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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

In re 17 U.S.C. §512(h) Subpoena to

CLOUDFLARE, INC.

Case No. 4:25-mc-80147-YGR

[~~SHUEISHA'S PROPOSED~~]
PROTECTIVE ORDER
RE: IDENTIFYING INFORMATION PRODUCED IN RESPONSE TO DMCA SUBPOENA (17 U.S.C. §512(h))
**AS MODIFIED BY COURT

The Court, having considered the parties' submissions regarding a protective order governing disclosure of identifying information produced pursuant to a subpoena issued under 17 U.S.C. § 512(h), and good cause appearing, hereby ORDERS:

1. Protected Information

The term "Protected Information" refers to any personally identifying information ("PII") relating to John Doe, the Cloudflare, Inc. customer and alleged copyright infringer identified as being responsible for the URLs listed in the § 512(h) subpoena issued by Shueisha, Inc. ("Shueisha") in this matter, including but not limited to name, physical address, email address, telephone number, financial information, or IP address logs.

2. Permitted Uses

Protected Information shall be used solely for purposes contemplated under the Copyright Act, including:

a) Identifying the alleged infringer to Shueisha and its counsel;

b) Evaluating, preparing, or initiating a copyright infringement action in a U.S. court;

~~c) Filing a copyright infringement action in a foreign court;~~

d) Investigating, negotiating, or settling copyright infringement claims prior to, or in lieu of, copyright litigation;

e) Effectuating service of process if a lawsuit is filed.

Protected Information shall not be used for any other purpose, including pre-litigation public disclosure, harassment, commercial use, or publication. Doe's name ~~Protected Information~~ may be filed publicly without seal in a copyright infringement lawsuit brought by Shueisha against Doe.

3. Access

Access to Protected Information shall be limited to:

a) Counsel of record for the subpoenaing party;

b) Paralegals, staff, or experts working at the direction of counsel;

c) The Court or court personnel as necessary;

d) Shueisha officers, directors, employees, consultants, agents, and retained experts working on Sheuisha's copyright enforcement efforts regarding this matter.

All persons receiving Protected Information must be advised of, and agree to be bound by, this Protective Order.

4. Non-Disclosure

Shueisha shall not disclose Protected Information to any third party other than those listed in Section 3 unless:

1. The disclosure is reasonably necessary for any of the purposes identified in Section 2;
2. ~~The Doe has been named as a defendant in a filed complaint – at which point all protections under this order cease.~~

~~Until and unless a complaint is filed identifying Doe by their name as a party, Protected Information shall remain confidential and not publicly disclosed, except with the Court's permission.~~

5. Return or Destruction

If no action is filed before the expiration of all statutes of limitation on Shueisha's copyright claims against Doe arising from this matter, counsel for the Shueisha shall destroy or return all Protected Information to the producing entity and certify destruction upon request.

6. Modification

The Court may modify this Order for good cause shown or upon agreement of the parties.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: February 2, 2026

United States ~~District~~/Magistrate Judge
Thomas S. Hixson