

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
CHARLOTTE DIVISION
3:09CV332-3-W
(3:06CR178-W)**

PHONEPADITH THADSAMANY,)
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 Petitioner,)
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 v.)
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 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
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 Respondent.)
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ORDER

THIS MATTER is before this Court upon Petitioner’s Motion to Vacate (Document No. 1), filed August 3, 2009, and Respondent’s Answer to Petitioner’s Motion to Vacate and Motion for Summary Judgment, (Doc. Nos. 7 and 8), filed on November 24, 2009. It appears that the Respondent may be entitled to summary judgment as a matter of law.

The Petitioner is advised that under the provisions of Rule 56(e) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, he is required to submit documents, affidavits, or unsworn declarations made under penalty of perjury, in opposition to the Motion for Summary Judgment and supporting documents filed by the Respondent. Rule 56(e)(2) reads in pertinent part as follows:

When a motion for summary judgment is properly made and supported [by affidavits], an opposing party may not rely merely on allegations or denials in its own pleadings; rather, its response must - by affidavits or as otherwise provided in this rule - set out specific facts showing a genuine issue for trial. If the opposing party does not so respond, summary judgment should, if appropriate, be entered against that party.

This rule requires that if the Petitioner has any evidence to offer to counter the evidence contained in the Motion for Summary Judgment and supporting documents filed by the Respondent, he must present it to the Court in the form of documents, affidavits, or unsworn declarations under penalty of perjury. An affidavit is a written statement made under oath; that is, a statement prepared in writing by the Petitioner and sworn before a Notary Public. If the Petitioner chooses, he may instead submit an unsworn declaration and state the following with the date and his signature:

"I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct."

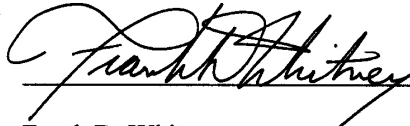
PETITIONER THADSAMANY READ THIS:

The Petitioner is further hereby advised that he has thirty (30) days from the filing of this Order in which to file documents, affidavits, or unsworn declarations in opposition to the Government's Motion for Summary Judgment. **FAILURE TO RESPOND WITHIN THIS TIME PERIOD MAY SUBJECT THIS ACTION TO SUMMARY JUDGMENT.**

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Petitioner has thirty(30) days from the filing of this Order in which to provide his own documents, affidavits, or declarations countering the evidence offered by the Government's Motion for Summary Judgment.

SO ORDERED.

Signed: November 30, 2009



Frank D. Whitney
United States District Judge

