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COMES NOW Third party defendant, RYAN RICHARDS, by and through his counsel of record, BENJAMIN J. CARMAN, ESQ., of the law office RANALLI ZANIEL FOWLER & MORAN, LLC, and requests the Court to excuse him from the settlement conference scheduled for October 11, 2017, at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Richards lives in Victorville, California. insurance carrier representative is located in Chandler, Arizona. Mr. Richards has no significant assets to contribute toward settlement of this matter¹. Mr. Richards' carrier exhausted his policy's bodily injury liability limit when it settled with plaintiff Sarah Dixon pre-litigation. no remaining policy benefits available to contribute to settlement.

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see the Declaration of Ryan Richards, filed in conjunction with his renewed motion for determination of good faith settlement, ECF No. 83, in which he affirms his past and current lack of assets.

Mr. Richards and his liability insurer's adjuster can be available via telephone during the conference. But both Mr. Richards and his carrier have nothing to contribute toward resolving this matter that could in any way shape or influence its outcome. Personally appearing would incur additional expense for both Mr. Richards and his carrier for no appreciable chance of resolution or benefit to any party.

DATED this 4th day of October, 2017.

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IT IS ORDERED that the request is DENIED.

Dated: October 18, 2017

Peggy A. Leen

United States Magistrate Judge