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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
7 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
8 AT SEATTLE

9 SANDRA L. FERGUSON,

10 Plaintiff,

11 v.

12 BRIAN J. WAID AND THE WAID
13 MARITAL COMMUNITY,

14 Defendants.
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Case No. C17-1685RSM

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

16 This matter comes before the Court on Defendant Brian J. Waid's Motion for Order to
17 Show Cause. Dkt. #122. The Court has determined it can rule on this Motion without
18 responsive briefing, for the reasons stated below.

19 On April 9, 2018, the Court issued an Order for Plaintiff Ferguson to pay Defendant
20 \$39,399 in attorney's fees and \$79 in costs "as a sanction under Rule 11(c)." Dkt. #70. The
21 Court did not provide a deadline. On August 6, 2018, the Court set a deadline of September 5,
22 2018, for Ms. Ferguson to make payment. Dkt. #115. On the eve of that deadline, Ms.
23 Ferguson filed a document stating she "acknowledges receipt of the Court's Order" and that she
24 "understands that the order sets a deadline, and is not itself a judgment." Dkt. #120. Opaquely,
25 her only further remark is that she "respectfully intends to file an appeal after trial and entry of
26 judgment in this case, if appropriate." *Id.*
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1 On September 10, 2018, Defendant Waid filed the instant Motion, noted for September
2 28, 2018, asking the Court to issue an “Order to Show Cause directing Plaintiff Sandra
3 Ferguson to show cause why she should not be held in contempt for blatantly defying this
4 Court’s August 6, 2018 Order...” Dkt. #122 at 1.

5 The Court has determined there is no reason to wait several weeks until Ms. Ferguson
6 responds to this Motion to issue an Order to Show Cause allowing Ms. Ferguson to provide a
7 response again on the same issue. The procedural facts are not in dispute, unless Ms. Ferguson
8 has actually made payment. It appears clear that she has failed to follow the Court’s explicit
9 order, and therefore the Court requires an explanation for why she should not be held in
10 contempt. In any event, she may present all of her arguments in response to this Order.
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12 Having reviewed the relevant briefing, the declarations and exhibits attached thereto,
13 and the remainder of the record, the Court hereby finds and ORDERS:
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- 15 1) Defendant’s Motion for Order to Show Cause, Dkt. #122, is GRANTED.
16 2) In Response to this Order, Plaintiff must write a short statement telling the Court
17 why she should not be held in contempt for defying this Court’s prior Orders
18 identified above. This Response may not exceed **six (6) pages**.
19 3) This Response is due no later than **fourteen (14) days** from the date of this Order.
20 4) No Response or Reply is permitted from Defendant unless requested by the Court.
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22 DATED this 11 day of September, 2018.
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25 RICARDO S. MARTINEZ
26 CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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