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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

MELANIE KRAMER, ET AL

CIVIL ACTION

VERSUS

NO: 01-2451

THE NEW ORLEANS SAINTS, ET AL

SECTION: "L" (4)

On July 11, 2003, the defendants, New Orleans Louisiana Saints, et al, filed a **Motion for Protective Order (doc. #88)**. Three days later, the plaintiffs, Melanie Kramer and Sylvia Alfortish, filed a **Motion to Compel the Deposition Testimony of Tom Benson and Motion for Leave of Court to Continue the Deposition Until Complete (doc. # 82)**. Also, the plaintiff, Sylvia Alfortish filed a **Motion to Compel (doc. #84)** and the plaintiff, Melanie Kramer, filed a **Motion to Compel (doc. #86)**. A hearing on the motions was held on July 30, 2003.

After listening to the arguments of the parties, a ruling was deferred in part to allow the parties to resolve several issues.¹ A hearing on the motions was held on August 13, 2003. During the hearing, the Court granted the plaintiffs' request to depose Tom Benson. Also during the hearing, the parties informed the Court that they had resolved the issues raised in the Motion for Protective Order. They also informed the Court that they had resolved the dispute as to Request for Production

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Nos. 5 and 6 of Sylvia Alfortish's Motion to Compel and Request for Production No. 5 of Melanie Kramer's Motion to Compel.

Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED that the **Motion to Compel Deposition Testimony of Tom Benson and Motion for Leave of Court to Continue Deposition Until Complete (doc. #82)** is **GRANTED IN PART and DENIED IN PART** as follows:


1. **GRANTED** to the extent the plaintiffs seek to depose Tom Benson during the football season. The deposition shall be conducted during the Saints' bye week.
2. **DENIED** to the extent the plaintiffs seek to depose Benson for more than seven hours.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Sylvia Alfortish's **Motion to Compel (doc. #84)** is **DENIED as MOOT** as to Request for Production Nos. 5 and 6.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Melanie Kramer's **Motion to Compel (doc. #86)** is **DENIED as MOOT** as to Request for Production No. 5.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the **Motion for Protective Order (doc. #88)** is **DENIED as MOOT**.

To obtain a transcript of the proceedings for the Court's findings, the parties should contact Gaynell Banta, Court Recorder Supervisor, at 589-7720.



KAREN WELLS ROBY
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE