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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION

J & J SPORTS PRODUCTIONS, INC.,

Plaintiff,

VS.

MINERVA SORIANO and, INDIVIDUALLY and d/b/a SORIANO'S **MEXICAN RESTAURANT**; and SORIANO'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT, LLC, an unknown business entity d/b/a SORIANO'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT,

Defendants.

Case No. 14-cv-1493

COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES

PLAINTIFF ALLEGES:

JURISDICTION

- Jurisdiction is founded on the existence of a question arising under particular statutes. This action is brought pursuant to several federal statutes, including the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, Title 47 U.S.C. 605, et seq., and The Cable & Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992, as amended, Title 47 U.S. Section 553, et seq.
- This Court has jurisdiction of the subject matter of this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Section 1331, which states that the district courts shall original jurisdiction of all civil actions arising under the Constitution, laws, or treaties, of the United States.
- 3. This Court has personal jurisdiction over the parties in this action as a result of the Defendants wrongful acts hereinafter complained of which violated the Plaintiff's rights as the exclusive commercial domestic distributor of the televised fight program hereinafter set forth at length. The Defendants' wrongful acts consisted of the interception, publication, and tortious conversion of said property of Plaintiff within the control of the Plaintiff in the State of Indiana.

VENUE

4. Pursuant to Title 47 U.S.C. Section 605, venue is proper in the Southern District of Indiana because a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claim occurred in this District.

THE PARTIES

- 5. The Plaintiff, J & J Sports Productions, Inc. is, and at all relevant times mentioned was, a California corporation with its principal place of business located at 2380 South Bascom Avenue, Suite 200, Campbell, California 95008.
- 6. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and alleges thereon that defendant, Minerva Soriano, is an owner, and/or operator, and/or licensee, and/or permitee, and/or person in charge, and/or an individual with dominion, control, oversight and management of the commercial establishment doing business as Soriano's Mexican Restaurant operating at 2541 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46222.
- 7. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and alleges thereon that defendant, , is an owner, and/or operator, and/or licensee, and/or permitee, and/or person in charge, and/or an individual with dominion, control, oversight and management of the commercial establishment doing business as
- Soriano's Mexican Restaurant operating at 2541 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46222.
- 8. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and alleges thereon that defendant, Soriano's Mexican Restaurant, LLC, is an owner, and/or operator, and/or licensee, and/or permitee, and/or person in charge, and/or an individual with dominion, control, oversight and management of the commercial establishment doing business as Soriano's Mexican Restaurant operating at 2541 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46222.

COUNT I

(Violation of Title 47 U.S.C. Section 605)

- 9. Plaintiff J & J Sports Productions, Inc., hereby incorporates by reference all of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1-9, inclusive, as though set forth herein at length.
- 10. By contract, Plaintiff J & J Sports Productions, Inc., paid for and was thereafter granted the exclusive nationwide television distribution rights to *Julio Cesar Chavez, Jr. v. Sergio Martinez WBC Middlgeweight Championship Fight Program, Championship Fight Program* telecast nationwide which took place on Saturday, September 15, 2012 (this included all under-card bouts and fight commentary encompassed in the television broadcast of the event, hereinafter referred to as the "Program").
- 11. Pursuant to contract, Plaintiff J & J Sports Productions, Inc., entered into subsequent sublicensing agreements with various commercial entities throughout North America, including entities within the State of Indiana, by which it granted these entities limited sublicensing rights, specifically the rights to publicly exhibit the Program to the patrons within their respective establishments (i.e., hotels, racetracks, casinos, bars, taverns, restaurants, social clubs, etc.)
- 12. As a commercial distributor of sporting events, including the Program, Plaintiff J & J Sports Productions, Inc., expended substantial monies marketing, advertising, promoting, administering, and transmitting the Program to its customers, the aforementioned commercial entities.
- 13. With full knowledge that the Program was not to be intercepted, received and exhibited by entities unauthorized to do so, each and every of the above named defendants and/or their agents, servants, workmen or employees did unlawfully publish, divulge and exhibit the Program at the time of its transmission at their Indianapolis, Indiana location (2541 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46222). Said unauthorized interception, publication, exhibition and divulgence by each of the defendants was done willfully and for purposes of direct or indirect commercial advantage or private financial gain.

Title 47 U.S.C. Section 605, et seq., prohibits the unauthorized publication or use of

communications (such as the transmission for which Plaintiff J & J Sports Productions, Inc., had the

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Plaintiff J & J Sports Productions, Inc., and to subject said Plaintiff to economic distress.

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26. Accordingly, Plaintiff J & J Sports Productions, Inc., is entitled to both compensatory, as well as punitive damages, from aforementioned defendant as the result of the defendant's egregious conduct and conversion.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment as set forth below.

As to the First Count:

- 1. For statutory damages in the amount of \$100,000.00 against defendants, and each of them, and
- 2. For reasonable attorney fees pursuant to statute, and
- 3. For all costs of suit, including but not limited to filing fees, service of process fees, investigative costs, and
- 4. For such other and further relief as this Honorable Court may deem just and proper.

As to the Second Count:

- 1. For statutory damages in the amount of \$50,000.00 against defendants, and each of them, and;
- 2. For reasonable attorney fees as may be awarded in the Court's discretion pursuant to statute, and;
- 3. For all costs of suit, including but not limited to filing fees, service of process fees, investigative costs, and;
- 4. For such other and further relief as this Honorable Court may deem just and proper.

As to the Third Count:

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7		4.	For such other and further relief as this Honorable Court may deem just and proper			
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