

FILED
IN CLERK'S OFFICE
U.S. DISTRICT COURT E.D.N.Y.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

★ MAR 0 5 2020 ★

MICROSOFT CORP.,

٧.

BROOKLYN OFFICE

Plaintiff,

Case No. 20-CV-1217 (LDH)

JOHN DOES 1-2, CONTROLLING COMPUTER BOTNETS AND THEREBY INJURING PLAINTIFF AND ITS CUSTOMERS,

FILED UNDER SEAL

Defendants.

EX PARTE TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER AND ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE RE PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION

Plaintiff Microsoft Corporation ("Microsoft") has filed a complaint for injunctive and other relief pursuant to: (1) The Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, 18 U.S.C. § 1030; (2) Electronic Communications Privacy Act, 18 U.S.C. § 2701; (3) Trademark Infringement under the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1114 et seq. (4) False Designation of Origin under the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1125(a); (5) Trademark Dilution under the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1125(c); (6) common law trespass to chattels; (7) conversion; (8) unfair competition; and (9) unjust enrichment. Plaintiff has moved ex parte for an emergency temporary restraining order and an order to show cause why a preliminary injunction should not be granted pursuant to Rule 65(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, 15 U.S.C. § 1116(a) (the Lanham Act), and 28 U.S.C. § 1651(a) (the All-Writs Act).

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Having reviewed the papers, declarations, exhibits, and memorandum filed in support of Microsoft's *Ex Parte* Application for an Emergency Temporary Restraining Order and Order to Show Cause re Preliminary Injunction, the Court hereby makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law:

- 1. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this case, and there is good cause to believe that it will have jurisdiction over all parties hereto; the Complaint states a claim upon which relief may be granted against Defendants John Does ("Defendants") under the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act (18 U.S.C. § 1030), the Electronic Communications Privacy Act (18 U.S.C. § 2701), the Lanham Act (15 U.S.C. §§ 1114, 1125), CAN-SPAM Act (15 U.S.C. § 7704), and common law of trespass to chattels, unjust enrichment, conversion, and intentional interference with contractual relationships.
- 2. There is good cause to believe that Defendants have engaged in and are likely to engage in acts or practices that violate the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act (18 U.S.C. § 1030), the Electronic Communications Privacy Act (18 U.S.C. § 2701), the Lanham Act (15 U.S.C. §§ 1114, 1125), and constitute common law of trespass to chattels, unjust enrichment, conversion, and intentional interference with contractual relationships, and that Microsoft is, therefore, likely to prevail on the merits of this action;
- 3. Microsoft owns the registered trademarks "Microsoft," "Windows," and numerous other trademarks used in connection with its services, software and products. There is good cause to believe that, unless Defendants are restrained and enjoined by Order of this Court, immediate and irreparable harm will result from the Defendants' ongoing violations. The evidence set forth in Microsoft's Brief in Support of *Ex Parte* Application for a Temporary Restraining Order and Order to Show Cause Re Preliminary Injunction ("TRO Application"), and the accompanying declarations and exhibits, demonstrates that Microsoft is likely to prevail on its claim that Defendants have engaged in violations of the foregoing law by:
 - a. intentionally accessing and sending malicious software, code, and instructions to the protected computers, operating systems, and computer networks of Microsoft and the customers of Microsoft, without authorization or exceeding authorization, in order to

- i. install on those computers and computer networks malicious code and thereby gain control over those computers and computer networks in order to make them part of a botnet;
- ii. attack and compromise the security of those computers and computer networks by conducting remote reconnaissance, stealing authentication credentials, monitoring the activities of users, and using other instrumentalities of theft;
- iii. steal and exfiltrate information from those computers and computer networks;
- b. deploying computers and Internet domains to establish a command and control infrastructure by which means Defendants conduct illegal activities, including (i) installing malicious code on computers and computer networks in order to make them part of a botnet, (ii) sending unsolicited spam e-mail to Microsoft's email services, (iii) sending unsolicited spam e-mail that falsely indicates that they are from or approved by Microsoft, (iv) delivering malicious software designed to steal financial account credentials, (v) delivering malicious "ransomware" software designed to lock access to computers and demand a ransom from victims, (vi) carrying out fraudulent schemes, (vii) monitoring the activities of users and stealing information from them, and (viii) attacking computers and networks, monitoring activities of users, and theft of information;
- c. corrupting Microsoft's operating system and applications on victims' computers and networks, thereby using them to carry out the foregoing activities.
- 4. There is good cause to believe that if such conduct continues, irreparable harm will occur to Microsoft, Microsoft's customers, and the public. There is good cause to believe that the Defendants will continue to engage in such unlawful actions if not immediately restrained from doing so by Order of this Court.
- 5. There is good cause to believe that immediate and irreparable damage to this Court's ability to grant effective final relief will result from the sale, transfer, or other disposition or concealment by Defendants of command and control software that is hosted at and otherwise operates through the Internet domains listed in **Appendices A** and **B** to this Order and from the destruction or concealment of other discoverable evidence of Defendants'

misconduct available via those domains, including on user computers infected by Defendants, if Defendants receive advance notice of this action. Based on the evidence cited in Microsoft's TRO Application and accompanying declarations and exhibits, Microsoft is likely to be able to prove that:

- a. Defendants are engaged in activities that directly violate United States law and harm Microsoft and the public, including Microsoft's customers;
- b. Defendants have continued their unlawful conduct despite the clear injury to the foregoing interests;
- c. Defendants are likely to delete or to relocate the command and control software at issue in Microsoft's TRO Application and the harmful and malicious software disseminated through the Internet domains listed in **Appendices A** and **B** to this Order, thereby permitting them to continue their illegal acts; and
- d. Defendants are likely to warn their associates engaged in such activities if informed of Microsoft's action.
- 6. Microsoft's request for this emergency ex parte relief is not the result of any lack of diligence on Microsoft's part, but instead based upon the nature of Defendants' unlawful conduct. Therefore, in accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 65(b), 15 U.S.C. § 1116(a) and 28 U.S.C. § 1651(a), good cause and the interest of justice require that this Order be Granted without prior notice to Defendants, and accordingly, Microsoft is relieved of the duty to provide Defendants with prior notice of Microsoft's motion.
- 7. There is good cause to believe that Defendants have engaged or will engage in illegal activity using the Internet domains identified in **Appendices A** and **B** to this Order to host the command and control software and content used to infect and compromise the computers and networks of Microsoft's customers to maintain and operate the botnet. There is good cause to believe that to immediately halt the injury caused by Defendants, the domain set forth in **Appendix A** to this Order must be immediately transferred to the control of Microsoft

and redirected to the Microsoft-secured name-servers named

NS080A.microsoftinternetsafety.net and NS080B.microsoftinternetsafety.net, thus making them inaccessible to Defendants for command and control purposes. There is good cause to believe that to immediately halt the injury caused by Defendants, each of the Defendants' prospective domains set forth in **Appendix B** to this Order must be prevented from being registered by Defendants and prevented from entering the zone file, thus making them inaccessible to Defendants for command and control purposes.

- 8. There is good cause to believe that to immediately halt the injury caused by Defendants, Defendants must be prohibited from accessing Microsoft's services without authorization and prohibited from sending malicious code, content and commands using the Internet domains identified in **Appendices A** and **B** to this Order to the computers of Microsoft's customers.
- 9. There is good cause to direct that third-party Internet registrars reasonably assist in the implementation of the Order and refrain from frustrating the implementation and purposes of this Order, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1651(a) (the All Writs Act).
- 10. There is good cause to believe that Defendants have specifically directed their activities to computers of Microsoft's customers located in New York and the Eastern District of New York, have engaged in illegal activity using the Internet domains identified in **Appendices A** and **B** to this Order by using those domains to carry out the illegal conduct described in this Order, and to injure Microsoft, Microsoft's customers and the public. There is good cause to believe that Defendants have directed malicious code and content through the domains and the domain registration facilities of the domain registries identified in **Appendices A** and **B** to this Order.

- 11. There is good cause to believe that to immediately halt the injury, the execution of this Order should be carried out in a coordinated manner by Microsoft and by the domain registries identified in **Appendices A** and **B** to this Order on such particular date and time within seven (7) days of this Order as may be reasonably requested by Microsoft.
- 12. There is good cause to believe that if Defendants are provided advance notice of Microsoft's TRO Application or this Order, they would move the botnet infrastructure, allowing them to continue their misconduct, and would destroy, move, hide, conceal, or otherwise make inaccessible to the Court evidence of their misconduct, the botnet's activity, the infringing materials, the instrumentalities used to make the infringing materials, and the records evidencing the manufacture and distributing of the infringing materials.
- Preliminary Injunction hearing and service of the Complaint by formal and alternative means, given the exigency of the circumstances and the need for prompt relief. The following means of service, when undertaken in combination, are authorized by law, satisfy Due Process, satisfy Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(f)(3), and are reasonably calculated to notify Defendants of the instant order, the Preliminary Injunction hearing and of this action: (1) transmission by email, facsimile, mail and/or personal delivery to the contact information provided by Defendants to Defendants' domain registrars and hosting companies, and as agreed to by Defendants in Defendants' domain registration and/or hosting agreements, (2) publishing notice on a publicly available Internet website, (3) by personal delivery upon Defendants, to the extent Defendants provided accurate contact information in the U.S.; and (4) personal delivery through the Hague Convention on Service Abroad or similar treaties upon Defendants, to the extent Defendants provided accurate contact information in foreign countries that are signatories to such treaties.

14. There is good cause to believe that the harm to Microsoft of denying the relief requested in the TRO Application outweighs any harm to any legitimate interests of Defendants and that there is no undue burden to any third party.

TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER AND ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED as follows

A. Defendants, Defendants' representatives, and persons who are in active concert or participation with Defendants, are temporarily restrained and enjoined from: (1) intentionally accessing and sending malicious software or code to Microsoft and the protected computers and operating systems of Microsoft and Microsoft's customers, without or in excess of authorization, in order to infect those computers and make them part of the botnet; (2) sending malicious software to configure, deploy and operate a botnet, (3) sending unsolicited spam e-mail to Microsoft's email services, (4) sending unsolicited spam e-mail that falsely indicates that they are from or approved by Microsoft, (5) attacking and compromising the security of the computers and networks of Microsoft and its customers, (6) stealing and exfiltrating information from computers and computer networks, (7) delivering malicious software designed to steal financial account credentials, (8) delivering malicious "ransomware" software designed to lock access to computers and demand a ransom from victims, (9) carrying out fraudulent schemes, (10) monitoring the activities of Microsoft's customers and stealing information from them, (11) attacking computers and networks, monitoring activities of users, and theft of information, (12) corrupting Microsoft's operating system and applications on victims' computers and networks, thereby using them to carry out the foregoing activities, (13) misappropriating that which rightfully belongs to Microsoft, its customers or in which Microsoft or its customers have a proprietary interest, (14) configuring, deploying, operating, or otherwise participating in or

facilitating a command and control infrastructure described in the TRO Application, including but not limited to the command and control software hosted at and operating through the Internet domains set forth in **Appendices A** and **B** to this Order and through any other component or element of the command and control infrastructure at any location, and (15) undertaking any similar activity that inflicts harm on Microsoft, Microsoft's customers, or the public.

B. Defendants, Defendants' representatives, and persons who are in active concert or participation with Defendants are temporarily restrained and enjoined from (1) using and infringing Microsoft's trademarks, including specifically Microsoft's registered trademarks "Microsoft," bearing registration number 5449084, "Windows," bearing registration number 2463526, and/or other trademarks, trade names, service marks, or Internet Domain addresses or names containing or infringing such trademarks, trade names or service marks; (2) using in connection with Defendants' activities, products, or services any false or deceptive designation, representation or description of Defendants' or of their activities, whether by symbols, words, designs or statements, which would damage or injure Microsoft or give Defendants an unfair competitive advantage or result in deception of consumers; or (3) acting in any other manner which suggests in any way that Defendants' activities, products or services come from or are somehow sponsored by or affiliated with Microsoft, or passing off Defendants' activities, products or services as Microsoft's.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, with respect to any currently or previously registered Internet domain(s) set forth in Appendix A (the "Domains") to this Order and the Complaint, pursuant to the All Writs Act (28 U.S.C. § 1651), the domain registries shall take the following actions:

- A. On such particular date and time within seven (7) days of this Order as may be reasonably requested by Microsoft, shall unlock and change the registrar of record for the Domains to MarkMonitor or such other registrar specified by Microsoft. To the extent the registrar of record does not assist in changing the registrar of record for the Domains under its control, the domain registry for the Domains, or its administrators, including backend registry operators or administrators, shall change, or assist in changing, the registrar of record for the Domains to MarkMonitor or such other registrar specified by Microsoft. The purpose of this paragraph is to ensure that Microsoft has control over the hosting and administration of the Domains in its registrar account at MarkMonitor or such other registrar specified by Microsoft. Microsoft shall provide to the domain registry or registrar of record any requested registrar information or account details necessary to effectuate the foregoing.
- B. Once the registrar of record is changed to MarkMonitor or such other registrar specified by Microsoft, Microsoft and/or such registrar shall take the following steps:
 - The Domains shall be made active and shall resolve in the manner set forth in this order, or as otherwise specified by Microsoft, upon taking control of the Domains;
 - 2. The Domains shall be redirected to secure servers by changing the authoritative name servers to NS080A.microsoftinternetsafety.net and NS080B.microsoftinternetsafety.net and, as may be necessary, the IP addresses associated with name servers or taking other reasonable steps to work with Microsoft to ensure the redirection of the Domains and to ensure that Defendants cannot use it to make unauthorized access to computers, infect computers, compromise computers and computer

networks, monitor the owners and users of computers and computer networks, steal information from them or engage in any other activities prohibited by the Injunction;

3. The WHOIS registrant, administrative, billing and technical contact and identifying information should be the following, or other information as may be specified by Microsoft:

Domain Administrator Microsoft Corporation One Microsoft Way Redmond, WA 98052 United States Phone: +1.4258828080

Facsimile: +1.4259367329 domains@microsoft.com

- 4. Prevent transfer, modification or deletion of the domain by Defendants and prevent transfer or control of the domain to the account of any party other than Microsoft;
- 5. Take all steps required to propagate to the foregoing changes through the Domain Name System ("DNS"), including domain registrars.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, with respect to the discrete set of dynamically generated domains set forth at Appendix B to this Order, that are being generated and will be generated by the botnet code for a period of 25 months from the date of this order, pursuant to stipulation and pursuant to the All Writs Act (28 U.S.C. § 1651), the domain registries shall take the following actions:

A. The domain registry and service providers Neustar, Inc., Afilias USA, Inc., Public Interest Registry and ICM Registry LLC, identified in Appendix B to this Order, shall take reasonable steps to prevent such domains from entering the zone file, consistent with its

operational capabilities in order to prevent the domains from being controlled by the Defendants or third parties. Means of compliance with this term shall include implementation of proprietary systems by Neustar, Inc., Afilias USA, Inc., Public Interest Registry and ICM Registry LLC that seek to automatically prevent registration of domains, or pre-registering such domains in an Afilias USA, Inc. "house account," or other means reasonably calculated to prevent registration of the dynamically generated domains by Defendants or any third party. "Dynamically generated domains" shall mean the discrete list of domains automatically generated by the botnet software running on test machines in a laboratory environment and which is not subject to discretion. Nothing in the foregoing shall prevent registration or activation of the domains by Microsoft or its security industry partners Stichting Registrar of Last Resort Foundation and The Shadowserver Foundation for purposes of analysis of the botnet.

- B. The domain registry and service provider Verisign, Inc., identified in Appendix B to this order, shall take reasonable measures, at the registry's discretion, to cause the dynamically generated domains in Appendix B to be unresolvable. "Dynamically generated domains" shall mean the discrete list of domains automatically generated by the botnet software running on test machines in a laboratory environment and which is not subject to discretion. Nothing in the foregoing shall prevent registration or activation of the domains by Microsoft or its security industry partners Stichting Registrar of Last Resort Foundation and The Shadowserver Foundation for purposes of analysis of the botnet.
- C. The foregoing domain registries shall treat any domain names set forth in Appendix B that have been registered as if they are included in Appendix A unless otherwise instructed by Microsoft or its delegates.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the data centers, hosting providers and domain

registries identified in this Order shall work with Microsoft in good faith to implement this Order. Microsoft is directed to serve a copy of this Order upon Defendants, the data centers and hosting providers and domain registries identified in this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that copies of this Order, notice of the Preliminary
Injunction hearing and service of the Complaint may be served upon the Defendants by any
means authorized by law, including the combination of (1) transmission by email, facsimile, mail
and/or personal delivery to the contact information provided by Defendants to Defendants'
domain registrars and/or hosting companies and as agreed to by Defendants in the domain
registration and/or hosting agreements, (2) publishing notice on a publicly available Internet
website, (3) by personal delivery upon Defendants, to the extent Defendants provided accurate
contact information in the U.S.; and (4) personal delivery through the Hague Convention on
Service Abroad or similar treaties upon Defendants, to the extent Defendants provided accurate
contact information in foreign countries that are signatories to such treaties.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65(b) that the Defendants shall appear before this Court on March 17, 2020 at 11:30 a.m. to show cause, if there is any, why this Court should not enter a Preliminary Injunction, pending final ruling on the Complaint against Defendants, enjoining Defendants from the conduct temporarily restrained by the preceding provisions of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Microsoft shall post bond in the amount of \$50,000 to be paid into the Court registry.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants shall file with the Court and serve on Microsoft's counsel any answering affidavits, pleadings, motions, expert reports or declarations and/or legal memoranda no later than one (1) day prior to the hearing on

Microsoft's request for a preliminary injunction.

IT IS SO ORDERED

Entered this 5th day of March, 2020

s/Eric Komitee

Eric R. Komtee
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK	FILED IN CLERK'S OFFICE J.S. DISTRICT COURT S.D.N.Y.
APPLICATION FOR LEAVE TO FILE DOCUMENT UNDER SEAL	MAR 05 2020
В	ROOKLYNOELL
MCOOPT COP.	A) If pursuant to a prior Court Order: Docket Number of Case in Which Entered: Judge/Magistrate Judge: Date Entered:
Solution 1-2, et al Docket Number	
SUBMITTED BY: Plaintiff Defendant DOJ Firm Name:	B) If a <u>new application</u> , the statute, regulation, or other legal basis that authorizes filing under seal
Address:	
Phone Number: 3-Mail Address: NDICATE UPON THE PUBLIC DOCKET SHEET: YES NO If yes, state description of document to be entered on docket sheet:	ORDERED SEALED AND PLACED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE, AND MAY NOT BE UNSEALED UNLESS ORDERED BY THE COURT. DATED: 3520, NEW YORK
	U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE/U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE RECEIVED IN CLERK'S OFFICE
	DATE
MAND ATORY CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE: A.) A copy of this application either has been or will be promptly served upon the following other statute or regulation: Check one) This is a criminal definition:	on all parties to this action, B.) Service is excused by 31 U.S.C. 3730(b), or by ocument submitted, and flight public safety, or security are significant concerns.
DATE	ATURE