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2001; December 31, 2002; December 31, 2004; December 31, 2005; December 31, 2006; December 31, 2007, and December 31, 2008.

On April 13, 2010, Judge Newman issued an Order to Show Cause, ordering the respondent, Jeffrey Scott, to show cause why the I.R.S. summons issued to him on December 7, 2009, should not be enforced. The Petition, Points and Authorities, and Order to Show Cause were personally served upon the respondent. Respondent filed a notice disclaiming "reply" in the action.

The matter went before Judge Newman for hearing on May 27, 2010. Yoshinori H. T. Himel appeared for petitioners, and petitioning Revenue Officer Jose Arteaga was present. Respondent appeared by telephone and stated that he was willing to meet on June 10, 2010, in response to the summons. Because of respondent's statement, Judge Newman filed Findings and Recommendations on May 28, 2010, instructing respondent to appear before petitioning Revenue Officer Jose Arteaga, or his designated representative, with the expectation that respondent would provide testimony and produce the requested documents, on June 10, 2010, at 11:00 a.m. Neither side filed objections to the Magistrate Judge's findings and recommendations.

Petitioner claims that respondent failed to appear for the appointment before the Revenue Officer. Respondent contends that he appeared for the appointment, but the Revenue Officer did not appear.

I have reviewed the entire record de novo under 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(C) and Local Rule 72-304. I am satisfied that the Magistrate Judge's findings and recommendations are supported by the record and by proper analysis, that there is no evidence of referral of this case by the Internal Revenue Service to the Department of Justice for criminal prosecution, and that the requested and unopposed summons enforcement should be granted. Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

- 1. The Magistrate Judge's Findings and Recommendations Re: I.R.S. Summons Enforcement, filed May 28, 2010, are ADOPTED IN FULL.
 - 2. The I.R.S. summons issued to respondent, Jeffrey Scott, is ENFORCED.

- 3. Respondent, Jeffrey Scott, is ORDERED to appear at the I.R.S. offices at 4830 Business Center Drive, Suite 250, Fairfield, California, 94534, before Revenue Officer Jose Arteaga, or his designated representative, within twenty-one days after the filing of this order, or at a later time and date to be set in writing by Revenue Officer Arteaga, then and there to be sworn, to give testimony, and to produce for examining and copying the books, checks, records, papers and other data demanded by the summons, the examination to continue from day to day until completed.
- 4. The court retains jurisdiction for further proceedings should they become necessary.
- 5. The Clerk shall serve this and future orders by mail to Mr. Jeffrey Scott, at 1731 Alabama Street, Vallejo, California 94590-4737.

It is SO ORDERED.

DATED: June 22, 2010

LAWRENCE K. KARLTON

SENIOR JUDGE

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE BY MAIL The undersigned hereby certifies that she is an employee in the Office of the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of California and is a person of such age and discretion to be competent to serve papers. That on June 22, 2010, she served a copy of: PETITIONERS' NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE by placing said copy in an envelope addressed to the persons hereinafter named, at the places and addresses shown below, which are the last known addresses, and mailing said envelope and contents in the U.S. Mail in Sacramento, California. Addressees: Mr. Jeffrey Scott 1731 Alabama Street Vallejo, CA 94590-4737 /s/ Mary Ann Rackley MARY ANN RACKLEY