IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS DALLAS DIVISION

REMOVE YOUR CONTENT, LLC		δ	
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Plaintiff,		δ	
V.		δ	
		δ	CIVIL ACTION NO.
JOHN DOES 1-2	20,	δ	
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Defendan	ts	δ	JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

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TO THE HONORABLE COURT:

COMES NOW, REMOVE YOUR CONTENT, LLC, Plaintiff, and files this Original Complaint against JOHN DOES 1-20, and would show the Court as follows:

I. <u>PARTIES</u>

1. Plaintiff, Remove Your Content, LLC, is a Texas limited liability company with a principal place of business in Irving, Dallas County, Texas.

2. Defendants, John Does 1-20, are as yet unidentified individuals.

II. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

3. Subject matter jurisdiction is conferred on this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a), as the matter in controversy exceeds \$100,000.00 (excluding interest and costs), and Plaintiff believes that there is a complete diversity of citizenship. Further, this Court has jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1338, as this matter involves trademark infringement. This Court has supplemental jurisdiction of any remaining claims set forth herein pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367 as these claims for relief arise out of a common nucleus of operative facts and form part of the same case or controversy.

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4. Venue for all causes of action stated herein pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(2) lies in the Northern District of Texas in that a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claim occurred in the Northern District of Texas and Defendants directed acts to Plaintiff in the Northern District of Texas.

III. <u>FACTS</u>

5. Plaintiff, Remove Your Content, LLC, was formed to help combat copyright infringement and piracy on the internet. Plaintiff provides various services to its clients, such as searching for illegally uploaded content, sending Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA) notices, and working with websites to remove the stolen content. Plaintiff specializes in working with adult entertainment industry clients and protecting its clients' copyrighted adult content.

6. Because of Plaintiff's specialization and success in getting copyright infringing material removed, Plaintiff and Plaintiff's owner, Eric Green, have attracted attention from individuals who target and consistently distribute illegal and pirated content on the internet. Plaintiff and Mr. Green have become the target of "hate blogs" on the internet, as well as threats.

7. "Dope Nuck" or "Dope Lord" or "Dopenull" (dopenuke@gmail.com and dopenull@gmail.com), Defendant John Doe 1 herein, has posted messages and e-mailed Mr. Green directly with threats. For example, "Dope Nuck" has physically threatened Mr. Green and Remove Your Content, LLC via e-mail, attached hereto as Exhibit 1. The e-mail states that Plaintiff should "Either quite bothering all these sites and blogs or will take the bet and nuke you with an early Christmas present." (sic). Defendant John Doe 1 has also threatened Plaintiff, made several references to "nuking" Plaintiff, and stated that he is "messing with the f------ big boys n----a" and that the Defendant is with the "dope gangs, we live in the hood and prison." *See Exhibit 1.* Defendant also claimed that he had tried to "pay a visit" to Mr. Green and that

"Carma is a b-----." (sic) *See Exhibit 1*. Defendant John Doe 1 has also posted similar threats against Plaintiff in an online forum.

8. Plaintiff is understandably concerned about these threats, as Plaintiff, upon information and belief, believes that the Defendant John Doe 1, aka "Dope Nuck" or "Dope Lord," is a criminal with an arrest record and convictions that include assault, drug possession, and theft. Upon information and belief, Plaintiff believes that Defendant John Doe 1 operates a website, <u>http://www.chroniccentral.net</u>, which indirectly hosts infringing content by linking to the infringing content.

9. Plaintiff has filed a police report with the Irving Police Department detailing the threats.

10. Defendant John Doe 2 writes a hate blog, "eric green sucks," online at <u>http://ericgreensuck.blogspot.com</u>. The blog is replete with false and defamatory information. The blog includes false statements that Plaintiff operates illegally, sends illegal DMCA notices, and is not a legitimate business. The blog also states falsely that Plaintiff sends DMCA notices with no basis of copyright infringement and falsely states that Plaintiff runs its own pirated adult content sites. The blogger also writes that Plaintiff and Eric Green are in a "shady business…fake and not legit…a scam" and thieves and copyright infringers. *See attached Exhibit 2.* The blog also uses Plaintiff's own trademarked content, specifically Plaintiff's web page images, which include its registered trademark. Plaintiff has requested that the trademarked images be removed, but, to date, they have not been removed.

11. Plaintiff now sues in order to discover and verify the identities of the Defendants and recover damages.

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CONDITIONS PRECEDENT

12. All conditions precedent have been performed, have occurred, or have been waived.

V. CAUSES OF ACTION

Plaintiff incorporates by reference Sections I-IV hereinabove.

First Cause Of Action – Defamation and Slander

13. The Defendant published and continues to publish false statements purporting to be facts about Plaintiff to third persons, via the site <u>http://ericgreensuck.blogspot.com</u>. No privilege, absolute or conditional, attaches to these statements. Defendant's false and defamatory statements have caused damages to Plaintiff's reputation.

14. Each of the above referenced acts constitutes defamation and has caused the damages suffered by Plaintiff.

Second Cause Of Action – Defamation Per Se

15. The Defendant's false statements negatively affected Plaintiff in its business.

16. Each of the above referenced acts constitutes defamation and caused the damages suffered by Plaintiff.

Third Cause of Action—Business Disparagement

17. The Defendant published disparaging and false words about the Plaintiff's economic interests. The words were false. The Defendant published the words with malice. The Defendant published the words without privilege, and the publication caused the Plaintiff special damages.

Fourth Cause of Action—Assault by Threat of Bodily Injury

18. Defendant, via his online personas, "Dope Nuck" or "Dope Lord" or "Dopenull"

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(<u>dopenuke@gmail.com</u> and <u>dopenull@gmail.com</u>), has threatened Plaintiff with bodily harm. The Defendant is acting intentionally and knowingly and threatening the Plaintiff and Plaintiff's owner, Eric Green, with imminent bodily injury. The Defendant's threats have caused injury to the Plaintiff.

Fifth Cause of Action-Tortious Interference with Contracts

19. Plaintiff has existing business relationships and contracts and potential business relationships that could result in new business for its operations. Defendants have tortiously interfered with these relationships in an attempt to harm Plaintiff and Plaintiff's business operations.

20. Defendants were aware that current and/or prospective business relationships existed and acted intentionally. As a proximate result of the tortious interference, Plaintiff has suffered damages.

Sixth Cause of Action-Trademark Infringement

21. Plaintiff is the owner of a valid trademark, serial number 77604591. The trademarked name "Remove Your Content," is being used by Defendant unlawfully. Defendant, via the site <u>http://ericgreensuck.blogspot.com</u>, has made an additional blog mirroring the original <u>http://removeyourcontent.blogspot.com/</u> and is using Plaintiff's trademarked name without authorization or permission. Further, Defendant is wrongfully using Plaintiff's website content on his blog.

VI. EXEMPLARY DAMAGES AND ATTORNEY'S FEES

Plaintiff incorporates by reference herein all of the allegations set forth in hereinabove in this Original Complaint.

22. By reason of the acts and conduct described above, the Defendants are liable to Plaintiff for exemplary damages in an amount to be awarded by the jury after taking into consideration the nature of the wrongs, the character and conduct involved, the degree of culpability of the wrongdoer, and the situation and sensibilities of the parties concerned and the extent to which this conduct offends the public sense of justice and propriety.

23. Plaintiff is entitled to attorney's fees. The fees for such services Plaintiff's counsel states is the sum of at least \$75,000.00 should this matter require a trial in a court of law.

VII. <u>APPLICATION FOR PRELIMINARY AND PERMANENT INJUNCTIONS</u>

Plaintiff incorporates by reference herein all of the allegations set forth in hereinabove in this Original Complaint.

24. In order to preserve the status quo and the property rights of the Plaintiff during the pendency of this action, Defendants should be cited to appear and show cause why they should not be preliminarily restrained, during the pendency of this action from:

- Contacting Plaintiff's place of business or any of Plaintiff's employees, directly or indirectly, in any manner;
- Contacting any of Plaintiff's clients or customer, directly or indirectly, in any manner; and
- Continuing to make false and defamatory statements about Plaintiff or Plaintiff's employees.

25. For the reasons stated, Plaintiff requests that, after the hearing, this Court enjoin Defendants for the relief requested.

26. Plaintiff requests that after trial on the merits that a permanent injunction be issued against the Defendants.

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PRAYER

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, for these reasons, Plaintiff prays for the following, and all other relief to which Plaintiff may show that it is justly entitled:

1. After hearing, a preliminary injunction be issued to Defendants restraining Defendants as requested above;

2. After a trial on the merits, that a permanent injunction be issued to Defendants;

3. Judgment against Defendants for actual and special damages in an amount within the jurisdictional limits of the court;

4. Judgment against Defendants for exemplary damages in an amount within the jurisdictional limits of the Court;

- 5. Pre and Postjudgment interest;
- 6 Attorneys' fees and costs of court;
- 7. Such other and further relief to which Plaintiff may be justly entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

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