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**BEFORE THE COPYRIGHT CLAIMS BOARD**
**UNITED STATES COPYRIGHT OFFICE**

SAAD HASHMAMI,
Claimant,
v.
SHAHID ANWAR, LLC,
Respondent.

CCB Proceeding No. 24-CCB-0214

# SHAHID ANWAR WITNESS STATEMENT

I, Shahid Anwar, declare as follows based on my personal knowledge:

1. I am a resident of the Commonwealth of Virginia and am over the age of 18.
2. I am the manager and sole member of Shahid Anwar LLC, the Respondent in this matter.
3. I'm an educational content creator and influencer. For Shahid Anwar, LLC, I run social media accounts on YouTube, with 1.4 million subscribers, Instagram, with 1.8 million followers, and TikTok with 1.7 million followers. The content I upload on these platforms focus on educational content and helping people learn about business and e-commerce—largely for Pakistani and South Asian audiences.
4. I also founded Shahid University, which provides courses on Amazon branding and wholesale, as well as cryptocurrency trading and stock market trading.
5. I am the copyright owner of the three videos used by Claimant.
6. On or about May 31, 2024 I filmed and uploaded a video on the TikTok account @_shahidanwarllc.com.
7. I then posted that video on Instagram and YouTube via the respective accounts, both named @shahidanwarllc.

8. On or about June 2, 2024 I filmed and uploaded a video on the TikTok account @_shahidanwarllc.com.
9. I then posted that video on Instagram and YouTube via the respective accounts, both named @shahidanwarllc.
10. On or about June 6, 2024 I filmed and uploaded a video on the TikTok account @_shahidanwarllc.com.
11. I then posted that video on Instagram and YouTube via the respective accounts, both named @shahidanwarllc.
12. As part of the YouTube channel, @shahidanwarllc, I use Content ID, which I understand to be YouTube's automated content identification system, to identify and manage copyright-protected content on YouTube.
13. On or about June 5, I received a notification from Content ID that it had identified an uploaded video that matched my video's content in YouTube's Content ID system.
14. I went onto the Copyright section of the channel's YouTube Studio and reviewed the Content ID claim.
15. I watched the flagged video by Saad Hashmani Shorts.
16. I am familiar with Saad Hashmani, although I do not know him personally. I am aware that he runs several accounts spanning YouTube, Instagram, Facebook, and TikTok. His content predominantly focuses on motivation, and the same business and e-commerce topics I teach. He also launched his own courses and began teaching Amazon and trading-related content similar to my business model.

17. Using my familiarity with copyright infringement and experience as a social media content creator, I made a good faith consideration of fair use prior to my takedown submission.
18. At the time the notice was sent, I understood that the DMCA requires a reporting party to state a good faith belief regarding infringement, and I submitted the notice consistent with that understanding.
19. I had not granted permission, license, or authorization for Claimant's use.
20. At the time the notice was submitted, I held a good faith belief that the identified material infringed copyright.
21. This was because I had the subjective and good faith belief that Claimant was intending the use to function as a market substitute for the original work. That belief contributed to my conclusion that the use was not protected under fair use.
22. This same process and analysis occurred for the other two videos from Saad Hashmani Shorts that YouTube Content ID flagged, and I subsequently submitted takedown notices for on June 8 and another around the same time, although I do not recall when exactly.
23. I did not knowingly make any false representations in the DMCA notices nor did I intend to do so.
24. If any information in the takedown notice was later determined to be inaccurate, such inaccuracy was inadvertent and not the result of knowing or material misrepresentation.
25. After being notified of the counter-notification submitted by Claimant, I did not pursue any further action.
26. I submit this witness statement in support of Respondent's party Statement in this matter

I, Shahid Anwar, certify that the enclosed material is accurate, complete, and truthful to the best of my knowledge.

SHAHID ANWAR

By: Shahid Anwar
Title: Member
Shahid Anwar LLC

May 26, 2026
Date

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# Proof of Delivery

I hereby certify that on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, I provided a true and correct copy of the Shahid Anwar Witness Statement to the following:

Saad Hashmami, represented by Kenneth N Caldwell, served via ESERVICE at kcaldwell@caldwell-law-firm.com

Signed: /s/ Natalia Micheli