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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 An UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON 8 AT SEATTLE 9 CASE NO. C20-5678JLR JOSEPH LOCHUCH EWALAN, 10 Plaintiff, ORDER 11 v. 12 ROBERT SCHREIBER, et al., 13 Defendant. 14 15 Before the court are pro se Plaintiff Joseph Lochuch Ewalan's second proposed witness subpoenas, in response to the court's March 22, 2024 order. (2d Prop. 16 17 Subpoenas (Dkt. # 218); see also 3/14/24 Order (Dkt. # 201) (granting in part Mr. 18 ¹ The court is also in receipt of Mr. Ewalan's request to the Clerk "to help mail 19 subpoena[s] in blank" to him. (Request (Dkt. # 220) at 1.) The court thanks Mr. Ewalan for his diligence in responding to the court's orders regarding his subpoenas despite lacking Internet 20 access. (See id.) The court acknowledges and extends compassion to Mr. Ewalan for the many unique challenges he faces as a pro se incarcerated litigant. Because the court concludes in this 21 order that Mr. Ewalan has substantially complied with the court's instructions concerning witness subpoenas, it is unnecessary to mail the subpoenas in blank to him. The court will 22 facilitate issuance and service of Mr. Ewalan's witness subpoenas as stated in this order.

Ewalan's motion to subpoena witnesses and setting forth an expedited process to facilitate his trial witness subpoenas, conditioned on Mr. Ewalan's compliance with the court's instructions and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 45); 3/24/24 Order (Dkt. # 217) (concluding that Mr. Ewalan's first proposed subpoenas failed to comply and extending the witness subpoena deadline).) The subpoenas are directed to Dr. Lara B. Strick, Chad Anderson, and Dr. Joseph T. Ho. (*See generally* 2d Prop. Subpoenas.) The court has reviewed Mr. Ewalan's second proposed subpoenas and concludes that Mr. Ewalan has substantially complied with the court's March 24, 2024 order and Rule 45. The court will therefore facilitate the issuance and service of Mr. Ewalan's subpoenas, as set forth in **Appendix A** to this order. (*See* 3/24/24 Order at 4-5.) As the court previously noted (3/14/24 Order at 1), Mr. Ewalan is proceeding *in forma pauperis*, entitling him to service by the United States Marshals Service ("USMO"). (*See* IFP Order (Dkt. # 4)); 28 U.S.C. § 1915(d).

Mr. Ewalan is advised that the court has transcribed his subpoenas in typeface format for legibility purposes. The attached subpoenas also cure minor deficiencies the court identified in Mr. Ewalan's second proposed subpoenas, such as his failure to identify the issuing court as the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 45(a)(1)(A)(i). Mr. Ewalan is further advised that the court has adjusted the dates and times that his witnesses are instructed to appear, for a few reasons. Trial is scheduled to begin on April 22, 2024, and because he is the Plaintiff, Mr. Ewalan will present his case and question his witnesses first. The court expects that jury selection and opening statements will consume the first trial day,

1	meaning that Mr. Ewalan will likely begin questioning his witnesses on April 23, 2024.		
2	With that in mind, the court has scheduled Mr. Ewalan's witnesses in the order that Mr.		
3	Ewalan had designated in his second proposed subpoenas.		
4	The court ORDERS as follows:		
5	1. The Clerk is DIRECTED to issue the subpoenas set forth in Appendix A to		
6	this order.		
7	2. Upon the Clerk's issuance of the attached subpoenas, USMO is		
8	DIRECTED to serve the subpoenas on the designated witnesses by no later than April 1 ,		
9	2024. See 28 U.S.C. § 1915(d). USMO is DIRECTED to pay any and all of Mr.		
10	Ewalan's witness fees. See Local Rules W.D. Wash. LCR 3(c)(3).		
11	3. Nothing in this order shall be construed to prevent Defendants from seeking		
12	to quash or otherwise objecting to Mr. Ewalan's subpoenas on any usual basis permitted		
13	by law.		
14	Dated this 27th day of March, 2024.		
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16	JAME'S L. ROBART United States District Judge		
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Appendix A

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for the

Western District of Washington		
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(Name of person to whom this	subpoena is directed)	
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Place: United States District Courthouse	Courtroom No.: 14106	
700 Stewart Street, Seattle, WA 98101	Date and Time: 04/23/2024 9:00 am	
You must also bring with you the following documents, el not applicable): July 16, 2017 through November 9, 2017 medical re only testify at to the July 16, 2017 assault incident. No The following provisions of Fed. R. Civ. P. 45 are attached Rule 45(d), relating to your protection as a person subject to a subject on this subpoena and the potential consequences of not documents, el not applicable):	cords, including X-ray photos and MRI. You will lothing beyond that. Confidentiality is paramount. d – Rule 45(c), relating to the place of compliance; poena; and Rule 45(e) and (g), relating to your duty to	
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Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk	Attorney's signature	
	equests this subpoena, are:	
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