

RESPONDING TO AND MANAGING EXTREMISTS AND SOVEREIGN CITIZENS IN THE COURT SETTING

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COURT SECURITY CONFERENCE
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THREE BROAD TOPICS

- History, beliefs and practices
- Dealing with filings, demands, threats and liens
- Dealing with sovereign citizens as parties

OVERVIEW OF BELIEFS: A BRIEF HISTORY

- **Posse Comitatus**
 - 1980s farm crisis origins
 - 1990s financial crisis
 - Growth in anti-government ideology
- **Sovereign Citizens**
 - Constitutionalists
 - Freemen
 - Sovereigns

National Threat Priority

- The FBI has elevated racially-motivated violent extremism to a “national threat priority.”
- The “national threat priority” designation puts those groups or individuals on the same footing as “ISIS” in terms of the resources the FBI will devote to it.

BELIEFS BASED ON CONSPIRACY

- Original or “du jure” (legitimate) v “defacto” (illegitimate) government
- Hidden constitutional amendments
 - 13th amendment: Lawyers are nobility and cannot be Citizens or serve in government.
- All or most constitutional amendments invalid
- 14th amendment **citizens** (small c) V **Citizens**
- Sovereign—separate/independent
Not “citizens”

BELIEFS BASED ON CONSPIRACY: HIDDEN CONTRACTS

- Birth certificate
- Drivers license
- Social security number
- Professional licenses
- Income and other taxes
- Zip codes
- Traffic tickets
- Civil and criminal cases
- Anything involving contact with government

BELIEFS BASED ON CONSPIRACY: HIDDEN CONTRACTS

Will often try to “revoke” these hidden “contracts.”

Claim they are not bound by such “contracts” unless they specifically consent.

REDEMPTION THEORY

- Government pledged citizens as “assets” which were then used to borrow money when government went bankrupt in 1933.
- Name in all capital letters denotes this type of person.
- Birth certificates pledged as collateral

REDEMPTION THEORY 2

- This process created a separate entity for every person known as a “strawman” whose name is usually typed in all capital letters. This is different than the real person.
- Person can “redeem” their strawman and take control of all their rights.
- Redemption can be done by filing birth certificate with the state or other steps.

PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS

- Often are in financial distress
 - Posse movement had its genesis in financial farm crisis.
 - Mortgage/financial problems/debts.
- Personal or legal problems.
- Angry at or extremely distrustful of government
- See themselves as victims.
- True believers v. the desperate

SOVEREIGN TRIGGERS

- Often act in response to government action, no matter how minor.
 - Taxes
 - Traffic tickets
 - Civil and criminal cases
 - Ordinance violations
 - Zoning
 - Professional licensure
 - Anything involving contact with government or banks/financial institutions.

SOVEREIGN ACTIVITIES

- Renunciation of government “contracts.”
 - Citizenship
 - Birth certificates
 - Etc.
- Common law “courts.”
- Creation of mirror governments
 - *thewisconsinfreestate.com*
 - Executive, Legislative, Judicial branches

Phony license plate & registration card



Embassy of Heaven
 8777 Basil Hill Road SE
 Stayton, Oregon
 Kingdom of Heaven

VEHICLE REGISTRATION CARD

PLATE NUMBER	TITLE NUMBER	REGISTRATION DATE	EXPIRES DATE	REGISTERED OWNER
174247	1028887	02-14-98	02-14-98	7763
YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER	
1997	PLYMO	4DR	1G9AS47C4V2565003	

Embassy of Heaven Church
 8777 Basil Hill Road SE
 Stayton, Oregon, Kingdom of Heaven

IF YOU VEHICLE IS SOLD OR TAKEN OUT OF SERVICE, CHECK HERE AND RETURN TO EMBASSY OFFICE

License Plates



SOVEREIGN ACTIVITIES 2

- Issuance/use of phony driver's licenses or "international" licenses.
- Issuance of phony financial instruments.
- Use of phony deeds/"Land patents"

IDENTIFYING SOVEREIGN DOCUMENTS

- You will know it when you see it.
 - Punctuation and capitalization
ALL CAPS = STRAWMAN
Hypens, semi-colons, etc.
 - Uniform Commercial Code
 - Obscure Latin phrases/words

DOCUMENT EXAMPLES

- Returning legal and other documents
 - “Refused for cause without dishonor”
 - “Accepted for value”
 - UCC cites
- Non statutory abatement
- “Administrative” legal proceeding docs
- Common law or grand jury documents

Reused Traffic Ticket

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Appearance Required 22 No. Yes Date 07-07-04 E582150-3

PLACE: Columbia Co Courthouse 400 DuWitt St, Portage, WI 53301

PLATE: 515754 49116 Wisconsin USA 07-07-04 15:43:00

Refusal for Cause

Without Dishonor

Appearance Required 22 No. Yes Date 07-07-04 E582150-4

PLACE: Columbia Co Courthouse 400 DuWitt St, Portage, WI 53301

PLATE: 515754 49116 Wisconsin USA 07-07-04 15:43:00

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NON STATUTORY ABATEMENT

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STATE OF WISCONSIN }
COLUMBIA COUNTY } SS
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Abatement

Respond to:
Lester John Sundemo, suse potestate esse
c/o W5750 Highway 16
Ria, Wisconsin

superior court, Columbia county, Wisconsin

Reg of Deeds
MAY 11 2004
MAY 11 2004

superior case number M2003018033

Your cause # E582159-4 & E582159-3

Part One,
Non-Statutory Abatement

Dated: The Third day of the Fifth
Month in the Year of Our Lord and Savior Jesus the
Christ, Two thousand and four.

Non-Statutory Abatement

By: Lester John Sundemo, suse potestate esse
in the matter of: Abandoned AUTOMATED LETTER(S) mailed with 05-09-2004, time 10:00 am, and 06-07-2004, time
10:00 am, and 05-01-04, 1:00 am pm, and your cause #E582159-4 & E582159-3, and the invalid person designate,
Lester J. Sundemo, suse potestate esse.

With Known and Remembered by All to Whom These Presents, Come, and May Concern

Introduction

This Non-Statutory Abatement is issued by and under the Ministerial Power and Authority vested in and appertaining to the Ministerial Office of Christ, established in Truth and Substance by the Grace of God through Our Sovereign Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ, and which is the Foundation of Law, customs, and people's common among all Good and Lawful Christians, being CO-Heirs and appointed CO-Executors of His Testament, governing His Estate brought into being by His original Act sworn to by Him in His Testament; and in execution of the Judgment declared therein by Him, against Brian Pulvermacher, and COLUMBIA COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT, acting also as member of Our Sovereign Lord and Savior for whom I am one of several ministers, said Defendants are attempting to plunder the Estate of a Precursor, in part, in terms, using purported process unknown to, and not recognized by, the Law of Our Sovereign, which is outlawed by the general custom in the Kingdom because it disturbs His Peace, which Peace He bestowed upon His church and state, and because rerum ordo confunditur, si iniquaque juredicitia non servatur, and thus, is in violation of the Law of Nations, The Law of War, and the lex non scripta, which is the law published in His church and state.

Nisi Subditus in jure reprobatus, et tunc Certitudo Certitudinem confundit

Part One of this matter shall be known as Non-Statutory Abatement and contains the following documents titled: One, Non-Statutory Abatement and, Two, Verification by Assertion.

Page One of Eight

STATE OF WISCONSIN
COUNTY OF COLUMBIA
CERTIFIED COPY

I certify that this is a true and correct copy of the instrument
which was filed and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds
of Columbia County, Wisconsin.

Register of Deeds
Date: 3-7-2007

DEFAULT JUDGMENT

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Respond to:
Lester John Sundmo
c/o W5750 Highway 16
Rice, Wisconsin Republic

STATE OF WISCONSIN } ss
COLUMBIA COUNTY }
RECEIVED FOR RECORD
MAY 17 2004
Denny Hill
Pop of Record: 2:00 P.M.
Denny Hill

This Space for Filing / Date Stamping

DEFAULT

You, Brian Pulvermacher
DBA:723 East Cook St.
Portage WI 53901

DEFAULT
DEFAULT
DEFAULT JUDGMENT

Re: Non-Statutory Abatement,
superior case no N20020318003
Your cause # ES82159-4 & ES82158-3

You have failed by not answering timely as instructed in above matter.

You are now in **DEFAULT**, of Invoice Dated: Third day of the Fifth month in the Year of My Lord and Saviour Jesus the Christ, Two-thousand and four.

Your in-action allows a **DEFAULT JUDGMENT TO BE ENTERED**.

Title 38, S.C.P. 1746 (1)
"I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct."
Dated: This Fourteenth day of the Fifth Month, in the Year of Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, Two-thousand and four.

By help me,
Denny Hill
Sovereign Wisconsin (Auto) Citizen

NOTICE OF HEARING

(2)

Washington county court
country of Wisconsin
common law venue
supreme court
original and exclusive jurisdiction
united States of America
Wisconsin state (organic)

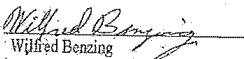
Washington county	(Wilfred Benzing
)	Sharon Benzing, wife of Wilfred Benzing
Wisconsin	(Nathaniel Benzing, son of Wilfred Benzing
)	Jessica Benzing, daughter of Wilfred Benzing
united States of America	(
)	TO: Jay S. Karsten

Notice of Hearing

Notice of Ninth U.C.C. Private Security Agreement "True Bill" Hearing is hereby given to Jay S. Karsten.

Date: February 10th, 2000
Time: 7:00 P.M.
Place: 321 4th Street North
Bank Centre
county of Minnesota
united States of America

Your interest might be affected by the outcome of this hearing and you are invited to attend.


Wilfred Benzing

APPENDIX C

SIMULATED ADMIN JUDGMENT

ORIGINAL

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Washington county court
country of Wisconsin
common law venue
supreme court
original and exclusive jurisdiction
united States of America
Wisconsin state (organic)

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
COUNTY OF WASHINGTON) SS
I certify that this is a true and correct
copy of a document in the possession of the
Clerk of Circuit Court for Washington County.
THIS CERTIFICATE IS NOT VALID UNLESS COURT
SEAL IS EMBOSSED HEREON.

8/10/2000 *Kristine M. Deiss*
DATE KRISTINE M. DEISS
CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT

Willfred Benzling
Demandant,

Case No. LLWB002101

v.

Ronald M. Rewerts
Respondent.

FILED
FEB 14 2000
Clerk of Circuit Court
Washington Co., WI

DECLARATORY JUDGMENT
in the form of
FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

The jury in the above styled action, being fully informed in the premises, and having diligently and prayerfully considered the testimony presented before it concerning the matters addressed therein, has unanimously concluded as set forth below, and in order that justice might be done and accomplished does issue the following FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, to wit:

We the jury do find that Ronald M. Rewerts did freely admit and confess that he attended institutions of higher learning for the purpose of which was to obtain an

[Signature]

Exhibit C

INVOICE

Filing NO: 20039624355

Invoice

(NOTICE TO AGENT IS NOTICE TO FEDERAL)
(NOTICE TO FEDERAL IS NOTICE TO AGENT)

Private, between Parties by Contract, Date: November 10, 2003
Debtor: Jane E. Kohlwey } Creditor: Lita May, Sundano
Columbia County Dist. Attorney } c/o W5750 Highway 16
400 DeWitt St. } Rio, Wisconsin Republic
Fortage WI 53901 }

As per Private-Contract submitted to Debtor:

TRADE NAME NOTICE

On or about Dates 11/20/03, The above debtor violated a private contract # 200342806,

of "TRADE NAME" Held by Creditor, Secured Party, as itemized below:

Amount	Debtor/User	Date	Times	Total X Triple Damage
\$100,000.00	Jane E. Kohlwey	November 10, 2003	Seven (7)	\$2,100,000.00

All Accounts are due in full within ten (10) days.

Affidavit

The undersigned declares, and affirms this INVOICE, to be true, correct, and complete to the best of his knowledge.

Dated: November 11, 2003

Lita May, Sundano
Creditor / Claimant

Title 28, F.R.C.P. 1746 (1)

"I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Lita May, Sundano
Lita May, Sundano, sovereign."

TRADENAME NOTICE

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TRADE NAME NOTICE


TRADE NAME NOTICE - "LILAC M. SUNDSMO", Trade name notice. All rights reserved in common law of trade name, "LILAC M. SUNDSMO" - as well as any and all derivatives and variations in spelling of said trade name, "LILAC M. SUNDSMO", may neither be used, nor reproduced, neither in whole nor in part, nor in any manner whatsoever, without the prior, express, written consent and acknowledgment of Lise May Sundsmo, as signified by red-ink signature applied. complete per: Lise May Sundsmo, hereinafter "Secured Party." With the intent of being contractually bound, any juristic person, as well as the agent of said juristic person, consents and agrees by this trade name notice that neither said juristic person nor the agent of said juristic person, shall display, nor otherwise use in any manner, the common law trade name, described herein, nor any derivatives of, nor any variation in spelling of, "Lise May Sundsmo", without the prior express written consent and acknowledgment of Secured Party, as signified by Secured Party's signature in red ink. Secured Party neither grants, nor implies, nor otherwise gives consent for any unauthorized use of "LILAC M. SUNDSMO," and all such unauthorized use is strictly prohibited. Secured Party is not now, nor has Secured Party ever been, an accommodation party, nor a surety, for the purported Debtor, i.e. "LILAC M. SUNDSMO", nor for any derivative of, nor for any variation in the spelling of, said name, nor for any other juristic person, and is so - indemnified and held harmless by Debtor, i.e. "LILAC M. SUNDSMO", in bold harmless and Indemnity Agreement No - 01203 -1 dated the Twenty-seventh day of the First month in the year of My Saylor Two-thousand and three, against any and all claims, legal actions, orders, warrants, judgments, demands, liabilities, laws, deposits, summons, lawsuits, costs, fines, fees, levies, penalties, damages, interests and expenses whatsoever, both absolute and contingent as are due and as might hereafter arise, and as might be suffered by, imposing on and incurred by Debtor for any and every reason, purpose, and cause whatsoever.

Self-Executing Contract / Security Agreement in event of Unauthorized Use

By this Trade Name Notice, both the juristic person and the agent of said juristic person, hereinafter jointly and severally "User", consents and agrees that any use of "LILAC M. SUNDSMO", other than authorized use as set forth above, constitutes unauthorized use, counterfeiting, of Secured Party's common law trade name property, contractually binds User, renders this trade name notice a Security Agreement wherein User is Debtor and Lise May Sundsmo is Secured Party, and signifies that User:

- (1) grants Secured Party a security interest in all User's assets, land, and personal property, in the sum certain amount of one-hundred thousand, (\$100,000.00), per occurrence of use of any and all derivatives of and variations in spelling of, "LILAC M. SUNDSMO", plus costs, plus triple damages.

SIMULATED CIVIL CASE


DO NOT WRITE
RECEIVED
FOR THE LODGE OF THIS SUMMONS IS WITHIN THE DISTRICT-COURT
IN THE TERRITORY OF THE WISCONSIN
WITH THE UNITY STATES OF THE WORLD.

Jason Zellmer
CLAIMANT
CORPORATION CASE NUMBER: R.R.-411-933-653: U.S.
SUMMONS AND CIVIL CASE: JRT

VERSUS:

Lana Mades [SIC], DANE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT [SIC], MADISON CORPORATION COUNCIL [SIC], Judith a. Coleman [SIC], Stephen E. Helmsness [SIC], Peter B. Schmidt [SIC], David S. Gburan [SIC], Maria G. Kruger [SIC]
VASSALEES:

SUMMONS:

- FOR THIS COUNTER-CLAIM [ANSWER] OF THIS SUMMONS IS WITH THIS CLAIM OF THIS CORPORATION. CASE NUMBER: R.R.-411-933-653: U.S. WITH THIS DISTRICT-COURT.
- FOR THIS COUNTER-CLAIM [ANSWER] OF THIS CONTRACT IS WITH THIS ORDER FOR THIS DISTRICT-COURT OF THE UNITY STATES OF THE WORLD BY THESE VASSALEES.
- FOR THE LODGE OF A WRITING-COUNTER-CLAIM [ANSWER] IS WITHIN THE DISTRICT-COURT IN THE TERRITORY OF THE WISCONSIN WITH THE UNITY STATES OF THE WORLD WITH THE LOCATION OF THE-120: NORTH-HENRY-STREET IN THE CITY OF THE MADISON IN THE TERRITORY OF THE WISCONSIN [-53703] BY THE VASSALEES.
- FOR THIS SUMMONS OF THIS COURT IS WITH THIS ORDER FOR A WRITING-COUNTER-CLAIM [ANSWER] OF THIS TRUTH LANGUAGE-CLAIM IN THE NOW-TIME WITHIN THESE-45 DAYS OF THIS SERVICE-DATE OF THIS SUMMONS. FOR THE SERVING OF A COUNTER-CLAIM [ANSWER] IS WITH THE CERTIFY-MAIL WITH THIS DISTRICT-COURT-JUDGE OF THE UNITY STATES OF THE WORLD:
Janice Kay Logan
-3761: OLD-INDIAN-TRAIL;
CHATHAM, ILLINOIS [-62629]
- FOR A BREACH OF THIS COMMAND IS WITH THE SANCTIONS OF THE CLAIMS OF THIS CORPORATION. CASE NUMBER: R.R.-411-933-653: U.S.
- FOR THIS ORDER WITH A JUDGMENT IS WITH THIS CLAIM OF A FAULT.
- FOR AN ORDER OF THIS DISTRICT-COURT-JUDGE IS WITH THE CLAIMS [EVIDENCE] AND FIRST-HAND-KNOWLEDGE FOR AN ORDER BY THE VASSALEE(S)-WRITING-CONFESSION AND NEGLIGENCE FOR THE DUTIES OF THE FACT WITH THIS CORPORATION-CASE-CLAIM.
- FOR THIS SUMMONS OF THIS DISTRICT-COURT IS WITH THIS AUTHORIZATION AND AUTHORITY FOR THE CHANCE WITH THE CORRECTION OF A WRONG.

BY THIS ORDER OF THIS COURT:
Janice Kay Logan
DISTRICT-COURT JUDGE

- FOR THIS DATE OF THIS HEARING IS WITH THE MILITARY TIME: 13:30:00 ON THE-12 DAY IN THE MONTH OF THE MAY IN THE YEAR OF THE-2002, WITH THE COURT-HOUSE OF THE LOCATION: -120: NORTH-HENRY-STREET, COURTROOM-NUMBER-260, IN THE CITY OF THE MADISON IN THE TERRITORY OF THE WISCONSIN [-53703] IN THE UNITY STATES OF THE WORLD.

SEAL: CLERK OF THE DISTRICT-COURT: Russell Jay Gould
POST-MASTER AND CLERK: Russell Jay Gould

APPENDIX F

FOR THE COPY CLAIM OF THE DATE-2002 JANUARY-07 IS
WITH THE David Wayne Miller LAW CLAIMS BY THE DISTRICT-COURT JUDGE, Janice Kay Logan.

SEAL: DISTRICT-COURT
JAN 10 2002
MADISON, WISCONSIN

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DEALING WITH SOVEREIGN DOCUMENTS

- Various forms of demands/notices
 - Oath of office demand
 - Contractual authority demand
 - Copyright or trademark of name notice
 - Phony Tax forms (1099 form)
 - Invoices/payment demands
- Evaluate the nature of the contact
 - Demand for response or information or an admission?
 - Construe as public record demand?
 - An attempted pleading?
 - Just a notice? (e.g. renouncing citizenship, etc)

DEALING WITH SOVEREIGN DOCUMENTS

- Responding to documents.
 - Is it a document that must be accepted for filing?
 - Is any response needed?
 - Warning letter?
 - Legal representation needed?
 - Director of state courts/legal counsel

DEALING WITH DOCUMENTS

- **Cause for concern:**
 - Consult legal counsel, Law Enforcement, DA, and review safety/security plan.
 - Physical threat
 - Copyright or trademark of name notice
 - Phony Tax forms (1099 form)
 - Arrest warrant, subpoena, judgment
 - Possible civil summons/complaint
 - UCC financing statement
 - A lien or threat of lien
 - Demand for money or claim of debt

RESPONDING TO LIENS

- Proactive steps regarding liens or lien threats:
 - **Register of deeds contact**
 - An attorney general opinion concludes that registers of deeds are not required to file or record common law liens or "writs of attachment." 69 OAG 58 (1980).
 - **Wis. Stat. 706.15, Stats.,**
 - Prohibits the filing of any lien against the real or personal property of any state or local governmental official or employee relating to an alleged breach of duty "except after notice and a hearing before a court of record and a finding by the court that probable cause exists that there was a breach of duty."

UCC lien

UCC Web Filing

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UCC Financing Statement

Name & Phone of Contact at Filer STEVEN A. MAGRITZ SECURED1@IGLIDE.NET (262) 692-2122
Send Acknowledgment To STEVEN A. MAGRITZ SECURED1@IGLIDE.NET

Filing # - 020003298426
Filed - 02/28/2002 12:27:07 PM
Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions

Debtor's Exact Full Legal Name

Organization's Name					
OR	Individual's Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Suffix	
	KRNEALY	DENNIS	E.		
Mailing Address		City	State	Postal Code	Country
761 COUNTY HIGHWAY K SOUTH		HARTFORD	WI	53027	
Type of Organization		Jurisdiction of Organization	Organizational ID#, if any		

Secured Party's Name (or name of Total Assignee or Assignor S/P)

Organization's Name					
OR	Individual's Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Suffix	
	MAGRITZ	STEVEN	A.		
Mailing Address		City	State	Postal Code	Country
W3797 SHADY LANE		SAUKVILLE	WI	53080	

This financing statement covers the following collateral:

The amount of the indebtedness is fifteen (15) million dollars. The collateral is: all property, real or personal, tangible or intangible, corporeal or incorporeal, wherever situated; all Accounts, Contract Rights, Chattel Paper, General Intangibles, Inventory, Equipment and Fixtures, whether owned now or acquired hereafter, wherever located, all accessions, additions, replacements and substitutions, all records of any kind relating to any of the foregoing, all proceeds (including insurance, bond, general intangibles and accounts proceeds), ALL Debtor's interest in the parcel(s) of ground (and) which is (are) more specifically described as follows (office of Washington County Register of Deeds, Document number 676070, vol # 1455, page # 218): That part of the Southeast Quarter of the NORTHEAST Quarter (SE 1/4 NE 1/4) of Section Twenty-seven (27), Township Nine (9) North of Range Eighteen (18) East, described as follows, viz: Commencing at the east quarter center of said Section 27; thence North 02 degrees 57 minutes 30 seconds West along the east line of said Section 27, 970.39 feet to the place of beginning of this description; thence South 89 degrees 50 minutes 30 seconds West, 165.56 feet; thence South 02 degrees 57 minutes 30 seconds East, 14.96 feet; thence South 89 degrees 50 minutes 30 seconds West, 121.94 feet; thence South 02 degrees 57 minutes 30 seconds East 293.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees minutes 30 seconds West, 383.75 feet; thence North 03 degrees 14 minutes 30 seconds West, 663.45 feet; thence North 89 degrees 55 minutes 40 seconds East, 684.57 feet to a point on the east line of said Section 27; thence South 02 degrees 57 minutes 30 seconds East along said east line, 354.48 feet to the place of beginning.

Alternative Designation:

APPENDIX A

http://www.wdfi.org/ucc/instantfile/forms/pages/printer_friendly.asp?filingNumber=020003298426..03/28/2002

RESPONDING TO LIENS 2

- UCC liens/financing statement
- Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions website:
wdfi.org/ucc/search/
 - search for UCC financing statement filings.
- Contact DA and/or Law Enforcement

DEALING WITH DOCUMENTS: POTENTIAL CRIMES

- **Criminal slander of title: Wis. Stat. 943.60**

Applies to even an attempt to file. State v. Minnischeske, 118 Wis. 2d 357, 347 N.W.2d 610 (Ct. App. 1984.

- **Simulating legal process: Wis. Stat. 946.68**

Includes "a subpoena, summons, complaint, warrant, injunction, writ, notice, pleading, order or other document that directs a person to perform or refrain from performing a specified act ..."

DEALING WITH DOCUMENTS: POTENTIAL CRIMES 2

- **Falsely assuming to act as a public official/employee: Wis. Stat. 946.69**

Assuming to act in an official capacity or to perform an official function ... or exercises any function of a public office....

- **Extortion: Wis. Stat. 943.30**

- *Verbally or by any written or printed communication, maliciously threatens to accuse or accuses another of any crime or offense, or **threatens or commits any injury to the person, property, business, profession, calling or trade, or the profits and income of any business, profession, calling or trade of another**, with intent thereby to extort money or any pecuniary advantage whatever, or with intent to compel the person so threatened to do any act against the person's will or omit to do any lawful act....*³³

CIVIL REMEDIES

- **Wis. Stat. 706.13: civil slander of title**
 - Pursuant to this statute, a person who files a false, sham or frivolous lien or other instrument relating to title in real or personal property is liable in tort to any person "interested in the property whose title is thereby impaired, for punitive damages of \$1,000 plus any actual damages caused by the filing, entering or recording."
- **Wis. Stat. 706.15, Stats: limitation on lien filing.**
 - Prohibits the filing of any lien against the real or personal property of **any state or local governmental official or employee relating to an alleged breach of duty** "except **after notice and a hearing** before a court of record and a finding by the court that probable cause exists that there was a breach of duty."
- **Declaratory judgment**
- **Harassment Injunction**

DEALING WITH SOVEREIGN CITIZENS IN PERSON

- Knowing the beliefs and practices matters.
- Intimidation and confusion.
- Calm, professional, firm.
- **See Appendix I**—Tips and suggestions

DEALING WITH SOVEREIGN CITIZENS IN PERSON AND AS PARTIES: SAFETY AND SECURITY

- SAFETY AND SECURITY PLAN
- RISK ASSESSMENT
- PREPARATION
 - Security
 - Legal
 - Practical

DEALING WITH SOVEREIGN CITIZENS AS PARTIES: SELF REPRESENTATION

- Competency for self representation
- Choice of counsel--non lawyers
- Stand-by counsel
- Compliance with courtroom rules and procedure
 - Latitude for pro se and unskilled litigants
 - Limits/Control
 - Arguments and testimony
 - Mistrial

DEALING WITH SOVEREIGN CITIZENS AS PARTIES: COMPETENCE

- *The only reason adduced, in the district court or this one, for thinking James incompetent to stand trial is the unusual nature of his beliefs. His behavior (both in the marijuana trade and in court) is that of a person able to understand his surroundings. Many litigants articulate beliefs that have no legal support. Sometimes these beliefs are sincerely held, sometimes they are advanced only to annoy the other side, but in neither event do they imply mental instability or concrete intellect ... so deficient that trial is impossible....[I]f their weird legal views did not imply incompetence to be tried, why should James's? It is not as if James inhabited a private mental world. His beliefs are held by other adherents to the Moorish Science Temple.*
- **One person with a fantastic view may be suspected of delusions; two people with the identical view are just oddballs.**

United States v. James, 328 F. 3rd 953, 955-56 (7th Cir. 2003)³⁸

DEALING WITH SOVEREIGN CITIZENS AS PARTIES: DISQUALIFICATION/RECUSAL

- Requests for Judicial disqualification
- Creating a reason for disqualification

DEALING WITH SOVEREIGN CITIZENS AS PARTIES: UNUSUAL CLAIMS AND ARGUMENTS

- Admiralty law
- Uniform Commercial Code/Contract law
- Reliance upon “Common law”
- Select and misapplied case law
- Fringed flag = no constitutional rights
- Use of name-
 - Use only first name--no last name
 - “family” or clan name
- Refusal to identify self

DEALING WITH SOVEREIGN CITIZENS AS PARTIES: UNUSUAL CLAIMS AND ARGUMENTS

- Unusual jurisdictional claims
 - Claiming that not a US citizen or a “person” or is “sovereign.”
 - Arguing that court has no jurisdiction as there is no “contract” with the person.
- Refusing to respond when case called
- Refusing to approach or sit at defense table
- Video or audio taping of proceedings
- Asserting that not subject to traffic laws or have a constitutional right to travel
- Refusal to sign court documents
- Refusal to follow rules

Responses

- UNDERSTANDING MOTIVES AND BELIEFS
- PATIENCE
- FLEXIBILITY
- FIRMNESS

QUESTIONS?

THANK YOU