

RHOBH Star Diana Jenkins Makes New Move in ‘Bots’ Lawsuit

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Diana Jenkins is asking a court to hurry up proceedings as she tries to “unmask” the “pretend Instagram accounts” used to ship racist messages to her “Real Housewives of Beverly Hills” co-star’s teen son. Jenkins is making an attempt to clear her title after “RHOBH” followers accused her of paying for bots to harass Garcelle Beauvais’ son as a part of an ongoing feud between the 2.

The Bravo actuality TV star filed a lawsuit in opposition to whoever was accountable for sending the messages in September 2022. But her legal professionals acknowledge in court docket filings they don’t have the identities of the defendants within the case. A September 16, 2022, submitting requested a court to expedite discovery within the case so Jenkins’ legal professionals can discover out who’s behind the “bot” accounts, court docket paperwork obtained by Heavy show.

Jenkins filed the lawsuit in Los Angeles County court docket on September 8. A listening to was scheduled for October 27 for her attorneys to argue for permission to make use of the invention course of to attempt to “unmask” the defendants. But they’re asking within the new submitting to have the listening to held the week of September 19 or at a date sooner than October 27.

“This case includes egregious conduct: utilizing pretend Instagram accounts to ship racist and bullying messages to a 14-year old youngster, designed so that individuals would conclude and did conclude Plaintiff Sanela Jenkins a/ok/a Diana Jenkins was accountable,” Jenkins’ legal professionals — Kristina Enns, Lily North, Erik Connolly and Christopher Letkewicz of the agency Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Aronoff LLP — wrote. “Thus far, the perpetrator has remained nameless and so Ms. Jenkins has sued him/her as ‘John Doe’ (‘Defendant’). But Ms. Jenkins seeks to unmask him/her.”

The legal professionals added, “Ms. Jenkins seeks court to serve focused and slim third-party discovery instantly in order that she might uncover Defendant’s true identification and serve the summons to deliver her or him into this case.”

Jenkins’ Lawyers Say They Don’t Want to ‘Wait Over a Month to Start the Process That Will Allow the Case to Move Forward, Calling the Info They Are Seeking ‘Crucial’

Jenkins’ attorneys wrote within the new submitting, “This utility is made on the premise that Ms. Jenkins doesn’t know the identification of the nameless Defendant, and absent court to conduct slim and restricted non-party discovery to determine the Defendant, Ms. Jenkins can’t serve the summons. Ms. Jenkins has filed a movement for court to hunt the requested discovery, however the first out there listening to date just isn’t till October 27, 2022.

They added, “Therefore, Ms. Jenkins brings this ex parte Application to advance the listening to date on her Motion in order that she might instantly start serving the invention wanted to determine the Defendant, as a substitute of ready greater than a month for the at the moment observed date of the Motion.”

might hurt Ms. Jenkins' skill to uncover Defendant's identification and needlessly delays Ms. Jenkins' efforts to carry the perpetrator of this scheme accountable," the legal professionals wrote within the movement.

Jenkins' Lawyers Say the 'Defendant's Identity Remains within the Shadows, Protected by Fake Public-Facing Instagram Profiles'

According to the movement, Jenkins' legal professionals have performed "thorough analysis and investigation" to attempt to determine the defendant or defendants. The Instagram accounts don't look like linked to any actual individuals and have pretend names and photographs, based on the lawsuit.

"Despite this diligent and concerted analysis, Defendant's identification stays within the shadows, protected by pretend public-facing Instagram profiles. With a subpoena, Ms. Jenkins can receive private data to unmask Defendant. This data might embody the actual title of the one who created the Instagram accounts, his/her e-mail tackle, and/or the IP addresses he/she used whereas creating the accounts and sending the harassing messages," her legal professionals wrote.

According to the movement, "To the extent there are a number of layers to this deception— akin to utilizing a pretend title or contact data to create the pretend Instagram accounts—extra subpoenas could also be required. As such, Ms. Jenkins must serve tailor-made third-party discovery to unveil Defendant's true identification and has introduced the underlying Motion to do exactly that."

The movement provides, "Ms. Jenkins brings this Application in order that she will be able to instantly begin serving the invention essential to study the identification of Defendant. Until the identification of Defendant is unmasked she can't serve the summons or in any other case start pursuing this lawsuit. ... delaying the listening to on the Motion till the earliest out there regularly-scheduled listening to date, greater than a month away in late October, might considerably impair Ms. Jenkins' skill to gather critically-needed discovery."
