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Re: 24-823 USA v. RIVERA et al (Ponzo, Wessels)

Mr. Archie,

As discussed, this letter is to describe data received for the above-mentioned case, and the time it took to analyze and prepare the data.

Upon initial review, we found that data from multiple devices was generated in different formats. We needed to spend time to examine this more to account for any duplication. On top of this we received standard files, along with a Relativity export in single page tiff format that also needed to be quality checked, processed and loaded to our review platform for easy review.

Cornerstone Discovery received data from multiple devices in various formats. Some data was provided by Apple Inc. Apple provided iOS device backup(s) and iCloud information. This data is made up of images and records from several electronic devices linked to the Apple IDs, It@iaminfluence and queenslogisticsde@gmail. Cornerstone located UFDRs, Axiom reports, and archive files of the above-mentioned accounts as well. As with the other data mentioned, Cornerstone Discovery processed this data, filtered, and removed duplicates to help reviewers save time by eliminating unnecessary or repetitive information.

In addition to the duplication in different formats, we found that there was a large zip file split into 95 parts totaling 2.08 TB. The problem with how this was provided is that the splits of the zip were dispersed across several folders. This caused errors when trying to analyze the contents of the split zip. The 95 parts were saved in different locations on the provided drives. When provided this way the split



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zip did not open properly. The 2.08 TB of data had to be copied locally into one folder for the split zip to open properly. This added additional time to copy, and quality check the contents.

Cornerstone Discovery also received over 3.41 TB of encrypted archive files, that our team examined and determined to be duplicates of provided data in zip format. Our team needed to take time to confirm that this was duplicative to avoid increasing the amount of time needed to review this data.

In total Cornerstone received just over 10 terabytes of data. After spending over a month of processing, deduplication, quality checking data, and loading data for a timely review, we have a platform with under 3 TB. The data that was sent needed sufficient time to properly handle and get ready for review.

If there are additional documents that can point to why specific devices were produced, and the data from those devices that are of key importance, that could help with the review as well.

Sincerely,

Shane Herrmann
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