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When Restraining Orders Cover Social Media Communication

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Law360, New York (March 3, 2016, 3:57 PM EST) -- Does tagging a protected party on Facebook violate a restraining order or order of protection? What about tweeting the individual or mentioning them on Instagram? In December, a judge in New York state said it did, even though social media communication was not explicitly prohibited in the order of protection.

In *The People v. Gonzalez*, 15-6081M, the court ruled that when Maria Gonzalez “tagged” the protected individual in two posts, calling her “sad” and “stupid,” she did in fact violate the order. The order of protection...

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