

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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ERIC E. HOYLE,

Plaintiff,

v.

Civil Action No. 08-CV-347C

FREDERICK DIMOND, ROBERT DIMOND,  
and MOST HOLY FAMILY MONASTERY,

Defendants.

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**AFFIDAVIT**

STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS    )  
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COUNTY OF Columbia        )        ss:

**STEPHEN HAND**, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1.       I am a resident of the State of Massachusetts and presently reside at  
19 Shattuck Street, Apartment G, Littleton, MA 01460.

2.       Prior to December 31, 2007 I visited the website for the Most Holy Family  
Monastery ("MHFM") at www.mostholymonastery.com. Prior to that date, I also had  
occasion to purchase materials from MHFM. Specifically, on December 26, 2007 I called

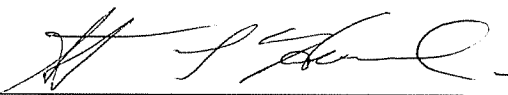
MHFM to order a book. During the course of the ordering process, the individual I spoke with from MHFM spoke passionately in support of MHFM, its beliefs, and Brother Michael. In particular, that individual stated to me that Brother Michael was the superior of the monastery. In January of 2008, I learned that this individual I had spoken with was Eric Hoyle.

3. In the course of purchasing materials from MHFM, I provided my personal address, telephone number, and e-mail address. This information was provided to MHFM only, and only as part of the ordering and purchasing process. I neither intended for, nor authorized, my personal contact information to be used by Eric Hoyle for his own personal reasons.

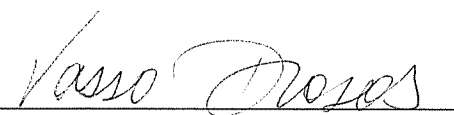
4. On January 12, 2008, I received an e-mail from Eric Hoyle. At that time, Mr. Hoyle informed me that he was formerly a monk who was associated with MHFM and while there was known as Brother Edmund. Specifically, Mr. Hoyle informed me that he was the individual I had spoken with on December 26, 2007. Prior to receiving this e-mail, I did not know Mr. Hoyle, nor was I aware that he was Brother Edmund at MHFM. During my dealings with MHFM, I never gave my personal contact information to Mr. Hoyle for his personal use. As such, I was surprised that Mr. Hoyle had my personal e-mail address and that he used it to contact me directly and without my consent. In this unsolicited e-mail I received from Mr. Hoyle, he insisted it was urgent that he speak with me and gave me his personal telephone number.

5. As I was directed to do, I called Mr. Hoyle. During our telephone conversation, he informed me that he left MHFM because of a dispute he had with certain beliefs espoused by the organization. In particular, Mr. Hoyle stated that he left because Brother Michael (Frederick Dimond) and Brother Peter (Robert Dimond) attended Mass and received the Sacraments at a certain church. Mr. Hoyle told me he believed this constituted heresy and that he wanted to contact anyone with whom he had spoken while at MHFM in order to inform them of his new beliefs and his position that Brothers Michael and Peter are heretics. Mr. Hoyle also informed me that he did not believe MHFM was a legitimate monastery.

6. During the course of this conversation, Mr. Hoyle insisted that he also left MHFM because Brothers Michael and Peter had stolen money from him and another person. Mr. Hoyle accused Brothers Michael and Peter of theft. This seemed to me to be a complete turn-around from the information that Brother Edmund (Eric Hoyle) had shared with me so passionately on December 26, 2007. It came as quite a surprise. Indeed, during the course of my conversation with Mr. Hoyle, it was clear that he was accusing Brother Michael and Brother Peter of criminal activity for what seemed to be some personal vendetta against them and MHFM.

  
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Stephen Hand

Sworn to before me this  
5 day of June, 2008.

  
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Notary Public