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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

KEELY ROBERTS, individually and as parent and)
next friend of C.R. and L.R., and JASON ROBERTS,)
individually and as parent and next friend of C.R. and)
L.R.,)

Plaintiffs,)

vs.)

SMITH & WESSON BRANDS, INC., SMITH &)
WESSON SALES COMPANY, SMITH &)
WESSON, INC., BUDSGUNSHOP.COM, LLC,)
RED DOT ARMS, INC., ROBERT CRIMO, JR.,)
and ROBERT CRIMO, III,)

Defendants.)

**Erin Cartwright Weinstein
Clerk of the Court
Lake County, Illinois**

No. 22LA00000487

JLO ~~Proposed~~ **ORDER**

THIS CAUSE COMING TO BE HEARD on a status conference on July 17, 2024, due notice having been given, and the Court being fully advised in the premises;

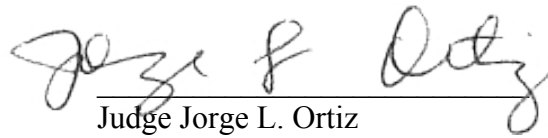
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. This order pertains to the twelve (12) cases filed in Lake County, which were removed to federal court and subsequently remanded to Lake County. Those matters are identified as follows in short form: (1) *Bennett*, 22 LA 491; (2) *Chupack*, 22 LA 532; (3) *Rebollar-Sedano*, 22 LA 490; (4) *Roberts*, 22 LA 487; (5) *Rodriguez/Sanchez*, 22 LA 492; (6) *Estate of Straus*, 22 LA 489; (7) *Estate of Sundheim*, 22 LA 488; (8) *Tenorio*, 22 LA 493, (9) *Estate of Toledo*, 22 LA 495; (10) *Turnipseed*, 22 LA 497; (11) *Vergara*, 22 LA 494; and (12) *Zeifert*, 22 LA 496. First Amended Complaints have either been filed or leave to do so has been requested in these matters.

2. This order also pertains to the following three (3) cases filed in Lake County, to which some of the defendants have previously filed motions to dismiss the original complaints: (13) *Joyce*, 24 LA 201; (14) *Stephen Kolpack*, 24 LA 206; and (15) *Zoe Kolpack*, 24 LA 203. First Amended Complaints have been filed in these cases.
3. This order also pertains to ten (10) recently filed cases, which are identified as follows: (16) *Aguilar*, 24 LA 475; (17) *Castellanos*, 24 LA 476, (18) *Castillo*, 24 LA 477; (19) *Estate of Goldstein*, 24 LA 474, (20) *Gutman*, 24 LA 478; (21) *Jaffe*, 24 LA 481; (22) *Estate of McCarthy*, 24 LA 466; (23) *Medina*, 24 LA 479; (24) *Ring*, 24 LA 480; and (25) *Estate of Uvaldo*, 24 LA 471. Smith & Wesson Defendants, Budsgunshop.com, LLC, and Red Dot Arms, Inc. have agreed to accept service of these recently filed complaints.
4. The Court consolidates the twenty-five (25) cases referenced above into the first filed case (*Roberts*, 22 LA 487) before Judge Jorge Ortiz for the purposes of pre-trial scheduling, discovery and motion practice. In addition, in order to streamline motion practice for the parties and the Court, the Court also will permit briefing on motions in a certain subset of the cases only, with such subset of cases to be agreed upon by the parties and the Court. Each of the above identified cases shall retain its own separate identity, without prejudice to the parties' abilities to file their own motions.
5. The deadline for the Smith & Wesson Defendants, Budsgunshop.com, LLC, and Red Dot Arms, Inc. to file responsive pleadings to the operative complaints is September 16, 2024.
6. A status conference is set for September 17, 2024, at 9:05 am in courtroom C-201.
7. The parties will coordinate with each other and the Clerk of Lake County to arrange for counsel to file *pro hac vice* applications, as needed, in the *Roberts* case. A *pro hac vice* application submitted in the *Roberts* case shall list the additional cases in which counsel

intends to appear, and shall apply equally to all those cases. Unless indicated otherwise, that appearance is coextensive with the consolidation reflected in this Order.

SO ORDERED, this 11th day of October, 2024,



Judge Jorge L. Ortiz