EXHIBIT U

to the

GAWKER DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR ACCESS TO CORRECTED AND UNREDACTED DVDS PRODUCED BY THE FBI

Case No. 12012447-CI-011

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

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TERRY GENE BOLLEA professionally known as HULK HOGAN,

Plaintiff,

vs.

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

Defendants.

CONFIDENTIAL - ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY

VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF DAVID HOUSTON

FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2015

Reno, Nevada

Reported by: KIMBERLY J. WALDIE, NV CCR #720, RPR

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- 1 BE IT REMEMBERED, that on FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2015, at
- 2 10:03 a.m., at the offices of Hoogs Reporting Group, 435
- 3 Marsh Avenue, Reno, Nevada, before me, KIMBERLY J.
- 4 WALDIE, a Certified Court Reporter, personally appeared
- 5 DAVID HOUSTON.
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- 7 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Good morning. We are going
- 8 on the record at approximately 10:03 a.m. Today is
- 9 April 10, 2015. This is tape No. 1 of the
- 10 video-recorded deposition of David Houston taken by the
- 11 defense in the matter of Terry Gene Bollea,
- 12 professionally known as Hulk Hogan, Plaintiff, versus
- 13 Heather Clem, Gawker Media, LLC, Defendants, filed in
- 14 the Circuit Court of the Sixth Judicial Circuit in and
- 15 for Pinnelas County, Florida. This is case number
- 16 12012447-CI-011.
- 17 The deposition is being held at the offices of
- 18 Hoogs Reporting Group in Reno, Nevada. The court
- 19 reporter today is Kimberly Waldie. She is representing
- 20 Hoogs Reporting Group. My name is Jeff Waldie,
- 21 Certified Court Video Specialist, of the firm Sierra
- 22 Legal Video, PO Box 18312, South Lake Tahoe, California,
- 23 96151.
- And will counsel and all present please
- 25 identify themselves and who they represent for the

212 In terms of the first DVD viewed, how 1 Q Okav. 2 long did you spend viewing that DVD? Α That might have actually been the longest one. 3 4 I'd say maybe 10 or 15 seconds maximum. 5 0 Ten or 15 seconds? Α Yes. 6 7 Q Okay. 8 Α It was, again, very brief. As I think I 9 indicated, Mr. Bollea looked at the video -- thinking 10 back to it, it -- it became obvious he was upset and 11 stepped away, saying "That's me." And that was pretty 12 much the end of video No. 1. 13 0 Okay. 14 Α Video No. 2 and 3, as shown on disc, whether 15 they be independent videos, to this day, Mr. Sullivan, I) 16 don't know. It could be the same video copied. I don't What I do know is it appeared as though it 17 know. 18 referenced the same character in each one. Whether they 19 were representative of separate videotapes would be up 20 to someone who's actually seen them. 21 0 All right. Or seen more of them. 22 Α Sure. 23 All right. Now, what, if anything, was said Q 24 while the tapes were being watched? 25 Α Not much.

- I would suggest to you that my brief viewing,
- 2 of course, did indicate to me that it appeared to be
- 3 someone similar to Mr. Bollea.
- 4 Q All right.
- 5 A I did not see the female in what I observed,
- 6 literally, at all. I essentially saw the back of
- 7 Mr. Bollea and then a bit of a side profile on the last.
- 8 Q Okay. Did you see any other persons who
- 9 appeared on the tape other than Mr. Bollea?
- 10 A I don't remember.
- 11 Q Okay. Were you able to identify Heather Clem?
- 12 A You know, I wasn't familiar with Heather Clem.
- 13 It would be, to me, like seeing someone you don't know,
- 14 then someone later saying, "Were you able to identify
- 15 them as a specific person?"
- I think -- I -- I didn't know her, certainly
- 17 facial features or otherwise, well enough to suggest
- 18 that a brief viewing could result in an identification.
- 19 Q All right. Were you -- were you able to
- 20 identify any of the persons who appeared on the video by
- 21 voice?
- 22 A I don't think the audio was turned up, now that
- 23 you mention it. I don't remember hearing the audio.
- 24 Q All right.
- 25 A I don't recall. And I think I'm safer with

- 1 A There appeared to be three DVDs, not all at
- 2 once placed in a player, but individually one at a time.
- 3 Whether they were different DVDs or one DVD and two
- 4 copies remains to be seen, I quess.
- 5 Q Okay. What --
- 6 A I don't know.
- 7 Q Okay. What order did you view the three tapes
- 8 in?
- 9 A First one was first.
- 10 0 No.
- 11 A There's no time, date stamp on the DVDs for me
- 12 to draw reference points.
- 13 Q No. I understand that. But the reason I ask
- 14 you is because he gives you this Exhibit B, and it says
- 15 first tape, second tape. You know what I mean? It
- 16 purports --
- 17 A Right.
- 18 Q -- to provide contents to three different
- 19 tapes.
- 20 A Right.
- 21 Q Did he then say to you when you were in his
- 22 room, "Okay. I'm going to show you an excerpt of the
- 23 first tape"?
- 24 A No. I think the idea was at that point in time
- 25 not to verify everything that he claimed was on the

223 1 you? Α Not by me. Did you see a -- a man at any point 3 0 4 other than Mr. Hogan in the portion you viewed? I do not recall seeing a man. 6 something --7 Q Okay. 8 -- that I just don't remember seeing. 9 All right. On any tape that you viewed, did 10 you ever hear the voice of Bubba Clem or the voice of 11 who you believed to be Bubba Clem? 12 No, I didn't hear any voices. 13 0 Okay. Mr. Houston, have you watched the entire 14 sex tape that was sent to Gawker? 15 No. Α 16 Have you watched the excerpts that were posted 17 by Gawker on the Internet? 18 And maybe I should clarify that. When you say 19 "the entire sex tape sent to Gawker," I don't know what 20 was sent to Gawker, and Gawker hasn't invited me in to So I don't know how to answer that other than 22 "No." 23 Okay. Q They produced a -- 30 minutes. 24 MR. HARDER: 25 Right. I guess what I'm saying

THE WITNESS:

- 1 I, KIMBERLY J. WALDIE, a Certified Shorthand
- 2 Reporter licensed in the State of California and the
- 3 State of Nevada, do hereby certify:
- That on FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2015, at the offices
- 5 of Hoogs Reporting Group, 435 Marsh Avenue, Reno,
- 6 Nevada, personally appeared DAVID HOUSTON, who was duly
- 7 sworn to testify and deposed in the matter entitled
- 8 herein; that, before the proceedings' completion, the
- 9 reading and signing of the deposition were not requested
- 10 by the parties; that said deposition was taken in
- 11 verbatim stenotype notes by me, a Certified Shorthand
- 12 Reporter, and thereafter transcribed into typewriting as
- 13 herein appears;
- 14 That the foregoing transcript, consisting of
- 15 pages 1 through 229, is a full, true and correct
- 16 transcription of my stenotype notes of said deposition
- 17 to the best of my knowledge, skill and ability.
- I further certify that I am not a relative or
- 19 employee of counsel of any of the parties, nor
- 20 a relative or employee of any party involved in said
- 21 action, nor financially interested in the action
- Dated at Reno, Nevada, this 14th day of April,
- 23 2015.
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