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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
OF NEW MEXICO

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Barbara Andersen	)	
Plaintiff	)	
v. Forrest Fenn, Unknown Defendant	)	CV 20-553
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## **VERIFIED COMPLAINT FOR INJUNCTION AND OTHER RELIEF**

Barbara Andersen, as her own attorney, files this verified complaint for injunction and monetary relief against Forrest Fenn and Unknown Defendant.

- 1. Andersen is currently a resident of Chicago, Cook County, Illinois.
- 2. Forrest Fenn is a resident of Santa Fe, New Mexico.
- 3. Unknown Defendant's current residence is not known. Andersen will be seeking this information in this litigation.
- 4. This Court has jurisdiction based on diversity of citizenship, 28 U.S.C. § 1332, and federal question jurisdiction, 28 U.S.C. § 1331.

#### **Background Facts**

- 5. Andersen participated in a treasure hunt drafted by Forrest Fenn. A few years ago,
  Andersen reached the location of the treasure. In doing so, Andersen solved the final clues and was in
  the general proximity of the treasure. After that, upon information and belief, Andersen went on to
  solve the balance of the clues. Andersen will not address the clues/answers so as to not educate
  Unknown Defendant.
- 6. After finding the general location of the last clue/answer, Andersen found physical markings that verified that she was at the final treasure location or very near same. Andersen then spent two more years deciphering the balance of the poem and narrowing down the physical location of the

treasure. Andersen will not disclose what those physical markings were so as to not educate the Unknown Defendant.

- 7. After finding the general location, Andersen incurred substantial monies and time (months each year) physically looking for the treasure. During that time period, Andersen never saw any searcher. The road that is closest is very poorly maintained and is largely avoided except by local residents. Andersen would camp or stay with local residents during her lengthy search trips.
- 8. Over the years, Forrest Fenn has quietly acknowledged Andersen as the solver of the poem/puzzle. Sample references can be found in his "Dizzy Dean" scrapbook, his Rooster Cogburn scrapbook, his reference to Bohemian (Andersen is Czech), his reference to "doctor/lawyer" (Andersen's ex-husband is a doctor), his reference to "barb" in a scrapbook, his reference to a boa (Andersen wore one in an old law firm photo) and several other examples. Further, Forrest Fenn is fully aware that Andersen was the actual solver of the poem and has been so for some time while attempting to find the precise spot.
- 9. Forrest Fenn also has likely hundreds of e-mails from Andersen, including photographs relative to almost all of the nine of the clues/answers as well as relative to finding the physical location. Conversely, upon information and belief, Unknown Defendant came out of "left field" with his solve that he stole from Andersen and has sparse, substantive communications to Fenn.
- 10. Prior to her most recent search of the physical treasure, Andersen received prank text messages from the Unknown Defendant. In those text messages, Unknown Defendant told Andersen that he was stalking her and made multiple comments about her private body parts to harass her.

  Unknown Defendant used multiple numbers to harass Andersen beginning at the end of May (i.e. before her most recent search). A copy of the blocked text messages are attached hereto as Exhibit A and are

incorporated herein by reference. Andersen considered them harmless until it was announced that the treasure had been found by a stranger.

- 11. In addition, after finding the treasure, Unknown Defendant admitted that (a) he had no substantive knowledge of the clues/answers as to why he was in that area and (b) that he had stolen Andersen's solution. A copy of the text messages from June 7, 2020 are attached hereto as Exhibit B and are incorporated herein by reference. Andersen will not disclose the clue/answer at this juncture so as to not educate Unknown Defendant and/or the public.
- 12. In addition, in order to go from the final clue to the final physical location, further analysis is required. The treasure was not located near the final clue. To find this final location, Andersen has to resolve the poem and conduct significant physical searching of the area. In other words, the physical location of the treasure was a second puzzle. Andersen finally solved same in October 2019. Again, Andersen will not disclose at this juncture as to how to solve this aspect of the puzzle so as to not educate the Unknown Defendant and/or the public at this juncture.
- 13. During this entire period, no other searcher was anywhere in proximity to her or the relevant search area. Upon information and belief, Forrest Fenn possesses video footage of Andersen's multiple, solitary searches and the sparse trips taken by the Unknown Defendant. Likewise, Andersen has extensive photographs from her multiple trips showing her work and thoughts as she unraveled the second half of the solve.
- 14. Upon information and belief, if Forrest Fenn did maintain video footage as believed, that footage will show that Unknown Defendant went straight to the treasure without being forced to the same time-consuming analysis that Andersen underwent and that is required to find the physical location of the treasure. In other words, it will be evident that Unknown Defendant found the treasure by stalking/following Andersen and not of his own accord. The text messages attached as Exhibit B also

show that the Unknown Defendant had no substantive understanding as to how to find the physical location of the treasure from the last clue/answer.

- 15. Upon information and belief, based on Exhibit B, Unknown Defendant has no substantive as to the actual solve of the poem. Conversely, upon information and belief, Andersen has solved all nine clues based on what Forrest Fenn has implied in blog postings.
- 16. Upon information and belief, Unknown Defendant stole Andersen's solve by (a) hacking her computer and/or e-mails (i.e. those to Forrest Fenn) and (b) physically stalking Andersen once she arrived for her final searches.

## COMPLAINT FOR INJUNCTION AGAINST UNKNOWN DEFENDANT AND FORREST FENN

- 17. Andersen incorporates paragraphs 1 through 16 as paragraph 17 herein by reference.
- 18. At all times relevant hereto, there existed the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, 18 U.S.C. §1030 that prohibits the unauthorized accessing of protected computers with the intent to either obtain information, further a fraud or damage a computer and its data.
- 19. Andersen's computer and her e-mail communications to Forrest Fenn fall within the definition of a protected computer for purposes of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act.
- 20. Upon information and belief, Unknown Defendant found the precise location of the Forrest Fenn treasure not because he solved the puzzle, but because he/intentionally hacked Andersen's computer and e-mails in violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act and, further, stalked Andersen physically at the treasure location site.
- 21. Unknown Defendant damaged Andersen by stealing her proprietary information relative to the solve of the Forrest Fenn poem/puzzle and the physical location of the treasure

chest. Unknown Defendant intended to damage Andersen by stealing her proprietary information and using same to reach the treasure first.

- 22. Unknown Defendant secured the location of the treasure by unethical and illegal means and should be barred from having any right or title in the treasure.
- 23. But for the improper conduct of Unknown Defendant, Andersen would have located the treasure given that she was focused on a very small area at this late, multi-year juncture of the search.
- 24. At this juncture, Andersen does not know whether Forrest Fenn has reserved any interest in the treasure chest. From recent communications, there is a suggestion that perhaps he has created a corporation and/or trust for the chest. Andersen attempted to meet with Forrest Fenn to resolve this question; however, he was overwhelmed with numerous e-mails and the media attention surrounding the conclusion of the search. Further, Forrest Fenn declined Andersen's request to physically meet to resolve the improper and unethical conduct of Unknown Defendant and how to handle same in light of the virus and the fact that Andersen was clearly upset. Andersen advised Forrest Fenn that she would name him to this suit so as to resolve the legal issues in a public forum and to protect her interest in the chest. Andersen does not intend to suggest in any regard that Forrest Fenn was in any regard involved in or had knowledge of the improper, illegal and unethical acts of Unknown Defendant.
- 25. Given the improper conduct of Unknown Defendant, it would be improper for Forrest Fenn to convey any right or title in the treasure chest to Unknown Defendant.
- 26. Upon information and belief, the value of the chest and its contents is millions of dollars if sold/auctioned.

27. Wherefore, Andersen requests that this Court enter judgment against Unknown

Defendant and, further, that this Court:

(a) enjoin him from selling and/or auctioning the treasure;

(b) ordering him to turn over the treasure chest to Andersen;

(c) monetary damages for any of the assets removed from the treasure chest;

(d) costs associated with this litigation; and

(e) such other relief as this Court deems just and equitable including a referral for the

criminal investigation of the Unknown Defendant for hacking Andersen's computer work and

proprietary information.

28. Wherefore, Andersen also requests that this Court further enter injunctive relief

against Forrest Fenn (a) so as to preclude him from assisting Unknown Defendant in securing

right/title to the chest and/or assisting him in his effort to sell/auction same and (b) to facilitate

the transfer of the treasure chest to Andersen, the sole solver of the poem/puzzle.

Barbara Andersen

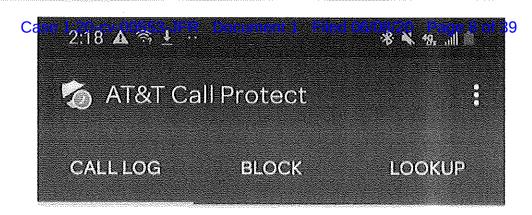
/s/ Barbara Andersen

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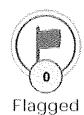
## **VERIFICATION**

- 1. I, Barbara Andersen, verify that I personally prepared the above complaint. If called to testify, I would testify as contained therein.
- 2. I have personal knowledge of the allegations contained in the above, verified complaint except for when plead "upon information and belief"
- 3. I verify the complaint under penalty of perjury that the statements contained therein are true and correct.

/s/ Barbara Andersen, plaintiff and attorney June 7, 2020









# Today



270.697.8730 Kentucky

08:55 AM Manually Blocked



Joe Mobile

08:50 AM Manually Blocked



Joe Mobile

08:50 AM Manually Blocked



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08:48 AM Manually Blocked



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08:01 AM Manually Blocked

## Friday



Spam Risk 259.588.4296

11:16 AM Auto-blocked

## Last month



270.697.8730 Kentucky 05/27/2020 Manually Blocked



270.697.8730 Kentucky

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Joe Mobile

05/27/2020 Manually Blocked



Joe Mobile 05/27/2020 Manually Blocked



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Call log displays history for last 30 days.



Saturday, June 6, 2020



Sunday, June 7, 2020

I will be in santa fe today. I suggest you be there.

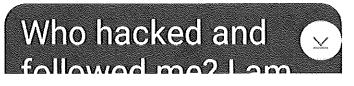
First I am making a stop.

6:53 AM

Oh my goodness!!!! Santa fe is 12 hours away from where I'm at

Exhibit 2

7:04 AM





















Who hacked and followed me? I am at State police.

7:06 AM

Not me

7:06 AM

I will also be going to the media and filing suit if not turned over voluntarily.

7:10 AM

You want to sue me?

7:10 AM

Whoever hacked and followed me.

Hacking is a crime fyi



7:11 AM













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Okay good luck with that!!! I don't think that you understand how many open hacking cases are out there

7:13 AM

In order to sue me, you would have to find out my real name!!!



7:16 AM

Yes that is where the police and judge come into play. You















Yes that is where the police and judge come into play. You will never be able to sell it.

7:16 AM

7:17 AM

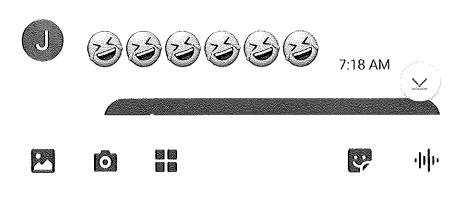
And you will go to jail to boot.

Who said anything about selling

7:17 AM

And I'm good friends with one of the best forensic experts

7:17 AM







What are you going to do put it under your bed? Lol.

7:18 AM

What is so funny? How are you going to explain yourself to the media?

You can't even find me lol

You're a funny lady

Should I go through every case that you've lost?

7:37. AM









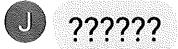












7:59 AM

Charges are being brought for harassment by state.they Ee getting video footage and emails to Forrest now.I was told to direct you to cease contacting me. I will further pursue with fbi for criminal hacking charges and begin civil litigation/media. Please cease contacting me unless you wish to go un



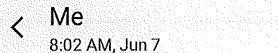






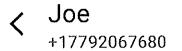






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Copy text Share







You are not a good liar!!! Work on it!! You haven't convinced me!!!

8:07 AM

You have been advised to stop.

8:09 AM

Oh my goodness!!!! You have
been advised
to stop being a
retarded fucknut,
but that will never
happen!!!







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Like I had said good luck finding me

I'm in Mexico right now

8:11 AM

The US
government has
zero jurisdiction in
Mexico

8:12 AM

The tro suit will stop you from selling.

You can't sue someone who you can't serve papers too

8:12 AM

I'm on my way to



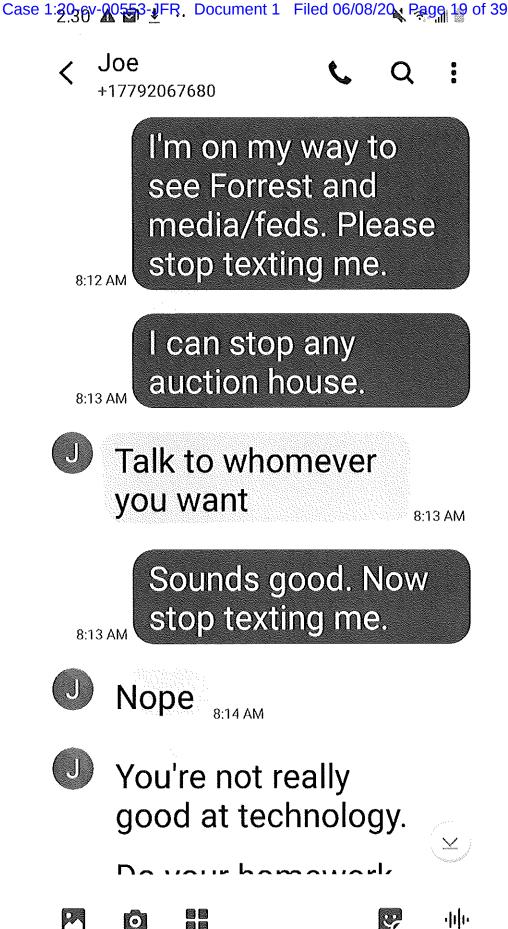






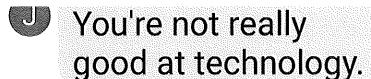












Do your homework at least before telling me some bullshit

8:16 AM

What are you talking about?

I just called the feds.

Call whomever you want

You're not scaring me

8:18 AM

You are a shitty lawyer, I can tell













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- You are a shitty lawyer, I can tell now!!!

8:19 AM

You can't convince me, how do you plan on convincing a judge/jury

8:22 AM

This was documented and filmed for years. It is very easy actually.

8:23 AM

- Uh huh
- Just like you had done with Zillow













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Or your exhusband for that matter

8:24 AM

Btw, Michael Haas sends his regards



8:25 AM

You must be a very young person to not stop when you have been told to stop.

8:25 AM

Age has nothing to do with this

Because I know that there's nothing that you can do













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So you are from Chicago and know Michael Haas?

8:27 AM



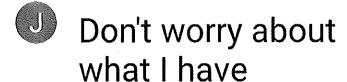
I know of him

I know every battle that you've lost

8:28 AM

So you basically hacked me so you could become famous and rich. Do you have receipts for the books or emails of your solve?

8:29 AM















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# Don't worry about what I have

8:30 AM

You have absolutely nothing. I was there for three years. You have to solve the puzzle twice to get to where it was.

8:30 AM

I've solved everything

Don't worry

8:31 AM

Yeah sure. It was filmed.

8:31 AM















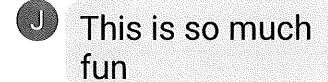












8:32 AM



Would you like Michael's address?

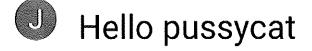
8:42 AM

Are you getting upset now? මුල්ල මෙමමමමමම

8:47 AM



8:50 AM











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Hello pussycat

Meow

Meow 8:58 AM

Where did you go lady?

9:03 AM

I've told you to stop contacting me. I'm going to file the tro suit today against you and forrest

10:27 AM





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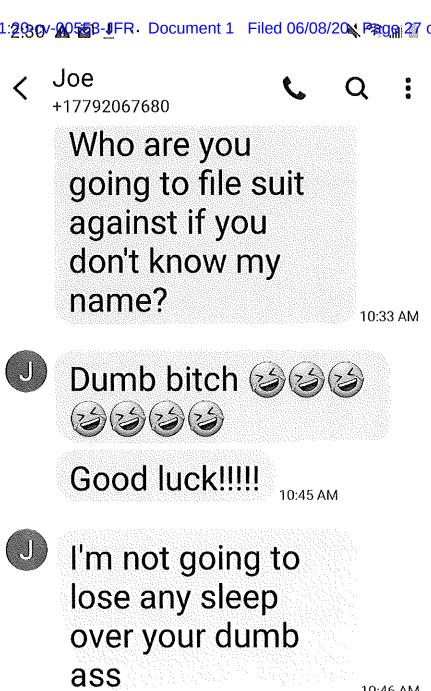




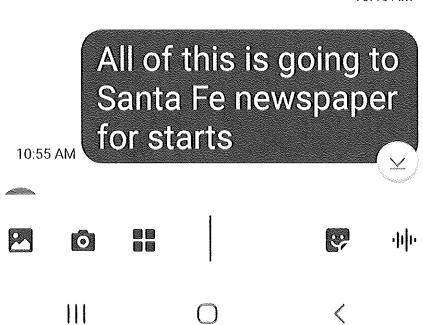


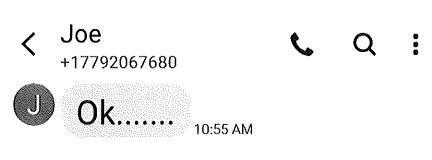


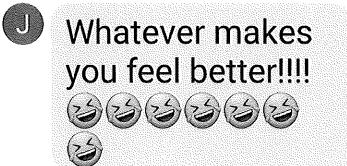




10:46 AM







Are you going to tell the newspaper that some random guy keeps harassing you

11:17 AM

10:56 AM

They have your texts now

11:17 AM

Because that's the only evidence that you really have.







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Because that's the only evidence that you really have. Everything else is hearsay!!!

11:18 AM

You've never seen me, you don't even know who I am!!!

Well, good luck



11:19 AM

You do know there are civil and criminal federal penalties for hacking. This will be a federal case.











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You do know there are civil and criminal federal penalties for hacking. This will be a federal case. I suggest you honor my request to cease contacting me and have a lawyer call me. Thank you.

11:21 AM



Lmaooooo if you had any evidence, but you don't!!!

11:21 AM

You gave yourself away when you started texting me before I even got























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You gave yourself away when you started texting me before I even got back to the search area.

11:22 AM

Um, you're an idiot

But, good luck

I know the law

Texting someone is not a crime

11:24 AM

Like I've said good luck

11:25 AM





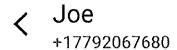














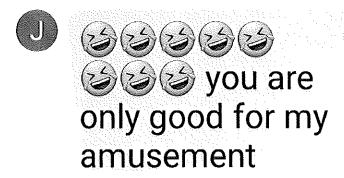
How so? Tell me. What brought you to the corner in the first place? What clue was that and answer?

11:25 AM

Good luck finding me

Don't care!!!!

11:25 AM



11:26 AM

What clue was at the location e years

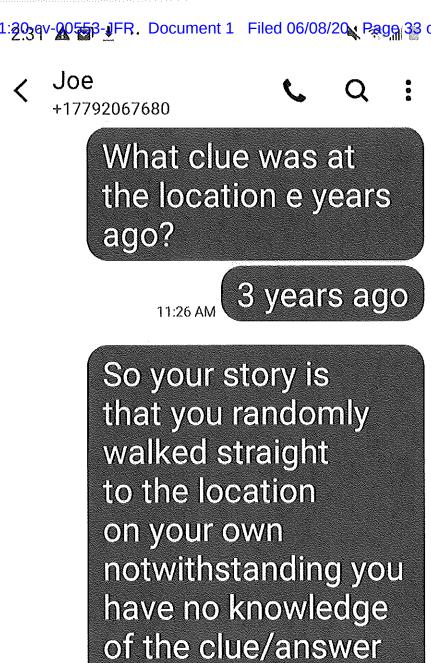












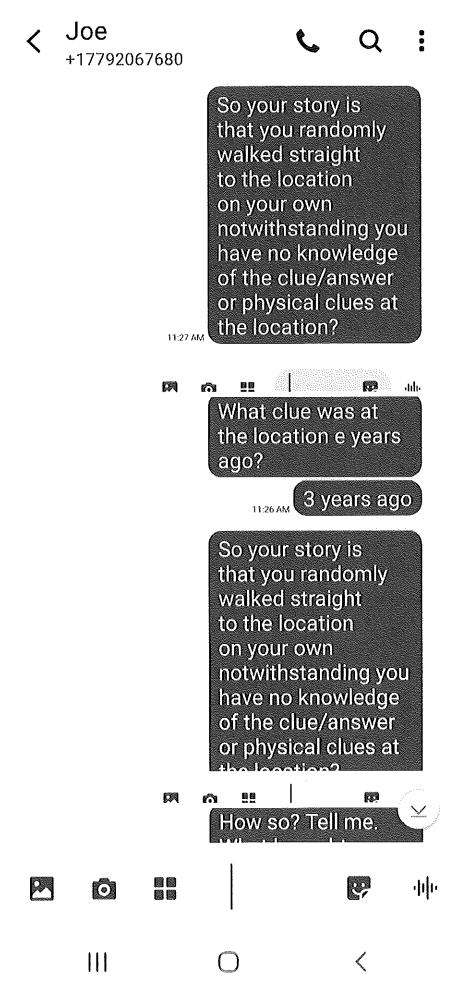
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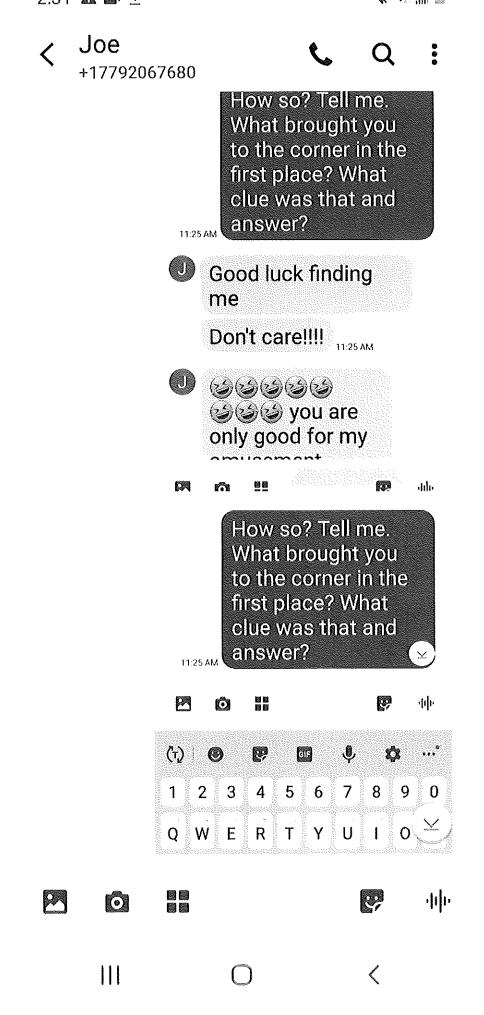


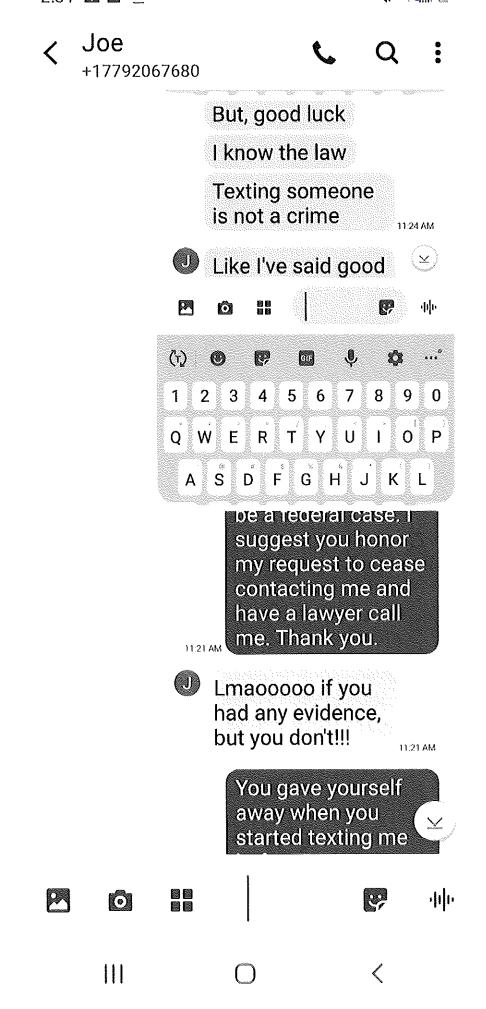
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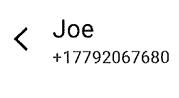
the location?

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You gave yourself away when you started texting me before I even got back to the search

11:29 AM

That shows nothing, but good luck

11:34 AM

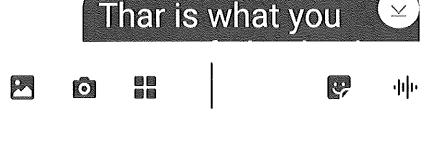
So again what clue/ answer exists near the treasure?

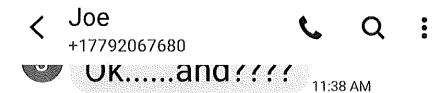
11:34 AM

My dick in your mouth

11:37 AM

Ok.....and????





Thar is what you want a federal judge and the press and Forrest to read?

11:39 AM

Let them read it!!
I'm not worried!!!

11:41 AM

You think that you can scare people who are way more advanced than you!!!!

12:10 PM

Times have changed!!!!
News flash!!!

12:11 PM



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## **CIVIL COVER SHEET**

The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON NEXT PAGE OF THIS FORM.)

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