

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION**

WUMEI LIN, 4(j)

Plaintiff,

v.

THE INDIVIDUALS, CORPORATIONS,
LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES,
PARTNERSHIPS AND UNINCORPORATED
ASSOCIATIONS IDENTIFIED IN SCHEDULE
“A” HERETO,

Defendants.

Case No. 1:26-cv-01581-MFK-DPM

Honorable Matthew F. Kennelly

ELECTRONIC SERVICE AND EXPEDITED DISCOVERY ORDER

Plaintiff Wumei Lin (“PLAINTIFF”), filed a Motion for Alternative Service by Electronic Mail and Expedited Discovery (the “Motion”) against the fully interactive, e-commerce stores¹ operating under the domain names identified in Schedule A to the Complaint and attached hereto (collectively, “Defendants”) and using at least the online marketplace accounts identified in Schedule A (the “Online Marketplaces”). After reviewing the Motion and the accompanying documents, this Court GRANTS PLAINTIFF’s Motion as follows:

The Court finds, in the absence of adversarial presentation, that it has personal jurisdiction over Defendants because Defendants directly target their business activities toward consumers in the United States, including consumers in the State of Illinois. Specifically, PLAINTIFF has provided a basis to conclude that Defendants have targeted sales to Illinois residents by setting up and operating e-commerce stores that target United States consumers using one or more seller aliases, offer shipping to the United States, including to the State of Illinois, and have sold competing products through the unauthorized use and display of PLAINTIFF’s federally registered

¹ The e-commerce store URLs are listed on Schedule A hereto under the Online Marketplaces.

copyrights (the “Plaintiff’s Copyrights”) to residents of the State of Illinois. (Docket No. 1-1), Exhibit 1 to the Complaint, which includes the federally registered copyright: VA0002432929 associated with the Plaintiff’s Copyright and attached hereto).

In this case, PLAINTIFF has presented screenshot evidence that each Defendant’s e-commerce store on Amazon.com is reaching out to do business with Illinois residents by operating one or more commercial, interactive internet stores that display, without authorization, the Plaintiff’s Copyright through which Illinois residents can and do purchase competing, or knockoff products. *See* Docket No. [1-3] Exhibit 3 to the Complaint for Copyright Infringement, which includes screenshot evidence and internet links confirming that each Defendant’s Internet store displays the Plaintiff’s Copyright without authorization in offering knockoff Plaintiff’s products and they stand ready, willing, and able to ship their competing goods to customers in Illinois.

Accordingly, this Court Orders as follows:

1. PLAINTIFF is authorized to issue expedited written discovery to Defendants, pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 33, 34, 36, and 45 related to:
 - a. the identities and locations of Defendants, their officers, agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and any persons acting in active concert or participation with them, including all known contact information and all associated e-mail addresses;
 - b. the nature of Defendants’ operations and all associated sales, including Defendants’ sales and listing history related to their respective Online Marketplaces; and
 - c. The domain name registries for the Defendant Domain Names, including, but not limited to, VeriSign, Inc., Neustar, Inc., Afilias Limited, CentralNic, Nominet, and the Public Interest Registry, and the domain name registrars, including, but not limited to, GoDaddy Operating Company LLC, Name.com, PDR LTD. d/b/a/ PublicDomainRegistry.com, Cloudflare Inc., Oracle Corp., Amazon Inc., TikTok Group d/b/a TikTok Cloud.com, Namesilo, LLC d/b/a privacuguardian.org, and Namecheap Inc., within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of this Order or prior


to the expiration of this Order, whichever date shall occur first, shall disable the Defendant Domain Names and make them inactive and untransferable until further ordered by this Court.

2. Upon PLAINTIFF's request, any third party with actual notice of this Order who is providing services for any of the Defendants, or in connection with any of Defendants' Online Marketplaces, including, without limitation, any online marketplace platforms such as Temu, eBay Inc., AliExpress, TikTok, Amazon.com Inc., Wish.com, and Dhgate (collectively the "Third Party Providers"), shall, within seven (7) calendar days after receipt of such notice, provide to PLAINTIFF expedited discovery, limited to copies of documents and records in such person's or entity's possession or control sufficient to determine:

- a. the identities and locations of Defendants, their officers, agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and any persons acting in active concert or participation with them, including all known contact information and all associated e-mail addresses;
- b. the nature of Defendants' operations and all associated sales, including Defendants' sales and listing history related to their respective Online Marketplaces; and

3. PLAINTIFF may provide notice of the proceedings in this case to Defendants, including service of process pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(f)(3), and any future motions, by sending an e-mail, with the documents being served attached to the email, to any e-mail addresses provided for Defendants by third parties. The Clerk of the Court is directed to issue a single original summons in the name of "THE INDIVIDUALS, CORPORATIONS, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES, PARTNERSHIPS, AND UNINCORPORATED ASSOCIATIONS IDENTIFIED IN SCHEDULE A HERETO" that shall apply to all Defendants. The combination of providing notice via e-mail, along with any notice that Defendants receive from payment processors, shall constitute notice reasonably calculated under all circumstances to apprise Defendants of the pendency of the action and afford them the opportunity to present their objections.

4. Any third party impacted by this Order may move for appropriate relief.



Honorable Matthew F. Kennelly
United States District Judge
Date: Feb. 23, 2026