#### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

Case No. 11-14052-CV – Martinez/Lynch

#### JOHN ZUCCARINI,

Plaintiff,

VS.

NETWORK SOLUTIONS, LLC, et al.,

Defendants.

## DEFENDANTS NETWORK SOLUTIONS, LLC AND NAMEJET, LLC'S MOTION FOR SANCTIONS PURSUANT TO FED. R. CIV. P. 11

COME NOW Defendants Network Solutions, LLC ("Network Solutions") and NameJet, LLC ("NameJet"), and hereby move this Court for entry of an Order of sanctions against Plaintiff, John Zuccarini ("Zuccarini"), pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 11(b) and in support thereof, state as follows:

#### I. INTRODUCUTION

Litigation is not a game. The federal courts are not a vehicle for litigants, whether *pro se* or represented, to harass others by filing frivolous claims which wholly lack any conceivable merit under the existing facts or law. Zuccarini has litigated, or attempted to litigate, various versions of the same claims presented here, arising out of the same facts and against the same parties, in no fewer than three separate jurisdictions—California, Florida and Virginia. Thus far, he has been unsuccessful on all

counts and has been warned by at least one federal court that if he continued to file frivolous motions or appeals he could be subject to sanctions under Rule 11. Because of Zuccarini's numerous, meritless filings, Network Solutions and NameJet have been forced to defend themselves against multiple suits spending thousands of dollars in attorneys' fees and expenses and wasting valuable resources in the process. Rule 11 sanctions in this matter are appropriate to deter future abusive litigation that may be contemplated by Zuccarini, and to compensate Network Solutions and NameJet for the amounts the have incurred in responding to the instant matter.

#### II. PERTINENT FACTS

This case began its tortured history in the United States District for the Northern District of

California (the "California District Court"). See Zuccarini v. NameJet, Inc., 2:10-cv-14178-KMM. The

background was discussed by the Ninth Circuit in Office Depot, Inc. v. Zuccarini, 596 F.3d 696 (9th Cir.

2010):

In December 2000, Office Depot obtained a judgment against Zuccarini under the Anticybersquatting Consumer Protection Act of 1999 ("ACPA"), 15 U.S.C. § 1125(d), arising out of Zuccarini's registration of the domain name "offic-depot.com." Office Depot was unable to collect on the judgment and eventually assigned the judgment to DSH.

*Id.* at 698.

DSH sought to levy upon some of the other domain names owned<sup>1</sup> by Zuccarini. DSH registered the judgment in the district court for the Northern

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> NameJet takes issue with the California District Court's use of the term "owned" in connection with a domain name registration, as it connotes that the domain name is property – which it is not. *See, e.g., Network Solutions, Inc. v. Umbro Int'l, Inc.*, 259 Va. 759, 529 S.E.2d 80 (2000).

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District of California. DSH then obtained a preservation order from the district court and engaged in discovery.

Id.

DSH filed a request in the district court for a turnover order to compel the registrars of certain ".com" domain names owned by Zuccarini to transfer ownership to DSH. The district court denied the request, holding that, under California Civil Procedure Code § 699.040, it could not order third parties to turn over property. DSH then moved for the appointment of a receiver who would obtain and sell the ".com" domain names in question and would use the proceeds to satisfy the judgment. The district court granted the motion to appoint a receiver.

*Id.* at 699; *see also Office Depot, Inc. v. Zuccarini*, 621 F. Supp. 2d 773 (N.D. Cal. 2007) (order appointing receiver). On November 14, 2007, the California District Court entered an Order requiring Network Solutions and other domain name registrars to "transfer control of the Zuccarini domain names to" a receiver, Michael Blacksburg. A copy of this Order is attached hereto as *Exhibit 1.*<sup>2</sup> Network Solutions obeyed the Order, and transferred control of the domain names registered with it to

Blacksburg. Blacksburg subsequently declined to renew the registration of 14 of the transferred domain

names. As a result, and consistent with Blacksburg's agreement with Network Solutions, the 14 non-

renewed domain names were auctioned to third parties using NameJet's auction platform.

Zuccarini vociferously, though unsuccessfully, fought the transfer of the domain names to the receiver in the California District Court and the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. He then sought – unsuccessfully – injunctive relief against Network Solutions and NameJet in the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> For clarity, Network Solutions has attached to the Order the "Exhibit N" referenced in the Order, although not attached to the Order itself when entered by the Court.

California District Court, despite the fact that neither was a party to the case pending in that Court. Having lost in the California courts, Zuccarini cast his lot in this Court. On July 7, 2010, Zuccarini filed an action in this Court against Network Solutions and NameJet, among others, for breach of contract, conversion, and declaratory and injunctive relief (the "First Florida Action"). Incredibly, Zuccarini filed the First Florida Action because Network Solutions and other domain name registrars *obeyed* the Order of the California District Court requiring the transfer of the domain names to the receiver. A copy the Complaint and Amendment thereto filed in the First Florida Action are attached hereto as *Exhibit 2*.

This Court transferred venue in the First Florida Action to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia (the "Virginia District Court"), where the case was styled *Zuccarini v*. *Network Solutions, Inc., et al*, Civil Action No. 1:10cv1327. There, the Honorable Leonie M. Brinkema dismissed with prejudice all of Zuccarini's claims, entered judgment for the defendants, and warned Zuccarini that any frivolous appeal could result in sanctions under Fed. R. Civ. P. 11. A true and correct copy of a January 14, 2011 Order is attached hereto as *Exhibit 3*. Moreover, during the hearing, Judge Brinkema stated:

All right. And all these defendants did, Mr. Zuccarini, is comply with a federal court order, which they have to or they'd be in contempt of court; and you went ahead then and filed a suit against them alleging various creative theories, including breach of contract where there were no contracts in my view that would be at all enforceable; conversion, which can't occur unless there's an unlawful act, and when you're acting in accordance of a court order, there's nothing unlawful about that; and you request a civil conspiracy in which there's absolutely no evidence nor could there be of a civil conspiracy; and requesting declaratory and injunctive relief; complete waste of time, costing these attorneys and their clients money to have to defend, and you can see where I'm going with this.

I'm granting the motions to dismiss with prejudice as to all claims in this lawsuit, and I'm putting you on what is equivalent to a judicial Rule 11 notice. You've got a right to appeal this decision. I think you're fairly sophisticated in the ways of the law. If you're going to file a notice of appeal, that has to be within 30 days of today's date. I'm putting on the record that in my view, an appeal in this case would be sanctionable, and I would strongly recommend to the Court of Appeals that if they agree with this Court's view of this case and they were to deny the appeal or dismiss it, that the Court seriously consider imposing sanctions, those sanctions to consist of the expenses to which the defense counsel would be put in having to defend any kind of an appeal.

A copy of the transcript of the January 19, 2011 proceedings is attached hereto as Exhibit 4.

Unswayed by the Virginia District Court's admonition, Zuccarini filed in that Court a Motion for Relief pursuant to Rule 60(b) based upon the very same theories of negligence against Network Solutions and NameJet that he alleges in the instant matter. Finding the new filings "as equally groundless and devoid of merit as his original Complaint," Judge Brinkema denied Plaintiff's motion without briefing or oral argument. A copy of a January 19, 2011 Order is attached hereto as *Exhibit 5*. Judge Brinkema further held that "even if Zuccarini's arguments that defendants were somehow negligent had any merit, those arguments should have been raised during the litigation in the Northern District of California, or on direct appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, not through a collateral attack in an entirely new lawsuit." *See Exhibit 5*.

Zuccarini refused to heed Judge Brinkema's Order and, hoping for a different result in this Court, has filed yet another suit against Network Solutions and NameJet based upon identical facts and circumstances as those raised in the First Florida Action —namely, the transfer to the receiver and

subsequent auction of 14 domain names — as well as upon the same theories of negligence that were held to be barred by Judge Brinkema's Order.

#### III. APPLICABLE LAW AND ARGUMENT

Rule 11 allows a court to impose sanctions on a party who has presented a pleading, motion or other paper to the court without evidentiary support or for "any improper purpose." *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. Rule 11 (b). An improper purpose may be inferred from the filing of frivolous papers. *See In re Kunstler*, 914 F.2d 505, 518 (4th Cir. 1990). The standard is an objective one; whether a reasonable party would have acted in a particular way. *See Chambers v. NASCO Inc.*, 501 U.S. 32, 47 (1991). "The reasonableness of the conduct involved is to be viewed at the time counsel or the party signed the document alleged to be the basis of the Rule 11 sanction." *Sussman v. Salem, Saxon and Nielsen, P.A.*, 150 F.R.D. 209, 213 (M.D. Fla. 1993). The purpose of Rule 11 sanctions is to "reduce frivolous claims, defenses, or motions, and to deter costly meritless maneuvers." *Massengale v. Ray*, 267 F.3d 1298, 1302 (11th Cir. 2001); *see also, Sussman*, 150 F.R.D at 213 ("this Court recognizes Rule 11's objectives, which include: (1) deterring future litigation abuse, (2) punishing present litigation abuse, (3) compensating victims of litigation abuse, and (4) streamlining court dockets and facilitating case management").

In the Eleventh Circuit, "three (3) types of conduct warrant Rule 11 sanctions: (1) when a party files a pleading that has no reasonable factual basis; (2) when a party files a pleading that is based on legal theory that has no reasonable chance of success and that cannot be advanced as reasonable

argument to change existing law; and (3) when a party files a pleading in bad faith or for improper purpose." *Didie v. Howes*, 988 F.2d 1097 (11th Cir. 1993) (citations omitted). Rule 11 sanctions are *mandatory* when a signed paper is submitted to the court under the aforementioned conditions. *See Schramek v. Jones*, 161 F.R.D. 119, 122 (M.D. Fla. 1995) (emphasis added).

Like an attorney, "[a] pro se litigant is subject to Rule 11, which imposes sanctions for the filing of baseless or frivolous lawsuits." *Id.* By way of example, in *Merrigan v. Affiliated Bankshares of Colorado, Inc.*, 775 F. Supp. 1408 (D. Colo. 1991), a case cited with deference in *Schramek*, the District Court found that Rule 11 sanctions against *pro se* litigants were warranted where the filings made by the plaintiffs had no basis under fact or law, were not well-grounded for a good faith argument for an extension of the law, and had the improper purpose of attempting to delay or relitigate other actions. In *Merrigan*, the plaintiffs filed an initial lawsuit in which judgment was entered against them and which the failed to appeal. *Id.* at 1413. Plaintiffs subsequently were sued for legal fees incurred in the first case and they failed to appear at trial and a judgment was entered against them. *Id.* In three separate civil suits, plaintiffs sought to set aside the judgment and recover damages. *Id.* They were unsuccessful on all fronts. *Id.* In dismissing the cases, the court noted that further attempts to litigate the same matter are "frivolous and groundless." *Id.* 

Failing to heed the court's warning, the plaintiffs in *Merrigan* filed suit in federal court on the same issues. *Id.* The District Court found the case to be frivolous and without a basis in law or fact, with plaintiffs attempting to litigate issues previously dismissed in the state court. Accordingly, the court found the imposition of sanctions to be appropriate under Rule 11.

Although Rule 11 specifically contemplates sanctions in the form of an award of attorneys fees, the award of fees "is but one of several methods of achieving the various goals of Rule 11." *See Doering v. Union County Bd. of Chosen Freeholders*, 857 F.2d 191, 194 (3d Cir. 1988). In fact, Rule 11 states that "[t]he sanction may include nonmonetary directives." *See* Rule 11(c)(4). Numerous courts have held that injunctive sanctions are appropriate to regulate the activities of abusive litigants. *See Christensen v. Ward*, 916 F.2d 1485 (10th Cir. 1990); *see also Tripoti v. Beamon*, 878 F.2d 351, 353 (10th Cir. 1989); *Merrigan, supra*; *In re Green*, 669 F.2d 779, 781-85 (D.C. Cir.1981); *Franklin v. Murphy*, 745 F.2d 1221, 1229-36 (9th Cir. 1984); *Ruderer v. United States*, 462 F.2d at 899 n.2 (listing cases); *In re Martin-Trigona*, 737 F.2d 1254, 1264-74 (2d Cir. 1984).

Rule 11 does not enumerate factors a court should consider in deciding the appropriate sanction for a Rule 11 violation. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 11 Advisory Committee Notes (1993). Rather, a trial court has broad discretion to choose the nature and the amount of the sanction to achieve the deterrent purposes of Rule 11. *See DiPaolo v. Moran*, 407 F.3d 140, 146 (3rd Cir. 2005).

In the instant matter, monetary sanctions, together with injunctive sanctions enjoining Zuccarini from filing future litigation against Network Solutions and NameJet are appropriate. Despite being *pro se*, Zuccarini is a seasoned litigation veteran who has continued to attempt to litigate the same claims, albeit sometimes under what he contends are different theories, against the same defendants – over and over again. These claims already have been adjudicated by the California District Court, the Ninth Circuit, and the Virginia District Court to have no basis under fact or law and to be utterly

frivolous.

Zuccarini's actions in the filing of numerous frivolous pleadings in numerous jurisdictions are exactly the nature of conduct that Rule 11 was designed to remedy. Moreover, Zuccarini was warned clearly and unequivocally by the Virginia District Court that his repeated attempts to present these claims to that Court or any frivolous appeal could subject him to sanctions under Rule 11. Zuccarini undoubtedly can afford the imposition of sanctions that would include the attorneys' fees incurred by Network Solutions and NameJet in this matter. However, given his past and persistent conduct, it is unlikely that such a sanction alone would deter Zuccarini from filing future claims against Network Solutions and NameJet arising from the transfer and sale of the 14 domain names at issue in this matter, or whatever other claims may occur to Zuccarini, regardless of the factual or legal basis therefore.

While "[1]itigiousness alone will not support an injunction restricting filing activities...injunctions are proper where the litigant's abusive and lengthy history is properly set forth." *Tripati*, 878 F.2d at 353. As the United States District Court for the District of Columbia has stated:

Plaintiff's continual attempts to relitigate his unsuccessful claims are highly disruptive. Plaintiff may believe that a new judge will overlook the readily apparent similarity of each new complaint to its predecessors. Alternatively, he may think that a judge will ignore the unanimous dismissals that have greeted plaintiff's actions and reject the sound notions on which those dismissals were based. Either theory would be incorrect. Instead, plaintiff's litigiousness forces the conclusion that he resorts to legal process regardless of the legitimacy of his claims....

Sparrow v. Reynolds, 646 F. Supp. 834, 839 (D.D.C. 1986).

Zuccarini no longer should be allowed to cause Network Solutions and NameJet to incur

thousands of dollars in fees and costs necessary to respond to his frivolous claims. Moreover, in light of the strong likelihood that he will continue to file future frivolous actions, generating more years of litigation and expense, to the detriment of all parties and the courts, injunctive sanctions are particularly appropriate.

#### IV. CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Network Solutions and NameJet respectfully request that this Court enter an Order of sanctions against Zuccarini and (a) award to Network Solutions and NameJet their reasonable attorneys' fees, costs and expenses incurred in responding to the instant action; (b) enjoin Zuccarini from filing any civil action against either Network Solutions, LLC or NameJet, LLC based upon any of the legal or factual claims alleged by Zuccarini in *Zuccarini v. NameJet, Inc.*, 2:10-cv-14178-KMM, *Zuccarini v. Network Solutions, Inc., et al*, Civil Action No. 1:10cv1327, and/or the instant action; (c) enjoin Zuccarini from filing any civil action or otherwise seeking relief<sup>3</sup> against either Network Solutions or NameJet in any court without an order from an appropriate federal judicial officer certifying that the claims are not frivolous; and (d) for such other and further relief that this court deems just and proper.

<sup>3</sup> The breadth suggested here is warranted, as Zuccarini sought, in the California District Court, a temporary restraining order against Network Solutions and NameJet in an action in which they were not even parties.

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#### RULE 11(c)(2) CERTIFICATE

Pursuant to Rule 11(c)(2), I hereby certify that on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2011, I served by email

and first class mail, postage prepaid, upon Plaintiff, John Zuccarini, a copy of the foregoing Defendants

Network Solutions, LLC and NameJet, LLC's Motion for Sanctions Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 11,

together with a letter stating as follows:

Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 11(c) (2), attached is a service copy of the Fed. R. Civ. P. 11 Motion for Sanctions of Network Solutions, LLC and NameJet, LLC ("Motion for Sanctions") which we are providing to you. We demand that you dismiss with prejudice your claims against Network Solutions, LLC and NameJet, LLC within 21 days of the date of this letter. If you refuse to dismiss your claims against Network Solutions, LLC and NameJet, LLC, than we will be forced to file the attached Motion for Sanctions with the Court.

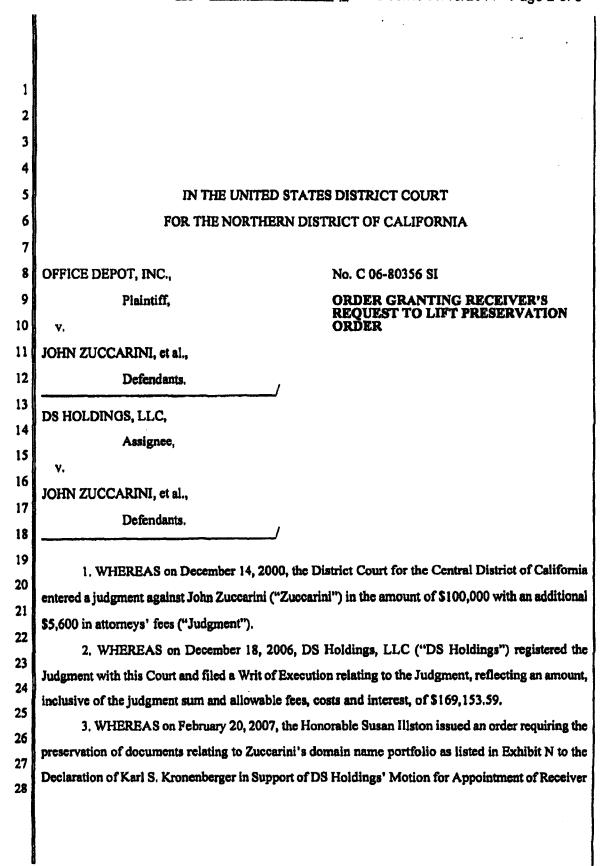
/s/ Jamie M. Roos

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1 ("Domain Names"), which caused third party domain name registrars to lock Zuccarini's Domain 2 Names, preventing Zuccarini from transferring the Domain Names or altering the WHOIS information 3 for them (the "Preservation Order")

4. Whereas a list of the Domain Names was attached to DS Holdings' Application for 4 5 Appointment of Receiver as Exhibit N.

6 5. WHEREAS on September 10, 2007, this Court ordered that Michael W. Blacksburg be 7 appointed as a post-judgment receiver for the above-captioned matter to aid in the turnover of Zuccarini 8 Domain Names for the purpose of auctioning such Domain Names to satisfy the Judgment in accordance 9 with the Writ of Execution.

10 6. WHEREAS DS Holdings has consented to the below-proposed instructions, but Zuccarini has 11 not consented to the below-proposed instructions.

12 Based on the foregoing, so that Blacksburg may fulfill his duties as a post-judgment receiver, 13 the Court orders as follows:

1. In order to transfer control of the Domain Names from Zuccarini to the post-judgment 14 receiver, the Preservation Order is hereby lifted for the sole purpose of transferring control of the 15 16 Domain Names to Michael W. Blacksburg, as the post-judgment receiver for this matter.

17 2. Blacksburg shall take reasonable steps to transfer control of the Domain Names to himself, as the post-judgment receiver for this matter.

19 3. The third party domain name registrars shall transfer control of the Zuccarini domain names 20 to Blacksburg, as the post-judgment receiver. In the event that Zuccarini's assistance is required to 21 transfer the domain names to the receiver, the Court will at that time order Zuccarini to transfer control 22 of the domain names to Blacksburg.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

26 Dated: November 14, 2007

SUSAN ILLSTON United States District Judge

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### Domain Transfer List (248 domains)

#### Network Solutions, LLC (98 domain names)

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wrestlingrumors.com yesyesyes.com

#### Key-Systems, Gmb11 (93 domain names)

anuitys.com astology.co.in astology, in astrolgia.com astrologyreading.org badcredithoans.com badcreditlowns.com badcredloans.com carmoive.com carsmoive.com coralislandtraders.com dicionario.cs dicionarios.es gamevedios.com gamevidio.com gamevidios.com gamevidoe.com gamevidoes.com gumevidos.com ganvideos.com gospleoijudas.com goverment-grant.org gracebulnomercy.com haxkers.com homeequitiyloans.com katosconjecture.com mediuns.com morgagenote.com mosguito.com paydaylowns.com personallowns.com studentlowns.com dicionario.de dicionarios.de cartoesdeeredito.eu celebritys.eu chalengingdavinci.com challengedavinci.com challengedavincicode.com challengeingdavinei.com challengingdavincicode.com Case 2:11-cv-14052-JEM Document 13-4 Entered on FLSD Docket 03/16/2011 Page 7 of 9

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wwwfreedowloads.com wwwgovermentauction.com wwwmuisic.com wwwpeopleseach.com wwwpeopleserch.com wwwsmartlipo.com

#### 1, D.R. Internet Domain Register, Ltd. (10 domain names)

addicdinggames.com adictivegame.com freetanslations.com freetranlations.com freetranlation.com freetranslation.com freetranslaton.com freetranslaton.com freetranslation.com freetranslations.com jyricsstyles.com

#### eNum, Inc. (28 domain names)

50cen.com 50sent.com astology.co.uk astriogy.co.uk astrolgy.co.uk blackalbinosheep.com evanecence.com evanescene.com frorent.com funnyjunnk.com hitting.com keralchat.com makeyourownicons.com megenti.com miegente.com nakri.com nuakari.com pastsecrot.com popscap.com quzilla.com memybul.com smokinggum.com somkinggun.com thesmokinggum.com

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thesomkinggun.com vickeysjokes.com wild94.com wwwinvestissement.com

#### Computer Services Langenback GmbH dbg Joker.com (27 domain names)

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### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

Case No. \_\_\_\_- Civ 10-14178-CV-Moore/Lynch

JOHN ZUCCARINI, Plaintiff

VS

NAMEJET, INC; NETWORK SOLUTIONS, INC; VERISIGN, INC; ENOM, INC; Defendants

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#### JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

#### VERIFIED COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES

1. This action is brought by Plaintiff John Zuccarini against the above named Defendants for breach of contract, conspiracy, conversion; Plaintiff seeks damages, injunctive relief, declaratory relief, any other relief the Court sees fair and just, as well as court costs.

#### PARTIES TO THE ACTION

- 2. Plaintiff, John Zuccarini, is a citizen of the state of Florida, and at all times relevant has resided at: 190 SW Kanner Highway; Stuart, FL 34997.
- 3. Defendant VeriSign, Inc. ("VeriSign") is a for-profit corporation existing and under the laws of Delaware, during all times relevant, their principal executive

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offices were located at: 487 East Middlefield Road, Mountain View, CA 94043; they can be served with Process through their Registered Agent CT Corporation System, located at: 818 West Seventh St. Los Angeles, CA 90017.

- 4. Defendant Network Solutions, Inc. ("NSI") is a for-profit corporation existing and organized under the laws Delaware, during all times relevant, their principal place of business was located at: 13200 Woodland Park Rd., Herndon, VA 20171-0000; they can be served with Process through their Registered Agent CT Corporation, located at 4701 Cox Rd., Suite 301; Glen Allen, VA 23060-6802.
- 5. Defendant Enom, Inc. ("Enom") is a for-profit corporation, existing and organized under the laws of Nevada, during all times relevant, their principal place of business was located at: 15801 N.E. 24<sup>th</sup> Street; Bellevue, WA 98008, where they can be served with process through Richard Danis, who is listed as their Registered Agent.
- 6. Defendant NameJet, Inc. ("NameJet")<sup>1</sup> is a for-profit corporation existing and organized under the laws Nevada, during all times relevant, their principal place of business was located at: 15801 NE 24th St.; Bellevue, WA 98008; they can

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> From research, Plaintiff has come to the conclusion that NameJet is either part of Enom, or is a subsidiary or Enom; they both have the same address, and both share the same Registered Agent. Nevertheless, Plaintiff has named them separately as Defendants in order to cover all possibilities.

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be served with Process through their Registered Agent Richard Danis, located at: 15801 NE 24<sup>th</sup> Street; Bellevue, WA 98008.

- 7. The Defendants,<sup>2</sup> and each of them, were the agents, employees, representatives, partners, officers, principals and/ or joint venturers of each of the remaining defendants, and in doing the things hereinafter alleged, were acting within the scope, course and purpose of such agency, employment or position, or within the apparent scope, course and purpose of such agency, employment or position and with permission and consent of each of the remaining defendants.
- 8. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and upon such information and beliefs allege, that each of the Defendants, inclusive, were, at all times herein mentioned, acting in concert with, and in conspiracy with, each and every one of the remaining Defendants.

#### JURISDICTION

9. This Court has jurisdiction of this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1332 (a), as this is a diversity action; the parties are citizens of different states,<sup>3</sup> and the matter in controversy exceeds the sum of \$75,000.00, exclusive of interest and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Whenever appearing in this complaint, each and every reference to Defendants or to any of them, is intended to be and shall be a reference to all Defendants hereto,

and to each of them, unless said reference is specifically qualified. <sup>3</sup> §1332(c)(1) "a corporation shall be deemed to be a citizen of any State by which

it has been incorporated and of the State where it has its principal place of business"

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costs.

## FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION Breach of Contract

- 10.Plaintiff incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 9, inclusive, of this Complaint including all paragraphs of general allegations as if the same were fully set forth herein.
- 11. Over the years, Plaintiff has obtained and registered domain names, abided by and adhered to agreements/contracts between himself and named defendants.

12.A copy of one such Agreement/Contract is attached as "Exhibit A".

- 13.Defendant NSI, in a malicious, negligent act, and with no regard to Plaintiff's Rights, breached the agreement/contract by voluntarily transferring "90 subject domain names which were registered with it." An act to which Defendant judicially admitted<sup>4</sup> on June 14, 2010, "Exhibit B" page 5. (B-5)<sup>5</sup>
- 14.A Domain name registrant acquires "the intangible contractual right to use a unique domain for a specified period of time"; "a domain name registration is the product of a contract for services between the registrar and registrant."<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> "the registration for the 90 subject domain names were transferred from Zuccarini's accounts to Network Solutions' account controlled by Blacksburg"

 $<sup>^{5}</sup>$  (B-5) = Exhibit B, page 5.

<sup>•</sup> Network Solutions, Inc. v Umbro Int'l, Inc. 259 Va. 759, 529 S.E.2d 80, 86 (2000); (quoting Doer v. Arel, 60 F. Supp. 2d 588, 561 (E.D. Va. 1999)). See also Palacio del Mar Homeowners Ass'n v. McMahon, 174 Cal. App. 4th 1386, 1391, 95 Cal. Rptr. 3d 445, 449 (2010)(Domain name registration supplies the intangible 'contractural right to use a unique domain name for a specified period of time.'")

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  - 15.NSI is surely, very familiar with the *Palacio* case, and since VeriSign is located in CA; VeriSign's Vice President resides in CA, the defendants have actual knowledge of Cal. statutes concerning domain names; including the knowledge that Cal. statute limits judgments to tangible property that can be "levied upon by taking it into custody"; "there can be no turnover order in aid of writ of attachment for intangible assets incapable of being taken into custody" *Id*.
  - 16.NSI, has admitted to "voluntarily" giving the domains away (B-5), with actual knowledge that giving away the domain names was violating CA state law, VA law, and/or federal laws and/or regulations, for which they would be held liable.<sup>7</sup>
  - 17.A third party continues to hold ninety-three (93) Domain names, which NSI and/or Enom unlawfully transferred from Plaintiff's ownership, in violation of CA and VA statutes, and the contract between the Plaintiff and VeriSign, and/or NSI, and/or Enom and/or NameJet. "Exhibit C"
  - 18. During the month of May 2010, fourteen (14) of the ninety (90) domain names transferred by NSI were auctioned by NameJet, in violation of CA and VA statutes. Plaintiff believes that the remaining Domain names will be unlawfully auctioned off as well, if this Court fails to act swiftly.

19. Domain Names have the potential to "produce good income for the party

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Kremen v. Cohen, 337 F.3d, 1024 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2003).

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> registering the domain names"; the names held at this particular time are producing around Five Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$5800.00) per month, which would be part of Plaintiff's livelihood, and his future.

- 20. Plaintiff has suffered irreparable harm, as one of the domain names, governmentgrants.com was auctioned for Fifty-Three Thousand Twenty-Two Dollars (\$53,022.00) "Exhibit D.". Several other Domain Names owned by Plaintiff auctioned the same day, for a total of around Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000.00) (D-2).
- 21.By NSI's own judicial admissions, the amount of the fourteen (14) domain names that were auctioned totaled around \$80,000.00 (B-7 first paragraph).
- 22. Ninety-three (93) Domain Names that were unlawfully transferred from Plaintiff to a third party, are still in the hands of the third party; but it is only a matter of time until those domain names are also auctioned off.
- 23. The domain names that were previously auctioned off unjustly enriching NSI and/or Enom/NameJet in the neighborhood of Eighty-Thousand Dollars (\$80,000.00); the entity that the domain names were registered through, NSI, received eighty percent (80%) of the proceeds.
- 24. Both VeriSign and NSI have a reputation for the unlawful transfer of domain names to other individuals, as shown in Domainnamenews.com (DNN) article

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Enorn/NameJet, wrote the article in Exhibit C, and according to Enorn/NameJet, the Domain Name that auctioned for "\$53K" is worth "\$500K" (C-1)

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> "Network Solutions Front-Running Leads to \$1 Million Class Action Settlement" by Adam Strong<sup>9</sup> dated April 29, 2009 "Exhibit E".

- 25. Even before that, on April 10, 2008 the Domainnamenews article "Network Solutions Got Game - Hijacking Sub-Domains - by Chad Ketter; showed that Network Solutions' "lust for profits", has caused issue of "whether or not the company is looking to make money through controversial means, but rather of question of how far they're willing to go to do so." "Exhibit F"
- 26. Another article from CnetNews.com discusses the infamous "sex.com" case<sup>10</sup> that named as defendants, both VeriSign and NSI; the case was taken to court on the grounds that the defendants in that case, allowed someone else to take that Plaintiff Kremen's Domain name, sex.com. "Exhibit G"
- 27. The actions of the defendants were committed intentionally, willfully, wantonly, maliciously, and with total disregard of the contract and Plaintiff's Rights.
- 28. As a direct and proximate result of the defendants' actions, the Plaintiff suffered a great loss and injury, and will continue to suffer great loss and injury, from the acts of the defendants.

29. Plaintiff thus demands an award of compensatory damages in the amount of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Adam Strong is also DNN founder: http://www.domainnamenews.com/up-tothe-minute/dnn-founder-adam-strong-joins-growing-partnership-mocom/7663

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Kremen v. Cohen, 337 F.3d 1024 (9th Cir. 2003)

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Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) from each defendants, and actual, and punitive damages.

## SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION Conversion

- 30. Plaintiff incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 28, inclusive, of this Complaint including all unnumbered paragraphs of general allegations as if the same were fully set forth herein.
- 31. It has been well founded that "the right to use a domain name is a form of intangible personal property"<sup>11</sup>
- 32. "Registrants have a legitimate claim to exclusivity". "It informs others that the domain name is the registrant's and no one else's."<sup>12</sup>
- 33. Plaintiff in this case, undoubtedly "owned" the domain names that were given away.
- 34. There was "wrongful disposition of Plaintiff's property right and damages" from the giving away of the domain names.
- 35. The acts of the defendants have caused Plaintiff's future to become more uncertain than it already is, has effected and hindered his livelihood, and his ability to pay his debts.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Network Solutions, Inc. v Clue Computing, Inc., 946 F.Supp. 858, 860 (D.Colo. 1996)(same)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> See G.S. Rasmussen & Assocs., Inc. v. Kalitta Flying Serv, Inc., 958 F.2d at 900; Kremen v. Cohen, 337 F.3d 1024 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2003)

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- 36. The actions of the defendants were committed intentionally, willfully, wantonly, maliciously, and with total disregard of the contract and Plaintiff's Rights.
- 37. As a direct and proximate result of the defendants' actions, the Plaintiff suffered a great loss and injury, and will continue to suffer great loss and injury, from the acts of the defendants.
- 38. Plaintiff thus demands an award of compensatory damages in the amount of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) from each defendants, and actual, and punitive damages.

## THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION Civil Conspiracy

- 39.Plaintiff incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 38, inclusive, of this Complaint including all unnumbered paragraphs of general allegations as if the same were fully set forth herein.
- 40. Defendants all had actual knowledge of both Virginia and California law concerning intangible property, and garnishments; as well as actual knowledge of domain names; they worked a conspiracy to obtain and auction Plaintiff's domain names in the name of greed.
- 41. Defendants, each of them, have actual knowledge that under California law, just as under Virginia law, intangible property cannot be levied upon.

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- 42. Defendants agreed, between and among themselves, to engage in action and in a course of conduct designed to further an illegal act or accomplish a legal act by unlawful means, and to commit one or more overt acts in furtherance of the conspiracy to transfer and auction the domain names.
- 43. The only logical conclusion for violating the contract between Plaintiff and themselves, was to set it up to where a third party's actions would result in the unlawful auctioning of the domain names; or the lawful auctioning by unlawful means, resulting in a substantial amount of money going to the defendants, while the guilt pointed to the third party, not themselves.
- 44. Defendants agreed between and among themselves to engage in the conspiracy for the common purpose of accruing economic gains for themselves, at the expense and detriment to the Plaintiff.
- 45. The act was made possible because the relationship between VeriSign, NSI, and Enom/NameJet.
- 46. The acts of the defendants have caused Plaintiff's future to become more uncertain that it already was, has effected and hindered his livelihood, and his ability to pay his debts.
- 47. The actions of the defendants were committed intentionally, willfully, wantonly, maliciously, and with total disregard of the contract and Plaintiff's Rights.

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- 48.As a direct and proximate result of the defendants' actions, the Plaintiff suffered a great loss and injury, and will continue to suffer great loss and injury, from the acts of the defendants.
- 49. Plaintiff thus demands an award of compensatory damages in the amount of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) from each defendants, and actual, and punitive damages.

## CAUSE OF ACTION FOR DECLARATORY AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS

- 50. Plaintiff incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 48, inclusive, of this Complaint including all unnumbered paragraphs of general allegations as if the same were fully set forth herein.
- 51. Plaintiff alleges that an actual controversy exists as to the following issues:
- 52. Plaintiff alleges that a judicial declaration is necessary and appropriate at this time under the circumstances in order that Plaintiff may ascertain his rights under the Contract, and as to defendant's right to reclaim the auctioned domain names; all proceeds unjustly gained by the defendants; and all of Plaintiff's domain names transferred unlawfully to a third party.
- 53. Plaintiff alleges that actions of the defendants have undermined their right to any proceeds from the auction of domain names, and that they have interfered, continue to interfere, and will interfere in the future with Plaintiff's right to

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hold intangible property, which both CA and VA laws have stated are not subject to turnover, garnishment, etc.

54. By the action above and set forth herein, Plaintiff has a strong likelihood of prevailing on the merits of the case. Plaintiff requests that this Court grant a Preliminary Injunction restraining order, and injunctive relief under Fed. R. C. P. Rule 65(b); Fla. R. Civ. P.: 1.610 to prohibit the sale/auctioning of domain names, and secondly a permanent injunction precluding defendants from engaging in the wrongful conduct identified herein in the future.

## PLAINTIFF'S REQUEST FOR RELIEF AND JUDGMENT AGAINST THE DEFENDANTS, AND EACH OF THEM AS FOLLOWS:

- 55. Plaintiff incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 53, inclusive, of this Complaint including all unnumbered paragraphs of general allegations as if the same were fully set forth herein
- 56. That the transfer of domain names to a third party be deemed illegal and void, and the same be permanently enjoined, and relinquish to Plaintiff the sum of Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000.00) that defendants were unjustly enriched.
- 57. That the selling/auctioning of the domain names is illegal and void, and the fourteen (14) auctioned domain names must be returned. "*Exhibit H*"
- 58. That the actions of all defendants be determined to be unfair and deceptive business practices in Violation of CA law, VA law, and that this Court award

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> all such relief to Plaintiff as he may be entitled to, including treble damages and an award of costs and attorney's fees;

- 59. That the actions of defendants be determined to be in violation of Cal. Civil Code, Va. Civil Code, and Fla. Civil Code.
- 60. A permanent injunction precluding defendants, and each of them from engaging in the wrongful conduct identified herein;
- 61.For compensatory damages against each defendant for not less than \$500,000.00;
- 62. For punitive and exemplary damages against defendants in a sum to be decided by a Jury or the Court, or by whatever means are appropriate.
- 63. For award of court costs and reasonable costs incurred due to the suit; and
- 64. For any other relief this Court may deem fair and just.

Respectfully submitted, this 7th day of July, 2010

By: John / Mccann

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#### VERIFICATION

I, John Zuccarini, am the Plaintiff in the above-titled action. The foregoing complaint has been prepared from firsthand knowledge. Further, I have reviewed the contents and state that all allegations have come from my own knowledge, and are true and correct. The Exhibits, although some are taken from articles, have not been altered in form or substance except to format into a printable material for use as Exhibits, and the website links for each is included herein. I have reviewed each Exhibit and state that they are true and correct in accordance with my first hand knowledge. I so declare, under penalty of perjury.

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Subscribed to and Sworn Before Me This <u>1</u> day of July, 2010

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### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

### Case No. 2:10-cv-14178-KMM

### JOHN ZUCCARINI, Plaintiff vs

NAMEJET, LLC; NETWORK SOLUTIONS, LLC; VERISIGN, INC.; ENOM, INC.; Defendants

### PLAINTIFF'S AMENDMENT TO COMPLAINT and to EXHIBIT H

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#### PLAINTIFF'S AMENDMENT TO COMPLAINT AND EXHIBIT H

COMES NOW, Plaintiff John Zuccarini, who pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. Rule 15 and Local Rule 15.1, and as a matter of course, files *Plaintiff's* Amendment to Complaint and Amendment to Exhibit H.

Plaintiff amends the name of Defendant "Network Solutions, Inc.", to "Network Solutions, LLC". Network Solutions, LLC is a for-profit corporation existing and organized under the laws Delaware, during all times relevant, their principal place of business was located at: 13200 Woodland Park Rd., Herndon, VA 20171; they can be served with Process through their Registered Agent CT Corporation, located at 4701 Cox Rd., Suite 301; Glen Allen, VA 23060-6802.

Plaintiff amends the name of Defendant "NameJet, Inc.", to "NameJet,

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LLC". NameJet, LLC is a for-profit corporation existing and organized under the laws Delaware, during all times relevant, their principal place of business was located at: 15801 NE 24th St.; Bellevue, WA 98008; they can be served with Process through their Registered Agent **The Corporation Trust Company**, Corporation Trust Center, 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington, DE 19801.

It has recently come to Plaintiff's attention that item 1. of Exhibit H of the Complaint has a type-o, and Plaintiff seeks to amend the word governmentgrants.com to governmentgrants.com. Plaintiff has attached a copy of the Original Exhibit to the Amended Exhibit, and all other aspects of the Exhibit remains the same.

Respectfully submitted this 3rd day of August, 2010,

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List of the fourteen (14) auctioned domain names

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby Certify that I have this 3rd day of August, 2010 served upon the defendants, a true and correct copy of foregoing *Notice of Amended Complaint and Exhibit*, through their attorney of file, with the USPS, First Class Mail, proper postage affixed thereto, and addressed, in addition by email to the stated email addresses, as follows:

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JOHN ZUCCARINI,	) )
Plaintiff,	)
ν.	) 1:10cv1327 (LMB/TCB) ) )
NAMEJET, INC., <u>et al.</u> ,	) ) )

#### <u>ORDER</u>

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Defendants.

For the reasons stated in open court, Defendant VeriSign, Inc.'s Motion to Dismiss Complaint and Amendment to Complaint for Failure to State a Claim (Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(B)(6) [Dkt. No. 33], Network Solutions, LLC's Revised Motion to Dismiss for Failure to State a Claim (Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(b)(6)) [Dkt. No. 63], and Namejet, LLC's Revised Motion to Dismiss for Failure to State a Claim (Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(b)(6)) [Dkt. No. 67] are GRANTED, and it is hereby

ORDERED that the complaint be and is DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE as to all defendants.

The Clerk is directed to enter judgment in defendants' favor pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 58, terminate this action, and forward copies of this Order to plaintiff, <u>pro se</u>, and counsel of record for the defendants.

To appeal this decision, plaintiff must file a written Notice of Appeal with the Clerk of this Court within thirty (30) Case 2:11-cv-14052-JEM Document 42-3 Entered on FLSD Docket 05/17/2011 Page 3 of 3

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days. Failure to file a timely Notice of Appeal waives the right to appeal this decision. Plaintiff is on notice that a frivolous appeal could result in sanctions under Fed. R. Civ. P. 11.

Entered this  $\frac{14}{2}$  day of January, 2011.

Alexandria, Virginia

Leonie M. Brin

United States District Judge

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# EXHIBIT 4

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA ALEXANDRIA DIVISION JOHN ZUCCARINI, Civil Action No. 1:10cv1327 Plaintiff, vs. Alexandria, Virginia January 14, 2011 NAMEJET, LLC, et al., 10:34 a.m. Defendants. . . . . . . . TRANSCRIPT OF MOTIONS HEARING BEFORE THE HONORABLE LEONIE M. BRINKEMA UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE **APPEARANCES:** FOR THE PLAINTIFF: JOHN ZUCCARINI (pro se) 190 SW Kanner Highway Stuart, FL 34997 TIMOTHY B. HYLAND, ESQ. FOR DEFENDANTS NAMEJET, LLC, Stein, Sperling, Bennett, De Jong, AND NETWORK SOLUTIONS, Driscoll & Greenfeig, P.C. LLC: 25 West Middle Lane Rockville, MD 20850 FOR DEFENDANT VERISIGN, INC.: JAMES T. HUBLER, ESQ. VeriSign, Inc. 21351 Ridgetop Circle Dulles, VA 20166 ANNELIESE J. THOMSON, RDR, CRR OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER: U.S. District Court, Fifth Floor 401 Courthouse Square Alexandria, VA 22314 (703)299 - 8595(Pages 1 - 5) COMPUTERIZED TRANSCRIPTION OF STENOGRAPHIC NOTES

PROCEEDINGS 1 THE CLERK: Civil Action 10-1327, John Zuccarini v. 2 NameJet, Inc., et al. Would counsel please note their appearances 3 for the record. 4 MR. HYLAND: Your Honor, Tim Hyland for NameJet and 5 Network Solutions. Mr. Barger, however, who's counsel for eNom, 6 got called away, I believe. 7 THE COURT: Well, I saw him earlier, but let's just get 8 everybody else's appearances on the record as well. 9 10 MR. HYLAND: Okay. MR. HUBLER: Good morning, Your Honor. James Hubler on 11 behalf of defendant VeriSign. 12 13 THE COURT: I'm sorry, I didn't get your first -- your name. 14 15 MR. HUBLER: James Hubler. THE COURT: Okay. 16 MR. ZUCCARINI: Good morning, Your Honor. John 17 Zuccarini, the plaintiff. 18 THE COURT: All right. NameJet and Network Solutions, 19 Mr. Hyland, are the same, right? I mean, they're represented by 20 you? 21 MR. HYLAND: They're co-represented, but they are 22 23 different entities, yes. THE COURT: All right. I'm going to go ahead and hear 24 this without Mr. Barger. I know he was in court this morning, and 25

there's such an overlap among the defense motions for dismissal
 that I don't need -- I'm not going to hear from all counsel
 anyway.

MR. HYLAND: Okay.

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5 THE COURT: Quite frankly, the only reason I didn't do 6 this case on the papers was that I wanted Mr. Zuccarini to get up 7 here at least one time. We had allowed him to appear originally 8 by telephone, but quite frankly, I find this whole case to be so 9 meritless that I felt there should be some penalty accorded him 10 for having ever filed it and continued to litigate it.

11 The motions to dismiss are all based upon the fact that 12 a district judge, a colleague of equal rank as mine in another 13 district in the Ninth Circuit, entered an order back on, I 14 believe, November 14, I think of 2007, correct?

MR. HYLAND: That's correct, Your Honor.

THE COURT: In which the order directed that a series of domain name registrars were to transfer control of specific identified domain names which had been registered by Mr. Zuccarini to a court-appointed receiver. That receiver had been appointed as a result of another piece of litigation in which a judgment had been entered against Mr. Zuccarini, and this was in the course of trying to execute on that judgment.

23 My understanding is that Mr. Zuccarini appealed that 24 order from the district court and the Ninth Circuit affirmed it. 25 So what we have is a final order of a court of equal jurisdiction

1 that directed certain activity by the defendants.

Now, the defendants include both registrars and a
registry. As I understand, VeriSign is the registry, correct?
MR. HUBLER: That's correct, Your Honor.

THE COURT: All right. And all these defendants did, 5 Mr. Zuccarini, is comply with a federal court order, which they 6 have to or they'd be in contempt of court; and you went ahead then 7 and filed a suit against them alleging various creative theories, 8 including breach of contract where there were no contracts in my 9 view that would be at all enforceable; conversion, which can't 10 occur unless there's an unlawful act, and when you're acting in 11 accordance of a court order, there's nothing unlawful about that; 12 and you request a civil conspiracy in which there's absolutely no 13 evidence nor could there be of a civil conspiracy; and requesting 14 declaratory and injunctive relief; complete waste of time, costing 15 these attorneys and their clients money to have to defend, and you 16 can see where I'm going with this. 17

I'm granting the motions to dismiss with prejudice as to all claims in this lawsuit, and I'm putting you on what is equivalent to a judicial Rule 11 notice. You've got a right to appeal this decision. I think you're fairly sophisticated in the ways of the law. If you're going to file a notice of appeal, that has to be within 30 days of today's date.

I'm putting on the record that in my view, an appeal in this case would be sanctionable, and I would strongly recommend to

the Court of Appeals that if they agree with this Court's view of 1 this case and they were to deny the appeal or dismiss it, that the 2 Court seriously consider imposing sanctions, those sanctions to 3 consist of the expenses to which the defense counsel would be put 4 in having to defend any kind of an appeal. 5 That's my ruling. Thank you, gentlemen. 6 MR. HYLAND: Thank you, Your Honor. 7 MR. HUBLER: Thank you, Your Honor. 8 9 MR. ZUCCARINI: Your Honor, did --THE COURT: No, I've ruled. Thank you. 10 (Which were all the proceedings 11 had at this time.) 12 13 CERTIFICATE OF THE REPORTER 14 I certify that the foregoing is a correct transcript of the 15 record of proceedings in the above-entitled matter. 16 17 18 19 Anneliese J. Thomson 20 21 22 23 24 25

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# EXHIBIT 5

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JOHN ZUCCARINI	
Plaintiff,	CLEAN US DISTR
<b>v</b> .	) 1:10cv1327 (LMB/TCB)
NAMEJET, LLC, <u>et al.</u> ,	
Defendants.	, )

#### ORDER

Before the Court are plaintiff Zuccarini's Motion for Relief from Order Granting Defendants' Revised Motions to Dismiss [Dkt. No. 94], Notice/Motion to Strike and Replace with Second Corrected Motion [Dkt. No. 95], and Second Corrected Motion for Relief from Order Granting Defendants' Revised Motions to Dismiss [Dkt. No. 96].

In his Motions for Relief, Zuccarini argues that the Court should grant him relief under Fed. R. Civ. P. 60(B) from its final judgment on January 14, 2011 dismissing his Complaint, based on his new argument that the defendants in this civil action were negligent for not notifying the United States District Court of the Northern District of California "that their Registrar/Registrant Agreements do not recognize third-party beneficiaries" and that "they could not provide the secure setting necessary to protect the domain names from any unauthorized transfer from the receiver Michael Blacksburg." See Pl.'s Second Corrected Mot. for Relief at 2.

Those arguments, however, appear nowhere in plaintiff's original Opposition to Defendants' Revised Motions to Dismiss. Additionally, although Zuccarini indicates that he had prepared an Case 2:11-cv-14052-JEM Document 13-3 Entered on FLSD Docket 03/16/2011 Page 3 of 4 Case 1:10-cv-01327-LMB -TCB Document 100 Filed 01/19/11 Page 2 of 3

"Addendum" to his Opposition, which he filed with the Clerk of Court and attempted to present orally at the motion hearing on January 14, 2011, plaintiff never obtained permission from the Court to file such a supplemental pleading, nor does it appear that he ever gave adequate notice to defendants regarding his wholly new arguments.

Finally, having reviewed Zuccarini's new filings, the Court finds them equally groundless and as devoid of merit as his original Complaint. Specifically, plaintiff never presents any plausible explanation for his assertion that defendants could or should have refused to transfer the domain names to the court-appointed receiver "for justifiable good cause," even in the face of a valid federal court Order mandating that transfer. Moreover, even if Zuccarini's arguments that defendants were somehow negligent had any merit, those arguments should have been raised during the litigation in the Northern District of California, or on direct appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, not through a collateral attack in an entirely new lawsuit.

Zuccarini has already wasted quite enough of the parties' and this Court's time and resources in responding to his frivolous claims. Accordingly, the Court dispenses with further briefing by the defendants and with oral argument on plaintiff's motions because neither would aid the decisional process, and it is hereby

ORDERED that plaintiff's Motion for Relief from Order Granting Defendants' Revised Motions to Dismiss [Dkt. No. 94], Notice/Motion to Strike and Replace with Second Corrected Motion [Dkt. No. 95], and Second Corrected Motion for Relief from Order Granting

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Defendants' Revised Motions to Dismiss [Dkt. No. 96] be and are DENIED.

To appeal this decision, plaintiff must file a written Notice of Appeal with the Clerk of this Court within thirty (30) days. Failure to file a timely Notice of Appeal waives the right to appeal this decision. Plaintiff is again placed on notice that filing a frivolous appeal, or further frivolous motions in this Court, could result in the imposition of sanctions under Fed. R. Civ. P. 11.

The Clerk is directed to forward copies of this Order to counsel of record and to plaintiff, proceeding pro se.

Entered this  $19^{\frac{1}{2}}$  day of January, 2011.

Leonie M. Brinkem

Alexandria, Virginia

United States District Judge

### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

#### Case No. 11-14052-CV – Martinez/Lynch

JOHN ZUCCARINI,

Plaintiff,

vs.

NETWORK SOLUTIONS, LLC, et al.,

Defendants.

### <u>ORDER</u>

UPON CONSIDERATION of Defendants Network Solutions, LLC and NameJet, LLC's Motion for Sanctions Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 11 against Plaintiff, John Zuccarini, any response(s) thereto, and the record herein, it is this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011,

ORDERED, that Defendants' Rule 11 Motion be and hereby is GRANTED, and it is further,

ORDERED, that Plaintiff reimburse to Network Solutions, LLC and NameJet, LLC its reasonable attorneys' fees, costs and expenses incurred in responding to the instant action; and it is further

ORDERED, that Plaintiff be and hereby is enjoined from filing any civil action against either Network Solutions, LLC or NameJet, LLC based upon any of the legal or factual claims alleged by Plaintiff in *Zuccarini v. NameJet, Inc.*, 2:10-cv-14178-KMM, *Zuccarini v. Network Solutions, Inc., et al*, 1:10cv1327, and/or the instant action; and it is further

ORDERED, that Plaintiff be and hereby is enjoined from filing any civil action or

otherwise seeking relief against either Network Solutions, LLC or NameJet, LLC in any court without an order from an appropriate federal judicial officer certifying that the claims are not frivolous.

SO ORDERED.

### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

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