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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

Manuel de Jesus Ortega
 Melendres, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

Joseph M. Arpaio, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No.: CV 07-2513-PHX-GMS

WILSON STATUS REPORT RE:

(A) PAYMENT OF MONITOR'S MAY 2015 BILL;

(B) PERSONNEL TO PERFORM IN-CAMERA BILL REVIEW PROCEDURE FOR JUNE 2015 BILL;

(C) LACK OF CONTRACT AMENDMENT BETWEEN MONITOR AND MARICOPA COUNTY

(Assigned to Honorable G. Murray Snow)

Deputy County Manager, Sandi Wilson, through counsel, herewith gives notice of her authorization for payment of the Monitor's May 2015 bill. The EFT for the Monitor's bill went out today. The Monitor's bill will therefore be paid, as ordered by the Court in its June 15, 2015 Order.

In addition, Ms. Wilson hereby reports on the status of various issues, as follows:

I. MS. WILSON ASKS THAT SHE AND HER COUNSEL BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE THE IN-CAMERA REVIEW ONCE THAT PROCESS IS REINSTATED, HOPEFULLY IN TIME FOR REVIEW OF THE MONITOR'S JUNE 2015 BILL.

The Court has suspended the County's receipt of detailed invoices [required by the County's contract with the Monitor]. The Court has undertaken to review the Monitor's

1 detailed bills for reasonableness, a procedure to which Maricopa County and Ms. Wilson
2 do not object.

3 As described in Ms. Wilson's prior status report regarding the proposed retention of
4 an accountant, efforts to retain an accounting firm for limited and economical Monitor bill
5 review have been unsuccessful. Accounting experience is not necessary to effectuate the bill
6 review. Nonetheless, Ms. Wilson made a good faith effort to evaluate the retention of a
7 CPA firm, and found rates ranging from \$260 to \$372 per hour, with the former rate only
8 being valid until August of 2015. Because Ms. Baker's rates are \$160 per hour, and because
9 she is well-versed in the current bill review procedure, Ms. Wilson asks that she and her
10 counsel be allowed to continue the in-camera review once that process is reinstated,
11 hopefully in time for review of the Monitor's June 2015 bill.

12 Ms. Wilson has not, and will not, reveal the contents of the billing detail to MCSO,
13 the Sheriff, or to any other persons or entities. She respectfully requests that her access to
14 the billing detail be reinstated. In the alternative, she asks that her attorney be allowed to
15 carry forward with the in-camera bill review, pursuant to the established procedure.

16 **II. NO CURRENT CONTRACT AMENDMENT HAS BEEN EXECUTED BETWEEN**
17 **MARICOPA COUNTY AND THE MONITOR.**

18 In light of the Court's May 5, 2015 Order, no contract amendment for the current
19 fiscal year was entered into between the parties.¹ Therefore, the annual "not to exceed"
20 amount reverted to the original contract amount. That amount may be exhausted within
21 the next two to three months, depending on the size of the Monitor's bills.

22 If the contract negotiations do not resume within the next few months, the current
23 contract amount may be exhausted, leaving no approved funds for payment of the Monitor.

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27 ¹ At the time of the 5/5/15 Order, Maricopa County and the Monitor were awaiting Court
28 mediation of contract issues, at the request of the Monitor.

1 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 17th day of June, 2015.

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3 /s/ Katherine E. Baker

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8 **ORIGINAL** e-filed with the Clerk of the Court
this 17th day of June, 2015, with:

9 United States District Court
10 Sandra Day O'Connor U.S. Courthouse
401 W. Washington Street, Suite 130, SPC 1
Phoenix, AZ 85003-2118

11 **COPIES** of the foregoing served via e-filing system
12 this 17th day of June, 2015, to:

13 Honorable G. Murray Snow
14 United States District Court
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15 401 West Washington Street, SPC 80
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16 ALL COUNSEL OF RECORD

17 /s/ Kendra Grantham