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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
9 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA WESTERN DIVISION  
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11 TRACY CHAPMAN,  
12 Plaintiff,  
13 vs.  
14 ONIKA TANYA MARAJ p/k/a NICKI  
MINAJ and DOES 1-10,  
15 Defendants.  
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Case No. 2:18-cv-9088-VAP-SS

**DEFENDANT ONIKA MARAJ'S  
OBJECTIONS TO EVIDENCE  
SUBMITTED IN SUPPORT OF  
PLAINTIFF TRACY CHAPMAN'S  
MOTON FOR SUMMARY  
JUDGMENT**

Judge: Hon. Virginia A. Phillips  
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1 Defendant Onika Maraj (“Maraj”) objects to the Declaration of Nicholas  
2 Frontera submitted in support of Plaintiff Tracy Chapman’s Motion for Summary  
3 Judgment (ECF 54-2 at 34-39). In particular, Maraj contests the admissibility of  
4 Exhibits 20 and 21 to Mr. Frontera’s declaration, which he represents are copies of  
5 Twitter posts made by Aston George Taylor (“Taylor”) on August 11 2018 in which  
6 Mr. Taylor states, “Nick[i] gave me something,” and promotes a planned broadcast  
7 of a recording featuring Minaj and the artist professionally known as Nas on his  
8 radio show that night. In her motion, Plaintiff Tracy Chapman (“Chapman”) cites  
9 these tweets as evidence of the truth of the matter asserted—*i.e.*, that Maraj in fact  
10 supplied the applicable recording to Taylor. These out of court statements are thus  
11 hearsay, and do not fall within any of the exceptions or exclusions under the Federal  
12 Rules of Evidence. Fed. R. Evid. 801, 803. They are therefore inadmissible. Fed.  
13 R. Evid. 802.

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