- 23 Software, but we had dealings -- John Taves and
- other people seemed to be starting to take over work

on the site. So I'm not sure if they worked for

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1 (Exhibit 75 marked for identification.) 2 After you're done looking at it, let me 3 know. I'm done. 4 Α. 5 Do you recognize what's been marked as Exhibit 75? 6 7 Α. Yes. Ο. And what is that? 8 9 This is an email from myself with a Α. previous thread between me, Nils Menten, Cameron 10 11 Winklevoss, and Nick Grant. 12 O. And in the middle of this email is the remark, "I deleted all ConnectU email accounts from 13 14 our servers." Was that from a statement you made or 15 someone made to you? I believe that was something I made. 16 Α. And what did you mean when you wrote that? 17 Ο. 18 Well, so, Cameron had sent me an email Α. 19 saying -- so this is a week after this other one. 20 Basically the other one says, "We're turning off the Web server. Do you want to leave email and DNS on?" 21 22 And Cameron says, "I'll let you know when we decide 23 to change email or DNS." So I'm guessing a week, week and a half later he decided to turn those off. 24

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So if I don't actually remove the DNS

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1 and email accounts from my own server, when I send 2 email to anything at ConnectU, it will go to my 3 server, it will bypass the real route to the new So the only way to avoid having a lame DNS or 4 one. 5 lame email record, you need to completely remove So now when I type in "ConnectU," it goes to 6 7 the real DNS and finds its way to the real address, 8 instead of stopping at my own server. 9 So what exactly did you delete when you 0. said you deleted all ConnectU email accounts? 10 11 A. Just the pointer to the account. Like you 12 said, it's a delivery system. So it was -- at this point it was not doing anything. It would only be 13 14 basically messing up or intercepting my iMarc email 15 to ConnectU. So removing that sort of like pointer, 16 as you called it, a delivery method, it finds its 17 way to the real one. And the same thing with DNS. 18 Q. Earlier today -- I'm going to move now to 19 the topics of data that may have been obtained from 20 the Facebook website and the sending of email messages to people based upon information obtained 21 22 from Facebook. You mentioned earlier today that there 23 were several or a number -- I don't remember the 24 25 exact word that you used -- of unethical actions

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- 1 that you felt were taken by ConnectU. Could you
- 2 please list what those actions were.
- 3 A. The two primary ones are what's listed in
- 4 this document. Those are something about like
- 5 screen-scraping Facebook, asking us if we would do
- 6 that, and something about sending out a whole bunch
- 7 of unsolicited emails.
- 8 Q. Anything else? Okay, sorry.
- 9 A. So June and July of 2004. And right after
- 10 that is when we took their Web hosting off of our
- 11 Web server. They set it up on their own server.
- 12 And then in that other email we were suggesting,
- "Instead of you managing on your own server, move to
- 14 Wayne" whatever.
- 15 But yeah, that is what, June 11 and July
- 16 6, those two instances are what promoted us not
- wanting to host their website or really do anything.
- 18 Q. Is there anything else that you recall,
- 19 other than those two instances?
- 20 A. No.
- 21 Q. Are you aware of whether any additional --
- after the website was moved to another hosting
- 23 provider, are you aware of whether there was any
- 24 further efforts to obtain email addresses from
- 25 Facebook?

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- 1 A. I don't know. At that point we kind of
- washed our hands of it. I didn't know, nor did I
- 3 care.
- Q. And are you aware of whether after the
- 5 hosting ended whether any further sending of
- 6 unsolicited emails occurred?
- 7 A. I don't know.
- 8 MR. CHATTERJEE: Let's mark this as
- 9 Exhibit 76.
- 10 (Exhibit 76 marked for identification.)
- 11 Q. After you're done looking at this, let me
- 12 know.
- 13 A. Uh-huh. Yep.
- 14 Q. Do you know someone named Marc M. Pierrat,
- 15 P-i-e-r-a-t?
- 16 A. Yes.
- Q. Who is that?
- 18 A. He's the person we discussed at the
- 19 beginning of this meeting. He was the salesperson
- 20 for iMarc at the time.
- Q. Are you familiar with any discussions
- between anyone at iMarc and any of the ConnectU
- 23 founders about creating something called a parser?
- 24 A. No.
- Q. And do you have any reason to believe that

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