1 2 3 4 5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 6 7 DISTRICT OF NEVADA 8 9 CHARLES RANDOLPH, 3:13-cv-00148-RCJ-WGC 10 Plaintiff. ORDER re Plaintiff's Motion for Issuance of 11 VS. Subpoena Duces Tecum and Leave to Serve 12 THE STATE OF NEVADA, ex rel, NEVADA) Same via Certified Mail Upon Third Party DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, et al., 13 Doc. # 52 Defendants. 14 Before the court is Plaintiff's Motion for Issuance of Subpoena Duces Tecum and Leave to Serve 15 16 Same via Certified Mail Upon Third Party. (Doc. # 52.) Defendants State of Nevada filed a Non-17 Opposition to Plaintiff's motion. (Doc. # 53.)<sup>1</sup> 18 Plaintiff's motion requests two-fold relief from this court. First, Plaintiff seeks an order directing 19 that this court issue a subpoena duces tecum upon former Defendant Embarq Pay Phone Services, Inc. 20 ("Embarg"). This component of Plaintiff's motion is **GRANTED**. The Clerk's Office is directed to send 21 Plaintiff a subpoena duces tecum issued to Embarg Pay Phone Services, Inc. 22 The second component of the motion requests that this court authorize service of Plaintiff's subpoena duces tecum upon Embarq by certified mail sent to Embarq's resident as identified in Exhibit 2 23 24 of Plaintiff's motion (Doc. # 52 at 12). Exhibit 2 appears to be an undated print-out from the Nevada 25 Secretary of State's office. It identifies "The Corporation Trust Company of Nevada" as the resident agent for "Embarg Payphone Services, Inc." However, when the court conducted a business entity 26 27 <sup>1</sup> Defendant Embarq Pay Phone Services, Inc., was dismissed with prejudice from this litigation. The only remaining 28

Defendants are those represented by Deputy Attorney General Benjamin Johnson.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The court also notes that Plaintiff's Exhibit 2 reflects that Embarq Payphone Services, Inc.'s business licence expired on 10/31/2013.

search at the Nevada Secretary of State website (https://www.nvsilverflume.gov/businessSearch), the website responded there were "no results for entity name search on Embarg Payphone Services, Inc." See. Exhibit 1 hereto.

The Business Entity Information Plaintiff submitted (Exhibit 2; Doc. 52 at 12) for Embarq Payphone Services, Inc., also contained a "Nevada Business I.D." of NV19971285398. The court utilized the Nevada Secretary of State website's "Business ID" search capability. No results for a Nevada Business ID with that number was located. See, Exhibit 2 hereto. Therefore, it does not appear Embarg is presently a registered Nevada corporation, or that The Corporation Trust Company of Nevada is a resident agent for Embarq.

The court is aware that there is a question whether service can be effected other than by personal service or by delivery to the recipient's place of business. See, Ott v. City of Milwaukee, 682 F.3d 552, 557 (7th Cir. 2012) (personal service not required); *Hall v. Sullivan*, 229 F.R.D. 501 (D. Md. 2005) (discussing split of authority). However, in view of the discrepancies surrounding Embarg's Nevada corporate status or its resident agent, if any, the court at this time declines to specifically authorize service in the mode Plaintiff has requested.

ITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

## IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: January 7, 2014.

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