

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

JANE DOE NO. 2,

CASE NO.: 08-CV-80119-MARRA/JOHNSON

Plaintiff,

vs.

JEFFREY EPSTEIN,

Defendant.

JANE DOE NO. 3,

CASE NO.: 08-CV-80232-MARRA/JOHNSON

Plaintiff,

vs.

JEFFREY EPSTEIN,

Defendant.

JANE DOE NO. 4,

CASE NO.: 08-CV-80380-MARRA/JOHNSON

Plaintiff,

vs.

JEFFREY EPSTEIN,

Defendant.

JANE DOE NO. 5,

CASE NO.: 08-CV-80381-MARRA/JOHNSON

Plaintiff,

vs.

JEFFREY EPSTEIN,

Defendant.

JANE DOE NO. 6,

CASE NO.: 08-CV-80994-MARRA/JOHNSON

Plaintiff,

vs.

JEFFREY EPSTEIN,

Defendant.

JANE DOE NO. 7,

CASE NO.: 08- CV-80993-MARRA/JOHNSON

Plaintiff,

vs.

JEFFREY EPSTEIN,

Defendant.

C.M.A.,

CASE NO.: 08- CV-80811 -MARRA/JOHNSON

Plaintiff,

vs.

JEFFREY EPSTEIN,

Defendant.

JANE DOE,

CASE NO.: 08- CV-80893-MARRA/JOHNSON

Plaintiff,

vs.

JEFFREY EPSTEIN, et al.,

Defendant.

DOE II,

CASE NO.: 08-CV- 80469-MARRA/JOHNSON

Plaintiff,

vs.

JEFFREY EPSTEIN et al.,

Defendant.

JANE DOE NO. 101,

CASE NO.: 08- CV-80591-MARRA/JOHNSON

Plaintiff,

vs.

JEFFREY EPSTEIN,

Defendant.

JANE DOE NO. 102,

CASE NO.: 08- CV-80656-MARRA/JOHNSON

Plaintiff,

vs.

JEFFREY EPSTEIN,

Defendant.

PLAINTIFFS JANE DOES 2-7'S RESPONSE TO DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO COMPEL AND/OR IDENTIFY PLAINTIFFS IN THE STYLE OF THIS CASE AND MOTION TO IDENTIFY JANE DOE IN THIRD-PARTY SUBPOENAS FOR PURPOSES OF DISCOVERY, OR ALTERNATIVELY, MOTION TO DISMISS "SUA SPONTE", WITH INCORPORATED MEMORANDUM OF LAW

Plaintiffs, JANE DOES 2-7, hereby serve their Response to Defendant's Motion to Compel and/or Identify Plaintiffs in the Style of this Case and Motion to Identify Jane Doe in Third-Party Subpoenas for Purposes of Discovery, or Alternatively, Motion to Dismiss "Sua Sponte", With Incorporated Memorandum of Law, and state as follows:

1. The lawsuits filed by JANE DOES 2-7 involve private, intimate facts pertaining to their own childhood sexual abuse and exploitation by Defendant Jeffrey Epstein.

2. Jane Does 2-7 filed their suits under a pseudonym¹ to prevent public disclosure of the private, highly sensitive and intimate facts pertaining to their sexual assaults, and the public association of their identities with Defendant Epstein and these assaults.

3. Dr. Gilbert Kliman,² a well-known forensic psychiatrist with an expertise in the field of child trauma, has met with and evaluated each of Jane Does 2-7 and opined that public disclosure of their real names would create a substantial risk to them of further psychological harm. See Exhibit “A”, Declaration of Gilbert Kliman, M.D.

4. Dr. Kliman opines as follows:

Releasing names of the plaintiffs to the public will reenact experiences of powerlessness and helplessness in the face of a boundary violation. Repetition and reenactment represent central features of Criterion B in the DSM-IV-TR diagnosis of posttraumatic stress disorder trauma. In effect, release of their identity and public intrusion into their personal life represents a reenactment of the shame of sexual traumatization. Repetition and reenactment are central pathologies that afflict sexual trauma survivors.

Victims of sexual abuse often rely upon some form of dissociation, splitting or denial, as a defensive means to manage overwhelming affects associated with the sexual trauma. Each of the plaintiff girls has employed some variation of this defense, both during the massages and then subsequently following disclosure of the abuse. Primitive, maladaptive responses of this nature will become additionally reinforced as a result of public disclosure.

Another aspect of the plaintiffs’ experience, which is recognized by DSM-IV-TR, is that the trauma was associated with human design factors (such as cruel intention to do harm, rape, torture). Trauma of this origin has a tendency to produce more “severe or long lasting” posttraumatic stress disorder than natural events (DSM IV TR p. 464). A policy of deliberate revelation of the names of the victims would reinforce the sense of design, pattern and policy of human intentions.

It is my opinion, with a reasonably high degree of medical certainty that the defense motion to allow public disclosure of the plaintiffs’ identity is clinically

¹ Defendant and his counsel are aware of the real names of Jane Does 2-7.

² A copy of the curriculum vitae of Dr. Gilbert Kliman is attached hereto as Exhibit “B”.

and ethically a wrongful plan. The act of revealing their identity against their wishes places the plaintiffs at risk, in the best of circumstances, of suffering an aggravation of existing diagnostic concerns. It is more probable than not that releasing personal identities will foster an exacerbation and magnification of symptoms leading to increased risk of revictimization and retraumatization.

See Exhibit “A”, ¶¶ 13-15, 21

5. Given the private nature of the allegations in this lawsuit and the serious risk of harm to the mental health of Jane Does 2-7 if a public disclosure of their identities were required, Jane Does 2-7 should be permitted to continue using a pseudonym in this lawsuit.

6. Notably, in one of the cases consolidated for purposes of discovery, *Jane Doe v. Jeffrey Epstein*, Case No. 08-80893, this Court recognized the harm likely to result from public disclosure of the victims’ identities in these cases, and allowed the Plaintiff in that case to “proceed in this action under the pseudonym ‘Jane Doe’”, by Order dated October 6, 2008.

7. Jeffrey Epstein sets forth no facts to support his bare contention that Jane Does 2-7 use of a pseudonym in these proceedings interferes with his “constitutional due process right.” See Motion to Compel, p. 3. Defendant and his counsel know the identities of these Plaintiffs.

8. Defendant also requests the Court’s permission to use the real names of Jane Does 2-7 in various third-party subpoenas for discovery purposes. Defendant does not identify any of the entities or persons to whom he intends to send subpoenas. An order granting the relief requested without limitations would essentially nullify Jane Does 2-7’s right to proceed anonymously. Jane Does 2-7 therefore object to the issuance of third-party subpoenas, and submit that Defendant can obtain the discovery he seeks by alternative means that will preserve the confidentiality of the Jane Does 2-7’s identities.

9. If this Court were to permit third party subpoenas or records custodian depositions using the existing captions and identifying Jane Does 2-7 in the body of the

subpoena by their names, due to publicity surrounding the Defendant's crimes, then Jane Does 2-7 would effectively be revealed as abuse victims in these cases against Defendant Epstein. Any subpoenas or notices to third parties therefore should not disclose the type of action or the Defendant's identity. There are alternatives which would preserve Jane Does 2-7's anonymity and be more efficient and cost-effective at the same time. For instance, Defendant can obtain records from various non-party sources through Plaintiffs' counsel, who can certify that they have obtained the records through authorizations signed by Jane Does 2-7. Another means to obtain non-party records concerning Plaintiffs is the appointment of a special master, who would verify authenticity and completeness of the records.

10. Finally, Jeffrey Epstein's request that this Court order a "sua sponte" dismissal is illogical. *Sua sponte* means "[w]ithout prompting or suggestion; on its own motion." Black's Law Dictionary 1437 (7th ed.1999). Thus, the definition of *sua sponte* does not fit these circumstances, because the Court is being prompted by Epstein's Motion. *Velchez v. Carnival Corp.*, 331 F.3d 1207 (11th Cir. 2003). In any event, there is no basis or authority to support a dismissal of these cases.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs Jane Does 2-7 respectfully request that (i) this Court deny Defendant's Motion to Compel and/or Identify Plaintiffs in the Style of this Case and Motion to Identify Jane Doe in Third-Party Subpoenas for Purposes of Discovery, or Alternatively, Motion to Dismiss "Sua Sponte", in its entirety; (ii) Plaintiffs Jane Does 2-7 be permitted to continue using their pseudonyms in this litigation; (iii) this Court order that records from non-parties relating to Jane Does 2-7, including medical and employment records, only be obtained through Plaintiffs' counsel by means of signed authorizations that do not include the caption or identify Epstein as the party seeking records, or alternatively, appoint a special master to obtain the

records, who would verify authenticity and completeness of the records; and (iv) all other relief this Court deems just and appropriate.

MEMORANDUM OF LAW

I. PLAINTIFFS JANE DOES 2-7 SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO PROCEED ANONYMOUSLY IN THIS CASE DUE TO THE SENSITIVE, PRIVATE NATURE OF THE UNDERLYING FACTS AND THE RISK OF PSYCHOLOGICAL HARM TO THE PLAINTIFFS

Federal courts permit a party to proceed under a pseudonym when special circumstances warrant anonymity. *See, e.g., Roe v. Aware Woman Ctr. for Choice, Inc.*, 253 F.3d 678, 685-87 (11th Cir.2001); *Does I thru XXIII v. Advanced Textile Corp.*, 214 F.3d 1058, 1068-69 (9th Cir.2000); *James v. Jacobson*, 6 F.3d 233, 238-39 (4th Cir.1993); *EW v. New York Blood Center*, 213 F.R.D. 108, 110-12 (E.D.N.Y.2003); *Javier v. Garcia-Botello*, 211 F.R.D. 194, 196 (W.D.N.Y.2002); *Doe v. Smith*, 105 F.Supp.2d 40, 43-44 (E.D.N.Y.1999); *Doe v. United Servs. Life Ins. Co.*, 123 F.R.D. 437, 439 (S.D.N.Y.1988). Sexual assault victims are a paradigmatic example of those entitled to a grant of anonymity. *See Doe No. 2 v. Kolko*, 242 F.R.D. 193 (E.D. N.Y. 2006); *Doe v. Blue Cross & Blue Shield United of Wisc.*, 112 F.3d 869, 872 (7th Cir.1997) (“fictitious names are allowed when necessary to protect the privacy of ... rape victims, and other particularly vulnerable parties or witnesses”); *see also Doe v. City of Chicago*, 360 F.3d 667, 669 (7th Cir. 2004).

The decision whether to allow a plaintiff to proceed anonymously is within the court's discretion. *See Aware Woman Ctr.*, 253 F.3d at 684; *Javier*, 211 F.R.D. at 195; *EW*, 213 F.R.D. at 110. As set forth above, this Court exercised its direction in one of the consolidated cases, *Jane Doe v. Jeffrey Epstein*, Case No. 08-80893, to allow a plaintiff to proceed under the pseudonym “Jane Doe” in an Order dated October 6, 2008.

Courts will permit a party to proceed under a pseudonym where “the party's need for anonymity outweighs prejudice to the opposing party and the public's interest in knowing the party's identity.” *Does I Thru XXIII*, 214 F.3d at 1068; *see Javier*, 211 F.R.D. at 195; *EW*, 213 F.R.D. at 111; As set forth herein, the balancing test in this case weighs in favor of permitted plaintiff to continue to proceed anonymously:

In undertaking this balance, courts have considered such facts as (1) whether the plaintiff is suing the government or a private person; (2) whether the plaintiff would be compelled to disclose intimate information; (3) whether plaintiff would be compelled to his or her intention in engage in illegal conduct, thereby risking criminal prosecution; (4) whether the plaintiff would risk injury if identified; (5) whether the party defending against a suit brought under a pseudonym would thereby be prejudiced; (6) the ages of the parties whose identity is to be suppressed; (7) the extent to which the identity of the litigant has been kept confidential; (8) whether, because of the purely legal nature of the issues presented or otherwise, there is an atypically weak public interest in knowing the litigants' identities; and (9) the public interest in guaranteeing open access to proceedings without denying litigants access to the justice system.

Doe v. Del Rio, 241 F.R.D. 154, 157 (S.D. N.Y. 2006)

The public has a strong interest in protecting the identities of sexual assault victims so that other victims will not be deterred from reporting such crimes. *See Doe v. Evans*, 202 F.R.D. 173, 176 (E.D.Pa.2001) (granting anonymity to sexual assault victim); *Doe No. 2 v. Kolko*, 242 F.R.D. 193 (E.D. N.Y. 2006). That is particularly true in these consolidated cases where there are numerous victims with similar claims. Although these cases have gained considerable media attention, there appears to be little public interest in knowing the specific identity of each of the victims.

With regard to the second factor, courts have granted anonymity to protect against disclosure of a wide range of issues involving matters of the utmost intimacy, including sexual

assault. *See, e.g., Aware Woman Ctr.*, 253 F.3d at 685 (abortion); *EW*, 213 F.R.D. at 111 (infection with hepatitis B); *Doe v. Evans*, 202 F.R.D. 173, 176 (E.D.Pa.2001) (sexual assault victim); *Smith*, 105 F.Supp.2d at 42 (sexual assault victim); *WGA v. Priority Pharmacy, Inc.*, 184 F.R.D. 616, 617 (E.D.Mo.1999) (status as AIDS patient); *Doe v. United Servs. Life Ins. Co.*, 123 F.R.D. 437, 439 (S.D.N.Y.1988) (sexual orientation); *see also Blue Cross*, 112 F.3d at 872 (recognizing rape victims as entitled to anonymity). It cannot be reasonably denied that a person's sexual history – especially during their childhood – is an intimate fact. When the childhood sexual history includes criminal sexual contact by an adult, the facts are even more intimate and personal. In the electronic age in which we live, these concerns are heightened. As federal courts have recognized in this context, it is now possible to “determine whether a given individual is a party to a lawsuit in federal court anywhere in the country by the simplest of computer searches, to access the docket sheet of any such case electronically, and ... that entire case files will be accessible over the Internet.” *Doe v. City of New York*, 201 F.R.D. 100, 102 (S.D.N.Y.2001) (denying anonymity where any injury was purely reputational and case did not involve private or intimate matter); *see EW*, 213 F.R.D. at 112-13.

As Dr. Kliman explains in his Declaration, disclosure of Jane Does 2-7's identities will place these Plaintiffs “at-risk of having their personal lives scrutinized by friends, extended family, spouses, children, fellow students, employers and fellow employees, the media and general public. This type of exposure humiliates many victims and represents another betrayal of trust. Public exposure places the plaintiff's at further risk of stigmatization, shame and retraumatization.” See Exhibit “A” at ¶ 3. Dr. Kliman also finds it of no consequence that some of the plaintiffs are now legally adults in that “[d]ue to traumatization the plaintiffs are arrested in their development, and even those who are now legally adult are arrested in part to adolescent

aspects of psychology.” *Id.* at ¶ 4

The policy of protecting victims of sexual misconduct from undue embarrassment and disclosure of their private affairs is firmly established in Fed.R.Evid. 412. The protections of Rule 412 are designed to “encourage victims of sexual misconduct to institute and participate in legal proceedings against alleged offenders.” (Committee Notes to 1994 Amendment). Likewise, many states in this country, including Florida and New York, have similarly enacted laws to protect the anonymity of sexual assault victims. *See* Fla. Stat. §§794.024, 794.026 (2008); *N.Y. Civil Rights Law § 50-b* (McKinney 2009). In 1994, the Florida Legislature passed The Crime Victims Protections Act. The legislative stated purpose for the Act was “to protect the identity of victims of sexual crimes.” Fla. AGO, 2003-56, 2003 WL 22971082 (Dec. 15, 2003). Under §794.024, Florida Statutes, court records that identify the name and/or address of a victim of a sexual crime are presumed to be confidential and exempt from public access. *Id.* Similarly, upon approving New York's rape shield law, then Governor Mario Cuomo stated, “sexual assault victims have unfortunately had to endure a terrible invasion of their physical privacy. They have a right to expect that this violation will not be compounded by a further invasion of their privacy.” 1991 McKinney's Sessions Laws of N.Y., at 2211-2212 (quoted in *Deborah S. v. Diorio*, 153 Misc.2d 708, 583 N.Y.S.2d 872 (N.Y.City Civ.Ct.1992)); *see also Coker v. Georgia*, 433 U.S. 584, 597, 97 S.Ct. 2861, 53 L.Ed.2d 982 (1977) (“Short of homicide, [rape] is the ultimate violation of self”).

As to the fourth factor of risk injury, Dr. Kliman has evaluated Jane Does 2-7, and has concluded that the childhood sexual abuse at issue has caused features of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), including shame, guilt, helplessness, and powerlessness. *See* Exhibit “A” at ¶¶ 4-7. Dr. Kliman further states, “it is more probable than not that releasing personal identities

will foster an exacerbation and magnification of symptoms lending to increased risk of revictimization and retraumatization.” *Id.* at ¶ 21. Thus, this is not a case analogous to those cited by defendant in which the plaintiffs were merely at risk of “personal embarrassment.” Instead, there is a genuine and immediate risk of psychological harm.

None of the cases cited by Defendant where courts denied a plaintiff’s request for anonymity involved victims of childhood sexual assault or evidence of emotional or psychological harm that would result from disclosure of the plaintiff’s identity. *See Doe v. Hartz*, 52 F.Supp.2d 1027 (N.D.Iowa 1999); *Doe v. Shakur*, 164 F.R.D. 359 (E.D.N.Y.1996); *Doe v. Bell Atlantic Bus. Sys. Servs.*, 162 F.R.D. 418 (D.Mass.1995); *Doe v. Univ. of Rhode Island*, 28 Fed.R.Serv.3d 366, 1993 WL 667341 (D.R.I. Dec. 28, 1993).

As to the factor of prejudice, the Defendant does not identify how his ability to conduct discovery or impeach Jane Does 2-7’s credibility has been or will be impaired if these Plaintiffs are permitted to proceed under a pseudonym. *See EW*, 213 F.R.D. at 112, *Smith*, 105 F.Supp.2d at 44-45. Other than the need to make redactions and take measures not to disclose these Plaintiffs’ identities, Defendant will not be hampered or inconvenienced merely by Plaintiffs’ anonymity in court papers. As set forth above, Defendant already knows their true identities. *See Aware Woman Center*, 253 F.3d at 687 (no prejudice where plaintiff offered to disclose her name to defendant); *EW*, 213 F.R.D. at 112; *Smith*, 105 F.Supp.2d at 44-45.

**II. DEFENDANT SHOULD NOT BE PERMITTED TO USE
THE REAL NAMES OF JANE DOES 2-7 IN THIRD-PARTY
SUBPEONAS EXCEPT FOR THOSE ISSUED TO PERSONS WHOM
PLAINTIFFS HAVE ALREADY DISCLOSED THEIR SEXUAL ABUSE**

As for the use of Jane Does 2-7’s real names in subpoenas issued to non-parties, a party may obtain discovery of any non-privileged matter that is relevant to a claim or defense of any party. Fed.R.Civ.P. 26(b)(1). However, a district court may limit discovery “for good cause

shown” by making “any order which justice requires to protect a party or person from annoyance, embarrassment, oppression, or undue burden or expense,” including that the discovery not be had or that it be had only by a method other than that selected by the party seeking discovery. Fed.R.Civ.P. 26(c). Jane Does 2-7 have articulated a specific and substantial harm from disclosure of their identities.

If this Court were to permit Defendant to issue third-party subpoenas containing Jane Doe 2-7’s real names, the identity of the Defendant, and/or facts pertaining to the nature of the case to whomever Defendant wants, it would be akin to requiring these Plaintiffs to use their real name in the pleadings. Instead, Jane Does 2-7 propose to voluntarily execute authorizations (which would not contain the case names or the identity of the Defendant) to allow Defendant to obtain education, employment, and medical records to be used for purposes of this litigation only.³ Alternatively, Defendant can obtain the records through a special master, who would verify authenticity and completeness of the records. Either of these approaches would not only place Jane Does 2-7 at less risk of psychological harm, but would also be more cost-effective and efficient.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, Plaintiffs Jane Does 2-7 respectfully request that Defendant’s Motion to Compel and/or Identify Plaintiffs in the Style of this Case and Motion to Identify Jane Doe in Third-Party Subpoenas for Purposes of Discovery, or Alternatively, Motion to Dismiss “Sua Sponte” be denied in its entirety, and that Plaintiffs Jane Does 2-7 be permitted to continue using their pseudonyms in this litigation. Additionally, to avoid public disclosure of the Plaintiff’s identities in non-party records discovery, Plaintiffs Jane Does 2-7 request that such

³ Defendant and Plaintiff have previously agreed that education records can be obtained in this

discovery be obtained either through Plaintiffs' counsel by means of written authorizations, or by the appointment of a special master.

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manner in lieu of subpoenas.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on June 8, 2009, I electronically filed the foregoing document with the Clerk of the Court using CM/ECF. I also certify that the foregoing document is being served this day to all parties on the attached Service List in the manner specified, either via transmission of Notices of Electronic Filing generated by CM/ECF or in some other authorized manner for those parties who are not authorized to receive electronically Notices of Electronic Filing.

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