

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT MICHIGAN**

MALIBU MEDIA, LLC,)	
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Plaintiff,)	Civil Case No. _____
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v.)	
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JOHN DOE subscriber assigned IP)	
Address 107.194.56.166,)	
)	
Defendant.)	
_____)	

**COMPLAINT-ACTION FOR DAMAGES FOR
PROPERTY RIGHTS INFRINGEMENT**

Plaintiff, Malibu Media, LLC, sues Defendant John Doe subscriber assigned IP address 107.194.56.166, and alleges:

Introduction

1. This matter arises under the United States Copyright Act of 1976, as amended, 17 U.S.C. §§ 101 et seq. (the “Copyright Act”).
2. Defendant is a persistent online infringer of Plaintiff’s copyrights. Defendant’s IP address as set forth on Exhibit A was used to illegally distribute each of the copyrighted movies set forth on Exhibit B.
3. Plaintiff is the registered owner of the copyrights set forth on Exhibit B (the “Copyrights-in-Suit”).

Jurisdiction And Venue

4. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331 (federal question); and 28 U.S.C. § 1338 (patents, copyrights, trademarks and unfair competition).

5. Plaintiff used proven IP address geolocation technology which has consistently worked in similar cases to ensure that the Defendant's acts of copyright infringement occurred using an Internet Protocol address ("IP address") traced to a physical address located within this District, and therefore this Court has personal jurisdiction over the Defendant because (i) Defendant committed the tortious conduct alleged in this Complaint in this State, and (ii) Defendant resides in this State and/or (iii) Defendant has engaged in substantial and not isolated business activity in this State.

6. Based upon experience filing over 1,000 cases the geolocation technology used by Plaintiff has proven to be accurate to the District level in over 99% of the cases.

7. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) and (c), because: (i) a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claims occurred in this District; and, (ii) the Defendant resides (and therefore can be found) in this District and resides in this State; additionally, venue is proper in

this District pursuant 28 U.S.C. § 1400(a) (venue for copyright cases) because Defendant or Defendant's agent resides or may be found in this District.

Parties

8. Plaintiff, Malibu Media, LLC, (d/b/a "X-Art.com") is a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of the State of California and has its principal place of business located at 9701 Wilshire Blvd., 10th Floor, Beverly Hills, CA 90212.

9. Plaintiff only knows Defendant by his, her or its IP Address. Defendant's IP address is set forth on Exhibit A.

10. Defendant's Internet Service Provider can identify the Defendant.

Factual Background

I. Defendant Used the BitTorrent File Distribution Network To Infringe Plaintiff's Copyrights

11. The BitTorrent file distribution network ("BitTorrent") is one of the most common peer-to-peer file sharing systems used for distributing large amounts of data, including, but not limited to, digital movie files.

12. BitTorrent's popularity stems from the ability of users to directly interact with each other in order to distribute a large file without creating a heavy load on any individual source computer and/or network. The methodology of BitTorrent allows users to interact directly with each other, thus avoiding the need for intermediary host websites which are subject to DMCA take down notices and

potential regulatory enforcement actions.

13. In order to distribute a large file, the BitTorrent protocol breaks a file into many small pieces. Users then exchange these small pieces among each other instead of attempting to distribute a much larger digital file.

14. After the infringer receives all of the pieces of a digital media file, the infringer's BitTorrent client software reassembles the pieces so that the file may be opened and utilized.

15. Each piece of a BitTorrent file is assigned a unique cryptographic hash value.

16. The cryptographic hash value of the piece ("piece hash") acts as that piece's unique digital fingerprint. Every digital file has one single possible cryptographic hash value correlating to it. The BitTorrent protocol utilizes cryptographic hash values to ensure each piece is properly routed amongst BitTorrent users as they engage in file sharing.

17. The entirety of the digital media file also has a unique cryptographic hash value ("file hash"), which acts as a digital fingerprint identifying the digital media file (e.g. a movie). Once infringers complete downloading all pieces which comprise a digital media file, the BitTorrent software uses the file hash to determine that the file is complete and accurate.

18. Plaintiff's investigators, IPP International UG and Excipio GmbH

established a direct TCP/IP connection with the Defendant's IP address as set forth on Exhibit A.

19. Plaintiff's investigators downloaded from Defendant one or more pieces of each of the digital media files identified by the file hashes listed on Exhibit A.

20. Each digital media file as identified by the file hash listed on Exhibit A correlates to a copyrighted film owned by Plaintiff, as set forth on Exhibit B.

21. A full copy of each digital media file was downloaded from the BitTorrent file distribution network, and it was confirmed through independent calculation that the file hash correlating to each file matched what is listed on Exhibit A. At no point was Plaintiff's copyrighted content uploaded to any other BitTorrent user.

22. Each digital media file as identified by the file hash listed on Exhibit A has been verified to contain a digital copy of a movie that is identical (or alternatively, strikingly similar or substantially similar) to Plaintiff's corresponding original copyrighted work listed on Exhibit B.

23. Plaintiff owns the copyrights to the original works (the "Copyrights-in-Suit"). An overview of the Copyrights-in-Suit, including each hit date, date of first publication, registration date, and registration number issued by the United States Copyright Office is set forth on Exhibit B.

24. Defendant downloaded, copied, and distributed a complete copy of Plaintiff's works without authorization as enumerated on Exhibits A and B.

25. Plaintiff's investigators connected, over a course of time, with Defendant's IP address for each digital media file identified by the hash value as listed on Exhibit A. The most recent TCP/IP connection between IPP and the Defendant's IP address for each file hash value listed on Exhibit A is included within the column labeled Hit Date UTC. UTC refers to Universal Time which is utilized for air traffic control as well as for computer forensic purposes.

26. Plaintiff's evidence establishes that Defendant is a habitual and persistent BitTorrent user and copyright infringer.

Miscellaneous

27. All conditions precedent to bringing this action have occurred or been waived.

28. Plaintiff has retained counsel and is obligated to pay said counsel a reasonable fee for its services.

COUNT I

Direct Infringement Against Defendant

29. The allegations contained in paragraphs 1-28 are hereby re-alleged as if fully set forth herein.

30. Plaintiff is the owner of the Copyrights-in-Suit, as outlined in Exhibit B, each of which covers an original work of authorship.

31. By using BitTorrent, Defendant copied and distributed the constituent elements of each of the original works covered by the Copyrights-in-Suit.

32. Plaintiff did not authorize, permit or consent to Defendant's distribution of its works.

33. As a result of the foregoing, Defendant violated Plaintiff's exclusive right to:

(A) Reproduce the works in copies, in violation of 17 U.S.C. §§ 106(1) and 501;

(B) Redistribute copies of the works to the public by sale or other transfer of ownership, or by rental, lease or lending, in violation of 17 U.S.C. §§ 106(3) and 501;

(C) Perform the copyrighted works, in violation of 17 U.S.C. §§ 106(4) and 501, by showing the works' images in any sequence and/or by making the sounds accompanying the works audible and transmitting said performance of the works, by means of a device or process, to members of the public capable of receiving the display (as set forth in 17 U.S.C. § 101's definitions of "perform" and "publically" perform); and

(D) Display the copyrighted works, in violation of 17 U.S.C. §§ 106(5) and 501, by showing individual images of the works non-sequentially and transmitting said display of the works by means of a device or process to members

of the public capable of receiving the display (as set forth in 17 U.S.C. § 101's definition of "publically" display).

34. Defendant's infringements were committed "willfully" within the meaning of 17 U.S.C. § 504(c)(2).

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully requests that the Court:

(A) Permanently enjoin Defendant and all other persons who are in active concert or participation with Defendant from continuing to infringe Plaintiff's copyrighted works;

(B) Order that Defendant delete and permanently remove the digital media files relating to Plaintiff's works from each of the computers under Defendant's possession, custody or control;

(C) Order that Defendant delete and permanently remove the infringing copies of the works Defendant has on computers under Defendant's possession, custody or control;

(D) Award Plaintiff statutory damages per infringed work pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 504(a) and (c);

(E) Award Plaintiff its reasonable attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 505; and

(F) Grant Plaintiff any other and further relief this Court deems just and proper.

DEMAND FOR A JURY TRIAL

Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury on all issues so triable.

Respectfully submitted,

**BOROJA, BERNIER &
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CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

Pursuant to E. D. Mich. LR 5.1(a) I hereby certify that the foregoing has been prepared using one of the font and point selections approved by the Court in E. D. Mich. LR 5.1(a)(3). This document was prepared using Times New Roman (14 pt.).

/s/ Joel A. Bernier

By: JOEL A. BERNIER (P74226)

CIVIL COVER SHEET

County in which action arose: Wayne County

The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON NEXT PAGE OF THIS FORM.)

I. (a) PLAINTIFFS
Malibu Media, LLC
(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff Los Angeles County
(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)
BOROJA, BERNIER & ASSOCIATES PLLC, 49139 Schoenherr Rd. Shelby Township, MI 48315, (586) 991-7611

DEFENDANTS
JOHN DOE subscriber assigned IP address 107.194.56.1
County of Residence of First Listed Defendant Wayne County
NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED.
Attorneys (If Known)

II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an "X" in One Box Only)
1 U.S. Government Plaintiff
2 U.S. Government Defendant
3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)
4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)
PTF DEF
Citizen of This State 1 1
Citizen of Another State 2 2
Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country 3 3
Incorporated or Principal Place of Business In This State 4 4
Incorporated and Principal Place of Business In Another State 5 5
Foreign Nation 6 6

IV. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an "X" in One Box Only)
CONTRACT: 110 Insurance, 120 Marine, 130 Miller Act, 140 Negotiable Instrument, 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment, 151 Medicare Act, 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans (Excludes Veterans), 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits, 160 Stockholders' Suits, 190 Other Contract, 195 Contract Product Liability, 196 Franchise
TORTS: PERSONAL INJURY: 310 Airplane, 315 Airplane Product Liability, 320 Assault, Libel & Slander, 330 Federal Employers' Liability, 340 Marine, 345 Marine Product Liability, 350 Motor Vehicle, 355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability, 360 Other Personal Injury, 362 Personal Injury - Medical Malpractice; PERSONAL INJURY: 365 Personal Injury - Product Liability, 367 Health Care/Pharmaceutical Personal Injury Product Liability, 368 Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability; PERSONAL PROPERTY: 370 Other Fraud, 371 Truth in Lending, 380 Other Personal Property Damage, 385 Property Damage Product Liability
FORFEITURE/PENALTY: 625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 881, 690 Other
LABOR: 710 Fair Labor Standards Act, 720 Labor/Management Relations, 740 Railway Labor Act, 751 Family and Medical Leave Act, 790 Other Labor Litigation, 791 Employee Retirement Income Security Act
IMMIGRATION: 462 Naturalization Application, 465 Other Immigration Actions
BANKRUPTCY: 422 Appeal 28 USC 158, 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157
PROPERTY RIGHTS: 820 Copyrights, 830 Patent, 840 Trademark
SOCIAL SECURITY: 861 HIA (1395ff), 862 Black Lung (923), 863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g)), 864 SSID Title XVI, 865 RSI (405(g))
FEDERAL TAX SUITS: 870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant), 871 IRS—Third Party 26 USC 7609
OTHER STATUTES: 375 False Claims Act, 376 Qui Tam (31 USC 3729(a)), 400 State Reapportionment, 410 Antitrust, 430 Banks and Banking, 450 Commerce, 460 Deportation, 470 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations, 480 Consumer Credit, 490 Cable/Sat TV, 850 Securities/Commodities/Exchange, 890 Other Statutory Actions, 891 Agricultural Acts, 893 Environmental Matters, 895 Freedom of Information Act, 896 Arbitration, 899 Administrative Procedure Act/Review or Appeal of Agency Decision, 950 Constitutionality of State Statutes

V. ORIGIN (Place an "X" in One Box Only)
1 Original Proceeding
2 Removed from State Court
3 Remanded from Appellate Court
4 Reinstated or Reopened
5 Transferred from Another District (specify)
6 Multidistrict Litigation - Transfer
8 Multidistrict Litigation - Direct File

VI. CAUSE OF ACTION
Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity):
17 U.S.C. § 101
Brief description of cause:
Copyright Infringement

VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:
CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER RULE 23, F.R.Cv.P. DEMAND \$ 150,000
CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint: JURY DEMAND: X Yes No

VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY
(See instructions): JUDGE DOCKET NUMBER

DATE SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
RECEIPT # AMOUNT APPLYING IFP JUDGE MAG. JUDGE

PURSUANT TO LOCAL RULE 83.11

1. Is this a case that has been previously dismissed?

Yes
 No

If yes, give the following information:

Court: _____

Case No.: _____

Judge: _____

2. Other than stated above, are there any pending or previously discontinued or dismissed companion cases in this or any other court, including state court? (Companion cases are matters in which it appears substantially similar evidence will be offered or the same or related parties are present and the cases arise out of the same transaction or occurrence.)

Yes
 No

If yes, give the following information:

Court: _____

Case No.: _____

Judge: _____

Notes :

IPP International U.G. Declaration Exhibit A
File Hashes for IP Address 107.194.56.166

ISP: AT&T Internet Services

Physical Location: Livonia, MI

Hit Date UTC	File Hash	Title
11/27/2016 12:09:36	EE4BD4A311F61368C1BBB8621F55442D9AAF3D85	Loving It Hard And Deep
11/27/2016 03:42:24	9A4006A1B6FE3FEEEE453A8C4F19C744B2D8F8995	Unbelievably Beautiful
11/26/2016 18:57:43	39B21C904701AD988183CEEE4E3CA0D98FA5A76D	Make Me Cum
11/26/2016 18:48:29	32E9D481931BFD849A8C139D8428C05B80402440	Inside Caprice
11/26/2016 16:46:50	311FC1754315324ABD3FF2E50D5683275A04031F	In Love With Little Caprice
11/26/2016 15:53:04	9BFBD04ABB3CF495E89923A91F494FCD615DA2E6	Luckiest Man Alive
11/26/2016 15:52:45	100AE6815D8B948D0C4AEDB158323B4AAEF3C949	Paint Me White
11/26/2016 15:42:23	1D7F77503ECAEB0394329781D7BFC3F76D16326D	Caprice Swaps Cocks
11/26/2016 15:39:13	5B83CEBBD62C1A363577BE1789A8D322E4DAF4A4	Dressed to Thrill
11/26/2016 15:38:59	3FFB8BB7A7EB2353DCAAFD9BE0F185732C80C9FC	Floating Emotions
11/23/2016 19:59:02	81EC95CD5299389B06D269AF7B6AC03FCC2C6536	Cum Worthy
11/23/2016 18:00:28	C9CF5A8811F7233CC35C947D379DAE5B9977DC26	Hungry For Your Love

Total Statutory Claims Against Defendant: 12

EXHIBIT A

NEMI316

Copyrights-In-Suit for IP Address 107.194.56.166

ISP: AT&T Internet Services

Location: Livonia, MI

Title	Registration Number	Date of First Publication	Registration Date	Most Recent Hit UTC
Loving It Hard And Deep	PENDING	02/11/2016	03/16/2016	11/27/2016
Unbelievably Beautiful	PA0001805315	08/24/2012	09/10/2012	11/27/2016
Make Me Cum	PENDING	12/11/2015	12/29/2015	11/26/2016
Inside Caprice	PA0001990004	12/29/2015	01/18/2016	11/26/2016
In Love With Little Caprice	PA0001974993	09/30/2015	11/03/2015	11/26/2016
Luckiest Man Alive	PENDING	02/04/2016	02/17/2016	11/26/2016
Paint Me White	PA0001909785	08/24/2014	08/26/2014	11/26/2016
Caprice Swaps Cocks	PENDING	09/17/2016	11/20/2016	11/26/2016
Dressed to Thrill	PA0001973995	11/08/2015	11/16/2015	11/26/2016
Floating Emotions	PA0001887126	04/05/2014	04/07/2014	11/26/2016
Cum Worthy	PA0001936474	03/13/2015	03/23/2015	11/23/2016
Hungry For Your Love	PENDING	08/07/2016	09/13/2016	11/23/2016

Total Malibu Media, LLC Copyrights Infringed: 12

EXHIBIT B

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