

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

MICROSOFT CORPORATION, a
Washington State Corporation,

Plaintiff,

v.

John Doe 1,
John Doe 2, a/k/a SamCodeSign,
a/k/a “Fox Tempest,”

and

John Does 3–4,
a/k/a “Vanilla Tempest,”

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 26 Civ. 3737

DECLARATION OF ADAM S. HICKEY REGARDING SERVICE UPON DEFENDANTS

I, Adam S. Hickey, declare and state as follows:

1. I am a Partner at the law firm of Mayer Brown LLP (“Mayer Brown”) and am counsel of record for Plaintiff Microsoft Corporation (“Microsoft”) in the above-captioned action. I make this Declaration to describe Microsoft’s efforts to serve John Does 1–4 (“Defendants”) with the Summons and Complaint and materials relating to Microsoft’s application for issuance of a TRO and preliminary injunction, and Microsoft’s efforts to provide the Defendants with notice of this action and the upcoming Preliminary Injunction hearing. Unless otherwise noted, the facts set forth below are based on my personal knowledge and, if called as a witness, I could and would testify competently to the truth of the matters set forth herein.

2. On May 8, 2026, the Court granted Microsoft's application for issuance of a TRO and authorized alternative service upon the Defendants, including by email and publication. TRO, dated May 8, 2026, at 12.¹ On May 12, 2026, the Court granted Microsoft's application to extend the TRO. Court's Endorsement, dated May 12, 2026, at 1.²

3. Through May 19, 2026, Microsoft executed the TRO by working with the Defendants' infrastructure providers, GoDaddy and Cloudzy, to disrupt their operations. Microsoft worked with GoDaddy, the domain registrar, to effectuate the transfer of the signspace[.]cloud domain, meaning that website, as used by the Defendants, has been shut down. Additionally, Microsoft worked with Cloudzy to disable the virtual machines used by the Defendants and transfer any existing data associated with them to Microsoft.

4. Consistent with the TRO, my law firm served the Defendants via personal delivery, mail, email, and publication. My declaration details the steps we took to effectuate service and the confirmation I received that the Defendants have notice of this proceeding.

Service of Defendants via Personal Delivery

5. On May 19, 2026, consistent with the Court's Endorsement extending the TRO, I hired process servers to serve a copy of the Complaint, the Summons, Microsoft's *Ex Parte* Application for Temporary Restraining Order, Microsoft's Memorandum in Support of *Ex Parte* Application for Temporary Restraining Order, A. Hickey's Declaration in Support of *Ex Parte* Application for Temporary Restraining Order, M. Mason's Declaration in Support of *Ex Parte* Application for Temporary Restraining Order, and the Court's Orders dated May 8, 2026, and May 12, 2026 upon the four addresses identified in Exhibit 2 to the Complaint and Exhibit 1 to the

¹ As of the filing of this declaration, this document has not been entered on the Court's ECF docket or is otherwise unavailable via ECF.

² As of the filing of this declaration, this document has not been entered on the Court's ECF docket or is otherwise unavailable via ECF.

Summons for John Does 3–4. These are the addresses of the registrants for the signspace[.]cloud, Teams-download[.]buzz, Teams-install[.]run, and Teams-download[.]top domains.

6. The cover letter included with the materials contained the following language:

On behalf of Microsoft Corporation (“Microsoft”), please find attached the Summons, Complaint, *Ex Parte* Temporary Restraining Order and Order to Show Cause re Preliminary Injunction, and related filings from *Microsoft Corporation v. John Does 1 – 4*, Civil Action No. 26 Civ. 3737 (S.D.N.Y. May 8, 2026), a civil action against John Doe [#], who operates the website []. The contact information above is associated with the registrant of this website. These materials are also publicly available at the following website: www.noticeofpleadings.net/opfauxsign.

John Doe [#] must appear in this case or Microsoft will win automatically. The Court has ordered that the Order to Show Cause Hearing re Plaintiff’s Motion for Preliminary Injunction is scheduled for **May 22, 2026 at 12:30 p.m.**, in Courtroom 1506 at the Thurgood Marshall Courthouse for the Southern District of New York, located at 40 Foley Square, New York, NY 10007, before Judge Ronnie Abrams.

If you are not John Doe [#], we request that you forward this letter and enclosures to John Doe [#], the operator of the website [].

7. Chart 1 is a summary of the delivery status provided by each process server. In instances where the process server could not complete service, efforts were made to find the address, which included talking to residents of nearby addresses, attempting to look up the address in official records, and visiting alternative addresses.

Defendant	Address	Status
John Doe 1	100 S. Mill Ave, Suite 1600, Tempe, Arizona, 85281	Served via agent of John Doe 1, Domains by Proxy, LLC. <i>See</i> Proof of Service, attached as Exhibit 1 .
John Doe 2	100 S. Mill Ave, Suite 1600, Tempe, Arizona, 85281	Served via agent of John Doe 2, Domains by Proxy, LLC. <i>See</i> Proof of Service, attached as Exhibit 2 .
John Doe 3	486 Franklee Lane, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19107	Could not be served due to invalid address. <i>See</i> Decl. of D. Hahn, attached as Exhibit 3 .
	2301 Beechwood Drive, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 15212	Could not be served due to invalid address. <i>See</i> Decl. of B. Young, attached as Exhibit 4 .

	10 Corporate Drive, Burlington, MA, 01803	Could not be served due to inaccessible location (locked warehouse). <i>See</i> Decl. of M. Smallwood, attached as Exhibit 5 .
John Doe 4	486 Franklee Lane, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19107	Could not be served due to invalid address. <i>See</i> Decl. of D. Hahn, attached as Exhibit 6 .
	2301 Beechwood Drive, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 15212	Could not be served due to invalid address. <i>See</i> Decl. of B. Young, attached as Exhibit 7 .
	10 Corporate Drive, Burlington, MA, 01803	Could not be served due to inaccessible location (locked warehouse). <i>See</i> Decl. of M. Smallwood, attached as Exhibit 8 .

Chart 1 – Status of Personal Service on John Does 1–4

Service of Defendants via Mail

8. On May 18, 2026, consistent with the Court’s Order extending the TRO, I oversaw the preparation of eight packages with copies of the materials described in Paragraphs 5-6, *supra*, for the purpose of serving the Defendants by mail at the addresses described in Paragraph 5, *supra*. I arranged for the next-day (May 19, 2026) mail delivery of the packages. Chart 2 is a summary of the delivery status provided by United Parcel Service (“UPS”) via the tracking number for each package.

Defendant	Address	Status
John Doe 1	100 S. Mill Ave, Suite 1600, Tempe, Arizona, 85281	Delivered
John Doe 2	100 S. Mill Ave, Suite 1600, Tempe, Arizona, 85281	Delivered
John Doe 3	486 Franklee Lane, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19107	Undeliverable due to invalid address
	2301 Beechwood Drive, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 15212	Delivered ³

³ Although UPS confirmed delivery, the process server subsequently could not find this address in any public records and determined that it was invalid.

	10 Corporate Drive, Burlington, MA, 01803	Delivered ⁴
John Doe 4	486 Franklee Lane, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19107	Undeliverable due to invalid address
	2301 Beechwood Drive, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 15212	Delivered ⁵
	10 Corporate Drive, Burlington, MA, 01803	Delivered ⁶

Chart 2 – Status of Mail Service on John Does 1–4

Service of Defendants via Email

9. On May 19, 2026, consistent with the Court’s Order extending the TRO, my associate served copies of the materials described in Paragraph 5, *supra*, upon the email addresses identified in Exhibit 1 to the Summons for John Does 1–4. The email addresses associated with John Does 1–2 were those used to sign up for and operate Microsoft tenants and Cloudzy virtual machines in furtherance of their criminal scheme. The service email to these email addresses contained the following language or similar language to account for separate emails needed to deliver large attachments:

On behalf of Microsoft Corporation, please find attached the Summons, Complaint, and Ex Parte Temporary Restraining Order and Order to Show Cause re Preliminary Injunction from Microsoft Corporation v. John Does 1 – 4, Civil Action No. 26 Civ. 3737 (S.D.N.Y. May 8, 2026), a civil action against John Doe [#]. Further filings from the action will be sent in a second email. John Doe [#] must appear in this case or Microsoft will win automatically. The Court has ordered that the Order to Show Cause Hearing re Plaintiff’s Motion for Preliminary Injunction is scheduled for May 22, 2026 at 12:30 p.m., in Courtroom 1506 at the Thurgood Marshall Courthouse for the Southern District of New York, located at 40 Foley Square, New York, NY 10007, before Judge Ronnie Abrams.

⁴ The process server collected the package addressed to John Doe 3 from this location because the building was locked and did not appear to be occupied.

⁵ Although UPS confirmed delivery, the process server could not find this address in any public records and determined that it was invalid.

⁶ The process server collected the package addressed to John Doe 4 from this location because the building was locked and did not appear to be occupied.

If you are not John Doe [#], we request that you forward this letter and enclosures to John Doe [#].

10. My associate also served the materials to John Doe 1 at an additional email address, that Microsoft identified in its investigation, and which we can provide *ex parte*, under seal, for substantially the same reasons as those stated in our *Ex Parte* Application to Redact and File Under Seal, dated May 15, 2026. The service email contained the same language in Paragraph 9, *supra*.

11. The email addresses associated with John Does 3–4 are those of the registrants for the Teams-download[.]buzz, Teams-install[.]run, and Teams-download[.]top domains. The service email to these email addresses contained the following language or similar language to account for separate emails needed to deliver large attachments:

On behalf of Microsoft Corporation (“Microsoft”), please find attached the Summons, Complaint, Ex Parte Temporary Restraining Order and Order to Show Cause re Preliminary Injunction, and related filings from Microsoft Corporation v. John Does 1 – 4, Civil Action No. 26 Civ. 3737 (S.D.N.Y. May 8, 2026), a civil action against John Doe [#], who operates the website []. The recipient email address is associated with the registrant of this website.

John Doe [#] must appear in this case or Microsoft will win automatically. The Court has ordered that the Order to Show Cause Hearing re Plaintiff’s Motion for Preliminary Injunction is scheduled for May 22, 2026 at 12:30 p.m., in Courtroom 1506 at the Thurgood Marshall Courthouse for the Southern District of New York, located at 40 Foley Square, New York, NY 10007, before Judge Ronnie Abrams.

If you are not John Doe [#], we request that you forward this letter and enclosures to John Doe [#], the operator of the website [].

12. In connection with sending the service email to the email addresses identified in Exhibit 1 to the Summons for John Does 1–4, my associate used the “delivery receipt” and “read receipt” features on Microsoft Outlook to track the email correspondence. By using these features, we are notified when the email is received and when it is opened (to the extent the recipient chooses to open the email). I have confirmed the successful delivery (i.e., no bounce back) of at least one email to each Defendant. All emails directed to addresses ending in “onionmail.org” were not

delivered because the associated email accounts had been deactivated.

13. One of the registrant email addresses listed in Exhibit 1 to the Summons for John Does 3–4, **contact@privacyprotect.org**, is a proxy email address provided by the registrant. In emailing this address, my associate received instructions from Privacy Protect providing the steps to complete an online form that would be directed to the registrant of a particular domain. My associate followed these steps uploading the Summons and a link to other documents described in Paragraph 5, *supra*, due to the form’s limit to one attachment upload. In the narrative section of the form, my associate included the following language:

On behalf of Microsoft Corporation (“Microsoft”), please find attached the Summons from *Microsoft Corporation v. John Does 1 – 4*, Civil Action No. 26 Civ. 3737 (S.D.N.Y. May 8, 2026), a civil action against John Doe [#], who operates the website []. Complaint, *Ex Parte* Temporary Restraining Order and Order to Show Cause re Preliminary Injunction, and related filings are publicly available at the following website: www.noticeofpleadings.net/opfauxsign.

John Doe [#] must appear in this case or Microsoft will win automatically. The Court has ordered that the Order to Show Cause Hearing re Plaintiff’s Motion for Preliminary Injunction is scheduled for May 22, 2026 at 12:30 p.m., in Courtroom 1506 at the Thurgood Marshall Courthouse for the Southern District of New York, located at 40 Foley Square, New York, NY 10007, before Judge Ronnie Abrams.

If you are not John Doe [#], we request that you forward this letter and enclosures to John Doe [#], the operator of the website [].

Service of Defendants via Publication

14. Microsoft also effectuated service by publication. On May 19, 2026, Microsoft published the “Notice of Pleadings” website. This website contains copies of the pleadings filed in this case to date, including the Court Orders, and information regarding the upcoming preliminary injunction hearing. I visited the Notice of Pleadings website and confirmed that all the posted documents were in fact accessible to the public. A true and accurate copy of the homepage for <https://www.noticeofpleadings.net/OpFauxSign/> is attached to my declaration as **Exhibit 9**.

15. The Notice of Pleadings website contains the case caption as well as the following language:

Plaintiff Microsoft Corporation ("Microsoft") brings this action against Defendants John Does 1-4 (collectively "Defendants") members of an organized cybercriminal enterprise that has fraudulently obtained code signing certificates from Microsoft's Artifact Signing service, using those certificates to sign malware, and deploying the malware to gain unauthorized access to victim computers for the purpose of stealing information, deploying ransomware, and extorting victims. Plaintiff seeks a preliminary injunction directing the domain registrar and virtual hosting provider identified in the Complaint to take all steps necessary to disable access to and operation of the Defendants' infrastructure and isolate and preserve all material and content associated with the infrastructure pending resolution of the dispute. Plaintiff seeks a permanent injunction, other equitable relief, and damages. Full copies of the pleading documents are available at www.noticeofpleadings.net/opfauxsign.

NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS: READ THESE PAPERS CAREFULLY. You must "appear" in this case or the other side will win automatically. To "appear" you must file with the court a legal document called a "motion" or "answer." The "motion" or "answer" must be given to the court clerk or administrator within 21 days of the date of first publication specified here. It must be in proper form and have proof of service on Microsoft's attorney, Adam S. Hickey at Mayer Brown LLP, 1221 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10020, ahickey@mayerbrown.com. If you have questions, you should consult with your own attorney immediately.

NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS: The Court has ORDERED that the Show Cause Hearing re Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Injunction will be SCHEDULED for May 22, 2026, at 12:30 p.m. in Courtroom 1506 at the Thurgood Marshall Courthouse in the Southern District of New York before Judge Ronnie Abrams. Note the updated timing from the TRO and Order to Show Cause.

16. Following execution of the TRO and the unsealing of the record in this action, Microsoft also engaged in widespread press relations and media activity announcing this action. See Steven Masada, *Disrupting Fox Tempest: A cybercrime service that turned "verified" software into a pathway for ransomware*, Microsoft Blog, available at: <https://blogs.microsoft.com/on-the-issues/2026/05/19/disrupting-fox-tempest-a-cybercrime-service/> (May 19, 2026).

17. Additionally, if the public or the Defendants visited the URL of the seized signspace[.]cloud domain, they were shown the following page, alerting them to this action and directing them to the Notice of Pleadings Page.



18. To date, I have received no communication from anyone claiming to be a Defendant or otherwise stating that they intend to appear at the Preliminary Injunction hearing.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Executed this 21st day of May, 2026, in Washington, District of Columbia.



Adam S. Hickey

EXHIBIT 1

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

MICROSOFT CORPORATION, a Washington State Corporation

CIVIL NUMBER: 26-CV-03737

vs

Plaintiff

John Doe 1 & John Doe 2 (AKA "SamCodeSign"), (AKA "Fox Tempest"), and
John Does 3-4 (AKA "Vanilla Tempest"),

Defendants

PROOF OF SERVICE

I am not a party herein, am over 18 years of age and reside in the state of Arizona,

That on **05/19/2026** at **2:30 PM** at **100 S. Mill Ave, Suite 1600, Tempe, AZ 85281**

I served a(n) **Cover Letter Dated May 19, 2026 to John Doe 1, Summons in a Civil Action with Exhibit 1 and Complaint with Exhibits 1 to 2, and Appendices A to B, Signed 5-8-2026 Ex Parte Temporary Restraining Order and Order to Show Cause Re Preliminary Injunction, Signed 5-12-2026 Order Extending Temporary Restraining Order, Plaintiff's Ex Parte Application for Temporary Restraining Order and Order to Show Cause Re Preliminary Injunction, Plaintiff's Memorandum of Law in Support of Emergency Ex Parte Application for Temporary Restraining Order and Order to Show Cause Re Preliminary Injunction, Declaration of Adam S. Hickey in Support of Plaintiff's Emergency Ex Parte Application for Temporary Restraining Order and Order to Show Cause Re Preliminary Injunction with Exhibits 1 to 12, and Declaration of Maurice Mason in Support of Plaintiff's Emergency Ex Parte Application for Temporary Restraining Order and Order to Show Cause Re Preliminary Injunction with Exhibit 1**

on **John Doe 1 (AKA Fox Tempest)**, service through domain registrant for signspace.cloud, Domains By Proxy, LLC (GoDaddy subsidiary) identified as domain registrant contact,


by delivering thereat a true copy of each to **Tyler Thomas, Logistics Coordinator** personally, who stated that he/she is **authorized to accept service** thereof.

Description Of Person Served Based On Undersigned's Perception:

Gender: Male
Race: White
Hair: Brown
Age: 22 - 35 Yrs.
Height: 5' 9" - 6' 0"
Weight: 161-200 Lbs.
Other:

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

Date: 5/20/26



Jeff Bourne MC-3385

EXHIBIT 2

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

MICROSOFT CORPORATION, a Washington State Corporation

CIVIL NUMBER: 26-CV-03737

vs

Plaintiff

John Doe 1 & John Doe 2 (AKA "SamCodeSign"), (AKA "Fox Tempest"), and
John Does 3-4 (AKA "Vanilla Tempest"),

Defendants

PROOF OF SERVICE

I am not a party herein, am over 18 years of age and reside in the state of Arizona,

That on **05/19/2026** at **2:30 PM** at **100 S. Mill Ave, Suite 1600, Tempe, AZ 85281**

I served a(n) **Cover Letter Dated May 19, 2026 to John Doe 2, Summons in a Civil Action with Exhibit 1 and Complaint with Exhibits 1 to 2, and Appendices A to B, Signed 5-8-2026 Ex Parte Temporary Restraining Order and Order to Show Cause Re Preliminary Injunction, Signed 5-12-2026 Order Extending Temporary Restraining Order, Plaintiff's Ex Parte Application for Temporary Restraining Order and Order to Show Cause Re Preliminary Injunction, Plaintiff's Memorandum of Law in Support of Emergency Ex Parte Application for Temporary Restraining Order and Order to Show Cause Re Preliminary Injunction, Declaration of Adam S. Hickey in Support of Plaintiff's Emergency Ex Parte Application for Temporary Restraining Order and Order to Show Cause Re Preliminary Injunction with Exhibits 1 to 12, and Declaration of Maurice Mason in Support of Plaintiff's Emergency Ex Parte Application for Temporary Restraining Order and Order to Show Cause Re Preliminary Injunction with Exhibit 1**

on **John Doe 2 (AKA "SamCodeSign") (Fox Tempest)**, service through domain registrant for signspace.cloud, Domains By Proxy, LLC (GoDaddy subsidiary) identified as domain registrant contact,


by delivering thereat a true copy of each to **Tyler Thomas, Logistics Coordinator** personally, who stated that he/she is **authorized to accept service** thereof.

Description Of Person Served Based On Undersigned's Perception:

Gender: Male
Race: White
Hair: Brown
Age: 22 - 35 Yrs.
Height: 5' 9" - 6' 0"
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Other:

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

Date: 5/20/26



Jeff Bourne MC-5555

EXHIBIT 3

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

-----x Civil Action No.: 26-cv-03737
MICROSOFT CORPORATION, a Washington
State Corporation

Plaintiff,

-against-

John Doe 1 & John Doe 2 (AKA "SamCodeSign"),
(AKA "Fox Tempest"), and John Does 3-4
(AKA "Vanilla Tempest"),

DECLARATION OF
ATTEMPTED SERVICE

Defendants,

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I am not a party herein, am over 18 years of age and reside in the state of Pennsylvania.

At the request of Mayer Brown LLP, I was asked to effectuate service of a Cover Letter Dated May 19, 2026 to John Doe 3, Summons in a Civil Action with Exhibit 1 and Complaint with Exhibits 1 to 2, and Appendices A to B, Signed 5-8-2026 Ex Parte Temporary Restraining Order and Order to Show Cause Re Preliminary Injunction, Signed 5-12-2026 Order Extending Temporary Restraining Order, Plaintiff's Ex Parte Application for Temporary Restraining Order and Order to Show Cause Re Preliminary Injunction, Plaintiff's Memorandum of Law in Support of Emergency Ex Parte Application for Temporary Restraining Order and Order to Show Cause Re Preliminary Injunction, Declaration of Adam S. Hickey in Support of Plaintiff's Emergency Ex Parte Application for Temporary Restraining Order and Order to Show Cause Re Preliminary Injunction with Exhibits 1 to 12, and Declaration of Maurice Mason in Support of Plaintiff's Emergency Ex Parte Application for Temporary Restraining Order and Order to Show Cause Re Preliminary Injunction with Exhibit 1 upon **John Doe 3 c/o Olin**, in the above captioned matter at the given address, 486 Franklee Lane, Philadelphia, PA 19107.

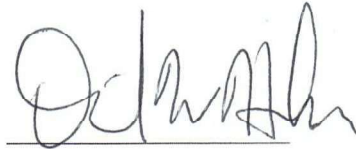
On the 19th day of May 2026 at 8:19 AM, I attempted to find 486 Franklee Lane, Philadelphia, PA 19107. This address doesn't exist. There is a Franklin Place in Philadelphia, PA.

On the 19th day of May 2026 at 9:00 p.m., I attempted to serve said papers at 486 Franklin Place, Philadelphia, PA 19107. There is no 486 Franklin Place. At Franklin Place is the Philadelphia Housing Authority (PHA/Public Housing) property known as Spring Garden Apartments. The lowest number is 530. I spoke to a 16-year-old black male standing outside of 534 Franklin Place, who confirmed that the house to his left as the first property on Franklin Place. There are two clusters of homes called Perth Place and Franklin Place. Franklin Place has a 500 cluster and a 600 cluster. I knocked at the maintenance office that was directly across the street from 530 but it was locked. Apparently, it was used as a polling place for the primary elections today. This maintenance office is at the back side of the Poe House and Museum. There is an 8-foot chain link fence separating the Spring Garden Apartments from a large apartment building to the south on the 711 block of Spring Garden Street, which is called Guild House East, a low-income senior housing. The address for Guild House East is 711. It is not part of Franklin Place.

After due diligence I was unable to serve the above named documents upon **John Doe 3 c/o Olin** at the given address.

I declare under penalty of perjury of the State of Pennsylvania that the forgoing is true and correct.

Dated: 5/21/26

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Hahn", written over a horizontal line.

David Hahn

EXHIBIT 4

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

-----x Civil Action No.: 26-cv-03737
MICROSOFT CORPORATION, a Washington
State Corporation

Plaintiff,

-against-

John Doe 1 & John Doe 2 (AKA "SamCodeSign"),
(AKA "Fox Tempest"), and John Does 3-4
(AKA "Vanilla Tempest"),

DECLARATION OF
ATTEMPTED SERVICE

Defendants,

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On the 19th day of May, 2026 at 9:15 AM. I could not locate 2301 Beechwood Dr. Pittsburgh 15212. There is a Beechwood Boulevard in Pittsburgh with zip code 15217. My GPS took me near 2289 Beechwood Blvd. There was a Caucasian male standing outside with two kids. I pulled over to talk to him but there was school bus traffic backed up. He was super friendly and said I could come back after 4:00 to 5:00 pm to talk with him but he said there is no 2301 Beechwood Drive. I pulled up the street and did a search; there was no 2301 Beechwood per the Allegheny County Assessment Board.

On the 19th day of 2026 at 7:29 PM, I attempted to serve said papers at 2301 Beechwood Blvd, Pittsburgh, PA 15212. There is no 2301 Beechwood Blvd. I tried to speak to the same family at 2289 Beechwood Blvd but there was no answer. I pulled up the Board of Assessments website through Allegheny County again and couldn't find 2301 Beechwood Boulevard. The house numbers go from 2293 Beechwood Blvd. to 2303 Beechwood Blvd. The house numbers are in the 15217 zip code. There is no valid address at which to attempt service of said documents or to leave a door tag.

On the 19th day of May, 2026 at 9:42 PM. I returned to 2289 Beechwood Blvd, Pittsburgh, PA 15212 and spoke to the homeowner at the front door, who said he does not recognize this case, the names, or the company listed. Again, confirming no such valid address.

After due diligence I was unable to serve the above named documents upon **John Doe 3** c/o **Elvishickle** at the given address.

I declare under penalty of perjury of the State of Pennsylvania that the forgoing is true and correct.

Dated: 5-20-26



Bailey Young, ID#1072

EXHIBIT 5

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

-----X
MICROSOFT CORPORATION, a Washington
State Corporation

Civil Action No.: 26-cv-03737

Plaintiff,

-against-

John Doe 1 & John Doe 2 (AKA "SamCodeSign"),
(AKA "Fox Tempest"), and John Does 3-4
(AKA "Vanilla Tempest"),

DECLARATION OF
ATTEMPTED SERVICE

Defendants,
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Massachusetts.

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On the 19th day of May 2026 at 2:12 p.m., I attempted service at 10 Corporate Drive, Burlington, MA 01803. Both the front and back doors of the building were locked. Both parking lots were empty. There was no sign on the doors.

After due diligence I was unable to serve the above named documents upon **John Doe 3 c/o Privacy Protect LLC** at the given address.

I declare under penalty of perjury of the State of Massachusetts that the forgoing is true and correct.

Dated: 5/20/26



Merrill Smallwood

EXHIBIT 6

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

-----x Civil Action No.: 26-cv-03737
MICROSOFT CORPORATION, a Washington
State Corporation

Plaintiff,

-against-

John Doe 1 & John Doe 2 (AKA "SamCodeSign"),
(AKA "Fox Tempest"), and John Does 3-4
(AKA "Vanilla Tempest"),

DECLARATION OF
ATTEMPTED SERVICE

Defendants,

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At the request of Mayer Brown LLP, I was asked to effectuate service of a Cover Letter Dated May 19, 2026 to John Doe 4, Summons in a Civil Action with Exhibit 1 and Complaint with Exhibits 1 to 2, and Appendices A to B, Signed 5-8-2026 Ex Parte Temporary Restraining Order and Order to Show Cause Re Preliminary Injunction, Signed 5-12-2026 Order Extending Temporary Restraining Order, Plaintiff's Ex Parte Application for Temporary Restraining Order and Order to Show Cause Re Preliminary Injunction, Plaintiff's Memorandum of Law in Support of Emergency Ex Parte Application for Temporary Restraining Order and Order to Show Cause Re Preliminary Injunction, Declaration of Adam S. Hickey in Support of Plaintiff's Emergency Ex Parte Application for Temporary Restraining Order and Order to Show Cause Re Preliminary Injunction with Exhibits 1 to 12, and Declaration of Maurice Mason in Support of Plaintiff's Emergency Ex Parte Application for Temporary Restraining Order and Order to Show Cause Re Preliminary Injunction with Exhibit 1 upon **John Doe 4 c/o Olin**, in the above captioned matter at the given address, 486 Franklee Lane, Philadelphia, PA 19107.

On the 19th day of May 2026 at 8:19 AM, I attempted to find 486 Franklee Lane, Philadelphia, PA 19107. This address doesn't exist. There is a Franklin Place in Philadelphia, PA.

On the 19th day of May 2026 at 9:00 p.m., I attempted to serve said papers at 486 Franklin Place, Philadelphia, PA 19107. There is no 486 Franklin Place. At Franklin Place is the Philadelphia Housing Authority (PHA/Public Housing) property known as Spring Garden Apartments. The lowest number is 530. I spoke to a 16-year-old black male standing outside of 534 Franklin Place, who confirmed that the house to his left as the first property on Franklin Place. There are two clusters of homes called Perth Place and Franklin Place. Franklin Place has a 500 cluster and a 600 cluster. I knocked at the maintenance office that was directly across the street from 530 but it was locked. Apparently, it was used as a polling place for the primary elections today. This maintenance office is at the back side of the Poe House and Museum. There is an 8-foot chain link fence separating the Spring Garden Apartments from a large apartment building to the south on the 711 block of Spring Garden Street, which is called Guild House East, a low-income senior housing. The address for Guild House East is 711. It is not part of Franklin Place.

After due diligence I was unable to serve the above named documents upon **John Doe 4 c/o Olin** at the given address.

I declare under penalty of perjury of the State of Pennsylvania that the forgoing is true and correct.

Dated: 5/21/26



David Hahn

EXHIBIT 7

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

-----x Civil Action No.: 26-cv-03737
MICROSOFT CORPORATION, a Washington
State Corporation

Plaintiff,

-against-

John Doe 1 & John Doe 2 (AKA "SamCodeSign"),
(AKA "Fox Tempest"), and John Does 3-4
(AKA "Vanilla Tempest"),

DECLARATION OF
ATTEMPTED SERVICE

Defendants,

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I am not a party herein, am over 18 years of age and reside in the state of Pennsylvania.

At the request of Mayer Brown LLP, I was asked to effectuate service of a Cover Letter Dated May 19, 2026 to John Doe 4, Summons in a Civil Action with Exhibit 1 and Complaint with Exhibits 1 to 2, and Appendices A to B, Signed 5-8-2026 Ex Parte Temporary Restraining Order and Order to Show Cause Re Preliminary Injunction, Signed 5-12-2026 Order Extending Temporary Restraining Order, Plaintiff's Ex Parte Application for Temporary Restraining Order and Order to Show Cause Re Preliminary Injunction, Plaintiff's Memorandum of Law in Support of Emergency Ex Parte Application for Temporary Restraining Order and Order to Show Cause Re Preliminary Injunction, Declaration of Adam S. Hickey in Support of Plaintiff's Emergency Ex Parte Application for Temporary Restraining Order and Order to Show Cause Re Preliminary Injunction with Exhibits 1 to 12, and Declaration of Maurice Mason in Support of Plaintiff's Emergency Ex Parte Application for Temporary Restraining Order and Order to Show Cause Re Preliminary Injunction with Exhibit 1 upon **John Doe 4 c/o Elvishickle**, in the above captioned matter at the given addresses, 2301 Beechwood Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15212.

On the 19th day of May, 2026 at 9:15 AM. I could not locate 2301 Beechwood Dr. Pittsburgh 15212. There is a Beechwood Boulevard in Pittsburgh with zip code 15217. My GPS took me near 2289 Beechwood Blvd. There was a Caucasian male standing outside with two kids. I pulled over to talk to him but there was school bus traffic backed up. He was super friendly and said I could come back after 4:00 to 5:00 pm to talk with him but he said there is no 2301 Beechwood Drive. I pulled up the street and did a search; there was no 2301 Beechwood per the Allegheny County Assessment Board.

On the 19th day of 2026 at 7:29 PM, I attempted to serve said papers at 2301 Beechwood Blvd, Pittsburgh, PA 15212. There is no 2301 Beechwood Blvd. I tried to speak to the same family at 2289 Beechwood Blvd but there was no answer. I pulled up the Board of Assessments website through Allegheny County again and couldn't find 2301 Beechwood Boulevard. The house numbers go from 2293 Beechwood Blvd. to 2303 Beechwood Blvd. The house numbers are in the 15217 zip code. There is no valid address at which to attempt service of said documents or to leave a door tag.

On the 19th day of May, 2026 at 9:42 PM. I returned to 2289 Beechwood Blvd, Pittsburgh, PA 15212 and spoke to the homeowner at the front door, who said he does not recognize this case, the names, or the company listed. Again, confirming no such valid address.

After due diligence I was unable to serve the above named documents upon **John Doe 4** c/o **Elvishickle** at the given address.

I declare under penalty of perjury of the State of Pennsylvania that the forgoing is true and correct.

Dated: 5-20-26



Bailey Young, ID#1072

EXHIBIT 8

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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MICROSOFT CORPORATION, a Washington
State Corporation

Civil Action No.: 26-cv-03737

Plaintiff,

-against-

John Doe 1 & John Doe 2 (AKA "SamCodeSign"),
(AKA "Fox Tempest"), and John Does 3-4
(AKA "Vanilla Tempest"),

DECLARATION OF
ATTEMPTED SERVICE

Defendants,
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I am not a party herein, am over 18 years of age and reside in the state of
Massachusetts.

At the request of Mayer Brown LLP, I was asked to effectuate service of a Cover Letter Dated May 19, 2026 to John Doe 4, Summons in a Civil Action with Exhibit 1 and Complaint with Exhibits 1 to 2, and Appendices A to B, Signed 5-8-2026 Ex Parte Temporary Restraining Order and Order to Show Cause Re Preliminary Injunction, Signed 5-12-2026 Order Extending Temporary Restraining Order, Plaintiff's Ex Parte Application for Temporary Restraining Order and Order to Show Cause Re Preliminary Injunction, Plaintiff's Memorandum of Law in Support of Emergency Ex Parte Application for Temporary Restraining Order and Order to Show Cause Re Preliminary Injunction, Declaration of Adam S. Hickey in Support of Plaintiff's Emergency Ex Parte Application for Temporary Restraining Order and Order to Show Cause Re Preliminary Injunction with Exhibits 1 to 12, and Declaration of Maurice Mason in Support of Plaintiff's Emergency Ex Parte Application for Temporary Restraining Order and Order to Show Cause Re Preliminary Injunction with Exhibit 1 upon **John Doe 4 c/o Privacy Protect LLC**, in the above captioned matter at the given address, 10 Corporate Drive, Burlington, MA 01803.

On the 19th day of May 2026 at 2:12 p.m., I attempted service at 10 Corporate Drive, Burlington, MA 01803. Both the front and back doors of the building were locked. Both parking lots were empty. There was no sign on the doors.

After due diligence I was unable to serve the above named documents upon **John Doe 4 c/o Privacy Protect LLC** at the given address.

I declare under penalty of perjury of the State of Massachusetts that the forgoing is true and correct.

Dated: 5/20/26



Merrill Smallwood

EXHIBIT 9

Date of first publication: May 19th, 2026

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

MICROSOFT CORPORATION, a)
Washington State Corporation,)
)
Plaintiff,)

v.)

JOHN DOE 1,)
JOHN DOE 2, a/k/a SamCodeSign,)
a/k/a "Fox Tempest,")
and JOHN DOES 3-4,)
a/k/a "Vanilla Tempest,")

Civil Action No. 26 Civ. 3737

Defendants.

Plaintiff Microsoft Corporation ("Microsoft") brings this action against Defendants John Does 1-4 (collectively "Defendants") members of an organized cybercriminal enterprise that has fraudulently obtained code signing certificates from Microsoft's Artifact Signing service, using those certificates to sign malware, and deploying the malware to gain unauthorized access to victim computers for the purpose of stealing information, deploying ransomware, and extorting victims. Plaintiff seeks a preliminary injunction directing the domain registrar and virtual hosting provider identified in the Complaint to take all steps necessary to disable access to and operation of the Defendants' infrastructure and isolate and preserve all material and content associated with the infrastructure pending resolution of the dispute. Plaintiff seeks a permanent injunction, other equitable relief, and damages. Full copies of the pleading documents are available at www.noticeofpleadings.net/opfauxsign.

NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS: READ THESE PAPERS CAREFULLY. You must "appear" in this case or the other side will win automatically. To

"appear" you must file with the court a legal document called a "motion" or "answer." The "motion" or "answer" must be given to the court clerk or administrator within 21 days of the date of first publication specified here. It must be in proper form and have proof of service on Microsoft's attorney, Adam S. Hickey at Mayer Brown LLP, 1221 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10020, ahickey@mayerbrown.com. If you have questions, you should consult with your own attorney immediately.

NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS: The Court has ORDERED that the Show Cause Hearing re Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Injunction will be SCHEDULED for May 22, 2026, at 12:30 p.m. in Courtroom 1506 at the Thurgood Marshall Courthouse in the Southern District of New York before Judge Ronnie Abrams. Note the updated timing from the TRO and Order to Show Cause.

COURT ORDERS

- [i. Signed 05.08.2026 TRO and Order to Show Cause.pdf](#)
- [ii. Signed 05.12.2026 Order Extending TRO.pdf](#)

COMPLAINT

- [i. Civil Cover Sheet.pdf](#)
- [ii. Civil Complaint.pdf](#)
- [iii. Ex. 1 to Complaint.pdf](#)
- [iv. Ex. 2 to Complaint.pdf](#)
- [v. App. A to Complaint.pdf](#)
- [vi. App. B to Complaint.pdf](#)

APPLICATION FOR EMERGENCY TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER (TRO) AND PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION

- [i. Ex Parte Application for TRO.pdf](#)
- [ii. Memorandum in Support of Ex Parte Application for TRO.pdf](#)
- [iii. A. Hickey Declaration in Support of Ex Parte Application for TRO.pdf](#)

[iv. Ex. 1-12 to A. Hickey Declaration.pdf](#)

[v. M. Mason Declaration in Support of Ex Parte Application for TRO.pdf](#)

[vi. Ex. 1 to M. Mason Declaration.pdf](#)

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