

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND**

UMG RECORDINGS INC., <i>et al.</i> ,	)	
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Plaintiffs,	)	
	)	
v.	)	Civil Action No. AW-08-2675
	)	
EBRIMA CEESAY,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	

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**PLAINTIFFS' REQUEST FOR EARLY SETTLEMENT / ADR CONFERENCE  
AND REPORT ON CONSENT OF MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

Plaintiffs UMG Recordings, Inc., *et al.* ("Plaintiffs"), by and through their undersigned attorneys, file this report on behalf of Plaintiffs only regarding a request for early settlement/ADR conference and consent of a magistrate judge.

**1. Plaintiffs' Attempts to Confer With Defendant.** Plaintiffs have attempted on several occasions to contact Defendant by telephone and mail to confer as required under the Court's Scheduling Order. Despite these attempts, Defendant has failed to contact Plaintiffs before the filing of this pleading.

**2. Early Settlement / ADR Conference.** Plaintiffs respectfully submit that early settlement and/or an ADR conference before the Court is warranted in this case at this time. Plaintiffs discussed settlement with Defendant in December 2008. At that time, the parties agreed to again discuss settlement in early January 2009. Since that time, Defendant has not contacted Plaintiffs despite several requests. Given Plaintiffs' difficulties in reaching Defendant, Plaintiffs contend that an early settlement conference before the Court could assist the parties to discuss a possible resolution of Plaintiffs' claims. Plaintiffs request that the Court schedule an early settlement / ADR conference before the Court at its earliest convenience.

**3. Magistrate Judge.** Plaintiffs do not unanimously consent to proceed before a United States Magistrate Judge. While Plaintiffs are open to a magistrate judge handling pre-trial matters, Plaintiffs prefer that a United States District Judge preside over any dispositive motions and trial.

Respectfully submitted this 6th day of March, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Matthew J. Oppenheim

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that, on this 6th day of March, 2009, I caused to be served a copy of the foregoing PLAINTIFFS' REQUEST FOR EARLY SETTLEMENT / ADR CONFERENCE AND REPORT ON CONSENT OF MAGISTRATE JUDGE upon the Defendant by First-Class Mail:

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