



COPYRIGHT CLAIMS BOARD

DOCKET NO. 23-CCB-0126

Shaheem Nijat

CLAIMANT

v.

Abdurahman Popal

RESPONDENT

ORDER DISMISSING CLAIM WITHOUT PREJUDICE

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

On April 3, 2023, Shaheem Nijat filed this copyright infringement claim. The claim provided a foreign invalid address for the respondent. The Copyright Claims Board (Board) cannot hear a claim asserted against a person or entity residing outside the United States. 17 U.S.C. § 1504(d)(4).

On April 25, 2023, the Board issued an Order of Noncompliance and an Order to Show Cause. In the Order to Show Cause, the Board ordered Nijat to show cause by May 9, 2023 why filing the claim in this form did not constitute bad-faith conduct under 37 C.F.R. §232.3. On April 25, 2023, Nijat filed a Request for Dismissal in response to the Order to Show Cause noting that “I understand the respondent resides outside the United States.” The request states that Nijat was misunderstood the regulations and incorrectly believed that “at least one party” needed to “reside inside the United States.”

Nijat further affirmed that the filing was not intended to deceive or mislead the Board or the respondent. The Board accepts Nijat’s statement and finds that the actions of Nijat do not constitute bad faith.

Accordingly, the Board dismisses this proceeding without prejudice and closes case 23-CCB-0126. 37 C.F.R. § 222.17(a–b). The claim can be re-filed in a U.S. federal district court that has jurisdiction over the respondent.

Date: April 27, 2023

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