

The Honorable Marsha J. Pechman

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

AMAZON CONTENT SERVICES LLC, a
Delaware corporation, PENGUIN RANDOM
HOUSE LLC, a Delaware corporation, LEE
CHILD, SYLVIA DAY, JOHN GRISHAM, C.J.
LYONS, DOUG PRESTON, JIM
RASENBERGER, T.J. STILES, R.L. STINE,
MONIQUE TRUONG, SCOTT TUROW,
NICHOLAS WEINSTOCK, AND STUART
WOODS,

Plaintiffs,

v.

KISS LIBRARY d/b/a KISSLY.NET,
WTFFASTSPRING.BID, LIBLY.NET, and
CHEAP-LIBRARY.COM, RODION
VYNNYCHENKO, ARTEM
BESSHAPOCHNY, JACK BROWN, and
DOES 1-10,

Defendants.

NO. 2:20-cv-01048 MJP

**ORDER ISSUING PRELIMINARY
INJUNCTION AND AUTHORIZING
CONTINUED EXPEDITED DISCOVERY**

This matter comes before the Court on *ex parte* motion by Publishers Amazon Content Services LLC and Penguin Random House LLC, and Authors Lee Child, Sylvia Day, John Grisham, C.J. Lyons, Doug Preston, Jim Rasenberger, T.J. Stiles, R.L. Stine, Monique Truong, Scott Turow, Nicholas Weinstock, and Stuart Woods (collectively, “Plaintiffs”) for an Alternate Service Order, Expedited Discovery Order, a Temporary Restraining Order (collectively, the “TRO”), and a Hearing for Defendants Kiss Library, Rodion Vynnychenko,

1 Artem Besshapochny, Jack Brown, and Does 1-10 (collectively, “Defendants”) to Show Cause
2 why the Court should not enter a Preliminary Injunction.

3 Seeking relief under Federal Rules of Civil Procedure (“Rule”) 4, 26, and 65, Plaintiffs
4 filed their Complaint and *ex parte* motion on July 8, 2020, which provided evidence showing
5 that Defendants are engaged in ongoing, widespread copyright infringement of Plaintiffs’
6 works (the “Works”) through a ring of substantively identical mirror websites, including but
7 not limited to kissly.net, wtffastspring.bid, libly.net, and cheap-library.com (the “Websites”),
8 and other websites that redirected to those Websites such as kisslibraryemails.com. Dkts. 1-4.

9 On July 9, 2020, the Court issued its TRO and granted Plaintiffs’ requested relief,
10 including a temporary injunction, alternate service, and expedited discovery. Dkt. 10. That
11 same day, Plaintiffs served process through electronic means to Defendants’ email address,
12 contact@kisslibrary.com, providing notice of Plaintiffs’ Complaint, *ex parte* motion, and the
13 Court’s Order to Show Cause as to why a Preliminary Injunction should not issue. The Court
14 directed Defendants to file and serve any answering papers before 5:00 p.m. on August 14,
15 2020, and to appear at the show cause hearing on August 25, 2020, at 4:15 p.m. Dkt. 10 at 9.

16 On July 15, 2020, Plaintiffs posted a \$10,000 bond with the Court Registry. Also
17 pursuant to the Court’s Order, Plaintiffs’ counsel filed a declaration on August 17, 2020, Dkt.
18 12, which provided evidence of service, confirmed restraint of Defendants’ Websites, including
19 kisslibrary.com, kisslibraryemails.com, kisslibrary.net, kissly.net, wtffastspring.bid, libly.net,
20 cheap-library.com, books.coffee, getebooks.net, booksgreatchoice.com, maximumbook.org,
21 bsebooks.com, bookspc.com, crucialbooks.com, osebooks.com, wordered.com, thekissly.net,
22 kisslibraryemails.net, quabook.com, and luckybooks.online, identified an unnamed Doe
23 Defendant, Ihor Kliman, and confirmed the restraint of Defendants’ assets associated with
24 email addresses roddiku@gmail.com, sofleadecen1987@mail.ru, kmytz@yandex.ru,
25 redoxyz@gmail.com, jjpetruninas@gmail.com, robert.teifeld@gmail.com, and
26 dmitriy.chernyay@gmail.com.

1 The Court held its show cause hearing on August 25, 2020 at 4:15 p.m. through
2 teleconference means, to provide Defendants an opportunity to show cause as to why a
3 preliminary injunction should not be entered for the pendency of the litigation. Despite having
4 received notice of the hearing time, date, and call in numbers, Defendants did not appear at the
5 hearing or file any response to Plaintiffs’ papers or the Court’s Order.

6 The Court, having reviewed the Complaint, Plaintiffs’ motion, and all supporting
7 declarations and exhibits, and having conducted a show cause hearing, finds as follows:

8 **1.** Plaintiffs have demonstrated they are entitled to immediate injunctive relief by
9 establishing (a) they are likely to succeed on the merits of their copyright claims, (b) they have
10 and are suffering irreparable injury in the absence of an injunction based on Defendants’ illegal
11 reproduction, display, and distribution of Plaintiffs’ Works, (c) the balance of hardships weighs
12 in Plaintiffs’ favor, and (d) the public interest favors granting injunctive relief;

13 **2.** With respect to likelihood of success on the merits, Plaintiffs have demonstrated
14 that they are likely to succeed in showing:

15 **a.** Plaintiffs are the exclusive and beneficial owners of copyrights in the Works,
16 which were registered before this action;

17 **b.** Defendants have engaged in direct copyright infringement of those Works
18 by reproducing, displaying, and distributing the Works for profit through the
19 Websites identified in the Complaint and in Plaintiffs’ supplemental papers
20 and declarations, *see* Dkt. 12;

21 **c.** Defendants have induced, caused, and materially contributed to others’
22 infringement of those Works, through the intentional solicitation,
23 facilitation, and ability to control and supervise others’ upload of the
24 infringed Works on the Websites for profit;

25 **d.** As a result of Defendants’ conduct, third-party purchasers have also
26 impermissibly copied Plaintiffs’ protected works, further infringing
27 Plaintiffs’ rights in those Works;

1 e. Defendants knew of and intentionally contributed to and furthered the
2 infringing activity; and

3 f. At a minimum, Defendants acted with willful blindness to, or in reckless
4 disregard of, Plaintiffs’ registered copyrights and exclusive rights.

5 3. The reproduction, display, and distribution of Plaintiffs’ Works will result in
6 immediate and irreparable injury to Plaintiffs’ reputations, prospective and current customers,
7 goodwill, negotiating positions, distribution arrangements, and other intangible assets, if the
8 existing injunctive relief is not continued for the duration of this litigation;

9 4. Plaintiffs’ harm from denying the requested continued injunctive relief would
10 outweigh any harm to Defendants’ legitimate interests from granting such relief;

11 5. It is in the public’s interest to protect Plaintiffs’ copyrights and enjoin
12 unauthorized distribution of their Works;

13 6. With regard to the need for injunctive relief to secure assets without notice and
14 expedited discovery to discover Defendants’ identities and assets, the Court finds Plaintiffs
15 have provided evidence showing:

16 a. Defendants have gone to great lengths to conceal their identities, locations,
17 and proceeds from Plaintiffs’ and this Court’s detection, including using
18 multiple false identities and addresses associated with their operations and
19 purposely-deceptive contact information;

20 b. At least some of the Defendants are likely overseas and Defendant Kiss
21 Library appears to communicate solely through email; and

22 c. Defendants would likely destroy, move, hide, or otherwise make
23 inaccessible the proceeds of their infringement, copies of infringed Works,
24 and the Websites used to display and distribute those Works, to the Court
25 and Plaintiffs if they received advance notice, thus frustrating the ultimate
26 relief Plaintiffs seek in this action.
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1 7. Entry of an order other than the requested Order would not adequately achieve
2 the purposes of the Copyright Act to preserve Plaintiffs' equitable remedies for copyright
3 infringement, including among other things: the restraint of Defendants' unauthorized sale and
4 distribution of Plaintiffs' Works, including through Defendants' Websites, the acquisition of
5 business records relating to Defendants' operations, and the preservation of Plaintiffs' right to
6 an equitable accounting of proceeds from Defendants' sale of Plaintiffs' Works;

7 8. Defendants received notice and service of process through electronic means of
8 Plaintiffs' Complaint, *ex parte* Motion, the Court's TRO and Order to Show Cause as to why a
9 Preliminary Injunction should not be issued, and the time and location of the show cause
10 hearing.

11 9. Defendants have failed to respond to the Court's Orders as directed, dispute
12 Plaintiffs' claims, evidence, or requested relief, or appear at proceedings, despite having
13 received adequate notice.

14 THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Defendants and their associated
15 assets are hereby enjoined as follows:

16 **PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION**

17 IT APPEARING to the Court that Defendants are reproducing, displaying, distributing,
18 offering for sale, and/or selling Plaintiffs' Works through their Websites, and will continue to
19 carry out such acts unless restrained by Order of the Court, it is hereby:

20 ORDERED, Defendants, including their agents, servants, employees, confederates, and
21 any persons acting in concert or participation with them or third parties providing services used
22 in connection with Defendants' operations including, without limitation, payment processors,
23 banking or financial institutions, cryptocurrency processors, email providers, domain registrars
24 or hosts, Internet service providers, back-end service providers, affiliate program providers,
25 web designers, search engine or ad-word providers, and online business-to-business selling
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1 platforms having received notice of this Order by service, actual notice or otherwise be, and
2 are, hereby RESTRAINED from:

3 (a) Directly infringing Plaintiffs’ Works by reproducing, displaying, distributing,
4 offering for sale, or selling Plaintiffs’ Works;

5 (b) Inducing, causing, or materially contributing to the infringement of Plaintiffs’
6 copyrights;

7 (c) Moving, destroying, or otherwise disposing of any items, merchandise, or
8 documents relating to the reproduction, distribution, or sale of Plaintiffs’ Works, Defendants’
9 Websites, and/or Defendants’ assets and operations; and

10 (d) Removing, destroying or otherwise disposing of any computer files, electronic
11 files, business records, or documents relating to Defendants’ Websites, Defendants’ assets and
12 operations, or relating in any way to the distribution or sale of Plaintiffs’ Works, or any
13 reproduction of Plaintiffs’ Works; and it is further

14 ORDERED, that the Preliminary Injunction shall remain in effect for the pendency of
15 this litigation, unless otherwise dissolved by the Court.

16 **EX PARTE ASSET RESTRAINT**

17 ORDERED, that in accordance with 17 U.S.C. § 502(a) and this Court’s inherent
18 equitable power to issue provisional remedies ancillary to its authority to provide final
19 equitable relief, Defendants and their officers, servants, employees, agents and any persons in
20 active concert or participation with them, and any banks, savings and loan associations,
21 payment processors or other financial institutions, including without limitation, FastSpring,
22 PayPal, BitPay, MasterCard, or other merchant account providers, payment providers, third
23 party payment processors or credit card associations for Defendant Kiss Library and its
24 Websites, or for any other website owned or controlled by Defendants, who receive actual
25 notice of this Order, shall immediately locate all accounts connected to Defendants or the
26 Websites, and that such accounts be temporarily restrained and enjoined from transferring or
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1 disposing of any money or other of Defendants' assets, not allowing such funds to be
2 transferred or withdrawn; and it is further

3 ORDERED, that in accordance with 17 U.S.C. § 502(a) and this Court's inherent
4 equitable power to issue provisional remedies ancillary to its authority to provide final
5 equitable relief, the domain name registries, service providers, or resellers, including but not
6 limited to Cloudflare, Tucows Domains Inc., Whois Privacy Corp., Name Cheap, Inc., 1337
7 Services LLC, NameSilo, LLC, Web.com, White & Case, and Pork Bun LLC, and/or the
8 individual registrars holding or listing one or more of the domain names used in conjunction
9 with the Websites shall, within three (3) days of receipt of this Order, temporarily disable these
10 domain names, or any subset of these domain names specified by Plaintiffs, through a registry
11 hold or otherwise, and make them inactive and non-transferable pending further order from this
12 Court, unless Plaintiffs request that particular domain names be released from such restraints;
13 and it is further

14 ORDERED, that any third party providing services in connection with Defendants'
15 Websites, including without limitation, providers of email services, social media services,
16 online content management services, search engine and/or Internet advertising services, search
17 engine optimization services, and Internet service providers, back-end service providers,
18 affiliate program providers, web designers, and search engine or ad-word providers, any banks,
19 savings and loan associations, cryptocurrency processor, payment processors or other financial
20 institutions, including without limitation, FastSpring, PayPal, BitPay, MasterCard, or other
21 merchant account providers, payment providers, third party payment processors or credit card
22 associations, shall immediately temporarily disable service to any and all Websites and
23 associated agents.

24 **EXPEDITED DISCOVERY**

25 IT APPEARING to the Court that Plaintiffs have engaged in reasonable but fruitless
26 efforts to uncover Defendants' identities and locations, and that third parties have information
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1 relevant to the identities of Defendant Kiss Library's owners, operators, and associates it is
2 hereby:

3 ORDERED, that discovery by Plaintiffs may continue by Plaintiffs providing actual
4 notice, pursuant to subpoena or otherwise, of this Order to any of the following:

5 (1) Defendants, their agents, servants, employees, confederates, attorneys, and any persons
6 acting in concert or participation with them; (2) any banks, savings and loan associations,
7 cryptocurrency processor, payment processors or other financial institutions, including without
8 limitation, FastSpring, PayPal, BitPay, MasterCard, or other merchant account providers,
9 payment providers, third-party payment processors or credit card associations, which receive
10 payments or hold assets on Defendants' behalf; and (3) third party service providers, including
11 without limitation, domain registrars, support providers, or resellers like Cloudflare, Tucows
12 Domains Inc., Whois Privacy Corp., Name Cheap, Inc., 1337 Services LLC, NameSilo, LLC,
13 Web.com, White & Case, and Pork Bun LLC , and online B2B selling platforms, domain name
14 registration privacy protection services, providers of email services, social media services,
15 online content management services, search engine and/or Internet advertising services, search
16 engine optimization services, and Internet service providers, back-end service providers,
17 affiliate program providers, web designers, search engine or ad-word providers, shippers, and
18 any domain name registries and registrars who have provided services for Defendants; and it is
19 further

20 ORDERED, that any third party providing services in connection with any Defendant or
21 Website, including without limitation those listed above, shall within five (5) days after receipt
22 of such notice, provide copies of all documents and records in such person or entity's
23 possession or control relating to:

24 (a) The identities and addresses (physical and email) of Defendants, their agents,
25 servants, employees, confederates, and any persons acting in concert or participation with them
26 and the locations and identities of Defendants' operations, including without limitation,
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1 identifying information associated with Defendants' Websites, assets, and financial accounts,
2 and the sale of Plaintiffs' Works;

3 (b) The Websites; and

4 (c) Any financial accounts owned or controlled by Defendants, including their
5 agents, servants, employees, confederates, attorneys, and any persons acting in concert or
6 participation with them, including such accounts residing with or under the control of any
7 banks, savings and loan associations, cryptocurrency processor or wallet, payment processors
8 or other financial institutions, including without limitation, FastSpring, PayPal, BitPay,
9 MasterCard, or other merchant account providers, payment providers, third party processors, or
10 credit card associations.

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12 SO ORDERED this 27th day of August, 2020.

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16 Marsha J. Pechman
17 United States Senior District Judge

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