## CONFIDENTIAL EXHIBIT 116-C

to the

SUPPLEMENTAL CONFIDENTIAL AFFIDAVIT OF RACHEL E. FUGATE IN SUPPORT OF THE PUBLISHER DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION

TERRY GENE BOLLEA, professionally known as HULK HOGAN,

Plaintiff,

Case No.

vs. 12-012447-CI-011

HEATHER CLEM; GAWKER MEDIA, LLC, aka GAWKER MEDIA, et al.,

Defendants.

DEPOSITION OF: RICHARD D. PEIRCE

DATE: January 27, 2015

TIME: 3:10 p.m. to 5:35 p.m.

PLACE: Riesdorph Reporting Group

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PURSUANT TO: Notice by counsel for Defendants

Gawker Media, LLC, et al., for purposes of discovery, use at trial or such other purposes as are permitted under the Florida

Rules of Civil Procedure

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         Ο.
              Were the rumors that you heard and read on
2
    the message board prior to March 7th, 2012?
              I don't remember.
3
         Α.
4
              After this point, you do recall, though,
         Q.
5
    talking about it and discussing the --
6
        Α.
              I don't know if it was after March 7th, if
7
    that was the first one. I don't -- I don't know when.
8
    No, I didn't record those dates.
9
              Okay. I'm going to -- but it's possible that
10
    it preceded this?
11
         Α.
              I don't know.
12
              I'm going to show you another document which
13
    we'll mark as 112.
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              (Exhibit No. 112 was marked for
15
         identification.)
16
    BY MR. BERRY:
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              And this document, has been marked
         Q.
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     "confidential, attorney's eyes only." That's --
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              MR. EDMISTON: Can I have a minute? I just
20
         want to talk to him. I have not seen this.
21
         need a minute to talk to him, if I can have two
22
         minutes.
23
              MR. BERRY: Before you go, let me just put on
24
         the record what it is.
25
              MR. EDMISTON: Sure.
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1
              MR. BERRY:
                          This is an e-mail sent from your
2
        e-mail address to Mr. Cowhead that was sent on
3
        March 12th, 2012, at 4:00 p.m., subject, DVD
4
        details, with an attachment, which is attached
5
        here.
6
              As you can see, it's been marked
7
        "confidential, attorney's eyes only." We've
8
        redacted a couple of things from it. It's Bates
9
        numbered -- which is part of the redaction -- 53
10
        and 54. Certain information has also been
11
        redacted by the plaintiff in this, as well.
12
        I'm giving you the redacted copies, but it cannot
13
        leave this area.
14
              THE COURT: Cannot leave the room.
                                                   If you
15
        would --
16
             MR. EDMISTON: I understand. So can I take
17
        it with me just in this room just so I can discuss
18
        it?
19
              MR. BERRY: Yeah, that's fine.
20
             MR. EDMISTON: Or you guys can go out.
21
                          Why don't we leave.
              THE COURT:
22
              (A recess was taken.)
23
    BY MR. BERRY:
24
              So you had a chance to consult with the
    Mr. Edmiston?
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1
         Α.
              Uh-huh (Indicates affirmatively).
2
         Q.
              Yes?
3
         Α.
              Yes.
 4
              Okay. You sent this e-mail, right?
         Q.
 5
              Yes.
         Α.
 6
         Q.
              Do you recall sending it?
7
         Α.
              Yes.
8
              Did you see any of the tapes involving
         Q.
9
    Hulk Hogan and Heather Clem?
10
         Α.
              Only the clip that was online.
11
         Q.
              But not anything else?
12
              No, I didn't see any of that, no.
         Α.
13
         Q.
              And is this attachment that's on page 54, is
14
     this what you received from the instant message that
15
     you mentioned earlier?
16
         Α.
              It looks like it is, yes.
17
              MR. EDMISTON:
                             Subject to some redactions.
18
         think there was some redactions.
     BY MR. BERRY:
19
20
              Right. Other than the stuff that the
         Q.
21
    plaintiff had redacted --
22
         Α.
              Yeah.
23
         Q.
              -- this is what you received from the instant
24
    message?
25
         Α.
              Yes.
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1	REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE
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3	STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH
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5	I, Aaron T. Perkins, Registered Professional Reporter, certify that I was authorized to and did
6	stenographically report the deposition of RICHARD D. PEIRCE; that a review of the transcript was
7	requested; and that the transcript is a true and complete record of my stenographic notes.
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9	I further certify that I am not a relative,
10	employee, attorney, or counsel of any of the parties, nor am I a relative or employee of any of the parties'
11	attorney or counsel connected with the action, nor am I financially interested in the action.
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