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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO**

Michael Postle, an individual;

Plaintiff,

vs.

Veronica Brill, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 34-2020-00286265

**DEFENDANT VERONICA BRILL'S
EX PARTE APPLICATION FOR A
TEMPORARY RESTRAINING
ORDER AGAINST PLAINTIFF
MICHAEL POSTLE;
MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND
AUTHORITIES IN SUPPORT
THEREOF**

Judge: Shama H. Mesiwala
Dept: 53
Date: January 20, 2023
Time: 9:45 a.m.

Action Filed: 10/01/2020
Trial Date: None set

1 **TO THE HONORABLE COURT AND ALL PARTIES AND THEIR ATTORNEYS OF**
 2 **RECORD:**

3 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT on January 20, 2023 at 9:45 a.m. in the courtroom of the
 4 Honorable Judge Shama H. Mesiwala, Defendant Veronica Brill will and hereby does apply *ex*
 5 *parte* for a temporary restraining order against Michael Postle, restraining and enjoining Postle
 6 from disposing of any of his Poker winnings obtained in January 2023 at the Beau Rivage Resort
 7 & Casino other than to satisfy Defendant Veronica Brill’s judgment against Postle entered in this
 8 matter.

9 This Application is made on the grounds that Michael Postle recently participated in a
 10 poker game at the Beau Rivage Resort & Casino under a pseudonym and while disguising his
 11 identity for the purpose of frustrating his judgment creditors, and during this game won an amount
 12 that would satisfy most, if not all, of the judgment in Brill’s favor. He continues to play in
 13 professional poker games, using aliases and disguises in an effort, in conduct that amounts to
 14 fraudulent transfers made to frustrate collections efforts. Emergency injunctive relief is necessary
 15 to ensure that Postle does not dispose of these assets to further frustrate attempts to collect on the
 16 judgment against him, and to prevent him from disposing of future poker winnings without
 17 satisfying the judgment.

18 Notice of this Application was given to Postle individually via electronic mail at 9:55 a.m.
 19 on January 20, 2023. Declaration of Alex J. Shepard [“Shepard Decl.”] at ¶ 10. As of the time of
 20 the filing of this Application, no response has been provided by or on behalf of Postle as to the
 21 notice of this *ex parte* application.

22 This Application is based upon the attached Memorandum of Points and Authorities, the
 23 Declaration of Alex J. Shepard and the exhibits attached thereto, and other papers and/or
 24 authorities the Court deems proper to consider.

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Dated: January 19, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,



Marc J. Randazza
Alex J. Shepard
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Attorneys for Defendant
Veronica Brill

MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

1.0 INTRODUCTION AND FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Plaintiff filed his Complaint for defamation against Defendants on October 1, 2020. Brill filed her Special Motion to Dismiss under Cal. Code Civ. Proc. § 425.16 on January 13, 2021, after which Postle filed a request to dismiss all his claims on April 1, 2021. Brill then filed a motion for costs and attorneys’ fees on April 13, 2021. The Court granted this motion in a written order entered on July 2, 2021, awarding Brill \$961.91 in costs and \$26,783.50 in attorneys’ fees, for a total award of \$27,745. *See* order granting Brill fee motion, attached as Shepard Decl. **Exhibit 1**. The debt incurs a statutory rate of interest at 10% per year. Brill’s counsel served Postle with this order on July 2, 2021. Shepard Decl. at ¶ 5. Since then, Postle has made no attempt to satisfy any portion of this judgment. Shepard Decl. at ¶ 6.

On January 16, 2023, Michael Postle participated in the Million Dollar Heater poker tournament at the Beau Rivage Resort & Casino (“Beau Rivage”) in Biloxi, Mississippi. *See* Tim Fiorvanti, “Mike Postle Resurfaces at Beau Rivage ‘Million Dollar Heater,’” WORLD POKER TOUR (Jan. 16, 2023)¹, attached as Shepard Decl. **Exhibit 2**; Jan. 16, 2023 tweet from Angela Jordison,² attached as Shepard Decl. **Exhibit 3**. He made it to the final table of the tournament and won at least \$30,000 in the tournament. Shepard Decl. at ¶ 9.

During the Million Dollar Heater game, Postle was using an alias “Mike Lawrence,” to evade detection. Shepard Decl. **Exhibits 2 & 3**. Unlike all other players at his table, he did not list his location, further attempting to obscure his identity. *Id.* Finally, during this game he was disguised in a hood and prosthetic nose. *Id.*

¹ Available at: <https://www.worldpokertour.com/news/mike-postle-resurfaces-at-beau-rivage-million-dollar-heater/> (last accessed Jan. 17, 2023).

² Available at: https://twitter.com/Angelajordison/status/1615027372478304258?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw%7Ctwamp%5Etweetembed%7Ctwterm%5E1615027372478304258%7Ctwgr%5Eeb4aea1cd109d4230bb58a978bbe41658561d009%7Ctwcon%5Esl_&ref_url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.worldpokertour.com%2Fnews%2Fmike-postle-resurfaces-at-beau-rivage-million-dollar-heater%2F (last accessed Jan. 17, 2023).

1 **2.0 LEGAL ARGUMENT**

2 California courts have “traditionally held that trial courts should evaluate two interrelated
 3 factors when deciding whether or not to issue a preliminary injunction. The first is the likelihood
 4 that the plaintiff will prevail on the merits at trial. The second is the interim harm that the plaintiff
 5 is likely to sustain if the injunction were denied as compared to the harm that the defendant is
 6 likely to suffer if the preliminary injunction were issued.” *IT Corp. v. Cty. of Imperial* (1983) 35
 7 Cal.3d 63, 69-70. This analysis is slightly different here, however, where the injunction is sought
 8 in execution of a judgment. The Court has already decided that Brill is entitled to her costs and
 9 attorneys’ fees, and so there is no need to consider the likelihood of prevailing; that has already
 10 been established.

11 Postle has made no effort to pay the judgment entered against him. His recent actions have
 12 shown that, not only does he lack any intent to pay what he owes Brill, but he is taking deliberate
 13 efforts to evade discovery of his assets and frustrate his judgment creditors. He continues to play
 14 Poker professionally and make significant money from it. But when he attends poker games under
 15 a pseudonym, using a disguise, and deliberately refusing to disclose his place of residence, it is
 16 apparent that he is obtaining his poker winnings secretly, at which point he is likely to dispose of
 17 them in equally underhanded ways. He should not be permitted to dispose of his winnings as he
 18 sees fit, while keeping the existence of these winnings a secret from his creditors. Accordingly,
 19 the Court should enjoin Postle from disposing of his winnings from the recent Million Dollar
 20 Heater tournament at the Beau Rivage, other than to satisfy Brill’s judgment against him.

21 Under the UVTA, Civil Code § 3439, fraudulent transfers are prohibited, and given
 22 Postle’s fraudulent enrollment in the poker tournament, his collection of the funds from the
 23 tournament are themselves fraudulent. At this point, Postle is making no efforts to pay his debt,
 24 and in fact was aware that Brill was making collection efforts in Mississippi to garnish the poker
 25 winnings. However, given the fact that he was there under a false name and in disguise, he
 26 managed to hide his participation just long enough to take his winnings and flee. Postle and any
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1 who assisted him in concealing monies meant to satisfy a judgment are also liable for fraudulent
 2 transfers. *Berger v. Varum* (2019) 35 Cal. App.5th 1013.

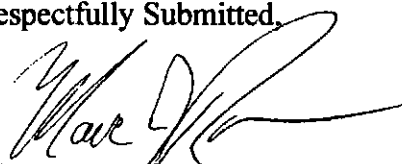
3 A transfer of “some property interest with the object or effect of preventing creditors from
 4 reaching that interest to satisfy their claims” or “an act which has the effect of improperly placing
 5 assets beyond the reach of creditors” is a fraudulent transfer. *In re First Alliance Mortgage*
 6 *Company* (9th Cir, 2006) 471 F3d 977, 1008. Postle’s act of gambling with funds that could have
 7 been used to pay Brill, while doing so in a manner to hide his identity is itself something that was
 8 a fraudulent transfer. Postle gambled an unknown, at this time, amount of money, under an
 9 assumed name, in disguise. This itself was fraudulent. The proceeds of such a fraudulent act are
 10 properly enjoined and should be ordered to be frozen, immediately, and used to pay Brill’s
 11 judgment.

12 **3.0 CONCLUSION**

13 Based on the foregoing, Defendant Veronica Brill hereby respectfully requests that the
 14 Court enter a temporary restraining order preventing Postle from disposing of any funds he
 15 obtained from the Million Dollar Heater tournament other than to satisfy Brill’s judgment against
 16 Postle. Postle should also be enjoined from gambling in the future using any name other than
 17 “Michael Postle” or “Mike Postle” and from using any disguises to obscure his identity while
 18 gambling until Brill’s judgment against Postle is fully satisfied.

19 Dated: January 19, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Michael Postle, an individual;

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Case No. 34-2020-00286265

**DECLARATION OF ALEX J.
SHEPARD IN SUPPORT OF
DEFENDANT VERONICA BRILL'S
EX PARTE APPLICATION FOR A
TEMPORARY RESTRAINING
ORDER AGAINST PLAINTIFF
MICHAEL POSTLE**

I, Alex J. Shepard, declare:

1. I am over 18 years of age and have never been convicted of a crime involving fraud or dishonesty.
2. The facts set forth in this Declaration are within my personal knowledge and are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
3. I am an associate attorney with Randazza Legal Group, PLLC ("RLG") and am counsel of record for Defendant Veronica Brill in the above-captioned matter.

1 PDF" function. A true and correct copy of this printout is attached to this Declaration as Exhibit
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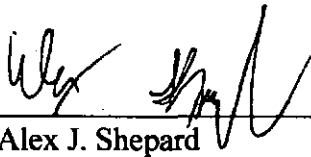
3 9. I am informed that Postle won at least \$30,000 from this poker tournament.

4 10. On January 19, 2023 at 9:55 a.m. Pacific time, I gave Postle notice of this
5 Application via electronic mail at the email address <dreamseatpoker@gmail.com>. As of the time
6 of the filing of this Application, no response has been provided by or on behalf of Postle as to the
7 notice of this *ex parte* application.

8 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

9 Dated: January 19, 2023.

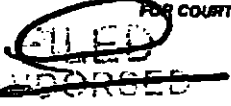
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Alex J. Shepard

EXHIBIT 1

Order re Brill Fee Motion

ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY: STATE BAR NO.: 269535 NAME: Marc J. Randazza FIRM NAME: Randazza Legal Group, PLLC STREET ADDRESS: 2764 Lake Sahara Drive Suite 109 CITY: Las Vegas STATE: NV ZIP CODE: 89117 TELEPHONE NO.: 702-420-2001 FAX NO.: E-MAIL ADDRESS: ecf@randazza.com ATTORNEY FOR (name): Veronica Brill	FOR COURT USE ONLY  2021 JUL -2 AM 9:43 73015 CITY
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF Sacramento STREET ADDRESS: 720 9th Street MAILING ADDRESS: CITY AND ZIP CODE: Sacramento, CA 95814 BRANCH NAME: Department 53	CASE NUMBER: 34-2020-00286265
PLAINTIFF/PETITIONER: Michael Postle, an individual DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT: Veronica Brill, et al OTHER:	JUDICIAL OFFICER: Shama H. Mesiwala
PROPOSED ORDER (COVER SHEET)	DEPT: 53

NOTE: This cover sheet is to be used to electronically file and submit to the court a proposed order. The proposed order sent electronically to the court must be in PDF format and must be attached to this cover sheet. In addition, a version of the proposed order in an editable word-processing format must be sent to the court at the same time as this cover sheet and the attached proposed order in PDF format are filed.

1. Name of the party submitting the proposed order:
Attorney Marc Randazza for Defendant Veronica Brill
2. Title of the proposed order:
Order Granting Attorney's Fees
3. The proceeding to which the proposed order relates is:
 - a. Description of proceeding: Motion for Attorney's Fees
 - b. Date and time: June 16, 2021, 1:30pm
 - c. Place: Remote hearing
4. The proposed order was served on the other parties in the case.

Alex Shepard, Esq.
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 (SIGNATURE OF PARTY OR ATTORNEY)

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**PROOF OF ELECTRONIC SERVICE
PROPOSED ORDER**

1. I am at least 18 years old and not a party to this action.
 - a. My residence or business address is (specify):
 RANDAZZA LEGAL GROUP, PLLC, 2764 Lake Sahara Drive Suite 109, Las Vegas, NV 89117
 - b. My electronic service address is (specify): 2764 Lake Sahara Drive Suite 109, Las Vegas, NV 89117

2. I electronically served the Proposed Order (Cover Sheet) with a proposed order in PDF format attached, and a proposed order in an editable word-processing format as follows:
 - a. On (name of person served) (If the person served is an attorney, the party or parties represented should also be stated.):
 Michael Postle, pro per
 - b. To (electronic service address of person served): dreamseatpoker@gmail.com
 - c. On (date): June 23, 2021

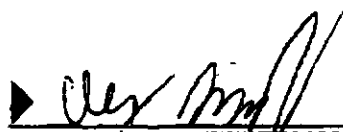
Electronic service of the Proposed Order (Cover Sheet) with the attached proposed order in PDF format and service of the proposed order in an editable word-processing format on additional persons are described in an attachment.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date:

Alex Shepard, Esq.

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO**

Michael Postle, an individual;

Plaintiff,

vs.

Veronica Brill, an individual; ESPN, Inc., a Delaware Corporation; Joey Ingram, an individual; Haralabos Voulgaris, an individual; Daniel Negreanu, an individual; Upswing Poker, Inc., a Nevada Corporation; iBus Media Limited d/b/a "PokerNews", and Isle of Man, United Kingdom Private Limited Liability Company Parent; Jonathan Little Holdings LLC, d/b/a "Poker Coaching", a Nevada Limited Liability Company; Solve For Why Academy LLC, a Nevada Limited Liability Company; Todd Witteles, an individual; Run It Once, Inc., a Nevada Corporation; and DOES 1 through 1,000, inclusive;

Defendants.

Case No. 34-2020-00286265

ORDER

Judge: Shama H. Mesiwala
Dept: 53
Date last calendared for hearing:
June 16, 2021

Action Filed: 10/01/2020
Trial Date: Not yet set

This matter came on for decision upon Defendant Veronica Brill's Motion for Costs and Attorneys' Fees Under Cal. Code Civ. Proc. § 425.16(c)(1) (the "Fee Motion") filed on April 13, 2021, following the hearing held on June 16, 2021. The Court having reviewed the papers and pleadings on file, and for good cause showing, the Court makes the following findings:

1 Plaintiff voluntarily dismissed his lawsuit on April 1, 2021, before the hearing on the anti-
2 SLAPP filed by Defendant was heard. On April 20, 2021, the Court dropped the anti-SLAPP
3 motion, without prejudice to Defendant filing a motion for attorneys' fees and costs incurred in
4 defending this SLAPP lawsuit, pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 425.16(c).

5 Where the plaintiff voluntarily dismisses an alleged SLAPP lawsuit while a special motion
6 to strike is pending, the trial court has discretion to determine whether the defendant is the
7 prevailing party for purposes of attorney's fees under Code of Civil Procedure section 425.16(c).
8 The voluntary dismissal of a complaint before the hearing on an anti-SLAPP motion creates a
9 presumption that the defendant is the prevailing party on the anti-SLAPP motion. The defendant
10 need not obtain a ruling from the court on the motion to strike in order to prevail for purposes of
11 attorneys' fees. (*Colettain v. Shewalter* (1998) 66 Cal.App.4th 94, 106-107.)

12 The anti-SLAPP statute provides: "In any action subject to subdivision (b), a prevailing
13 defendant on a special motion to strike shall be entitled to recover his or her attorney's fees and
14 costs. (Code Civ. Proc. § 425.16(c).) An award of attorney's fees to a prevailing defendant is
15 mandatory. (*Ketchum v. Moses* (2001) 24 Cal.4th 1121, 1131 ("[A]ny SLAPP defendant who
16 brings a successful motion to strike is entitled to mandatory attorney fees."); *Paulus v. Bob Lynch*
17 *Ford, Inc.* (2006) 139 Cal.App.4th 659, 685.) Defendant is entitled to recover attorney's fees and
18 costs she reasonably incurred in extricating herself from this action. (*Wilkerson v. Sullivan* (2002)
19 99 Cal.App.4th 443, 446 (the statute is broadly construed as to effectuate the legislative purpose
20 of reimbursing the prevailing defendant for expenses incurred in extricating herself from a baseless
21 lawsuit).)

22 Under California law, in determining the amount of reasonable attorney fees to be awarded
23 under a statutory attorney fees provision, the court begins by calculating the "lodestar" amount.
24 (*Bernardi v. County of Monterey* (2008) 167 Cal.App.4th 1379, 1393; *Cruz v. Ayromloo* (2007)
25 155 Cal.App.4th 1270.) The "lodestar" is "the number of hours reasonably expended multiplied
26 by the reasonable hourly rate." (*Bernardi*, 167 Cal.App.4th at 1393; *Graciano v. Robinson Ford*
27 *Sales, Inc.* (2006) 144 Cal.App.4th 140,154.) To determine the reasonable hourly rate, the court

1 looks to the "hourly rate prevailing in the community for similar work." (*Bernardi*, 167
2 Cal.App.4th at 1394.) The California Supreme Court has further instructed that attorney fee awards
3 "should be fully compensatory." (*Id.*, citing *Ketchum*, 24 Cal.4th at 1133.) Thus, an attorney fee
4 award should ordinarily include compensation for all of the hours reasonably spent, including
5 those relating solely to the fee. (*Id.* at 1394.) This lodestar fee may then be adjusted to account for
6 "(1) the novelty and difficulty of the questions involved, (2) the skill displayed in presenting them,
7 (3) the extent to which the nature of the litigation precluded other employment by the attorneys,
8 and (4) the contingent nature of the award." (*Id.*)

9 Fee award amounts are matters within the trial court's discretion: the "trial judge is the best
10 judge of the value of professional services rendered in h[er] court, and while h[er] judgment is of
11 course subject to review, it will not be disturbed unless the appellate court is convinced that it is
12 clearly wrong." (*Ketchum*, 24 Cal.4th at 1132; accord *PLCM Group v. Drexler* (2000) 22 Cal.4th
13 1084, 1096.) The Court will reduce the hours it determines were excessive or not supported. (*Levy*
14 *v. Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc.* (1992) 4 Cal.App.4th 807, 816 (party seeking attorney fees has
15 the "burden of showing that the fees incurred were 'allowable,' were 'reasonably necessary to the
16 conduct of litigation,' and were 'reasonable in amount'"); *Christian Research Institute v. Ahor*
17 (2008) 165 Cal.App.4th 1315, 1326-1329.)

18 The billing records that support this motion are attached as Exhibit 3 to the motion, and
19 supported by the declaration of Marc J. Randazza, which is attached as Exhibit 2 to the motion.
20 The billing records reflect the following rates and amount of time requested: \$800/hour for Mr.
21 Randazza; \$450/hour for attorney Alex J. Shepard; \$200/hour for law clerk Trey Rothell;
22 \$200/hour for law clerk Bryttni Yi; \$175/hour for paralegal Cassidy Curran; \$175/hour for
23 paralegal Jasmyn Montano; and \$175/hour for paralegal Heather Ebert. The records submitted also
24 reflect \$961.91 in costs.

25 **THE COURT HEREBY FINDS** that Defendant is the prevailing party in this action and
26 is therefore entitled to attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to section 425.16(c). Plaintiff has not
27 opposed this motion, or otherwise dispelled the presumption that Defendant is the prevailing party.

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PROOF OF SERVICE

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At the time of service, I was over the age of 18 and not a party to this action. I am employed in the County of Clark, State of Nevada. My business address is Randazza Legal Group, PLLC, 2764 Lake Sahara Drive, Suite 109, Las Vegas, Nevada 89117.

On June 23, 2021, I served true and correct copies of the foregoing document, entitled:

**PROPOSED ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR ATTORNEY'S FEES WITH
PROPOSED ORDER COVER SHEET**

on the interested parties as follows:

Michael Postle
3724 Deer Walk Way
Antelope, CA 95843
dreamseatpoker@gmail.com
Plaintiff pro se

BY UNITED STATES MAIL. I enclosed the documents listed above in a sealed envelope or package addressed to the persons at the addresses above, and deposited the sealed envelope with the United States Postal Service, with postage fully prepaid; and,

BY ELECTRONIC MAIL. I electronically served the documents listed above to the persons at the electronic mail addresses listed above, from my electronic service address, ssl@randazza.com.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on June 23, 2021 at Las Vegas, Nevada.

/s/ Suzanne S. Levenson
Employee,
Randazza Legal Group, PLLC

EXHIBIT 2

WPT Article



Mike Postle Resurfaces at Beau Rivage 'Million Dollar Heater'

Alleged cheater Mike Postle made the final table of the Million Dollar Heater in Biloxi, Mississippi.

By Tim Florvanti
Jan 16, 2023



Chip Counts					
Place	Name	Table	Seat	Chips	Hometown
1st	Brock Gary	1	4	8,050,000	Lafayette, LA
2nd	Kooroush Gahedi	1	1	5,775,000	New Orleans, LA
3rd	Jeremy Eyer	1	10	5,775,000	Gulfport, MS
4th	Kyle Cartwright	1	9	5,300,000	Arlington, TN
	Mike Lawrence	1	6	4,325,000	DNR
7th	Stanislav Angelov	1	5	3,500,000	Das Plaines, IL
8th	Jacob Cordo	1	7	2,400,000	Birmingham, AL
9th	Ryan Dave Gafford	1	2	1,975,000	Danham Springs, LA
10th	Hai Nguyen	1	3	1,300,000	Pensacola, FL

Mike Postle, who was accused in late 2019 of cheating over a stretch of more than a year on livestreamed cash games at Stones Gambling Hall just outside of Sacramento, California, has allegedly resurfaced in Mississippi.

In a social media post from poker player Angela Jordison, she revealed that her friend Maxwell Young, who made a deep run in the Beau Rivage's \$1,200 Million Dollar Heater main event, realized he had been playing with someone at the table that he believed to be Postle.

Angela Jordison
@Angelajordison · Follow

Good Morning Twitter! Welcome to 2023!

I woke up with a message from @Mawkswell

"Unreal just played with Mike Postle he was using an alias floor confirmed it was him"

Postle is in Biloxi. Final table resumes today...he is playing for 200k!
@Angry_Polak @Joeingram1

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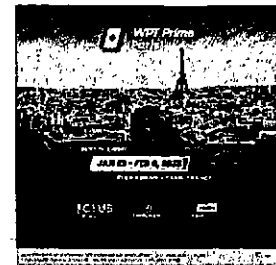
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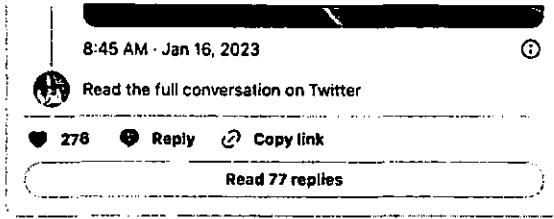
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First Rounders: 2023 PokerGO Cup

Bill Perkins Books Off-Kilter Boxing Prop Bet With M.J. Gonzales

Borgata's 'The Return' Could Spark Northeast Tournament Revival





According to Young, Postle was recognized by one of the players at the table by his voice and his appearance. While Postle had been actively talking for most of the day, he put his hood up and kept quiet as the action got later into the night, presumably aware that his presence might have been discovered.

In the chip counts posted for Monday's final table, a "Mike Lawrence" is listed as 6th in chips, with "DNR" under the "hometown" column. Sources at the event have confirmed Postle's identity, and a video crew has been on site following Postle over the last several days.

Before Robbie Jade Lew, Garrett Adelstein, and Hustler Live Casino became the talk of the poker industry for all of the wrong reasons, the Postle case was the biggest story in poker. Postle was accused in late 2019 of cheating over a stretch of more than a year on livestreamed cash games at Stone Gambling Hall just outside of Sacramento, California. Veronica Brill, who provided commentary for Stones Live for some of those streams, leveled cheating accusations against Postle in a series of tweeted videos she released online. Poker player and personality Joey Ingram soon thereafter began a lengthy run of shows on his YouTube channel breaking down many of the suspicious hands played by Postle at Stones Live.

Though Postle largely avoided significant legal or financial ramifications, a \$330 million defamation suit by Postle that included Daniel Negreanu and ESPN, among many other defendants, went nowhere. Postle lost anti-SLAPP countersuits to Brill and poker player/media personality Todd Witteles for \$27,000 each.

The saga cracked the mainstream media, including a lengthy story published by Wired, but Postle had largely managed to fade from the headlines in recent years - until Monday.

Brill's reaction to the news of Postle's return reflected the toll that the ongoing legal saga has had.


"I'm tired and exhausted of the whole thing, to be honest with you," said Brill. "My mind has gone from happy that I did it, and we got him off the live stream, hopefully stopping him from cheating in the way that he was cheating. I don't know if he still is [cheating] in other ways.


"But then there are other parts of me that regret doing what I did - because of the continual harassment. I've seen people involved who mentally were not doing well towards the end of it all. And nothing came of it, besides all the lawyers making money from all of the lawsuits. And now he's just still continuing to do what he wants, which is play poker. There has never been any sort of consequence for him. He's always gotten away with it. And the fact that the poker room is just OK with it is so odd to me."


Brill intends to go after any money that Postle cashes for in the tournament in order to recoup the money she's owed from her legal judgment against him, and she's already been in contact with a local attorney in the area.

"There's a lawyer that has reached out to me, and he's got an office in Mississippi," Brill said. "And he said that they're going to file some paperwork to garnish anything Mike Postle makes from that final table. But we need to submit the paperwork quickly."

The final table of the \$1,200 tournament at Beau Rivage is scheduled to resume at 4 p.m. CT local time. The first-place prize for the event is \$208,400.







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Angela Jordison
@Angelajordison

Good Morning Twitter! Welcome to 2023!

I woke up with a message from @Mawkswell

"Unreal just played with Mike Postle he was using an alias floor confirmed it was him"

Postle is in Biloxi. Final table resumes today...he is playing for 200k!

@Angry_Polak @Joeingram1



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Remaining: 10

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Chip Counts

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1st	Brock Gary	1	4	8,050,000	Lafayette, LA
2nd	Kaorouh Ghadi	1	1	5,775,000	New Orleans, LA
3rd	Jeremy Eyer	1	10	5,775,000	Gulfport, MS
4th	Kyle Cartwright	1	9	5,300,000	Arlington, TN
5th	James Miller	1	8	4,700,000	Notasulga, AL
6th	Mike Lawrence	1	6	4,325,000	DNR
7th	Stanislav Angelev	1	5	3,300,000	Des Plaines, IL
8th	Jacob Corde	1	7	2,400,000	Birmingham, AL
9th	Ryan Dave Gufford	1	2	1,975,000	Denham Springs, LA
10th	Hai Nguyen	1	3	1,800,000	Pensacola, FL

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO**

Michael Postle, an individual;

Plaintiff,

vs.

Veronica Brill, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 34-2020-00286265

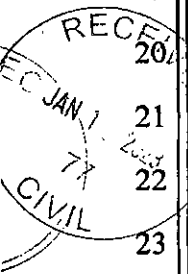
ORDER

Judge: Shama H. Mesiwala
Dept: 53
Date: January 20, 2023
Time: 9:45 a.m.

Action Filed: 10/01/2020
Trial Date: None set

This matter came on for decision upon Defendant Veronica Brill's *ex parte* Application for a Temporary Restraining Order against Plaintiff Michael Postle filed on January 19, 2023, following the hearing on January 20, 2023. The Court having reviewed the papers and pleadings on file, and for good cause showing, the Court makes the following findings:

Plaintiff filed his Complaint for defamation against Defendants on October 1, 2020. Brill filed her Special Motion to Dismiss under Cal. Code Civ. Proc. § 425.16 on January 13, 2021, after which Postle filed a request to dismiss all his claims on April 1, 2021. Brill then filed a motion for costs and attorneys' fees on April 13, 2021. The Court granted this motion in a written order



1 entered on July 2, 2021, awarding Brill \$961.91 in costs and \$26,783.50 in attorneys' fees, for a
2 total award of \$27,745. The debt incurs a statutory rate of interest at 10% per year. Brill's counsel
3 served Postle with this order on July 2, 2021. Since then, Postle has made no attempt to satisfy any
4 portion of this judgment.

5 On January 16, 2023, Michael Postle participated in the Million Dollar Heater poker
6 tournament at the Beau Rivage Resort & Casino ("Beau Rivage") in Biloxi, Mississippi. He made
7 it to the final table of the tournament and won at least \$30,000 in the tournament.

8 During the Million Dollar Heater game, Postle was using an alias "Mike Lawrence," to
9 evade detection. Unlike all other players at his table, he did not list his location, further attempting
10 to obscure his identity. *Id.* Finally, during this game he was disguised in a hood and prosthetic
11 nose. *Id.*

12 Given that Postle knew he had a judgment against him in this matter at the time he played
13 in this poker tournament, there is a strong likelihood that he used an alias, used a disguise, and
14 chose not to disclose his place of residence in a deliberate effort to evade Ms. Brill's detection and
15 frustrate attempts to collect on the judgment against him. These deliberate, conscious efforts to
16 hide his assets and/or place them beyond the reach of his creditors likely constitute fraudulent
17 transfers.

18 **THE COURT HEREBY FINDS** that Ms. Brill is entitled to a temporary restraining order,
19 as she has already prevailed in this action and would suffer irreparable harm in the absence of an
20 injunction, namely she would lose the ability to seize assets that Mr. Postle should be using to
21 satisfy the judgment.

22 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Plaintiff Michael Postle is enjoined from dissipating or
23 otherwise using any of his poker winnings at the Million Dollar Heater poker tournament other
24 than to satisfy the judgment in Ms. Brill's favor. If Mr. Postle won an amount at this tournament
25 in excess of the judgment, then he may use such winnings only after the judgment is satisfied in
26 full.

1 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that until the judgment in Ms. Brill’s favor is satisfied in
2 full, Mr. Postle may not gamble using any name other than “Michael Postle” or “Mike Postle,”
3 and may not use any disguises to obscure his identity while gambling.
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5 IT IS SO ORDERED this _____ day of _____, 2023.
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8 Superior Court Judge

9 Respectfully submitted:
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