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6 **IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
7 **FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**
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9 Douglas Eric Ross,

10 Plaintiff,

11 v.

12 Jeffrey Van Winkle, et al.,

13 Defendants.
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No. CV-14-01480-PHX-NVW (ESW)

ORDER

15 Plaintiff has filed a "Response by Plaintiff, Douglas Eric Ross, to defendant(s)
16 answer to Plaintiffs complaint" (Doc. 40). The Court strikes Plaintiff's Response (Doc.
17 40) as an improper pleading.

18 Rule 7(a)(1) and (2), Fed.R.Civ.P, provides for a complaint and an answer to a
19 complaint. A reply to an answer is only permitted "if the court orders one." Fed.R.Civ.P.
20 7(a)(7). Because the Court did not order a reply or a response to Defendants' Answer
21 (Doc. 34), Plaintiff's Response (Doc. 40) is not authorized by Rule 7(a)(7), Fed.R.Civ.P.,
22 and it is an improper pleading. Therefore, Pursuant to Rule 4(m)(1), LRCiv., the Court
23 strikes the Response (Doc. 40) as a prohibited filing which is not authorized by statute,
24 rule, or Court order.

25 Dated this 23rd day of December, 2014.

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Honorable Eileen S. Willett
United States Magistrate Judge