

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
NASHVILLE DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
)
Plaintiff,)
)
v.)
)
EUGENE HOWARD, JR.,)
)
Defendant.)

**CIVIL NO. 3:12-00849
JUDGE ALETA A. TRAUGER**

ENTRY OF DEFAULT

Plaintiff has filed an Application for Entry of Default, with a supporting Declaration, against Defendant Eugene Howard, Jr. pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 55(a). A default judgment is a two-part process, and no default judgment may be granted pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 55(b) until default has been entered pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 55(a). *U.S. v. \$22,050.00 U.S. Currency*, 2008 WL 4093066 at *3 (M.D. Tenn. Aug. 26, 2008); *Ramada Franchise Systems, Inc. v. Baroda Enterprises, LLC*, 220 F.R.D. 303, 305 (N.D. Ohio 2004). Accordingly, plaintiff must file a motion for default judgment following this Entry of Default and wait the requisite period for a response from Defendant before default judgment will be granted by the Clerk pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 55(b)(1).

Service has been obtained on Defendant (D.E. 3), and more than twenty-one (21) days have passed. No answer or other responsive filing has been made by Defendant. The Plaintiff shows that the Defendant is neither an infant nor an incompetent, nor is the Defendant in the military service within the meaning of the Soldier’s and Sailor’s Civil Relief Act of 1940, as amended; therefore, the entry of default is now appropriate.

Accordingly, default is hereby entered against Defendant Eugene Howard, Jr. Plaintiff may

now proceed under Fed. R. Civ. P. 55(b)(1) and file a motion seeking a default judgment against the Defendant.

Entered this 30th day of January, 2013.

KEITH THROCKMORTON, CLERK
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE

s/ Keith Throckmorton
Clerk