IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO

Civil Action No. 09-cv-02764-MSK-KLM

NAGHAM DARWISH,

Plaintiff,

v.

FAMILY DOLLAR STORES, INC., CHRIS NIELSEN, Family Dollar Regional Vice-President of Loss Prevention, and DON PACK, Former Family Dollar Regional Vice President,

Defendants.

ORDER OF RECUSAL

ENTERED BY MAGISTRATE JUDGE KRISTEN L. MIX

This matter was drawn to me and was subsequently referred to me by District Judge

Marcia S. Krieger [Docket No. 3] for pretrial case management.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 455(a), a Magistrate Judge shall disqualify herself "in any proceeding in which [her] impartiality might reasonably be questioned." In view of the fact that I have a friendship with counsel for one of the parties, and in order to avoid the appearance of impropriety, I hereby recuse myself from this action. The Clerk of the Court shall assign another Magistrate Judge to this case.

Dated: January 7, 2010

BY THE COURT:

<u>s/ Kristen L. Mix</u> Kristen L. Mix United States Magistrate Judge