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25 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
26 COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA

27 DVD COPY CONTROL ASSOCIATION, INC.,
28 Plaintiff,

v.

ANDREW THOMAS MCLAUGHLIN; ANDREW
BUNNER; et al.,
Defendants.

Case No. CV - 786804

**DECLARATION OF
COMPUTER SCIENTIST
GREGORY KESDEN**

**IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANT
ANDREW BUNNER'S
MOTION FOR SUMMARY
JUDGMENT**

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1 I, Gregory Kesden, declare:

- 2 1. I am a Lecturer in the Computer Science Department of Carnegie Mellon University in
3 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Among the courses I teach is the department's course in
4 Operating System Design and Implementation. This course is one of the core courses of
5 the Computer Science Department and is the department's most intensive course; it
6 receives 18 units of credit while all other courses receive 12 units or fewer.
- 7 2. Issues of computer security and protection, including an introduction to cryptography, are
8 an integral part of a modern operating systems course – and are becoming a more
9 compelling issue each day. All of the major operating systems texts include coverage of
10 this area.
- 11 3. As part of my course in Operating System Design and Implementation, I teach my
12 students about information security and protection schemes and the potential
13 vulnerabilities of such schemes. I also teach them about the ways in which reverse
14 engineering is used to enable programs and data to operate compatibly with many
15 different operating systems. In my teaching, I illustrate these concepts using information
16 about the Content Scrambling System (“CSS”) used to encrypt DVD movie disks.
- 17 4. Last fall I reorganized my Operating System Design and Implementation course to
18 increase the lecture time of the course. The additional lecture time was used to expand
19 the course's coverage of protection and security, networks, and the implementation of the
20 operating system Linux, as well as other areas. As part of my overall revision of the
21 course, I introduced material about CSS. Attached as Exhibit A are my lecture notes and
22 slides I used when I taught CSS's algorithms and keys as part of my Operating System
23 Design and Implementation course in the Fall 2000 Term. These materials are also
24 available on the Internet at <http://www-2.cs.cmu.edu/~dst/DeCSS/Kesden/index.html>.
- 25 5. I selected CSS because it is a simple, understandable example of a stream cipher that
26 exhibits some classic cryptographic techniques. Additionally, it is a useful example
27 because it has some well-known and reasonably understandable vulnerabilities and
28 exploits. CSS is a weak encryption system vulnerable to a number of different

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1 cryptological attacks. By teaching how the CSS algorithms and keys operate, I am able
2 to demonstrate how these attacks function. Students are always excited to learn about
3 weaknesses in real-world systems – it makes them feel more expert than the experts. But,
4 beyond that, it helps drive home a very important lesson for future systems developers –
5 cryptography is hard and the process of developing a cryptosystem should be careful and
6 the system thoroughly validated before it is implemented.

- 7 6. CSS, DeCSS, and other DVD descrambling programs also illustrate concepts of
8 interoperability—the use of computer data and programs with many different operating
9 systems. For example, because no authorized DVD player was available for the popular
10 Linux operating system, a version of DeCSS as well as other DVD descrambling
11 programs have been created for Linux. Without these programs, it was impossible to
12 play authorized, original DVD movie disks on Linux computers.
- 13 7. I also gave a lecture about CSS and DeCSS at the University of California, San Diego, in
14 the Spring of 2001.
- 15 8. CSS and its algorithms and keys are widely known in the computer science community,
16 as are DeCSS and other DVD decryption programs. I was able to find on the Internet the
17 information about CSS and DVD decryption I needed for my course. For example, Frank
18 Stevenson’s well-known paper analyzing CSS, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit B,
19 is readily available on the Internet. DVD decryption information is also available in
20 more tangible forms as well. Attached as Exhibit C are photographs of a DVD
21 decryption program (in the Perl computer language) printed on self-adhesive stickers
22 which were widely posted on the Carnegie Mellon University campus.

23 I, GREGORY KESDEN, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of
24 California that the foregoing is true and correct.

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26 Dated: _____

Gregory Kesden

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