UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

CHARLES M. MURRELL III,

Plaintiff,

v.

Civil No. 1:23-cv-11802

PATRIOT FRONT, THOMAS ROUSSEAU, AND JOHN DOES 1-99,

Defendants.

DECLARATION OF JAMES M. GROSS

- I, James M. Gross, hereby declare pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746 as follows:
- 1. I am an associate at the law firm Foley Hoag LLP and am admitted *pro hac vice* as counsel for Plaintiff Charles M. Murrell III in the above-captioned case.
- 2. I am fully familiar with the matters set forth herein by virtue of my personal involvement as counsel and a review of the case file.
- 3. I submit this declaration in support of Plaintiff's Motion for Service on Patriot Front by Alternative Means and to Extend the Service of Process Deadline.
- 4. After filing the Complaint on August 8, 2023, Plaintiff caused a process server to attempt to serve Thomas Rousseau and Patriot Front at a Grapevine, Texas address publicly associated with Mr. Rousseau.
- 5. Attached as Exhibit A is a true and correct copy of an Affidavit of Non-Service from the process server who made that attempt.
- 6. Plaintiff subsequently searched publicly available resources for another address publicly affiliated with the named Defendants. That search yielded a Haslet, Texas address

publicly affiliated with Mr. Rousseau, to which Plaintiff sent a process server to attempt to serve Mr. Rousseau and Patriot Front.

- 7. Attached as Exhibit B is a true and correct copy of an Affidavit of Due Diligence from the process server who made four service attempts at that address.
- 8. On October 10, 2023, an article published by the Southern Poverty Law Center entitled *Patriot Front Leader Identified in Texas*, identified Brenner Alexander Cole as a leader of Patriot Front.
- 9. Plaintiff searched publicly available resources for addresses affiliated with Mr. Cole and, after identifying two such addresses (in San Marcos, Texas and Driftwood, Texas, respectively), sent a process server to attempt to serve Patriot Front at each.
- 10. Attached as Exhibit C is a true and correct copy of an Affidavit of Due Diligence from the process server who attempted service at the San Marcos, Texas, address.
- 11. Attached as Exhibit D is a true and correct copy of an Affidavit of Due Diligence from the process server who attempted service at the Driftwood, Texas address.
 - 12. The process server continues to attempt to locate Mr. Cole through intermediaries.
- 13. Following a review of publicly available resources, Plaintiff has identified two email addresses associated with Patriot Front: patriotfront@protonmail.com and patriotfront01@gmail.com.
- 14. According to publicly available resources and Patriot Front's own website, Patriot Front also maintains social media accounts on the following platforms: Gab, Telegram, Bitchute, and Odysee.
 - 15. Patriot Front regularly posts on each of those social media platforms.

16. On August 8, 2023, the day that Plaintiff filed this lawsuit, Patriot Front made a post on its Telegram account in an apparent response to this lawsuit. A true and correct screenshot of that post is immediately below.



I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: New York, New York November 2, 2023 /s/ James M. Gross
James M. Gross, Esq.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 2nd of November, 2023, I caused a copy of the above document to be electronically filed using the CM/ECF system. To the extent necessary, Plaintiff will serve this document in accordance with this Court's ruling on the Motion

/s/ James M. Gross

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