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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF UTAH

ROTHSCHILD BROADCAST	§	
DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS, LLC	<b>§</b>	
	§	
Plaintiff,	§	Case No: 2:18-CV-00102-DN
	§	
vs.	§	PATENT CASE
	§	
VIVINT, INC.,	§	
	§	
Defendant.	§	
	§	

## **COMPLAINT**

Plaintiff Rothschild Broadcast Distribution Systems, LLC ("Plaintiff" or "RBDS") files this Complaint against Vivint, Inc. ("Defendant" or "Vivint") for infringement of United States Patent No. 8,856,221 (hereinafter "the '221 Patent").

## PARTIES AND JURISDICTION

- This is an action for patent infringement under Title 35 of the United States
   Code. Plaintiff is seeking injunctive relief as well as damages.
- 2. Jurisdiction is proper in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 (Federal Question) and 1338(a) (Patents) because this is a civil action for patent infringement arising under the United States patent statutes.
- 3. Plaintiff is a Texas limited liability company with an office at 1400 Preston Road, Suite 400, Plano, Texas 75093.

- 4. On information and belief, Defendant is a Utah corporation, with its principal place of business at 4931 N. 300 W., Provo, Utah 84604.
- 5. On information and belief, this Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendant because Defendant has committed, and continues to commit, acts of infringement in this District, has conducted business in this District, and/or has engaged in continuous and systematic activities in this District.
- 6. On information and belief, Defendant's instrumentalities that are alleged herein to infringe were and continue to be used, imported, offered for sale, and/or sold in this District.

#### **VENUE**

7. Venue is proper in the District of Utah pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1400(b) because Defendant is deemed to reside in this District and/or because acts of infringement are occurring in this District and Defendant has a regular and established place of business in this District. For example, Defendant has a place of business at 4931 N. 300 W., Provo, Utah 84604.

# COUNT I (INFRINGEMENT OF UNITED STATES PATENT NO 8,856,221)

- 8. Plaintiff incorporates paragraphs 1-7 herein by reference.
- 9. This cause of action arises under the patent laws of the United States and, in particular, under 35 U.S.C. §§ 271, et seq.
- 10. Plaintiff is the owner by assignment of the '221 Patent with sole rights to enforce the '221 Patent and sue infringers.
- 11. A copy of the '221 Patent, titled "System and Method for Storing Broadcast Content in a Cloud-based Computing Environment," is attached hereto as Exhibit A.
- 12. The '221 Patent is valid, enforceable, and was duly issued in full compliance with Title 35 of the United States Code.

- 13. Upon information and belief, Defendant has infringed and continues to infringe one or more claims, including at least Claim 1, of the '221 Patent by making, using, importing, selling, and/or offering for media content storage and delivery systems and services covered by one or more claims of the '221 Patent.
- 14. Defendant sells, offers to sell, and/or uses media content storage and delivery systems and services, including, without limitation, the vivint.SmartHome system and its components (e.g., Vivint Doorbell Camera and app), and any similar products ("Product"), which infringes at least Claim 1 of the '221 Patent.
- 15. The Product necessarily includes at least one server for hosting and storing media content for customers. For example, the Product necessarily includes at least one server to store recorded security videos.
- 16. The at least one server necessarily includes a first receiver configured to receive a request message including data indicating requested media content (e.g., the server must have infrastructure to receive a request to store recorded security videos or to stream recorded video on a smartphone; additionally, the request message must contain data that identifies the video to be stored or streamed) and a consumer device identifier corresponding to a consumer device (e.g., the user credentials are used to tie a smartphone and user account to particular cameras and the videos they produce).
- 17. The Product necessarily includes a processor to determine whether the consumer device identifier corresponds to the registered consumer device (e.g., the server must authenticate a user's credentials to ensure that the credentials match those registered with a security camera which the user would like to access).
  - 18. The Product provides for both media downloads and/or storage, and media

streaming. A processor within the Product necessarily determines whether the request received from a customer is a request for storage (e.g., recording or storing content) or content (e.g., streaming of media content).

- 19. The server verifies that media content identified in the media data of the storage request message (e.g., request to record content) is available for storage in order to prevent data errors that would result from attempting to store content that is not available for storage. The server must verify that the media content (e.g. specific recording from a specific camera) identified in the media data of the storage request message is available for storage in order to prevent data errors that would result from attempting to store content that is not available for storage (e.g. the server must verify that a particular security camera is adequately connected to the internet as to allow for video recording and storage on the cloud; additionally, a user's ability to store video is limited to a certain amount of memory usage based upon their subscription, thus media content may not be available for storage if a user is already above their memory limit).
- 20. If a customer requests content (e.g., live streaming of media content), then a processor within the Product necessarily initiates delivery of the content to the customer's device. The server will initiate delivery of the requested media content to the consumer device (e.g. stream live camera feed to a smartphone or tablet) if the request message is a content request message (e.g. request for live streaming).
- 21. The media data includes time data that indicates a length of time to store the requested media content (e.g., a user is allowed to store videos for a maximum of 30 days, from up to 4 cameras).
  - 22. The server must first determine whether the requested media content exists prior

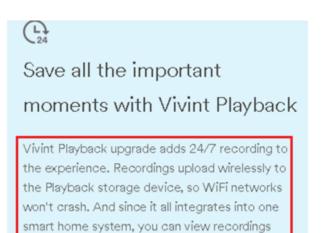
to initiating delivery in order to prevent data errors that would result from attempting to transmit media content that does not exist (e.g. the server must verify that a particular security camera is adequately connected to the internet as to allow for video recording and streaming).

- 23. After the processor determines whether the requested media content is available, it determines whether there are restrictions associated with the requested media content (e.g., subscription level, component protocols, etc.).
- 24. The various elements of Claim 1 are further illustrated in the various publicly available screen shots provided below:

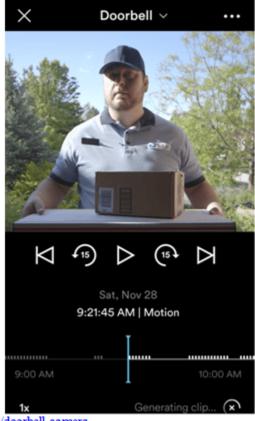
Vivint <u>surveillance cameras</u> use Vivint's encrypted servers to store video, allowing customers to securely watch live footage from any smartphone or web-enable device. This means homeowners can adjust the angle of the pan and tilt cameras, change motion detection settings, view live footage of their homes, and access saved video clips on their online account from their phones. Customers can even customize their cameras to turn on when an elderly parent gets out of bed or the kids arrive home from school.

https://www.vivint.com/company/newsroom/press/Vivint-Keeps-Customers-Connected-to-Homes-with-Video-Surveillance

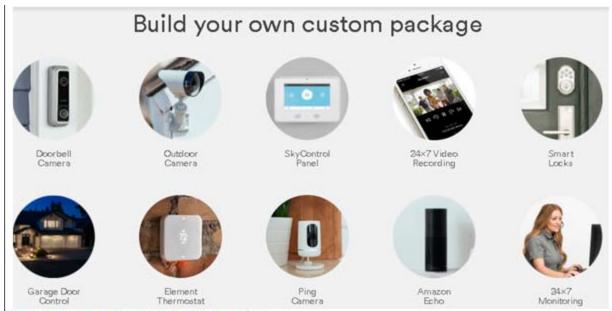




from the Vivint mobile app.



https://www.vivint.com/products/doorbell-camera



- https://www.vivint.com/products/video-recording
- 25 Defendant's actions complained of herein will continue unless Defendant is enjoined by this court.
- 26. Defendant's actions complained of herein is causing irreparable harm and monetary damage to Plaintiff and will continue to do so unless and until Defendant is enjoined and restrained by this Court.
  - 27. Plaintiff is in compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 287.

### **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff asks the Court to:

- (a) Enter judgment for Plaintiff on this Complaint on all causes of action asserted herein;
- (b) Enter an Order enjoining Defendant, its agents, officers, servants, employees, attorneys, and all persons in active concert or participation with Defendant who receives notice of the order from further infringement of United States Patent No. 8,856,221 (or, in the alternative, awarding Plaintiff a running royalty from the time of judgment going forward);

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(c) Award Plaintiff damages resulting from Defendant's infringement in

accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 284;

(d) Award Plaintiff pre-judgment and post-judgment interest and costs; and

(e) Award Plaintiff such further relief to which the Court finds Plaintiff entitled

under law or equity.

Dated: January 31, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

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