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Date: Thu, Feb 14, 2019, 11:16 AM  
Subject: Copyright (Legal) - Film Combat Syndicate - Micheal Grecco - 521059  
To: <[filmcombatsyndicate@gmail.com](mailto:filmcombatsyndicate@gmail.com)>

Dear Lee Golden,

Hello my name is Cody, and I am the case manager and will be your point of contact for this matter. I have received your email, explaining your position in regards to this matter.

For clarification, I would highly suggest getting counsel from a licensed copyright (IP) attorney. Based on copyright law, every image taken is protected and has protection under copyright, if you do not have a license or written authority to use an image that you do not own yourself, that is a high potential of copyright infringement. If you do not own the image make sure you are verifying the source and owner of that content.

Now to get back to the case, I do not have the authority to simply close this matter out due to a misunderstanding. I am here to try and help you, but also help our client come to an amicable resolution. At this time if the amount requested is not acceptable, please present a counter offer for me to take back to our client for review. While we do understand that this may have been unintentional, that does not dismiss the claim entirely.

According to your website, it does appear that there was advertisement on multiple pages within the website, since our clients content was found on your website which is attempting to generate income based on traffic, and the traffic is generated based on the content, and the content was not yours but our clients, this is why we are seeking damages.

As another request, please explain how you acquired our clients image, and why you felt that it was acceptable to use without verifying ownership of the image prior to its use.

Thank you for your time.

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Lee Golden <[filmcombatsyndicate@gmail.com](mailto:filmcombatsyndicate@gmail.com)>  
**Subject: Re: Law Firm of Higbee & Associates Copyright Claim 521059**  
**Date:** February 13, 2019 at 3:11:29 PM PST  
**To:** Infringements Team <[infringements@higbeeassociates.com](mailto:infringements@higbeeassociates.com)>

Good evening, I received the complaint.

I am SERIOUSLY and TRULY sorry for this. I make no liveable income from Film Combat Syndicate. I'm just a guy with a blog, working on a neighborhood store hourly salary and I usually update my site from my phone. At the time, I didn't know that the image was copyrighted, and had I known, I would have NEVER used it.

I deeply, sincerely apologize for this. I hope there is something else I can do to rectify this as the licensing fee for the photo would destroy me financially for years to come. At best, I've taken down the image altogether, and rest assured, I am exploring ways to make sure this never happens again. And again, I am truly, terribly sorry.

Lee B. Golden III,  
Film Combat Syndicate - founder and editor

<http://filmcombatsyndicate.com>

On Wed, Feb 13, 2019, 5:08 PM Infringements Team  
<[infringements@higbeeassociates.com](mailto:infringements@higbeeassociates.com)> wrote:

Good Afternoon,

This email is in regards to a copyright matter. Our client's image was used on your website without a license. Please review the attached document and respond within 5 days of receiving this.

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