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International Scheme Interrupted by Gordon & Doner

PALM BEACH GARDENS, FL (Date) - The federal copyright lawsuit filed by the law firm of Gordon & Doner against GoDaddy uncovered an on-line banking scheme that appeared to be in the midst of development. The copyright lawsuit was filed when the Gordon & Doner website www.fortheinjured.com was copied by an entity representing itself as a law firm named “Maslin & Associates” supposedly located in England. The website was an exact copy of the Gordon & Doner website; however, the attorney names and the contact information were changed so that all communication would be directed to a location in England. GoDaddy was sued as the registrar and host of the infringing website to discover their involvement. Through Court allowed discovery, it was found that while GoDaddy facilities were used, GoDaddy was not directly involved.

“It appears that the Maslin law firm website was created to add legitimacy to an international scheme targeting internet users, and possibly for use in enticing the internet users to entrust monies to a counterfeit law firm” commented Michael Slavin, managing partner of McHale & Slavin representing Gordon & Doner in the copyright infringement lawsuit. Gentleiyke LLC, the listed owner of the domain name for the functional law firm is also the owner of domain names for numerous other fictional entities. Gentleiyke was found to be located in Nigeria; the location was tracked by their use of a MasterCard credit card. When the owner of the credit card was questioned, he reported that the credit card was improperly used. Upon further questioning the owner reported that he made a complaint and was “shocked” at the response. “Apparently the bank accused the owner and would not accept his statement that the credit card was tampered with” said Michael Slavin who communicated directly with the owner of the credit card.

Most of the websites created under the name Gentleiyke were directed to on-line banking sites such as: FCEPLC.NET of England; CJCRN.COM, GIMES.COM, HISPCRT, MEDCRUN.COM of Spain; SANTANDERTRUST.COM of Colombia; GECBL.NET (GE Capital Bank) of the United States, VISAGURSEC.COM, CCUMES.COM, UNIBNCES.COM AND UNI-BANCAJA.COM. A check of each website indicates that they have either been removed or suspended for spam and abuse. “Unfortunately there are individuals who will try most any scheme in an effort to take advantage of people. In many instances the internet is equivalent to the Wild West and the public must really investigate on-line services in order to protect themselves.

In this instance, Gordon & Doner found out about the counterfeit website and caused it to be removed. We believe this timely discovery prevented the counterfeit website from being completed and used as reference for the other websites” commented Michael Slavin.

“As the website was uncovered before it was fully developed, it is our hope that no one in the general public was harmed. As all of the websites under the Gentleiyke name have been disabled, we do not find it feasible to continue with the lawsuit. In a sense we are flattered that our website was so unique that it would be copied. We worked very hard to make “fortheinjured.com” a website that is consumer friendly, educational, and details the qualified attorneys we have employed” commented Adam Doner, a partner in the firm.

The law firm of Gordon & Doner has been serving the community for over 16 years. Their practice areas include Personal Injury, Wrongful Death, Medical Malpractice, Nursing Home Abuse, Defective Products, Business Litigation and Workers’ Compensation. Gordon & Doner has offices in Palm Beach Gardens, Stuart, Delray Beach and Pembroke Pines.

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