

160 A.D.3d 591, 76 N.Y.S.3d 126, 355 Ed.
Law Rep. 1203, 2018 N.Y. Slip Op. 02898

****1** Jane Doe et al., Respondents,

v

The Bronx Preparatory Charter
School, Appellant, et al., Defendant.

Supreme Court, Appellate Division,
First Department, New York
306670/14, 6388N
April 26, 2018

CITE TITLE AS: Doe v Bronx
Preparatory Charter Sch.

HEADNOTE

Disclosure

Penalty for Failure to Disclose

No Showing of Willful Failure to Comply with Discovery
Order

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Order, Supreme Court, Bronx County (Wilma Guzman,
J.), entered November 28, 2016, which, inter alia,
denied defendant The Bronx Preparatory Charter School's

motion for an order precluding plaintiffs from submitting
evidence and testimony at trial and compelling plaintiffs
to provide authorizations to obtain the infant plaintiff's
social media records for five years prior to the incident and
her cell phone records and accompanying authorizations
for two years prior to the incident, unanimously affirmed,
without costs.

The court providently exercised its discretion in declining
to impose sanctions on plaintiffs or to compel further
disclosure of the infant plaintiff's social media and
cell phone history, since defendant failed to submit
papers necessary to determine whether plaintiffs had not
complied with a prior discovery order (*see Nyadzi v
Ki Chul Lee*, 129 AD3d 645 [1st Dept 2015]; *Ventura
v Ozone Park Holding Corp.*, 84 AD3d 516, 517-518
[1st Dept 2011]). Further, there was no showing that
plaintiffs wilfully failed to comply with any discovery
order, since they provided access to the infant plaintiff's
social media accounts and cell phone records for a period
of two months before the date on which she was allegedly
attacked on defendant's premises to the present, which
was a reasonable period of time. Defendant's demands for
access to social media accounts for five years prior to the
incident, and to cell phone records for two years prior to
the incident, were overbroad and not reasonably tailored
to obtain discovery relevant to the issues in the case (*see
Forman v Henkin*, 30 NY3d 656, 665 [2018]). Concur—
Renwick, J.P., Tom, Andrias, Oing, JJ. ***592**

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