

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
TAMPA DIVISION

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No: 8:24-cv-1626-KKM-AAS

START CONNECTING LLC, et al.,

Defendants.

ORDER

The Receiver in this action, Jared Perez, moves for various forms of injunctive relief, (Doc. 179), related to Hamlet Garcia, Jr., filing an action against Perez in the small claims court for Pinellas County, Florida. *See Garcia v. Perez*, Case No. 25-003322-SC (Fla. Pinellas Cnty. Ct.). Perez moves the Court to sanction Garcia for filing the action and to enjoin Garcia from pursuing any litigation against Perez without permission from the Court, among other requested relief. (Doc. 179) at 2–4.

On March 3, 2025, I issued an order barring Garcia “from submitting any documents in this case absent the signature of counsel admitted to the Middle

District of Florida bar, including through the court's Electronic Document Submission Web Portal.” (Doc. 156) at 4. I subsequently modified the order to allow Garcia to file a notice of appeal. (Doc. 164).

Rule 3.01(c) of the Middle District of Florida Local Rules allow a party to “respond to a motion within fourteen days after service of the motion.” In accordance with this rule and in the light of the motion directed at sanctioning Garcia, I clarify that the prefiling injunction permits Garcia to respond to the Receiver’s motion absent the signature of approved counsel, (Doc. 179). If Garcia chooses to respond, the Clerk must file one response from Garcia without requiring a signature from a member of the Middle District of Florida Bar. Garcia must respond no later than April 25, 2025, and any response must be clearly labeled as such. If he fails to respond, “the motion is subject to treatment as unopposed.” Local Rule 3.01(c).

Accordingly, it is **ORDERED**:

1. If Garcia elects to respond to the Receiver’s motion, (Doc. 179), the Clerk must file that response without requiring a signature from a member of the Middle District of Florida Bar. Any response must be filed no later than **April 25, 2025**.

ORDERED in Tampa, Florida, on April 14, 2025.

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Kathryn Kimball Mizelle
United States District Judge