

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT

FARVA JAFRI,

Plaintiff,

v.

THE TOWN OF NEW CANAAN, STACEY MILTENBERG, In her individual and official capacity, LISA PIA, In her individual and official capacity, PETER OGILVIE, In his individual and official capacity, STUART STRINGFELLOW, in his individual and official capacity, THE NEW CANAANITE—NEWSHOUND LLC, MICHAEL DINAN, NEW CANAAN ADVERTISER, GRACE DUFFIELD, STAMFORD ADVOCATE, ALFRED BRANCH, PATCH.COM, and GREGORY “GREGG” HILTON,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 3:21-cv-963 (KAD)  
ECF Case

DECLARATION OF MICHAEL DINAN

I, Michael Dinan, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America as follows:

1. I am a defendant in the above-captioned case. I am also the sole owner of defendant Newshound LLC and the editor of Newshound LLC’s online publication, the *New Canaanite*.
2. The *New Canaanite* has an office at 140 Elm Street in New Canaan, Connecticut. Other businesses with which I am not affiliated also have offices at that address.
3. My home is in Stamford, Connecticut. I do not have a home in New Canaan.

4. I did not know that plaintiff had attempted to serve process on me or Newshound LLC until August 30, 2021, when I discovered two manila envelopes under the door to the *New Canaanite's* office. Each had a sticky note attached to it, one of which referred to me, the other of which referred to Newshound LLC. Each envelope contained a summons and a copy of the complaint.

5. Neither I nor any employee of Newshound LLC was present at the *New Canaanite's* office at any time between August 24, 2021 and August 30, 2021.

6. Plaintiff's affidavits of service on me and Newshound LLC assert that process was delivered to a "Graham" at 140 Elm Street on August 24, 2021, who purportedly accepted service on my behalf and on behalf of Newshound LLC. Dkts. 27, 29. No "Graham" is employed by Newshound LLC. I do not know any "Graham" who fits the affidavits' description of the person purportedly served. No such person (or any person) notified me that he had accepted service on behalf of me or Newshound LLC, and no such person is appointed or authorized by law to receive service of process on behalf of me or Newshound LLC.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746(2), I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on September 13, 2021 in Stamford, Connecticut.



Michael Dinan