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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
9 AT TACOMA

10 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

11 Petitioner,

12 v.

13 LAVONNE M. LAL,

14 Respondent.

CASE NO. 3:16-mc-5025 BHS-JRC

ORDER GRANTING ISSUANCE
OF BENCH WARRANT FOR
RESPONDENT LAVONNE M. LAL
FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT

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16 THIS MATTER comes before the Court on Petitioner United States of America's Motion
17 for Issuance of Bench Warrant for Respondent Lavonne Lal for Contempt of Court (Dkt. 19).
18 Petitioner's motion is supported by the Declaration of Vincent Byford, Deputy United States
19 Marshal (Dkt. 20).

20 Petitioner originally completed service in accordance with 26 U.S.C. §7603 by leaving an
21 attested copy of the summons in an envelope attached to the front door of Respondent's
22 residence (Dkt. 1-1). Petitioner failed to respond.

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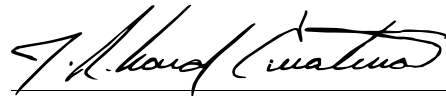
1 This Court issued an Order of Enforcement of Summons on October 26, 2016 (Dkt. 6)
2 that was mailed by certified mail and signed for by Respondent's 17-year-old son, CL (Dkt. 7).
3 The Respondent again failed to appear and comply with the Order.

4 On January 9, 2017, the Court ordered Respondent to show cause why she should not be
5 held in contempt of court (Dkt. 9). The order directed the U.S. Marshal to serve a copy of the
6 order and the underlying petition on Respondent (*id.*). The show cause hearing was continued
7 twice while the U.S. Marshal's Office attempted service on Respondent at her last known
8 residence (Dkt. 13, 18).

9 Petitioner United States has provided the declaration of U.S. Marshal Byford in support
10 of the belief that Respondent is evading service (Dkt. 20).

11 It is hereby ORDERED that a Deputy Court Clerk issue a bench warrant for
12 Respondent's immediate arrest pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 7604(b).

13 Dated this 5th day of July, 2017.

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15 J. Richard Creatura
16 United States Magistrate Judge