1 The Honorable Marsha J. Pechman 2 3 4 5 6 7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON 8 AT SEATTLE 9 AMAZON CONTENT SERVICES LLC, a 10 Delaware corporation, PENGUIN RANDOM NO. 2:20-cv-01048 MJP HOUSE LLC, a Delaware corporation, LEE 11 CHILD, SYLVIA DAY, JOHN GRISHAM, C.J. ORDER ISSUING PRELIMINARY LYONS, DOUG PRESTON, JIM **INJUNCTION** AND AUTHORIZING 12 RASENBERGER, T.J. STILES, R.L. STINE, CONTINUED EXPEDITED DISCOVERY MONIQUE TRUONG, SCOTT TUROW, 13 NICHOLAS WEINSTOCK, AND STUART WOODS. 14 Plaintiffs, 15 v. 16 KISS LIBRARY d/b/a KISSLY.NET, 17 WTFFASTSPRING.BID. LIBLY.NET. and CHEAP-LIBRARY.COM. RODION 18 VYNNYCHENKO, ARTEM BESSHAPOCHNY, JACK BROWN, and 19 DOES 1-10. 20 Defendants. 21 This matter comes before the Court on ex parte motion by Publishers Amazon Content 22 23 Services LLC and Penguin Random House LLC, and Authors Lee Child, Sylvia Day, John 24 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 25 Alternate Service Order, Expedited Discovery Order, a Temporary Restraining Order 26 27 (collectively, the "TRO"), and a Hearing for Defendants Kiss Library, Rodion Vynnychenko, PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION &



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

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

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

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

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

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

- 1. Plaintiffs have demonstrated they are entitled to immediate injunctive relief by establishing (a) they are likely to succeed on the merits of their copyright claims, (b) they have and are suffering irreparable injury in the absence of an injunction based on Defendants' illegal reproduction, display, and distribution of Plaintiffs' Works, (c) the balance of hardships weighs in Plaintiffs' favor, and (d) the public interest favors granting injunctive relief;
- **2.** With respect to likelihood of success on the merits, Plaintiffs have demonstrated that they are likely to succeed in showing:
  - **a.** Plaintiffs are the exclusive and beneficial owners of copyrights in the Works, which were registered before this action;
  - b. Defendants have engaged in direct copyright infringement of those Works by reproducing, displaying, and distributing the Works for profit through the Websites identified in the Complaint and in Plaintiffs' supplemental papers and declarations, *see* Dkt. 12;
  - c. Defendants have induced, caused, and materially contributed to others' infringement of those Works, through the intentional solicitation, facilitation, and ability to control and supervise others' upload of the infringed Works on the Websites for profit;
  - d. As a result of Defendants' conduct, third-party purchasers have also impermissibly copied Plaintiffs' protected works, further infringing Plaintiffs' rights in those Works;

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- e. Defendants knew of and intentionally contributed to and furthered the infringing activity; and
- **f.** At a minimum, Defendants acted with willful blindness to, or in reckless disregard of, Plaintiffs' registered copyrights and exclusive rights.
- 3. The reproduction, display, and distribution of Plaintiffs' Works will result in immediate and irreparable injury to Plaintiffs' reputations, prospective and current customers, goodwill, negotiating positions, distribution arrangements, and other intangible assets, if the existing injunctive relief is not continued for the duration of this litigation;
- **4.** Plaintiffs' harm from denying the requested continued injunctive relief would outweigh any harm to Defendants' legitimate interests from granting such relief;
- **5.** It is in the public's interest to protect Plaintiffs' copyrights and enjoin unauthorized distribution of their Works;
- 6. With regard to the need for injunctive relief to secure assets without notice and expedited discovery to discover Defendants' identities and assets, the Court finds Plaintiffs have provided evidence showing:
  - a. Defendants have gone to great lengths to conceal their identities, locations, and proceeds from Plaintiffs' and this Court's detection, including using multiple false identities and addresses associated with their operations and purposely-deceptive contact information;
  - At least some of the Defendants are likely overseas and Defendant Kiss
    Library appears to communicate solely through email; and
  - c. Defendants would likely destroy, move, hide, or otherwise make inaccessible the proceeds of their infringement, copies of infringed Works, and the Websites used to display and distribute those Works, to the Court and Plaintiffs if they received advance notice, thus frustrating the ultimate relief Plaintiffs seek in this action.

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- 7. Entry of an order other than the requested Order would not adequately achieve the purposes of the Copyright Act to preserve Plaintiffs' equitable remedies for copyright infringement, including among other things: the restraint of Defendants' unauthorized sale and distribution of Plaintiffs' Works, including through Defendants' Websites, the acquisition of business records relating to Defendants' operations, and the preservation of Plaintiffs' right to an equitable accounting of proceeds from Defendants' sale of Plaintiffs' Works;
- **8.** Defendants received notice and service of process through electronic means of Plaintiffs' Complaint, *ex parte* Motion, the Court's TRO and Order to Show Cause as to why a Preliminary Injunction should not be issued, and the time and location of the show cause hearing.
- **9.** Defendants have failed to respond to the Court's Orders as directed, dispute Plaintiffs' claims, evidence, or requested relief, or appear at proceedings, despite having received adequate notice.

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

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

ORDERED, Defendants, including their agents, servants, employees, confederates, and any persons acting in concert or participation with them or third parties providing services used in connection with Defendants' operations including, without limitation, payment processors, banking or financial institutions, cryptocurrency processors, email providers, domain registrars or hosts, Internet service providers, back-end service providers, affiliate program providers, web designers, search engine or ad-word providers, and online business-to-business selling

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