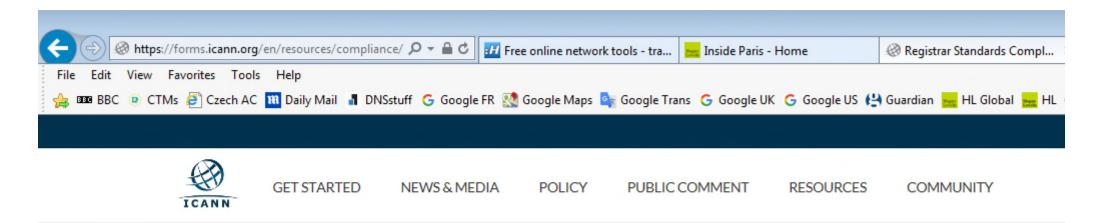
**From:** Seager, Jane

Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 12:06 AM

**To:** Seager, Jane

**Subject:** doxagram9.com ICANN complaint

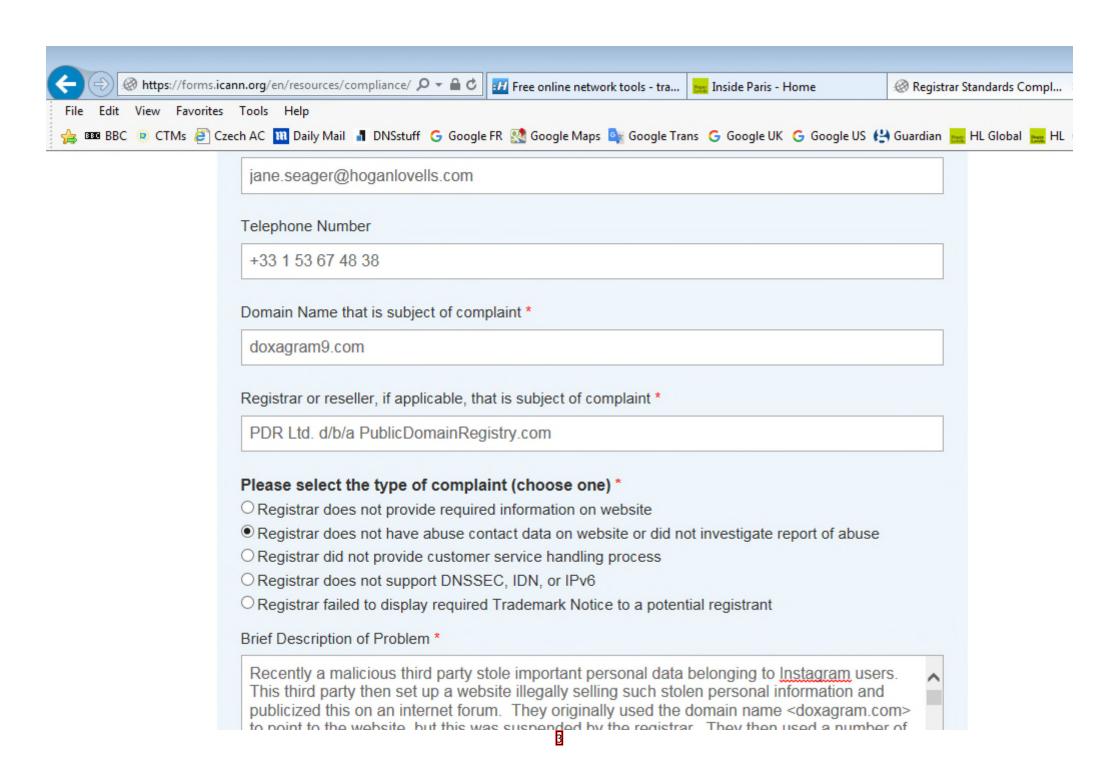


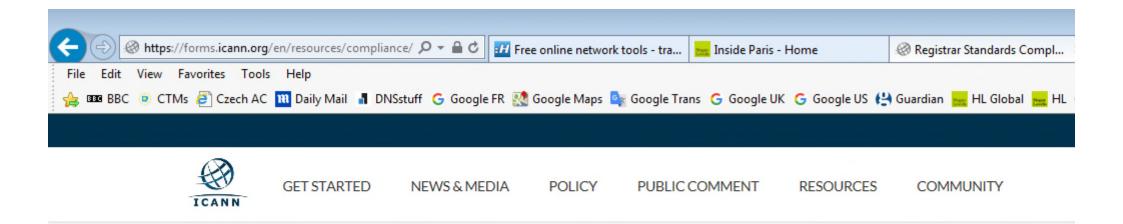
### Registrar Standards Complaint Form

This form allows Internet users to submit one of the registrar complaints below to ICANN regarding a registrar or its reseller, if applicable. The information provided to ICANN via the complaint forms may be forwarded to the contracted party. To remain anonymous, please request in the comment box.

[Items with an asterisk (\*) are required]

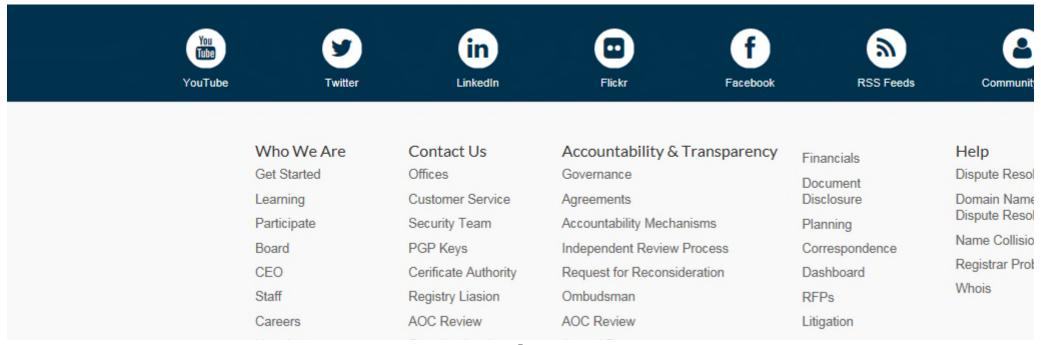
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Jane Seager		





Thank you, your submission has been received.

Click here to submit another



**From:** Compliance Tickets < compliance-tickets@icann.org>

Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 7:54 PM

**To:** Seager, Jane

**Subject:** [~VJW-103-76084]: Additional information for Abuse complaint re: PDR Ltd. d/b/a

PublicDomainRegistry.com

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Sincerely,

ICANN Contractual Compliance

The problem summary

Time of submission/processing: Mon Nov 13 23:05:01 2017

Reporter Name: Jane Seager

Reporter Organization: Hogan Lovells

Reporter Email: <u>jane.seager@hoganlovells.com</u> Reporter Telephone Number: +33 1 53 67 48 38

Domain Name that is subject of complaint: doxagram9.com

Registrar that is subject of complaint: PDR Ltd. d/b/a PublicDomainRegistry.com

Description of problem: Recently a malicious third party stole important personal data belonging to

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Registry Domain ID: 2162088450\_DOMAIN\_COM-VRSN Registrar WHOIS Server: whois.publicdomainregistry.com

Registrar URL: www.publicdomainregistry.com

Updated Date: 2017-11-12T02:43:00Z Creation Date: 2017-09-12T13:37:38Z

Registrar Registration Expiration Date: 2018-09-12T13:37:38Z

Registrar: PDR Ltd. d/b/a PublicDomainRegistry.com

Registrar IANA ID: 303

Domain Status: clientTransferProhibited <a href="https://icann.org/epp#clientTransferProhibited">https://icann.org/epp#clientTransferProhibited</a>

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**DNSSEC:**Unsigned

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Registrar: PDR Ltd. d/b/a PublicDomainRegistry.com Whois Server: whois.PublicDomainRegistry.com

Ticket Details

Ticket ID: VJW-103-76084

Department: Abuse
Type: Issue
Status: NEW Priority: Normal

**From:** Seager, Jane

Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2017 5:53 PM

**To:** compliance-tickets@icann.org

Cc: Margie Milam; Denise Michel; Daniel Madden; Taylor, David; Lou, Ying

**Subject:** RE: [~VJW-103-76084]: Additional information for Abuse complaint re: PDR Ltd.

d/b/a PublicDomainRegistry.com

**Attachments:** Registrar complaint to ICANN.PDF; Annexes 1-35.zipx

#### Dear ICANN Contractual Compliance,

Please find attached a full registrar complaint with annexes filed on behalf of our client, Instagram LLC, concerning the registrar's failure to investigate abuse correctly.

In this complaint, we (i) outline the factual grounds, (ii) provide copies of all correspondence with the registrar as well as other information relevant to the abuse report and (iii) assert our requests to ICANN on the basis of the 2013 RAA.

We also confirm Instagram's permission for ICANN to forward our complaint, our responses and any additional information or attachment to the registrar or any other third party with whom ICANN may consult in order to address this complaint.

Please feel free to let us know if you have any other questions or need any additional information.

Kind regards,

Jane

#### Jane Seager

Partner, Intellectual Property Media and Technology

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Email: jane.seager@hoganlovells.com

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**From:** Compliance Tickets [mailto:compliance-tickets@icann.org]

Sent: mardi 14 novembre 2017 19:54

To: Seager, Jane

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Registry Domain ID: 2162088450 DOMAIN COM-VRSN Registrar WHOIS Server: whois.publicdomainregistry.com

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Registrar IANA ID: 303

Domain Status: clientTransferProhibited https://icann.org/epp#clientTransferProhibited

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#### **Ticket Details**

Ticket ID: VJW-103-76084

Department: Abuse

Type: Issue Status: NEW Priority: Normal

**From:** Compliance Tickets < compliance-tickets@icann.org>

Sent: Wednesday, December 06, 2017 5:30 PM

**To:** Seager, Jane

**Subject:** [~VJW-103-76084]: Abuse complaint re: doxagram9.com closed

Dear Jane Seager,

Thank you for submitting an Abuse complaint concerning the registrar PDR Ltd. d/b/a PublicDomainRegistry.com. ICANN has reviewed and closed your complaint because:

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The whois at the time of processing is:

#### **Ticket Details**

Ticket ID: VJW-103-76084

Department: Abuse

Type: Issue

Status: Manual Process

Priority: Normal

From: Seager, Jane

**Sent:** Wednesday, December 20, 2017 6:10 PM

**To:** compliance@icann.org

**Subject:** FW: [~VJW-103-76084]: Abuse complaint re: doxagram9.com closed

#### **Dear ICANN Compliance**

Thank you for your email. We understand that you have closed our complaint because the domain name in question is no longer with PDR and has been moved away to another registrar.

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Email: jane.seager@hoganlovells.com www.hoganlovells.com

From: Compliance Tickets [mailto:compliance-tickets@icann.org]

Sent: mercredi 6 décembre 2017 17:30

**To:** Seager, Jane

**Subject:** [~VJW-103-76084]: Abuse complaint re: doxagram9.com closed

Dear Jane Seager,

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Please note registrars under the 2013 Registrar Accreditation Agreement are only required to respond to abuse reports that are sent to its published abuse contact email address(es), including the registrar's abuse-dedicated email address that is appearing in the Whois data for the domain name or on the registrar's website.

ICANN considers this matter now closed.

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ICANN is requesting your feedback on this closed complaint. Please complete this optional survey at <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/8F2Z6DP?ticket=VJW-103-76084">https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/8F2Z6DP?ticket=VJW-103-76084</a>.

Sincerely,

ICANN Contractual Compliance

The problem summary

Time of submission/processing: Mon Nov 13 23:05:01 2017

Reporter Name: Jane Seager

Reporter Organization: Hogan Lovells

Reporter Email: <u>jane.seager@hoganlovells.com</u> Reporter Telephone Number: +33 1 53 67 48 38

Domain Name that is subject of complaint: doxagram9.com

Registrar that is subject of complaint: PDR Ltd. d/b/a PublicDomainRegistry.com

Description of problem: Recently a malicious third party stole important personal data belonging to Instagram users. This third party then set up a website illegally selling such stolen personal information and publicized this on an internet forum. They originally used the domain name <doxagram.com> to point to the website, but this was suspended by the registrar. They then used a number of other domain names, all of which have now been successfully suspended. In fact eight different registries / registrars have previously reacted almost immediately when presented with the same evidence of abuse.

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Department: Abuse
Type: Issue
Status: Manual Process
Priority: Normal

From: ICANN Compliance <compliance@icann.org>

Sent: Tuesday, January 02, 2018 8:01 PM

**To:** Seager, Jane

**Subject:** [Compliance Email ~SEY-301-80374]: Abuse complaint re: doxagram9.com closed

Dear Jane Seager,

Thank you for contacting ICANN Contractual Compliance.

Registrars under the 2013 Registrar Accreditation Agreement (RAA) are required to respond to abuse reports that are sent to its published abuse contact details. Based on the communications you provided to ICANN, there is evidence that PDR Ltd. d/b/a PublicDomainRegistry.com responded to your abuse report on 6 October 2017, 9 October 2017, 11 October 2017, 13 October 2017, 17 October 2017, 19 October 2017, 23 October 2017, 25 October 2017, 30 October 2017, 2 November 2017, and 16 November 2017. Please note that registrars are not required by the RAA to suspend or delete domain names in response to abuse reports.

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#### Ticket Details

Ticket ID: SEY-301-80374

Department: <a href="mailto:compliance@icann.org">compliance@icann.org</a>

Type: Issue Status: Open WIP Priority: Normal

From: Seager, Jane

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 17, 2018 5:51 PM

**To:** compliance@icann.org

**Subject:** FW: [Compliance Email ~SEY-301-80374]: Abuse complaint re: doxagram9.com

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#### **Dear ICANN Compliance**

Thank you for your response. We note that you have again closed our complaint simply on the basis that PDR actually replied to us, regardless of the content or the timing of such replies.

However, once again we would like to underline that whether PDR replied or not is irrelevant with regard to PDR's breaches of the RAA. Such breaches are very clearly set out in our complaint at Section III. In this regard please note:

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We should therefore be grateful if you would review our complaint in detail and revert to us on the actions you plan to take with regard to the serious breaches by PDR outlined therein.

#### Kind regards

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**From:** ICANN Compliance [mailto:compliance@icann.org]

**Sent:** mardi 2 janvier 2018 20:01

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Ticket ID: SEY-301-80374

Department: <a href="mailto:compliance@icann.org">compliance@icann.org</a>
Type: Issue
Status: Open WIP
Priority: Normal

**From:** Compliance Tickets < compliance-tickets@icann.org>

Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2018 6:21 PM

**To:** Seager, Jane

**Subject:** [~VJW-103-76084]: Confirmation of Abuse complaint re: PDR Ltd. d/b/a

PublicDomainRegistry.com

Dear Jane Seager,

Thank you for your communication on 17 January 2018.

ICANN's scope to address complaints is limited to its contractual authority with its contracted parties under the Registrar Accreditation Agreement (RAA) and the Consensus Policies. Please note registrars under the 2013 Registrar Accreditation Agreement are only required to respond to abuse reports that are sent to its published abuse contact email address(es), including the registrar's abuse-dedicated email address that is appearing in the Whois data for the domain name or on the registrar's website.

ICANN will re-open your complaint and send an inquiry to the previous registrar of record. However, ICANN reminds you that ICANN does not regulate the content of each registrar abuse policies, or how they are enforced by the registrar. The content of each registrar's abuse polices and the actions each registrar takes to enforce them are within the registrar's own discretion, subject to compliance with the RAA and applicable laws.

Your report has been entered into ICANN's database. For reference your ticket ID is: VJW-103-76084. ICANN will follow up with the registrar per process and provide you an update with its findings.

For more information about ICANN's process and approach, please visit <a href="http://www.icann.org/en/resources/compliance/approach-processes">http://www.icann.org/en/resources/compliance/approach-processes</a>.

Sincerely,

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The problem summary

Time of submission/processing: Mon Nov 13 23:05:01 2017

Reporter Name: Jane Seager

Reporter Organization: Hogan Lovells

Reporter Email: <u>jane.seager@hoganlovells.com</u> Reporter Telephone Number: +33 1 53 67 48 38

Domain Name that is subject of complaint: doxagram9.com

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#### Ticket Details

Ticket ID: VJW-103-76084

Department: Abuse

Type: Issue

Status: Open WIP Priority: Normal

From: Seager, Jane

**Sent:** Saturday, January 27, 2018 10:27 PM compliance-tickets@icann.org

**Subject:** FW: [~VJW-103-76084]: Confirmation of Abuse complaint re: PDR Ltd. d/b/a

PublicDomainRegistry.com

#### **Dear ICANN Compliance**

Thank you for your response and for agreeing to re-open our complaint and follow up with PDR.

However, once again we would like to underline that PDR clearly breached the 2013 RAA. This sets out certain requirements over and above simply responding to abuse reports. Such breaches are very clearly set out in our complaint at Section III. In this regard please note:

- PDR failed to reply appropriately to our abuse report in accordance with **Section 3.18.1** of the RAA (automatic responses, responses asking for evidence that had already been submitted, responses clearly misunderstanding the issues or saying that they would investigate further obviously cannot be described as "appropriate" given the nature of the abuse report, which evidenced blatant criminal activity, hence why 8 different Registries/registrars had previously taken immediate action when notified of this);
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We look forward to your further update on PDR's response. However, we should add that any information that they may supply cannot alter the breaches outlined above, given the facts clearly set out in our complaint and the substantial evidence provided to demonstrate this (please note if you have any questions or require anything further, just let us know).

We should therefore be grateful if you would revert to us on the actions you plan to take with regard to the serious breaches by PDR in due course.

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From: Compliance Tickets [mailto:compliance-tickets@icann.org]

**Sent:** mercredi 24 janvier 2018 18:21

To: Seager, Jane

Subject: [~VJW-103-76084]: Confirmation of Abuse complaint re: PDR Ltd. d/b/a PublicDomainRegistry.com

Dear Jane Seager,

Thank you for your communication on 17 January 2018.

ICANN's scope to address complaints is limited to its contractual authority with its contracted parties under the Registrar Accreditation Agreement (RAA) and the Consensus Policies. Please note registrars under the 2013 Registrar Accreditation Agreement are only required to respond to abuse reports that are sent to its published abuse contact email address(es), including the registrar's abuse-dedicated email address that is appearing in the Whois data for the domain name or on the registrar's website.

ICANN will re-open your complaint and send an inquiry to the previous registrar of record. However, ICANN reminds you that ICANN does not regulate the content of each registrar abuse policies, or how they are enforced by the registrar. The content of each registrar's abuse polices and the actions each registrar takes to enforce them are within the registrar's own discretion, subject to compliance with the RAA and applicable laws.

Your report has been entered into ICANN's database. For reference your ticket ID is: VJW-103-76084. ICANN will follow up with the registrar per process and provide you an update with its findings.

For more information about ICANN's process and approach, please visit <a href="http://www.icann.org/en/resources/compliance/approach-processes">http://www.icann.org/en/resources/compliance/approach-processes</a>.

Sincerely,

ICANN Contractual Compliance

The problem summary

Time of submission/processing: Mon Nov 13 23:05:01 2017

Reporter Name: Jane Seager

Reporter Organization: Hogan Lovells

Reporter Email: <u>jane.seager@hoganlovells.com</u> Reporter Telephone Number: +33 1 53 67 48 38

Domain Name that is subject of complaint: doxagram9.com

Registrar that is subject of complaint: PDR Ltd. d/b/a PublicDomainRegistry.com

Description of problem: Recently a malicious third party stole important personal data belonging to Instagram users. This third party then set up a website illegally selling such stolen personal information and publicized this on an internet forum. They originally used the domain name <doxagram.com> to point to the website, but this was suspended by the registrar. They then used a number of other domain names, all of which have now been successfully suspended. In fact eight different registries / registrars have previously reacted almost immediately when presented with the same evidence of abuse.

10/06/2017 - 10/12/2017: We repeatedly reported abusive use to PDR by sending six emails, using PDR's online abuse form and leaving telephone messages, but had no reply;

10/13/2017: We liaised with the compliance manager at Endurance, PDR's parent company, and PDR's abuse mitigation team finally replied to us, confirming the launch of their investigation and asking us to provide evidence of abuse (even though we had already provided this);

10/14/2017: We continued to email PDR;

10/19/2017: PDR replied that it would need three more days;

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infringement behind the log in page (we had never cited infringement) and asked us to refer the issue to the hosting provider;

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10/28/2017: PDR replied that it would check with its legal counsel and get back to us on 10/30;

10/30/2017 - today: No further response from PDR despite several reminders.

In view of the above, it is clear that PDR has not promptly replied to our report of abuse and has never seriously investigated this, in breach of the 2013 RAA. PDR has permitted illegal activity by allowing the domain name to be used and this is putting Instagram users' privacy and security at risk.

The whois at the time of processing is:

#### **Ticket Details**

Ticket ID: VJW-103-76084

Department: Abuse

Type: Issue Status: Open WIP Priority: Normal

From: compliance-tickets@icann.org

Sent: Saturday, January 27, 2018 11:00 PM

**To:** Seager, Jane

**Subject:** [VJW-103-76084]: ICANN Auto Confirm - Response Received

Thank you for your response. This automatically generated email acknowledges receipt of your email. ICANN will follow up as appropriate.

Sincerely,

**ICANN Contractual Compliance** 

**From:** Compliance Tickets < compliance-tickets@icann.org>

Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 5:11 PM

**To:** Seager, Jane

**Subject:** [~VJW-103-76084]: Abuse complaint re: doxagram9.com closed

Dear Jane Seager,

Thank you for submitting an Abuse complaint concerning the registrar PDR Ltd. d/b/a PublicDomainRegistry.com. ICANN has reviewed the evidence provided by the registrar and closed your complaint because:

- From the records and information provided by the registrar to ICANN, ICANN did not find that the registrar violated its obligations under the 2013 RAA. The registrar demonstrated that it took reasonable and prompt steps to investigate and respond appropriately to the report of abuse. In addition, the registrar demonstrated that it had concluded that the domain name would have been suspended for abuse, however, the domain name was transferred to another registrar.

ICANN considers this matter now closed.

Please do not reply to the email. If you require future assistance, please email <a href="mailto:compliance@icann.org">compliance@icann.org</a>; if you have a new complaint, please submit it at <a href="http://www.icann.org/resources/compliance/complaints">http://www.icann.org/resources/compliance/complaints</a>.

ICANN is requesting your feedback on this closed complaint. Please complete this optional survey at <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/8F2Z6DP?ticket=VJW-103-76084">https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/8F2Z6DP?ticket=VJW-103-76084</a>.

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\*\*\* whois.pm: using real servers

#### **REGISTRAR WHOIS:**

Domain Name: DOXAGRAM9.COM

Registry Domain ID: 2162088450\_DOMAIN\_COM-VRSN Registrar WHOIS Server: whois.publicdomainregistry.com

Registrar URL: www.publicdomainregistry.com

Updated Date: 2017-11-12T02:43:00Z Creation Date: 2017-09-12T13:37:38Z

Registrar Registration Expiration Date: 2018-09-12T13:37:38Z

Registrar: PDR Ltd. d/b/a PublicDomainRegistry.com

Registrar IANA ID: 303

Domain Status: clientTransferProhibited <a href="https://icann.org/epp#clientTransferProhibited">https://icann.org/epp#clientTransferProhibited</a>

Registry Registrant ID: Not Available From Registry Registrant Name: Domain Administrator Number 45510 Registrant Organization: c/o RespectMyPrivacy, LLC Registrant Street: 1540 INTERNATIONAL PKWY STE 2000

Registrant City: LAKE MARY Registrant State/Province: FL Registrant Postal Code: 32746-5096

Registrant Country: US

Registrant Phone: +1.3212342069

Registrant Phone Ext:

Registrant Fax: +1.3214005209

Registrant Fax Ext:

Registrant Email: <a href="mailto:doxagram9.com@RespectMyPrivacy.COM">doxagram9.com@RespectMyPrivacy.COM</a>

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Name Server: merlin.ns.cloudflare.com Name Server: vera.ns.cloudflare.com

**DNSSEC:**Unsigned

Registrar Abuse Contact Email: abuse-contact@publicdomainregistry.com

Registrar Abuse Contact Phone: +1.2013775952

URL of the ICANN WHOIS Data Problem Reporting System: http://wdprs.internic.net/

>>> Last update of WHOIS database: 2017-11-14T18:53:36Z > Last update of whois database:

2017-11-14T18:53:21Z

#### Ticket Details

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Department: Abuse

Type: Issue

Status: Manual Process

Priority: Normal