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# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

#### DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

United States of America,

Plaintiff,

v.

Janice Sue Taylor,

Defendant.

CR-10-00400-PHX-MHM

NOTICE OF NONCOMPLIANCE WITH COURT'S ORDER OF AUGUST 2, 2010 and REQUEST FOR ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE RE: CONTEMPT

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On August 2, 2010, the Court ordered that Ronald J. McBride and Desiree Saunders comply with trial subpoenas duly issued and served upon them several months ago [doc. 41]. The Court entered its order after considering each witness' Motion to Quash [docs. 14, 15] and finding that neither motion had articulated a legal basis for quashing the subpoenas. Moreover, the Court found that a pretrial compliance date was warranted due to "the witnesses' past and present conduct." That conduct continues. In another obvious attempt to subvert the government's prosecution of this case, rather than complying by August 10, 2010 as ordered, each witness¹ filed another frivolous pleading [docs. 44, 45] contemptuously informing the Court that "I... do

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Witness McBride is defendant's boyfriend. Witness Saunders is defendant's daughter. While the United States has no direct evidence that either is acting at the direction of defendant, we point out to the Court that defendant herself refused to comply with Judge Bolton's order that she produce records, was found in contempt and was jailed for approximately 27 months as a result. *United States v. Sue Taylor*, CR 06-3121-PHX-SRB, doc. 70.

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not consent to your Order."

In our Response to Motion to Quash Subpoena and Request for Pretrial Compliance Deadline [doc. 35], the United States fully explained the history of these witnesses' noncompliance and bad-faith. A summary of it follows. Each witness was served with a grand jury subpoena duces tecum for documents in late March, almost five months ago. The witnesses appeared before the grand jury with some of the documents on March 30, 2010, but refused to turn them over. On April 6, 2010 before Judge Martone, the witnesses said they would comply and were ordered to comply by April 20, 2010. Again, they did not but on April 22, 2010, moved to quash on the grounds that Taylor's indictment rendered moot the grand jury's subpoenas. At that same proceeding, all parties seemed to agree that the documents could be obtained via a trial subpoena. The witnesses were served with those trial subpoenas nearly three months ago, but filed frivolous motions to quash rather than comply.

Trial is set for October 5, 2010 and each day of delay further prejudices the United States' ability to adequately prepare for trial. Because these witnesses have each willfully defied the Court's order of August 2, 2010 and have willfully failed to comply with the subpoenas, the United States respectfully moves pursuant to Rule 17(g), Fed.R.Crim.P. and 28 U.S.C. §1826(a) that Ronald J. McBride and Desiree Saunders, after hearing, be held in civil contempt and, upon their continued failure to comply, be jailed until they do comply or until the conclusion of the prosecution of Janice Sue Taylor, whichever first occurs.

Respectfully submitted this 12th day of August, 2010.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on August 12, 2010, I caused the attached document to be electronically transmitted to the Clerk's Office using the ECF system for filing and be mailed to Ronald James McBride, P.O. Box 982, Florence, AZ 85132 and Desiree Saunders, 3341 Arianna Court, Gilbert, AZ 85298