



**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
Alexandria Division**

SOPHOS LIMITED, a United Kingdom
limited company, and SOPHOS INC., a
Massachusetts corporation,

Plaintiffs,

v.

JOHN DOES 1-2,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 1:20-cv-502

**FILED UNDER SEAL PURSUANT TO
LOCAL RULE 5**

**SOPHOS'S MOTION FOR LIMITED AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT DISCOVERY
NECESSARY TO IDENTIFY AND SERVE DOE DEFENDANTS**

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26, Plaintiffs Sophos Limited and Sophos Inc. (collectively, "Sophos") respectfully move for an order granting limited authority to conduct discovery necessary to identify and serve Doe defendants.

Dated: May 7, 2020

Respectfully submitted,



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VIA COURIER

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Re: *Sophos Limited and Sophos Inc. v. John Does 1-2*, Civil Action No. 1:20-cv-502
(E.D. Va.)

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Dear Sir or Madam,

We have enclosed three copies of our filings today with two copies for this Court and a third copy for our records.

We have enclosed a pre-paid envelope for you to return the third file stamped copy to us and greatly appreciate your help.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julia Milewski".

Julia Milewski

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**[PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING SOPHOS’S MOTION FOR LIMITED AUTHORITY
TO CONDUCT DISCOVERY NECESSARY TO IDENTIFY AND SERVE DOE
DEFENDANTS**

This matter comes before the Court on Plaintiffs Sophos Limited and Sophos Inc. (collectively, “Sophos”)’s Motion and Supporting Memorandum for Authority to Conduct Discovery Necessary to Identify and Serve Doe Defendants.

Upon consideration of Sophos’s Motion, the Court being fully apprised of the facts and law, and good cause presented to the Court, the Court HEREBY GRANTS the Motion for Authority to Conduct Discovery Necessary to Identify and Serve Doe Defendants. Such authority shall include the following:

Sophos may serve discovery upon all third-party companies, such as, but not limited to, Internet service providers (ISPs), domain registrars, hosting companies, and payment providers, likely to have information that could aid in the identification of the Doe Defendants.

Sophos shall have until 120 days from the date of this Order to conduct discovery necessary to further identify and serve the Doe Defendants.

IT IS SO ORDERED

Entered this ____ day of _____, 2020

United States District Judge