

**United States Court of Appeals  
For the First Circuit**

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No. 11-1674

SAMUEL BARTLEY STEELE

Plaintiff - Appellant

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STEELE RECORDZ; BART STEELE PUBLISHING

Plaintiffs

v.

JOHN BONGIOVI, ET AL.

Defendants - Appellees

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Before

Boudin, Howard and Thompson,  
Circuit Judges.

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JUDGMENT

Entered: February 10, 2012

Plaintiff-Appellant Samuel Bartley Steele ("Steele") appeals from the judgment of the district court dismissing his claims of copyright infringement under Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(b)(6) and the principles of claim and issue preclusion and awarding sanctions pursuant to Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

After our own careful review of the record and the briefs of the parties, we affirm the dismissal of all claims, for substantially the reasons set forth in the district court's thorough memorandum and order dated May 17, 2011. Further, we discern no error or abuse of discretion in the district court's orders concerning costs and sanctions. The judgment of the district court is affirmed in all respects.

By the Court:

/s/ Margaret Carter, Clerk

cc:

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