SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIVIL DIVISION HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, : Docket Number: Plaintiff, VS. Un-Named Bank Defendant. - - - x Washington, D.C. The above-entitled action came on for a hearing before the Honorable Courtroom Number APPEARANCES: On Behalf of the Plaintiff: Esquire Esquire Washington, D.C. On Behalf of the Defendant: Esquire Washington, D.C.

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1	<u>PROCEEDINGS</u>
2	THE DEPUTY CLERK: This is calling 2015 CA,
3	redacted HOA v. redacted bank .
4	If all parties could identify themselves, starting with
5	the plaintiff, and spell your first and last names for the
6	record.
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10	THE COURT: Good morning.
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13	THE COURT: Good morning, sir.
14	MS. E: Good morning, Your Honor.
15	. I'm counsel for redacted bank .
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19	is here from the bank. She stepped out for a
20	second. She'll be right back. Her first name is
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22	THE COURT: All right, do you have any problem
23	proceeding without her until she comes back?
24	MS. E: No, Your Honor, I do not.
25	THE COURT: Let's swear them in.

THE DEPUTY CLERK: Yes, I'll swear in 1 If you could please stand and raise your right hand? 3 (witness was sworn.) THE COURT: All right. Let's see, Mr. 4 5 why don't you tell us why you're here today? 6 Sure. Your Honor, we're here 7 Homeowner's Association has a today because 8 number of bank accounts with redacted bank and the bank 9 has inserted themselves into a dispute between the members 10 of the Association and they have -- they initially froze 11 the bank account back on October 17th for a period of ten 12 days and have now dishonored certain checks because there 13 were some members who made complaints to the bank. 14 members who made the complaints to the bank did not follow 15 the proper procedures to notify an adverse claim. 16 did not get a court order. They did not execute a bond 17 protecting the bank. And the bank was provided a letter 18 written by myself as the counsel to the 19 Homeowners' Association explaining why those members were 20 not properly on the board and explaining who the members 21 were. The current board was elected using all the proper 22 procedures of the bylaws. They have presented all the 23 information to the bank that was requested to recognize 24 them as signatories on the accounts. So we are here today to get a court order to require the bank to honor the

signatories that were elected to the board and allow the 1 2 checks to proceed as written. 3 THE COURT: Is there any proceeding with respect 4 to resolving the dispute with respect to who's the proper 5 board for the Homeowner's Association? : Your Honor, there is not an action 6 7 involving them. It's my understanding from the statutes 8 that if they disputed the current board's ability to 9 access the bank account, it was on them to -- the burden 10 was upon them to bring a court action. They have not. 11 And so as far as the homeowner's association is concerned, 12 they are the only board -- the current board is the only 13 board and the only one who should have access to the 14 account. 15 THE COURT: But there's no lawsuit between the 16 board you represent and the other board? 17 : Not at this time, Your Honor. 18 THE COURT: Why don't I hear from Ms. 19 to what the bank's position is at this point? 20 E: The bank's position, Your Honor, is MS. 21 that there are two groups claiming to be the valid 22 authority for this homeowners' association. It's a non-23 profit homeowners' association. And there is a pending 24 investigation with the Office of the Attorney General. And 25 they have representatives here today, sort of just know,

seeing what's going on. So the bank is in the position of if we continue to honor checks by the authority of this group that has sued us, then if it turns out that they're not properly the board for the association, then the bank could be liable if they continue to pay the checks. For a period of time, they did put the account on hold and then they started to just review the checks --

THE COURT: Well, when you say they, who --

MS. E: The bank put the account on hold initially, because they had two different groups coming in saying that they had the authority to run the association and to manage the bank account. And I think it started with a request that the signatory cards be changed and the parties with the authorizations to sign off on the bank account. So I think that -- until there's a resolution as to who is proper, the bank took the step in defense of this litigation to file for interpleader because we're stuck in the middle. We don't have any interest in the money, but if we continue to pay checks --

THE COURT: I thought you are defendant and there's no interpleader?

MS. E: There is. And I cited the statute in the pleading. You can do it either as plaintiff or you can file it as a defense to an action like this.

THE COURT: I guess the only paper I saw was the

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                        E: It's D.C. Code 287-603. Allows
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    interpleader as a defense.
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    motion to dismiss as to the bank, because this really is a
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    to manage this association.
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               THE COURT: And is there someone from the Office
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THE COURT: All right, you can have a seat right there. Why don't you tell me what the nature is of the investigation and what -- whether the Attorney General's office could take any action of a temporary nature to put the account on hold or how the Attorney General's Office is proceeding?

: Well, at this time, we have an MR. R investigation under the Non-Profit Corporation Act. That act gives the Attorney General the authority to seek court relief, equitable relief when a non-profit corporation is either acting contrary to its non-profit purposes or might be exceeding its lawful authority. We have not reached a conclusion as to whether the board that brought this lawsuit is the properly constituted order or not -- that's the subject of our investigation. We had suggested to redacted bank that given that we are hanging counsel for at the periphery with an open investigation, we would be willing if there were a mediation -- for example, we would be willing to focus on and try to accelerate our inquiry to reach some conclusions and then perhaps participate in a mediation if that, you know, were the route that the Court took.

We don't have a mechanism in our office to take control of funds. We really can only act by asking the

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Court for relief. And at this point, we're not in a 1 position to make allegations as to which is the rightful board or whether anyone did anything in excess of the board's authority.

THE COURT: All right, well presumably the board needs -- there's a need for money to be spent from time to time.

: That's correct, Your Honor. And MR. F for example, a check that was dishonored was sent to a contractor or basically someone who cleans up the property and maintains it. So when that check was not honored, you know, it sort of put -- it makes it harder for the association to do its business and it risks, you know, causing damage or just general diskeep (sic) of the association property.

: Your Honor, we're not actually --I'm not sure as of the middle of last week, we were not aware of any check written by the board being dishonored by the bank. And that was important to us, because obviously that would create a problem if checks were not being honored. But it's our understanding and this is second hand and it's our understanding, because we were in touch with the bank to try to understand the situation and how urgent it was -- that they were reviewing the checks one by one, but they in fact had honored all of the

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    there may have been a couple of checks that were not
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    were not aware of that as of the middle of last week.
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    why they weren't honored, but you know, we were surprised
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    by the filing of this action, because it seemed like a
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    theoretical dispute, given that we were not aware of any
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    checks actually being dishonored.
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              THE COURT: Well, let me just ask you, what is
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              THE DEPUTY CLERK: Can you state your name,
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              THE DEPUTY CLERK: Could you please stand?
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               (Ms. J was sworn.)
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THE COURT: All right, yes, you were going to explain why the check to some contractor from the bank -- the redacted HOA Association board was dishonored?

MS. J : I don't believe that's true. I'm not sure if you have evidence of that. The research that we've done in our retail end operations department reflects that there were no checks returned up until the end of last week. And I have a spread sheet that shows that -- some of the cleared checks. We did take the steps to review each check that was presented once we received notice that there was a dispute -- a legitimate dispute between competing factions within the HOA.

And after this action was filed, we still continued to honor checks after reviewing the checks. The only checks that we returned were written last week.

There were two checks — there were two checks written to the D.C. Treasurer — one for 2009 taxes and one for 2010 taxes. And neither of those checks specified the square lot number or provided any definitive information on the checks and the bank contacted Mr. . I personally contacted Mr. . I personally and the other side of the — you know, the competing faction as well as our counsel to confirm with the initial two parties, to confirm whether or not there was a feeling that these were legitimate

checks and why they were, you know, written for taxes that
were so old, if those taxes were indeed legitimate.

Neither one -- Mr. ______ never got back to me on that
question, and the other faction stated that they weren't
aware. And our counsel confirmed that it was within our
right to deny payment of those funds based on the statute
and since there was a legitimate dispute between the
parties.

The final check that was presented on Friday was a check written to Mr. F and the bank definitely did not want to honor that check now that we knew that there was this legitimate dispute, because the other faction has expressed their need for an attorney. And you know, we just don't want to be in a position to have to make a decision and a judgment call and since we're supported by law to not pay checks until this dispute is resolved, then counsel advised us to do so.

THE COURT: All right. Let's see, I haven't had an opportunity to look at the papers in this case. Let me ask counsel -- well, first, let me ask Mr. F , what provisions are you relying on for your argument that it is up to the opposition board members to file suit, and until they do so, that the checks of your client are the ones that should be honored?

MR. F : Yes, Your Honor, I believe that

first of all, the statute that defendant's counsel relies on, 28-7603, I believe that's --

THE COURT: I'm sorry, 28 --

MR. ______: 28-7603 is not relevant to this case. It's a warehousing bailing issue. I believe that 26-803 regarding notice of adverse claim to deposit should control here. And it requires that a party that claims there's an adverse claimant to a bank account to either procure a restraining order injunction or to execute basically a bond on behalf of the bank. And the adverse party has not done so.

Additionally, the <u>Stevenson</u> case upon which defendant relied heavily upon spoke of a brief time period of -- you know, that more than nine days would not have been -- would have been unreasonable essentially in which to freeze the account to allow the adverse party to file suit to resolve it.

None of this sort of -- I believe the case law and the statute makes it clear that the burden is upon someone who's not on the account who claims they should be, rather than the party that's actually on the account. And we do have evidence of a check from December that was marked as signature not missing, even though it had the proper signatures on it -- signature missing -- as one of the checks that was not honored by the bank.

1	THE COURT. All right You Ma 02
	THE COURT: All right. Yes, Ms. e?
2	MS. E: Yes, so Your Honor, basically there
3	was the other faction in the homeowners' association who
4	represented themselves to be, you know, the new board
5	members of the homeowners' association. And they came to
6	the branch with the executed resolution and all the
7	bylaws, et. cetera, requesting to be added as signatories
8	to the account. And this is our branch manager.
9	MS. J : So basically, what's happening is
10	the bank is in the position of micromanaging this because
11	the bank now is having to look at every check and it's not
12	their position or right to or they shouldn't have to
13	decide whether this check is good or this check is not
14	good for the benefit of the association.
15	The complaint concedes that there's a dispute.
16	I mean, it does not deny that there's a dispute as to who
17	has the proper authority. So I just don't think that the
18	bank should be put in a position of having to micromanage
19	this.
20	THE COURT: All right, I'll tell you what. I'll
21	take a half an hour recess in this case so I can look at
22	the papers that have been filed and check those two
23	statutes out. And then we'll continue.
24	(Recess)

THE DEPUTY CLERK: This is recalling 2015 CA

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2	. And for the record, Your Honor, all parties are
3	still present.
4	THE COURT: All right, let's see, has there been
5	an interpleader action filed? I see a motion to dismiss.
6	MS. E: No, Your Honor, not yet.
7	THE COURT: That hasn't been filed? All right,
8	and what checks are at issue at this point? In terms of
9	what checks if any has the bank not honored based upon a
10	dispute with respect to who is authorized to sign the
11	checks?
12	MS. J : There were three checks, Your
13	Honor. Two were written to the D.C. Treasurer, but it
14	doesn't indicate a lot and square number. And it only
15	indicates it was for one says 2009 D.C. Taxes and one
16	says 2010 D. C. Taxes in the memo section. And the third
17	check was written to the
18	THE COURT: So as to those checks, the basis is
19	not that there's a dispute as to who is authorized to sign
20	a check and withdraw funds the basis for the refusal to
21	honor it, is that it doesn't have a lot number on it?
22	MS. E: No, Your Honor, the underlying
23	dispute is the authorization, but the bank has been trying
24	to work with the association while this whole thing is
25	being sorted out. So some of the checks most of the

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checks have been cleared based on them looking at the
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              THE COURT: Excuse me. Who's them? So the bank
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    has been consulting both the plaintiffs who are here today
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    representative from the bank indicated, the bank attempted
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    to contact Mr. F to get confirmation and did not get
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    a response, so they did not honor those two checks.
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              THE COURT: Is that your group or --
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            r and December of went through all the
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    proper procedures with the bank to become signatories on
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              THE COURT: And those are to pay back taxes?
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MR. F : Those were to -- I've gotten all 1 the information today. The Association had been paying 3 estimated quarterly taxes for a time period and they 4 finally were able to get an accountant in the fall to 5 rectify the numbers. And so there was a small discrepancy between the quarterly taxes, the estimated and what was 6 7 actually owed. So back in October I believe the check was 8 written and the D.C. Government just finally tried to cash 9 it this month. So there wasn't a lot in square number 10 because I don't believe it was actually property taxes, 11 but it was the income. 12 MR. : Corporations are required to file 13 franchise taxes. 14 THE COURT: Pardon me? 15 MR. F : It was a franchise tax. 16 MR.witness: It was a franchise tax. THE COURT: All right. Well, D.C. should be 17 18 able to confirm whether or not there is a franchise tax that is still due on -- well, that seems -- why can't that 19 20 be settled in the sense with the bank willing to honor 21 those checks once D.C. has certified that in fact those 22 franchise taxes are still owing? Is that acceptable to 23 your side? 24 : Your Honor, the bank was -- the account was first frozen back in mid-October. My reading 25

of D.C. law allows a brief window to freeze these. 2 THE COURT: Well, why don't you first answer my 3 question. Is there any harm to your side if those checks 4 are honored once D.C. confirms that there is money due? 5 : Your Honor, there's no harm -- I mean, we want them to be honored, so I would be in favor 6 7 of that. THE COURT: All right. And I think D.C. will --8 9 maybe we can have D.C. agree that it will take no -- what 10 adverse action can D.C. take or not take based upon some 11 franchise -- small discrepancy in franchise taxes? 12 mean, D.C. is not contemplating taking any action? 13 MR. R : Well, I mean, the fact that five 14 or six years have gone by since these taxes were owed 15 makes me conclude without knowing the facts -- I conclude 16 that there is no imminent risk of enforcement. I mean, 17 we'd certainly try to help in this situation by reaching 18 out to the Office of Tax and Revenue and confirming -- if we can confirm that the tax is owed and it's proper to 19 20 have a franchise tax in this situation, we would be happy 21 to let the parties know so that the bank feels that it's 22 covered. I think they're just afraid -- Your Honor, we'd 23 be happy to help work with the parties. 24 THE COURT: Okay. And the last check was a check to Mr. F

E: To counsel for this group, Mr. 1 MS. 2 3 THE COURT: Mr. F . All right, and what's 4 the amount of that check? 5 MS. E: \$1,668. 6 THE COURT: \$1,668? All right. Well, since --7 I'm at odds in this case in a sense. It certainly seems 8 if there is a right dispute between the two competing 9 classes here as to who is the appropriate signatory, then 10 it certainly seems as if the bank should be able to 11 interplead and say here are the funds and those two sides 12 should fight it out. I guess what troubles me is so 13 far -- well, one, an interpleader action hasn't yet in 14 fact been filed. And secondly, the competing side 15 hasn't -- I gather it hasn't taken any action with respect 16 to notifying any action to comply with Title 26, Section 17 803 -- has it, with respect to the bank? Has it given 18 notice? It says notice shall not be effectual to cause said bank or trust company to recognize said adverse 19 20 claimant unless said adverse claimant shall either procure 21 a restraining order -- and I take it that hasn't 22 happened -- or execute to such bank or trust company in 23 form of sureties acceptable to it or bond indemnifying 24 said bank or trust company from any and all liability, loss or damage. I take it that hasn't been done either,

is that correct?

MS. E: That has not been done. Apparently what they simply did was went through the -- tried to go through an administrative process with the OAG's office.

MS. J : And I was told that the reason that they haven't taken any legal action is because they don't have the resources to pay for it because one side has control over the funds and the other side doesn't have control over the funds. So homeowner association fees are being used to pay Mr. F 's attorneys fees where the competing faction doesn't have access to --

THE COURT: Well, I mean, as I say, the statute provides how notice is to be handled and how it just seems to me it just hasn't — that the opposing side hasn't ripened its claim and no interpleader action has formally been filed. So at this juncture, I think what makes sense is for D.C. to just confirm that there is that franchise tax discrepancy and that once that confirmation is achieved, then the bank will be under an obligation to honor those two checks, and I think with respect to the remaining check of counsel fees, the amount of \$1,668 to Mr. F , I think that in view of the fact that an interpleader action has not been filed and in view of the fact that the competing homeowners' association group hasn't complied with Title 26-803 in ripening its claim,

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    I'm not sure why it's not showing up in their records.
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                        : We cleared that check. For how
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             THE COURT: Has that been honored or not?
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THE COURT: All right, so it seems as though there should be no dispute as to that.

MS. E: So Your Honor, this is a difficult situation I think both for the bank and the association because where we're left now is either the bank files an interpleader and the money gets put into the registry of the Court, which we would do today, or the bank would exercise its authority and simply close the account, which they have the right to do, and then just make a check for the full amount to the association. But you know, I don't know where the City stands in that and whatever. But the bank has an absolute right to disclose it so they're not in the middle of this dispute.

THE COURT: Well, I think the bank can take what action it wishes to do in that regard. Because I mean, certainly the bank shouldn't be unnecessarily caught in the middle of it. And there will have to be a lawsuit which determines the merits of the claim of the two competing groups for the home association funds and hopefully D.C. will -- since this is no longer a hypothetical dispute, D.C. will act promptly to see whether or not it wants to take any action in favor of the competing group.

All right, so I think my oral order is clear enough. So at this point, except as otherwise stated by

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              THE COURT: Well, actually, why don't you honor
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                  E: So they can be resubmitted.
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              THE COURT: All right.
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    sufficient monies in the account to cover those checks.
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              MS. J : For those three, but the remaining
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    funds will be dispersed in the name of the homeowner's
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              THE COURT: Well, you can take -- whatever is
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closing the account -- you can take whatever action is --: But we want to clarify to whom the 2 3 check should be mailed. Because we want to make sure, 4 again, that no party -- neither of the parties --5 THE COURT: Well, I think maybe it would be 6 depositing the monies in the registry of the Court with an 7 interpleader action so that the two competing parties can 8 fight as to those --: And there are three accounts for 9 MR. F 10 the record, with There's a reserve 11 account and then -- there's actually two accounts that 12 have reserve funds and the operating account. 13 MS. E: We will close all of the accounts. 14 But Your Honor, the bank would like to request that if we 15 close out the account, that the bank not have to incur 16 additional legal expense by drafting and filing an 17 interpleader action and then I don't know if we would 18 still have to be party to that action. Because this is costing a significant amount of expense to the bank in 19 20 terms of administration. If we could make possibly --21 THE COURT: Well, I'm not going to enter an 22 order excusing the bank from filing an interpleader 23 action. 24 E: Okay, so are we going to allow to MS. close the account simultaneous with the filing of the

interpleader action? 2 THE COURT: Yes, I think that that would --3 : I think that's the process and 4 then offer the money to the court registry. 5 THE COURT: Right, right. 6 MS. \mathbf{E} : Okay. 7 THE COURT: All right, thank you all. 8 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Your Honor, are we closing 9 the case at this time? 10 THE COURT: Actually, did counsel want a status 11 hearing? 12 MR. F : Your Honor, can I say something 13 before? I think as part of it, that if -- they had plenty 14 of time to file an interpleader. I think that the funds, 15 if the account is closed, should be written to the association as they are the owner of the account. 16 17 proper board has opened an account with 18 so they would like to take those funds and deposit in that 19 account. And I think if the competing faction has 20 something they want to do, they can then file something 21 then. But I believe that would be the -- that should be 22 the procedure going forward. 23 THE COURT: Well, I think -- no, other than the 24 outstanding checks that we've discussed, I think an interpleader action would be the way to go. Do counsel

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want a status hearing later on this or no?
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              THE COURT: All right, the complaint is
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                       E: Thank you, Your Honor.
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              THE DEPUTY CLERK: So you're dismissing the
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    complaint for the PI?
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              THE COURT: What?
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              THE DEPUTY CLERK: You're dismissing the motion
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    for PI at this time?
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              THE COURT: Yes.
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              THE DEPUTY CLERK: Okay.
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               (Thereupon, the proceedings were concluded.)
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ELECTRONIC CERTIFICATE

I further certify that the foregoing 25 pages constitute the official transcript of said proceedings as transcribed from audio recording to the best of my ability.

In witness whereof, I have hereto subscribed my name, this day of 2016.

Transcriber