

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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 ARISTA RECORDS LLC; ATLANTIC RECORDING CORPORATION; ARISTA MUSIC, fka BMG MUSIC; CAPITOL RECORDS, INC; ELEKTRA ENTERTAINMENT GROUP INC; INTERSCOPE RECORDS; LAFACE RECORDS LLC; MOTOWN RECORD COMPANY, L.P.; PRIORITY RECORDS LLC; SONY MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT, fka SONY BMG MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT; UMG RECORDINGS, INC; VIRGIN RECORDS AMERICA, INC.; and WARNER BROS. RECORDS INC.,

06 CV 5936 (KMW)

ORDER

Plaintiffs,

-against-

LIME GROUP LLC; LIME WIRE LLC; MARK GORTON; GREG BILDSON; and M.J.G. LIME WIRE FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP,

Defendants.

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 KIMBA M. WOOD, U.S.D.J.:

Since January 14, 2011, both parties have moved to file numerous documents under seal, based on the parties' prior stipulation not to file, publicly, documents each designates as confidential. (See Dkt. Entry No. 400.) Although a stipulation may bind the parties to treat as confidential the documents so classified, by "so ordering" a stipulation, a court makes no finding as to whether the documents are entitled to confidentiality such that they may be filed under seal. The Court cannot make the individual findings needed to place material under seal without the parties having provided a specific rationale for sealing each type of material that the parties wish to file under seal; the law does not permit the court to file material under seal based merely upon parties' contentions that material is "confidential." Accordingly, no party is permitted to file any

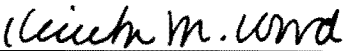
portion of any document under seal, absent an order from the Court granting their motion to file those portions under seal. Such a finding as to whether documents are confidential will be made, if ever, upon a document-by-document review.

Each party is directed to submit to the Court a letter according to the following instructions:

1. The parties must also list all of their pending motions to file under seal, along with the ECF docketing numbers accompanying each motion.
 - a. The parties must list all documents contained within each motion that they contend should be filed under seal.
 - b. The parties must submit a detailed explanation of the rationale for filing any portion of any document under seal.
2. The parties shall submit those letters by Friday, March 11, 2011, at 5:00 p.m.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: New York, New York
February 24 2011



Kimba M. Wood
United States District Judge