

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

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EDWARD C. ANDERSON,

Plaintiff,

v.

TRANS UNION,

Defendant.

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ORDER

05-C-0091-C

In an effort to resolve the pending motions for sanctions and a notice of deposition, I ruled on December 30, 2005 that the briefing schedule on defendant's motion for sanctions pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1927 would be held in abeyance. I asked Magistrate Judge Theresa Owens to work with counsel for the parties to see whether they could reach an informal resolution of their differences.

The magistrate judge has informed me that the parties' efforts to resolve the matter have been unsuccessful.

According to the December 30 order, in the event that the efforts to settle were not successful, counsel were to meet informally and see whether they could agree on what documents plaintiff needed and defendant would turn over. If this informal meeting did not

satisfy plaintiff's need for discovery, he was to file written discovery requests of defendant. Only if these two efforts proved unsuccessful was he to come into court and seek permission to depose defendant's counsel on billing questions.

I assume that if plaintiff does not have the information it needs at this time, it will meet informally with defendant's counsel to see what documents are needed and whether defendant will turn them over voluntarily. If plaintiff has done this and has filed written discovery requests that have not been responded to adequately, he may then seek permission to depose defendant's counsel. If he does seek such permission, I will give defendant an opportunity to advise the court whether it will stand on its brief in support of its motion for a protective order filed on December 29, 2005, or whether it wishes to file and serve a new brief.

Entered this 6th day of June, 2006.

BY THE COURT:  
/s/  
BARBARA B. CRABB  
District Judge