

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
Alexandria Division**

MICROSOFT CORPORATION, a)	
Washington corporation,)	
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Plaintiff,)	Civil Action No: 1:21-cv-01346 (LMB/TCB)
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v.)	
)	
JOHN DOES 1-2, CONTROLLING)	
A COMPUTER NETWORK AND)	
THEREBY INJURING PLAINTIFF)	
AND ITS CUSTOMERS,)	
)	
Defendants.)	
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**ORDER GRANTING MICROSOFT’S MOTION FOR LIMITED AUTHORITY TO
CONDUCT DISCOVERY NECESSARY TO
IDENTIFY AND SERVE DOE DEFENDANTS**

This matter comes before the Court on Plaintiff Microsoft Corporation’s (“Microsoft”) Motion and Supporting Memorandum for Limited Authority to Conduct Discovery Necessary to Identify and Serve Doe Defendants.

Upon consideration of Microsoft’s Motion and supporting documentation, the Court being fully apprised of the facts and law, and good cause presented to the Court, the Court **HEREBY GRANTS** the Motion for Limited Authority to Conduct Discovery Necessary to Identify and Serve Doe Defendants to include the following:

- Microsoft shall be permitted a discovery period of 180 days, during which it will move forward diligently with subpoenas to email service providers, domain name registrars, hosting companies and payment providers in an attempt to further identify Defendants and/or to obtain additional contact information through which to effect service of process;
- Microsoft shall have authority to send subpoenas to the third-party email service

providers, domain registrars and hosting companies, GoDaddy Inc., Enom Inc., and Xinnet Technology Corp., associated with Defendants' generally and Defendants' known infrastructure identified in the Temporary Restraining Order; and

- Microsoft may serve discovery to additional third-party Internet service providers (ISPs), email service providers, hosting companies, and payment providers from the discovery above, likely to have information that could aid in the identification of the Doe Defendants, upon providing notice to the Court of Plaintiff's need to send further subpoena requests to such third-party service providers.

IT IS SO ORDERED

ENTERED this 13th day of December, 2021



/s/
THERESA CARROLL BUCHANAN
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Alexandria, Virginia