IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

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Alexandria Division

BMG RIGHTS MANAGEMENT (US)
LLC, and ROUND HILL MUSIC LP,

Plaintiffs,

V.

COX COMMUNICATIONS, INC., and
COXCOM, LLC,

Defendants.

Defendants.

ORDER

Pursuant to its Order of November 19, 2015 (Dkt. No. 675), the Court has now considered Judge Anderson's spoliation findings. (Dkt. No. 447). The Court agrees with Judge Anderson's finding that Cox established spoliation of evidence related to Rightscorp's historical source code. After hearing the evidence presented at trial, the Court will fashion an appropriate jury instruction that serves to "level[] the evidentiary playing field and . . . sanction[] the improper conduct." *Vodusek v. Bayliner Marine Corp.*, 71 F.3d 148, 156 (4th Cir. 1995). Cox may also identify the spoliation issue in its opening statement.

So **ORDERED**.

November 25, 2015 Alexandria, Virginia

Liam O'Grady

United States District Judge