## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,		
Plaintiff,	)	
v.	)	
KEVIN B. MERRILL, et al.,	)	
Defendants.	)	

Case No.: 1:18-cv-02844-RDB

#### **NOTICE OF PROPOSED PUBLIC AUCTION**

This Notice of Proposed Public Auction (the "<u>Notice</u>") seeks approval of the auction and sale of certain items of personal property (the "<u>Property</u>") of the Receivership Estate by public auction that may adversely affect you. If you oppose the auction or sale of the Property identified in this Notice, or if you have a claim to or against the Property, you should immediately contact the undersigned counsel for Receiver Gregory S. Milligan (the "<u>Receiver</u>"). <u>If you and the Receiver cannot agree, you must file a written objection (or a claim of ownership or interest in the Property, identifying the source of your claim) to the proposed auction or sale within 30 days of the date this Notice was filed with the Court. Your objection or claim must state why the proposed auction or sale should not be approved by the Court. If no party files a timely objection or claim, the proposed auction and sale shall be deemed approved by the Court without further Order, thereby authorizing Heritage Auctioneers & Galleries, Inc. to conduct the public auction and close on the sale of the Property.</u>

Receiver Gregory S. Milligan, of the firm Harney Partners (the "<u>Receiver</u>"), files this Notice of his intention to auction the comics (the "<u>Property</u>") identified on **Exhibit 1** hereto pursuant to the Property Sales Procedures authorized by the Modified Consent Order Vacating ECF #248 and Granting Receiver Gregory S. Milligan's Motion ECF #247 as Modified (the "<u>Order</u>") (Dkt. No. 272), which granted as modified the Receiver's Motion to Approve Procedures for Sale of Personal Property and for Order Authorizing Retention, Employment, and Compensation of Heritage Auctioneers & Galleries, Inc., as Broker (Dkt. No. 247).

In the event that no objection or claim is filed within thirty (30) days of the date this Notice, the Receiver has authority, without further Order of the Court, to hold a public online auction and sale of the Property in this Notice on April 26, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. CT, at <u>https://comics.ha.com/c/auction-home.zx?saleNo=122017</u>. Bidding for the auction will open one week prior to the auction date.

The Receiver reserves the right to postpone or terminate the proposed sale of the Property for any reason that he deems to be in the best interest of the Receivership Estate.

To contact the Receiver's counsel regarding an objection or for additional information related to this Notice, please contact Lynn H. Butler, c/o Penny Keller, at (512) 370-3458 (phone), (512) 479-1101 (fax), or penny.keller@huschblackwell.com.

Date: March 25, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

On March 25, 2020, I electronically submitted the foregoing document with the clerk of the court of the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland, using the electronic case filing system of the court. I hereby certify that I have served all counsel and/or pro se parties of record electronically through the Court's CM/ECF filing system for all parties who have registered to receive electronic service. Additionally, the foregoing document was served on the following parties not registered for Court's CM/ECF filing system as indicated below:

## Defendant Kevin B. Merrill (via U.S. Mail):

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## Defendant Jay B. Ledford (via U.S. Mail):

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Florida Community Bank, N.A. 2325 Vanderbilt Beach Road Naples, Florida 34109 Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. PO Box 2026 Flint, Michigan 48501-2026

Collier County, Florida Tax Assessor 3291 Tamiami Trail East Naples, Florida 34112

Maryland Department of Assessments & Taxation 301 W. Preston Street Baltimore, Maryland 21201-2395 Branch Banking and Trust Company, A North Carolina Banking Corporation PO Box 1290 Whiteville, North Carolina 28472

Talbot County, Maryland Finance Office Talbot County Courthouse 11 North Washington Street, Suite 9 Easton, Maryland 21601

HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as trustee of J.P. Morgan Alternative Loan Trust 2006-A5 c/o Howard n. Bierman, Trustee c/o Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc. 3815 Southwest Temple Salt Lake City, Utah 84115

Clark County, Nevada Tax Assessor 500 S. Grand Central Parkway Las Vegas, Nevada 89155

First Financial Bank, N.A. Southlake 3205 E. Hwy. 114 PO Box 92840 Southlake, Texas 76092

Hunter Kelsey of Texas, LLC 4131 Spicewood Springs Road, Bldg. J-1A Austin, Texas 78759

Frost Bank, f/k/a The Frost National Bank c/o Michael J. Quilling Quilling, Selander Lownds, Winslett & Moser, P.C. 2001 Bryan Street, Suite 1800 Dallas, Texas 75201 The City of Colleyville, Texas c/o Victoria W. Thomas Nichols, Jackson, Dilard, Hager & Smith, L.L.P. 1800 Lincoln Plaza 500 North Akard Dallas, Texas 75201

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TIB – The Independent BankersBank 350 Phelps Court, Suite 200 PO Box 560528i Dallas, Texas 75356-0528

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> <u>/s/ Lynn H. Butler</u> Lynn H. Butler

# **EXHIBIT 1**

## **COMICS LISTED FOR AUCTION**

Row #	FBI Inventory	Description	Owner
269	1B508	Amazing Spider Man #8 8.0	Merrill
271	1B508	Amazing Spider Man #19 8.5	Merrill
272	1B508	Amazing Spider Man #32 9.2	Merrill
273	1B508	Amazing Spider Man #36 9.4	Merrill
275	1B508	Amazing Spider Man #41 9.6	Merrill
283	1B508	Daredevil #2 9.2	Merrill
288	1B509	Avengers #11 9.4	Merrill
289	1B509	The Defenders #1 9.6	Merrill
291	1B509	Fantastic Four #20 8.0	Merrill
292	1B509	The Incredible Hulk #102 9.0	Merrill
293	1B509	The Ghost Rider # 7.5	Merrill
295	1B509	Amazing Spider Man #10 9.2	Merrill
296	1B509	Amazing Spider Man #23 8.0	Merrill
297	1B509	Amazing Spider Man #40 5.0	Merrill

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299	1B509	Amazing Spider Man #48 9.4	Merrill
300	1B509	Amazing Spider Man #53 9.2	Merrill
301	1B509	Amazing Spider Man #69 9.2	Merrill
302	1B509	Amazing Spider Man #73 9.2	Merrill
304	1B509	Amazing Spider Man #93 9.6	Merrill
305	1B509	Amazing Spider Man #96 7.0	Merrill
306	1B509	Amazing Spider Man #97 8.0	Merrill
307	1B509	Amazing Spider Man #101 6.5	Merrill
*	1B527	Spider Man #94 8.5	Merrill
*	1B527	Spider Man #59 8.5	Merrill
*	1B527	Spider Man #77 9.0	Merrill
*	1B527	Spider Man #54 9.0	Merrill
*	1B527	Spider Man #81 8.5	Merrill
*	1B527	Spider Man #21 8.5	Merrill
*	1B527	Spider Man #85 9.4	Merrill

*	1B527	Spider Man #20 9.0	Merrill
*	1B527	Spider Man #18 9.0	Merrill
*	1B527	Spider Man #88 9.4	Merrill
*	1B527	Spider Man #31 9.0	Merrill
*	1B527	Spider Man #12 9.0	Merrill
*	1B527	Spider Man #117 9.6	Merrill
*	1B527	Spider Man #46 9.0	Merrill
*	1B527	Spider Man #71 9.2	Merrill
*	1B527	Spider Man #22 9.0	Merrill
*	1B527	Spider Man #66 9.4	Merrill
*	1B527	Spider Man #91 9.4	Merrill

\* These items were unintentionally excluded from the list of personal property attached as Exhibit 1 to the Modified Consent Order Vacating ECF #248 and Granting Receiver Gregory S. Milligan's Motion ECF #247 as Modified (Dkt. No. 271). However, no party had objected, and Relief Defendant Amanda Merrill expressly consented, in writing through counsel, to the sale of any of Defendant Kevin B. Merrill's comic books.