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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, WESTERN DIVISION

PHARRELL WILLIAMS, an
individual; ROBIN THICKE, an
individual; and CLIFFORD HARRIS,
JR., an individual,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

BRIDGEPORT MUSIC, INC., a
Michigan corporation; FRANKIE
CHRISTIAN GAYE, an individual;
MARVIN GAYE III, an individual;
NONA MARVISA GAYE, an
individual; and DOES 1 through 10,
inclusive,

Defendants.

AND RELATED COUNTERCLAIMS.

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CASE NO. CV13-06004-JAK (AGRx)
Hon. John A. Kronstadt, Ctrm 750

**ADDENDUM TO APPLICATION
TO FILE UNDER SEAL PURSUANT
TO PROTECTIVE ORDER;
MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND
AUTHORITIES; DECLARATION
OF SETH MILLER**

Judge: Hon. John A. Kronstadt

Action Commenced: August 15, 2013
Trial Date: February 10, 2015

Motion for Summary Judgment:
DATE: October 20, 2014
TIME: 8:30 a.m.

1 Plaintiffs/Counter-Defendants Pharrell Williams and Robin Thicke hereby
2 submit this Addendum to Defendants' Application to File Documents Under Seal in
3 response to the Court's Minute Order entered September 9, 2014, and to the Joint
4 Application of Counter-Claimants for Order to File Documents Opposing Summary
5 Judgment Under Seal ("Application"), filed 9/8/14 (Document 106), in Court's file.

6 **MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES**

7 **I. INTRODUCTION**

8 Plaintiffs Robin Thicke and Pharrell Williams are successful musicians and
9 celebrities whose activities are the focus of public scrutiny and media attention.
10 Plaintiffs' livelihood in the music industry includes exploiting their names and
11 likenesses and publicizing any information about their personal and professional
12 activities in a manner that they deem appropriate and to best further their careers.

13 Plaintiffs vigorously deny that they infringed the two Marvin Gaye songs at
14 issue in this case and contend that the copyright infringement claims are baseless.
15 Concerned about potential improper use of their testimony and other information to
16 be provided in discovery, and aware of the abuse of videotaped deposition testimony
17 in the media and on the internet on other lawsuits (*e.g.*, just Google "Justin Bieber
18 deposition"), Plaintiffs requested and Defendants stipulated to a Protective Order
19 that expressly provides that all deposition testimony of the parties to this case will
20 be treated as confidential and filed under seal with the Court. [Protective Order,
21 filed 4/18/14 (Document 66), pp. 4-5, ¶ 6 (a copy of the Protective Order is attached
22 as Exhibit A to the Application.) Plaintiffs relied on those explicit protections in
23 submitting to their videotaped depositions in this action that are at issue herein.

24 Now, in opposition to Plaintiffs/Counter-Defendants' Motion for Summary
25 Judgment, or In the Alternative, Partial Summary Judgment ("MSJ"), Defendants
26 improperly submit over half of the written deposition transcripts of Robin Thicke
27 and Pharrell Williams, respectively, and also have submitted videotaped excerpts of
28 portions of each deposition—even though the deposition excerpts have no bearing

1 on any issue in the MSJ. The MSJ is addressed only to the issue of substantial
2 similarity and, in particular, the undisputed fact that there is no extrinsic similarity
3 between Plaintiffs' song, "Blurred Lines," and the Marvin Gaye composition, "Got
4 To Give It Up," which Defendants claim to own. Extrinsic similarity is an issue that
5 depends upon expert musicologist testimony. Each side has submitted same in
6 support of and opposition to the MSJ. Whether there are any melodies, rhythms, or
7 harmonies in common between the two songs—that is, whether there is substantial
8 extrinsic similarity such that a jury must decide the issue of alleged copying—is
9 primarily, if not exclusively, a subject for expert musicologist testimony. There is
10 not a shred of testimony from Plaintiffs that bears on this narrow issue in the MSJ.

11 Yet Defendants improperly submitted reams of testimony from Plaintiffs'
12 depositions in order to distract attention from the real issues and to embarrass,
13 harass, and annoy Plaintiffs should the Court decide to unseal those depositions. In
14 submitting the materials for sealing, Defendants stated that they object to filing the
15 materials under seal—even though they admitted in meet and confer discussions that
16 they had no reason to object to sealing other than to make the materials public.

17 Defendants' tactics should not be countenanced. The discovery materials are
18 not relevant to the MSJ and are not properly submitted with Defendants' Opposition
19 (and hence the usual public interest in materials submitted with a dispositive motion
20 is inapposite here). Defendants included the testimony in their Opposition filing in
21 hopes of making it public in order to harass and annoy Plaintiffs and to try this case
22 in the press. Plaintiffs relied on the Protective Order in appearing for their
23 videotaped depositions and would not have done so without those protections.

24 The documents at issue are irrelevant to the MSJ and should be sealed.

25 **II. FACTUAL BACKGROUND**

26 **A. The MSJ Does Not Implicate Plaintiffs' Testimony**

27 Defendants allege that Plaintiffs infringed the copyright in the compositions
28 for two Marvin Gaye songs; specifically, Defendants allege that Plaintiffs' song,

1 “Blurred Lines,” infringes the composition of the Marvin Gaye composition, “Got to
2 Give It Up,” and that the Robin Thicke song, “Love After War,” infringes the
3 Marvin Gaye composition, “After the Dance.”

4 As explained in the MSJ, to establish a claim for copyright infringement, the
5 plaintiff must show that: (a) the plaintiff owns a valid copyright in the work that
6 allegedly has been infringed; and (b) the defendant copied protected elements of the
7 plaintiff’s work. *Brown Bag Software v. Symantec Corp.*, 960 F.2d 1465, 1472 (9th
8 Cir. 1992). “Because direct evidence of copying is not available in most cases,
9 plaintiff may establish copying by showing that defendant had access to plaintiff’s
10 work and that the two works are ‘substantially similar’ in idea and in expression of
11 the idea.” *Smith v. Jackson*, 84 F.3d 1213, 1219 (9th Cir. 1996); *Brown Bag*, 960
12 F.2d at 1472. “In determining whether two works are substantially similar, we
13 employ a two-part analysis: an objective extrinsic test and a subjective intrinsic
14 test.” *Swirsky v. Carey*, 376 F.3d 841, 845 (9th Cir. 2004). “For the purposes of
15 summary judgment, only the extrinsic test is important because the subjective
16 question whether works are intrinsically similar must be left to the jury.” *Id.*

17 “The extrinsic test considers whether two works share a similarity of ideas
18 and expression as measured by external, objective criteria” and “requires ‘analytical
19 dissection of a work and expert testimony.’” *Swirsky*, 376 F.3d at 845 (quoting
20 *Three Boys Music Corp. v. Bolton*, 212 F.3d 472, 485 (9th Cir. 2000)).

21 Here, the basis for the MSJ is that there is no extrinsic similarity between
22 Plaintiffs’ two songs and the two Marvin Gaye compositions they allegedly infringe.
23 Plaintiffs’ MSJ is supported by the declaration of their expert musicologist, Sandy
24 Wilbur, who demonstrates in detail that there are virtually no extrinsic similarities in
25 the melodies, rhythms, harmonies, structures, or lyrics of the works at issue,
26 including that, in the melodic portions of “Blurred Lines” that, according to
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Defendants, copy “Got to Give It Up,” there are no two consecutive notes in each song that are the same. Plaintiffs argue on musicological grounds: no similarity.¹

Plaintiffs submit none of their own testimony in support of the MSJ. Plaintiffs, while skilled musicians, are not musicologists. Their testimony is not relevant to the sole issue in the MSJ concerning extrinsic compositional similarity.

B. PLAINTIFFS’ TESTIMONY THAT DEFENDANTS HAVE SUBMITTED FOR FILING UNDER SEAL IS IRRELEVANT TO THE MSJ

Defendants’ Application seeks to file the following materials under seal:

1. Plaintiff Robin Thicke’s (a) Supplemental Responses, and (b) Amended Supplemental Responses to Defendants’ First Set of Interrogatories (Exhibits 1 and 1A, respectively, to Declaration of Richard S. Busch (“Busch Decl”)).²

2. Transcript excerpts from the April 23, 2014 Deposition of Robin Thicke (Exhibit 6 to the Busch Decl).

3. Transcript excerpts from the April 21, 2014 Deposition of Pharrell Williams (Exhibit 7 to the Busch Decl).

4. Videotaped segments of the Depositions of Robin Thicke and Pharrell Williams (Exhibit 16 to the Busch Decl).

III. ARGUMENT: PLAINTIFFS’ TESTIMONY SHOULD BE SEALED, PER THE STIPULATED PROTECTIVE ORDER IN THIS CASE

A. There Is No Public Right of Access to Discovery Materials

While there is a public interest in access to judicial proceedings, that interest does not extend to discovery, which is conducted in private (and, in many cases,

¹ A copy of the Notice of Motion and Motion for the MSJ is attached as Exhibit A to the Declaration of Seth Miller (“Miller Decl”) for the Court’s convenience.

² The Busch Decl is found in Counter-Claimants’ Joint Evidence In Support Of Their Memorandum Of Points And Authorities In Opposition To Plaintiffs And Counter-Defendants’ Motion For Summary Judgment or, in the Alternative, Partial Summary Judgment filed on September 8, 2014 (Document 112).

1 subject to a protective order to insure broad discovery can proceed in an efficient
2 manner without risk of inappropriate use or disclosure of the parties' information).

3 ... [P]retrial depositions and interrogatories are not public
4 components of a civil trial. Such proceedings were not open to the
5 public at common law, ... and, in general, they are conducted in
6 private as a matter of modern practice. ... Therefore, restraints
7 placed on discovery, but not yet admitted, information are not a
8 restriction on a traditionally public source of information.

9 *Seattle Times Company*, 467 U.S. 20, 33, 104 S.Ct. 2199, 81 L.Ed.2d 17
10 (1984)(citations omitted)(emphasis added).

11 Discovery involves a much broader swath of information than is admissible or
12 relevant at trial or other judicial proceedings. As the Supreme Court noted, "[m]uch
13 of the information that surfaces during pretrial discovery may be unrelated, or only
14 tangentially related, to the underlying cause of action." *Seattle Times Company v.*
15 *Rhinehart*, 467 U.S. 20, 33, 104 S.Ct. 2199, 81 L.Ed.2d 17 (1984).

16 The Ninth Circuit has recognized a limited exception to the general rule that
17 discovery is not subject to a public right of access where the discovery responses are
18 filed under seal as attachments to a dispositive motion. *Foltz v. State Farm Mut.*
19 *Auto Ins. Co.*, 333 F.3d 1122, 1136 (9th Cir. 2003). This rule, however, surely
20 presumes that the material has been attached to the dispositive motion for a *bona*
21 *fide* purpose and not simply as a tactic to get around a valid protective order.

22 A party's reliance on a protective order can be good cause not to modify it. A
23 Second Circuit opinion discusses the policy reasons behind upholding such orders:

24 Where there has been reasonable reliance by a party or deponent, a
25 District Court should not modify a protective order granted under
26 Rule 26(c) "absent a showing of improvidence in the grant of [the]
27 order or some extraordinary circumstance or compelling need." ...
28 Without an ability to restrict public dissemination of certain
discovery materials that are never introduced at trial, litigants would
be subject to needless "annoyance, embarrassment, oppression, or
undue burden or expense." Rule 26(c). And if previously-entered
protective orders have no presumptive entitlement to remain in force,
parties would resort less often to the judicial system for fear that
such orders would be readily set aside in the future. ...

1 If protective orders were easily modified, moreover, parties would be
 2 less forthcoming in giving testimony and less willing to settle their
 3 disputes: “Unless a valid Rule 26(c) protective order is to be fully
 4 and fairly enforceable, witnesses relying upon such orders will be
 5 inhibited from giving essential testimony in civil litigation.”
 6 Indeed, we have observed that protective orders can provide a
 7 powerful incentive to deponents who would not otherwise testify. ...
 8 We have also noted the reliance on protective orders by parties
 9 otherwise reluctant to reach a settlement

10 *S.E.C. v. TheStreet.Com*, 273 F.3d 222, 229-30 (2d Cir. 2001).

11 **B. Plaintiffs Seek Protection From Improper Use of Their Discovery**
 12 **Testimony for Improper Purposes Unrelated to the Judicial Proceedings**

13 In recent years, videotaped excerpts of celebrity depositions from a number of
 14 lawsuits has been the subject of untoward media exploitation and public scrutiny,
 15 including on the internet (YouTube, etc.), for reasons unrelated to the public’s
 16 interest in the underlying legal proceedings. For example, Plaintiffs request that the
 17 Court take judicial notice of the wide dissemination of certain deposition testimony
 18 that pop star Justin Bieber gave that has “made the rounds” of the internet and other
 19 media for reasons unrelated to the underlying legal case in which Mr. Bieber was
 20 deposed. [See, e.g., <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p9vB3WI9OYo>, and
 21 [http://www.nydailynews.com/entertainment/gossip/seth-meyers-spoofs-justin-](http://www.nydailynews.com/entertainment/gossip/seth-meyers-spoofs-justin-bieber-deposition-video-article-1.1719298)
 22 [bieber-deposition-video-article-1.1719298](http://www.nydailynews.com/entertainment/gossip/seth-meyers-spoofs-justin-bieber-deposition-video-article-1.1719298), or Google “Justin Bieber deposition.”]
 23 [Copies of these web pages are attached as Exhibits C and D to the Miller Decl.]

24 Here, Plaintiffs, whose public images are part of their career, and whose
 25 images in the form of publicity rights are also a valuable asset and source of income,
 26 were understandably concerned that in responding to Defendants’ (baseless) claims
 27 of copyright infringement, discovery answers given by Plaintiffs would be subject to
 28 abuse by Defendants, their counsel, or third parties who gained access to same.

Early on in this litigation, in order to address Plaintiffs’ privacy concerns, all
 parties to this litigation stipulated to the entry of a protective order that, apart from
 the customary provisions of such an order, includes a provision that states:

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1 Deposition testimony of the parties to this action, including
2 deposition transcripts, any videotape or other audio or audiovisual
3 recordings of depositions, and any summaries or extracts thereof,
4 shall only be used for purposes of Court hearings in this action,
5 subject to the terms of this Order, including Paragraph 15 of this
6 Order regarding filing under seal, and shall not otherwise be used or
disclosed to any person for any purpose whatsoever.

7 [Protective Order, entered 4/18/14 (Document 66), pp. 4-5, ¶ 6 (emphasis added);
8 see also Miller Decl, Exh. B (relevant excerpts from the Protective Order).]

9 The purpose of this express provision in the Protective Order, *inter alia*, was
10 to protect deposition testimony of Plaintiffs—including videotapes of same—from
11 being improperly distributed on the internet or in the media, including without
12 limitation, that Plaintiffs were concerned about their testimony being used by
13 Defendants or third parties in an improper manner in the public light. Plaintiffs
14 requested these provisions regarding confidentiality of deposition testimony and
15 relied on those provisions in submitting to their videotaped depositions in this
16 action. [Miller Decl, ¶¶ 4-6.]

17 In reliance on the protections in the Protective Order, Plaintiffs answered
18 numerous questions at their depositions about their personal history and professional
19 experiences and spoke frankly about the (unfounded) allegations of infringement
20 made by Defendants in this action, much of which testimony is inadmissible and/or
21 has no bearing on the issues in this case and will never be introduced as evidence.

22 In opposing the Motion for Summary Judgment, Defendants submitted over
23 half of the transcript of Robin Thicke's deposition—116 out of 161 pages of the
24 transcript [Busch Decl, Exh. 6]—and over half of Pharrell Williams' deposition—
25 140 out of 209 pages of the transcript [Busch Decl, Exh. 7]—and also submitted
26 redundant videotapes excerpts of both depositions [Busch Decl, Exh. 16] that are
27 duplicative of certain portions submitted in written form [Busch Decl, Exhs. 6, 7].
28 [Miller Decl, ¶¶ 7-8.]

1 None of Plaintiffs' testimony submitted here has any bearing on the MSJ.

2 Plaintiffs/Counter-Defendants seek summary judgment on the grounds that
3 there is no extrinsic similarity between Plaintiffs' songs and the Marvin Gaye
4 compositions. On the summary judgment motion, the Court will be required to
5 analyze the two works to see if there is any extrinsic similarity between Plaintiffs'
6 song, "Blurred Lines," and the Marvin Gaye composition, "Got to Give It Up" (and
7 the same for Robin Thicke's "Love After War" and Marvin Gaye's "After the
8 Dance"). The Court will review expert musicologist testimony from each side in
9 order to determine whether the Gaye composition is substantially extrinsically
10 similar—*i.e.*, in terms of its extrinsic melodies, harmonies, rhythms, structure, and
11 lyrics—to Plaintiffs' song. The extrinsic test is primarily a question of expert
12 musicologist testimony. Both sides have submitted testimony from their respective
13 musicologists as to the extrinsic similarity—or lack thereof—between the works.

14 Plaintiffs are not musicologists. Plaintiffs did not testify at their depositions
15 to any musicological facts relevant to the summary judgment issues of extrinsic
16 similarity. Neither Plaintiff claimed to have the musicological knowledge to do so.
17 When asked if there were any similarities, both Plaintiffs adamantly said "no."

18 In short, nothing in their depositions supports Defendants' arguments in their
19 Opposition or bears upon the musicological analysis of extrinsic similarity that is at
20 issue on summary judgment. Defendants purport to have submitted the deposition
21 testimony to show that Plaintiffs had access to Marvin Gaye's song, but Plaintiffs do
22 not deny access. To the contrary, both Plaintiffs are huge fans of Marvin Gaye,
23 know and love his work, and do not claim in this action that they had never heard
24 "Got to Give It Up." The MSJ assumes that Plaintiffs had access to the Marvin
25 Gaye works at issue. Defendants did not have to submit over half of each Plaintiffs'
26 deposition testimony in order to prove a fact that Plaintiffs concede in the Motion.

27 Defendants also purportedly submit the depositions to show that Plaintiffs
28 stated in certain press interviews that they were inspired by "Got to Give It Up"

1 when they created “Blurred Lines,” but this testimony—again—is only relevant to
2 show access to the Gaye song, which is conceded and not at issue in the MSJ.

3 In other words, huge swaths of Plaintiffs’ depositions have been filed with the
4 Court for no legitimate reason. Frankly, what Defendants are doing by submitting
5 deposition testimony that is on its face not responsive to a single undisputed fact
6 identified in the MSJ is to attempt to distract public attention from the legitimate
7 issues in this case and to embarrass, annoy, oppress, and harass Plaintiffs in the
8 media by submitting materials—including videotaped depositions—that, if those
9 materials are unsealed, are almost certain to end up posted on the internet for years
10 to come, and with no legitimate connection to whether one song infringed another.

11 Plaintiffs *relied* on the Protective Order in agreeing to the videotaped
12 depositions. Absent such a Protective Order, Plaintiffs would have sought a similar
13 order from the Court specifically addressed to the use of their deposition testimony.
14 Prior to filing the Opposition, Defendants’ counsel on two occasions requested that
15 Plaintiffs agree to withdraw the confidentiality designations for both depositions,
16 and Plaintiffs’ counsel refused. In each instance, Defendants could not identify any
17 prejudice they allegedly would suffer if the depositions remained confidential.
18 [Miller Decl, ¶¶ 9-10.] That Defendants sought to eviscerate the Protective Order
19 with respect to Plaintiffs’ depositions in full when Defendants had no reason to do
20 so and then objected in their Application to filing the depositions under seal speaks
21 volumes about their true intent—to use the depositions publicly to harass Plaintiffs
22 for reasons unrelated to the MSJ and any public right of access to this proceeding.

23 Plaintiffs’ reliance on the carefully negotiated and stipulated Protective Order
24 that expressly provides for confidentiality of Plaintiffs’ deposition transcripts is
25 reason alone to file all of the instant materials under seal. “It is, moreover,
26 presumptively unfair for courts to modify protective orders which assure
27 confidentiality and upon which the parties have reasonably relied.” *S.E.C.*, 273 F.3d
28 at 230.

1 Accordingly, Plaintiffs respectfully request that the excerpts from their
2 depositions [Busch Decl, Exhs. 6, 7, 16] be filed under seal in their entirety.³

3 If the Court is inclined to unseal any deposition testimony, Plaintiff Robin
4 Thicke requests that the following portions of his written transcript and video from
5 same, at a minimum, be filed under seal to protect his privacy: Busch Decl, **Exh. 6**
6 (Thicke Tr), 70:8-10, 103:22-24, 104:15-19, 105:17-19, 106:4-7, 115:2-10, 116:13-
7 25, 118:6-125:14, 155:6-156:19; **Exh. 16** (Thicke video), Tracks 1, 3-6, 14.

8 Finally, if the Court is inclined to allow any deposition testimony to be filed
9 as part of the public record, at a bare minimum, the Court should order that the
10 videotaped excerpts from the depositions [Busch Decl, Exh. 16] be filed under seal
11 in their entirety. Any public right of access to the judicial proceeding can be
12 adequately met by unsealing any portions of the written transcripts of the
13 depositions [Busch Decl, Exhs. 6, 7] that the Court deems should be made a public
14 record. The public has no compelling reason to *see* the videotaped portions of the
15 depositions—the written transcripts will suffice—and as discussed above (*e.g.*, the
16 Justin Bieber deposition), the videotaped excerpts are subject to abuse and to
17 exploitation of Plaintiffs' testimony on the internet and in the media for reasons that
18 are entirely divorced from any legitimate public interest in the copyright lawsuit.

19 DATED: September 11, 2014

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27 ³ Plaintiff Thicke's interrogatory responses [Busch Decl, Exhs. 1, 1A] similarly have
28 no bearing on the MSJ and should not be made public for above reasons.

DECLARATION OF SETH MILLER

I, Seth Miller, declare as follows:

1. The facts set forth below are true of my personal knowledge unless otherwise indicated. If called upon to testify, I could testify competently thereto.

2. I am an attorney duly admitted to practice before this Court. I am a partner with King, Holmes, Paterno & Berliner, LLP, attorneys of record for Plaintiffs and Counter-Defendants PHARRELL WILLIAMS, ROBIN THICKE and CLIFFORD HARRIS, JR. ("Plaintiffs") and Counter-Defendants MORE WATER FROM NAZARETH PUBLISHING, INC., PAULA MAXINE PATTON individually and d/b/a HADDINGTON MUSIC, STAR TRAK ENTERTAINMENT, GEFEN RECORDS, INTERSCOPE RECORDS, UMG RECORDINGS, INC., and UNIVERSAL MUSIC DISTRIBUTION (collectively, "Plaintiffs/Counter-Defendants").

3. Attached hereto as **Exhibit A** is a true and correct copy of Plaintiffs and Counter-Defendants' Notice of Motion and Motion for Summary Judgment Or, In the Alternative, Partial Summary Judgment filed on July 22, 2014.

4. In mid-March 2014, I met and conferred with counsel for Defendants and Counter-Claimants Nona Marvisa Gaye, Frankie Christian Gaye, and Marvin Gaye III ("Defendants") regarding the need for a protective order in this action. In the meet and confer, Plaintiffs/Counter-Defendants inserted a provision in the draft protective order that would make all party depositions in the case confidential. Defendants counsel had no objection to that provision, and the parties stipulated to the entry of the Protective Order that the Court subsequently entered on April 18, 2014 (Document 66). A true and correct copy of the relevant excerpt from the Protective Order regarding confidentiality of deposition transcripts, which appears in Paragraph 6 of the Protective Order at pp. 4-5, is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**. The foregoing provision regarding confidentiality of party depositions was intended, *inter alia*, to prevent any potential abuse of the deposition testimony of the four

1 Plaintiffs/Counter-Defendants who are well-known performers and public figures:
2 Robin Thicke, Pharrell Williams, Clifford Harris, Jr. pka T.I., and Paula Patton.

3 5. Attached hereto as **Exhibits C and D**, respectively, are true and correct
4 copies of printouts of web pages containing Justin Bieber's videotaped deposition
5 testimony that were published on the internet in mid-March 2014, and located at the
6 following URLs: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p9vB3WI9OYo>, and
7 [http://www.nydailynews.com/entertainment/gossip/seth-meyers-spoofs-justin-](http://www.nydailynews.com/entertainment/gossip/seth-meyers-spoofs-justin-bieber-deposition-video-article-1.1719298)
8 [bieber-deposition-video-article-1.1719298](http://www.nydailynews.com/entertainment/gossip/seth-meyers-spoofs-justin-bieber-deposition-video-article-1.1719298)

9 6. In reliance on the protections of the Protective Order that was entered
10 on April 18, 2014, Plaintiffs Pharrell Williams and Robin Thicke appeared for their
11 videotaped depositions on April 21 and 23, 2014, respectively. Plaintiffs' counsel,
12 Howard E. King, designated the entire transcript of each deposition confidential.
13 Defendants' counsel did not object to either of those confidentiality designations.

14 7. The written transcript of Robin Thicke's deposition is 161 pages.
15 Defendants have submitted 116 pages of that transcript for filing under seal here.

16 8. The written transcript of Pharrell Williams' deposition is 209 pages.
17 Defendants have submitted 140 pages of that transcript for filing under seal here.

18 9. On August 14, 2014, I met and conferred with Paul Philips, counsel for
19 Defendant Marvin Gaye III. Mr. Philips asked Plaintiffs/Counter-Defendants to
20 withdraw their confidentiality designations for the Robin Thicke and Pharrell
21 Williams depositions. I asked Mr. Philips to identify any prejudice that Defendants
22 allegedly would suffer if the transcripts remained confidential. He could not
23 identify any prejudice. Mr. Philips advised me that he thought the public interest
24 mitigated in favor of de-designating the transcripts. I told him that the case law is
25 clear that there is no public interest in having access to discovery materials.

26 10. On September 2, 2014, I met and conferred by telephone with Paul
27 Duvall, Esq., counsel for Defendants Nona Marvisa Gaye and Frankie Christian
28 Gaye. Mr. Duvall informed me that Defendants intended to file unspecified

1 excerpts from Plaintiffs' deposition testimony in opposition to the summary
2 judgment motion and asked whether Plaintiffs' would withdraw their confidentiality
3 designations. I informed him that Plaintiffs would not withdraw the designations.
4 Mr. Duvall did not identify any reason why Defendants would be prejudiced if they
5 filed the deposition excerpts under seal with the Court, as per the Protective Order.

6 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of
7 America that the foregoing is true and correct.

8 Executed on September 11, 2014, at Los Angeles, California.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on September 11, 2014, I electronically filed the foregoing **ADDENDUM TO APPLICATION TO FILE UNDER SEAL PURSUANT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER; MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES; DECLARATION OF SETH MILLER** with the Clerk of the Court by using the CM/ECF system. I certify that all participants in the case are registered CM/ECF users and that service will be accomplished by the CM/ECF system.


Joey S. Gossett-Evans