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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

10 United States of America,
11 Plaintiff,

12 v.

13 Janice Sue Taylor,
14 Defendant.

No. CR-10-0400-PHX-MHM

**GOVERNMENT’S RESPONSE TO
DEFENDANT’S MOTION FOR BILL
OF PARTICULARS**

15 The United States, through undersigned counsel, opposes Defendant’s request for a bill
16 of particulars.

17 Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 7(f) permits the Court to “direct the government to
18 file a bill of particulars.” “The purposes of a bill of particulars are to minimize the danger of
19 surprise at trial and to provide sufficient information on the nature of the charges to allow
20 preparation of a defense. These purposes are served if the indictment itself provides sufficient
21 details of the charges and if the Government provides full discovery to the defense.” *United*
22 *States v. Mitchell*, 744 F.2d 701, 705 (9th Cir. 1984).

23 Here, the nature of the charges is clear: Defendant is accused of evading taxes and failing
24 to file returns for tax years 2003 through 2006. In addition, she has been provided expansive
25 discovery—beyond what is required by caselaw, statute, or rule—including a copy of the case
26 agent’s summary report, copies of many of the anticipated trial exhibits, a list of likely trial
27 witnesses, and reports of witness interviews.
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1 It appears that instead of seeking facts to clarify the charge, Defendant is simply voicing
2 her disagreement with the U.S. income tax laws. In addition, she includes other requests that
3 seem designed to simply delay or confuse the proceedings. For example, she requests 1) “the
4 applicable Statute or section” that “defines the difference between the ‘United States’ and the
5 ‘United States of America,’” and 2) confirmation that “‘fail to make an income tax return’ [is]
6 a cryptic euphemism used in lieu of . . . ‘fail to file an income tax return.’”

7 Even if Defendant were inquiring about the tax laws in good faith, however, that is an
8 inappropriate basis for a bill of particulars. “The purpose of a bill of particulars is to secure facts,
9 not legal theories.” *United States v. Rose*, 149 F.2d 755, 758 (9th Cir. 1945). For example, in
10 *United States v. Buckner*, the Ninth Circuit affirmed the trial court’s denial of a bill of particulars
11 in a tax evasion case, rejecting the defendant’s claim “that the government should have been
12 required to disclose its theory of Subchapter S taxation.” 610 F.2d 570, 574 (9th Cir. 1979). The
13 court explained that “the government is not obligated to disclose the theory under which it will
14 proceed,” so long as all relevant *facts* are disclosed. *Id.*

15 Accordingly, her motion should be denied.

16 Respectfully submitted this 9th day of November, 2010.

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