#### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO DAYTON DIVISION

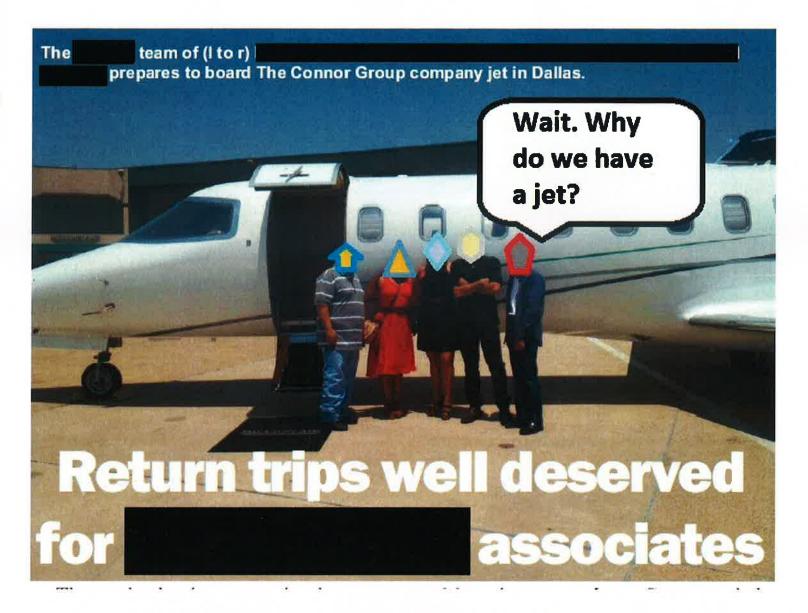
JAMES RANEY,	)
Plaintiff,	)
v.	) No. 3:14-cv-342
THE CONNOR GROUP,	)
Defendant.	)

#### AFFIDAVIT OF JAMES RANEY

- 1. My name is James Raney. I am the plaintiff in this action.
- 2. I am attaching to this affidavit images referenced in paragraph six of the complaint, which were subject to DMCA takedown notices from defendant Connor Group.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I hereby certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on December 31 2014.

James Raney



What pentagon face guy? Why do the people that own my apartment need a private jet? Besides flying you and your buddies to celebrations complete with limo, dinner and rewards for your sales, the company jet is also used to air drop in needed parts, supplies, and technicians to make timely repairs at the Meridian and all other complexes.

October 1st, 2012 8:16pm



is where perserverance and opportunity converge. But, ultimately, it's all about the people at the property level."

After the awards presentation, the team headed via limo to the airport, where they boarded a private jet bound for Washington October 2nd, 2012 1:36am

D.C. Once there they dined a Johnny's Half Shell, a fine-dining restaurant within view of the Capitol Building.

The "sale-ebration" trip was the third for She also was the PCM at Columns and Grandview Summit, which sold in 2011.

#### 81%

That's the Apartmentratings.com recommendation rating for Parc at University Tower. It's the highest in the company.

The North Carolona property, led by

obviously has done a solid job with customer service. And, based on recent online posts, has consistently worked the company's Apartmentratings program, aimed at giving a voice to satisfied residents.

Other company leaders include Heritage Knoll (72%), Carriage Place (67%), Clifton (65%), Sloan Square (65%) and Steeplechase (60%).

The company apartmentratings.com program????

What could that be? Surely they're not paying people for positive reviews?

# Winning the online ratings game

In the last year, the term "reputation management" has weaved itself into Connor Group vemacular.

In plain English, it means "what people are saying about us online." And it's increasingly important.

The biggest online audience for such discussion is the website ApartmentRatings.com. The site has been on our radar for years and is also part of our internet Marketing strategy.

Soliciting positive reviews on the site is actually pretty simple:

- Provide great not good, great customer service.
- 2. Work with the Internet Marketing Department to ask our satisfied customers to provide reviews on the site.

Properties that have followed those steps have seen tremendous improvement. For instance:

Stone Ridge's trailing-12-month approval rating on the site went from 32 to 64 percent in a year. Alexander Place had a 0-percent rating when we acquired it. Within a year it was 35 percent. Bent Tree rose its score from 31 to 59 percent.

To the right is a graph showing the last two ApartmentRatings scores and the difference for every property in the portfolio. Properties are ranked from first to last.

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THE CONNOR GROUP

PEOPLE ARE THE #1 KEY TO SUCCESS.

#### Racing off the beaten path

#### Larry finds new hobby south of the border

When it comes to his myriad away-from-the-office activities — aerobatic flying, spearfishing, racecar driving, mountain climbing, whitewater rafting, etc. — managing partner Lany Connor bristles at the labels of "thrill seeker" or "adrenaline junkie."

"I just like to do unusual things," he often says.

Add another thing to the list.

Eartier this month Larry raced in his first sanctioned off-road truck race. He teamed with experienced truck racer Jose Grijalda to take second and fourth place overall in a pair of races at the Jacume Gran Prix in Tecate,







You've been Rent Rolled! Thanks for playing. Thanks for the truck. July 31, 2012



Stat of the month: \$5,833

That is the rent roll growth total posted by The Meridian in Columbus for June.

The office staff of

traffic in the month. They converted it to 51 closes.

Led by one of the top upgrade/turn teams in the com-

the property has posted more than \$22,000 in rent roll growth this year.

In June, the property's total income was an astonishing \$601,185.

## Did you know ...?

If your property hits gold and rent roll growth occupancy, renewals properties in economic

or platinum in all three categories in

facts, figures and firsts from the last two

## Goin' platinum

Gold is no longer the gold standard. When it comes to property performance,

increasingly insignificant. For example, made some of our old measuring sticks In the last few years, your hard work has

tire portfolio - were on the list. properties - two-thirds of the enthree years ago our Honor Roll showed that eight properties occupancy. In March, 40 of Gold marks for economic met the Bronze, Silver or

That's why we've gone Platinum The new designation will recognize our top

> "Triple Gold" or "Triple Plate one month, you'll be featured in these pages the awards breakfast as a months, it will be recognized at If it hits the mark three straight



# To 99 percent ... and beyond?

when it comes to economic occupancy. ties test the outer limits of what is possible Three times this year we've seen proper-

ante with a 99.17%. Knightsbridge, in its tered a 97.84. first full month as a Connor property regis-January. In March, Domaine upped the Grandview Summit turned in a 97.6% in

Theoretically, the sky's the limit How high can a property go

> partne erty collections exceed your delinquency The wild card would be having your prop cancy dollars, bad debt and concessions you'd have to have \$0 in combined va-"You could go over 100 percent," said Not yet anyway. "Is it possible? Yes. Have we seen it? No." To get to 100

## in the rankings

ranked us 27th last year as well, cited The top 100 companies. The publication, which Connor Group's \$154 million in revenue for 2010, an 8.45 percent jump from 2009. The Connor Group 27th on its list of the area's In May, the Dayton Business Journal ranked

m at No. 25. list of fastest-growing companies. We checked the Dayton Business Journal's list of the area's A week later, that growth also landed us on

ranked in the top 30 of both lists. with fewer than 500 employees to be We were one of only two companies

\$98 rent + \$3 add. rev. = \$101 / \$100 = 101% economic occupancy. How does Larry make additional revenue? Larry receives 'additional revenue'

Water, Sewer, Trash, Common Electric, Pest Control, Cable, Internet, Gate Fee, Snow Removal, Admin Fees, Late Fees, Payment Fees, Larry charges his tenants for every goddamn thing imaginable:

Fobs.....

#### The lineup ... Columbus's eight

