



1. Plaintiffs, record companies who own the copyrights in the most popular sound recordings in the United States, seek leave of the Court to serve limited, immediate discovery on a third party Internet Service Provider (“ISP”) to determine the true identities of Doe Defendants, who are being sued for direct copyright infringement.<sup>1</sup>

2. As alleged in the complaint, the Doe Defendants, without authorization, used an online media distribution system to download Plaintiffs’ copyrighted works and/or distribute copyrighted works to the public. Although Plaintiffs do not know the true names of the Doe Defendants, Plaintiffs have identified each Defendant by a unique Internet Protocol (“IP”) address assigned to that Defendant on the date and time of that Defendant’s infringing activity.

3. Plaintiffs intend to serve a Rule 45 subpoena on the ISP seeking documents that identify each Defendant’s true name, current (and permanent) addresses and telephone numbers, e-mail addresses, and Media Access Control (“MAC”) addresses. Without this information, Plaintiffs cannot identify the Doe Defendants or pursue their lawsuit to protect their copyrighted works from repeated infringement.

4. Good cause exists to allow Plaintiffs to conduct this limited discovery in advance of a Rule 26(f) conference where there are no known defendants with whom to confer.

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<sup>1</sup> Because Plaintiffs do not yet know the Doe Defendants’ true identities, Plaintiffs are unable to personally serve them with a copy of this motion. Instead, Plaintiffs will serve the Clerk of Court pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 5(b)(2)(D) (“A paper is served under this rule by . . . leaving it with the court clerk if the person has no known address.”) and will serve the Doe Defendants’ ISP with a copy of this motion. Additionally, if the Court grants this motion, Plaintiffs will ask the ISP to notify each of the Doe Defendants of the subpoena and provide them with an opportunity to object.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs apply *ex parte* for an Order permitting Plaintiffs to conduct the foregoing requested discovery immediately.

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