MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

I. BACKGROUND

On October 22, 2009, Defendant's counsel, Ms. Cuccia requested an Expedited Order to Show Cause hearing to determine what was taken from her file and why it was taken. (See October 23, 2009 Expedited Motion for Order to Show Cause). On October 30, November 5, and November 10, 2009 the Court held an Order to Show Cause hearing. At the inception of the hearing, the Court sealed a copy of the letter at issue. The Court stated that he would "retain [the letter] in the sealed file, in case there's some appellate review" (Ex. 1, October 30, 2009 Transcript p. 7, II. 7-8). The original and one copy of the letter were returned to Ms. Cuccia. Following the hearing, the Court filed a Ruling finding Officer Stoddard in Contempt. (Ex. 2, November 17, 2009 Ruling). Subsequently, the Court sua sponte amended his ruling. (Ex. 3, November 19, 2009 Amended Ruling). Officer Stoddard moves to unseal the letter because it is essential evidence for his Petition for Special Action.

II. ARGUMENT

A. Access to the Letter is Necessary.

Officer Stoddard's counsel needs access to the letter at issue to present a proper defense. Fairness requires that Officer Stoddard have access to all material that may be necessary to a proper defense of the action in order to avoid a deprivation of his rights or property without due process of law. State ex rel. Romley v. Superior Court, 172 Ariz. 232, 836 P.2d 445 (App. 1992) (holding that due process right is superior to privileged documents right); People v. Cruz, 781 N.Y.S.

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2d 626 (N.Y. Sup. 2004). Here, the letter at issue was discussed throughout the public Order to Show Cause hearing; however Officer Stoddard's counsel never reviewed the letter for fear it would impinge on the attorney-client privilege. However, even the court recognized that without access to the letter. Officer Stoddard cannot fully defend himself against his contempt allegations. (Ex. 1, p. 56) II. 5-10; p. 57 II. 4-9). Instead of unsealing the letter and allowing a complete opportunity to defend, the Court created a "partial waiver". (Ex. 4, November 5, 2009 Transcript p. 28, II. 1-6). Officer Stoddard's counsel objected, explaining that unsealing merely a few words would increase the prejudice to his client and make it impossible to defend his client. (Ex. 4, p. 26 II. 5-7). The Court's ruling allowed only partial testimony. Based on the Court's ruling, Counsel was not able to adequately defend Officer Stoddard; thus, denying him of his due process rights. Officer Stoddard testified that the few words he was allowed to say in court were not what motivated him to remove the document and have it photocopied. (Ex. 4, p. 32 II. 18-20.). Further, Officer Stoddard testified that after reading the entire letter, he formed additional security concerns. (Ex. 4, p. 57 II. 19-22; pp. 60, I 19 to p. 61, I 9; p.62, II. 11-14). The Court did not allow the contents of the letter as evidence to support those concerns.

Due to the Court's Ruling and Amended Ruling alleging that Ms. Cuccia's reputation was somehow tarnished by the actions of Officer Stoddard, it is necessary to unseal the letter.

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*The holder of the privilege is Defendant Lozano not Ms. Cuccia.

B. Ms. Cuccia and Defendant Lozano Waived The Attorney-Client Privilege Regarding the Letter When They Placed Its Contents "At Issue".*

By filing the Motion for an Expedited Order to Show Cause Hearing and the "partial waiver" by Defendant Lozano, Ms. Cuccia and Defendant Lozano placed the letter at issue and waived any privilege regarding it. The "at issue," or implied waiver exception to the attorney-client privilege is invoked when the contents of the legal advice are integral to the outcome of the legal claims of the action. Metropolitan Life v. Aetna Casualty, 730 A.2d 51, 60 (1999). Further, when a petitioner is free to use the attorney-client privilege as a "shield," it is improper to also use it as a "sword" by seeking to deprive an opposing party of material by which that party may defend against the claim raised. Smith v. Alyeska Pipeline Service Co., 538 F.Supp. 977, 979 (D.Del. 1982). Further, a Defendant may not use the attorney-client privilege by selectively waiving only portions to benefit his case. See State v. von Bulow, 475 A.2d 995 (1984). Here, Defendant Lozano and Ms. Cuccia placed the letter at issue when questioning Officer Stoddard about its contents and when Ms. Cuccia discussed its contents at the Order to Show Cause hearing. Defendant Lozano attempted to waive the privilege only as to a certain portion of the letter to benefit his argument.

A judge is within his discretion to require the defense to turn over any items contained in a sealed file that were put in issue by that witness' testimony.

Maxie v. Gimbel Brothers, 423 N.Y.S.2d 802, 807 (1979). Here, defendant put the

1 letter at issue and attempted to only waive a portion to the detriment of Officer 2 Stoddard's defense. 3 III. CONCLUSION 4 For the foregoing reasons Officer Stoddard respectfully requests access to the 5 letter at issue to defend his claim and file a Petition for Special Action. 6 DATED this 30th day of November, 2009. 7 **IAFRATE & ASSOCIATES** 8 9 10 Attorneys for Detention Officer Stoddard 11 12 13 Thomas P. Liddy 14 Maricopa County Attorney's Office 15 Deputy County Attorney
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issue, I guess my first question -- and just thinking out loud here. I thought about this after I reviewed the documents -- is that I have potentially three copies of these -- it looks to me like I've got the original and two copies. And my intent was to -- unless

Mr. Liddy or someone has some objection -- is return two of those copies to you and retain one in the sealed file, in case there's some appellate review of this. So I just don't -- I think you are entitled to have these documents back.

MR. LIDDY: The Sheriff has no objection, your Honor.

MS. SCHAFFER: Judge, I would ask that you keep one for the record as you suggested. We'll take the other two copies back.

THE COURT: And if you want to come up to my bench, you can look at these and just confirm that the copies are all the same and that the one on top, the one that's stapled appears to me — and Ms. Cuccia can probably tell me if they are — if it's the original, but they all appear the same to me. And, again, the one on top simply because it's folded in half, appears to be the original, but I don't know. But I want to return the original and one copy to you and keep a copy for the Court file.

in order to even hold this hearing. And, again, I'm being asked to hold this detention officer and a deputy in contempt and they're not allowed to put on the record the reasons for the seizure.

So I'm still not sure I'm even going to entertain a contempt finding at this time, so I'm letting this play out to see what evidence I get. But right now, unless they're entitled to fully defend against this contempt allegation, I'm not going to hold them in contempt.

MR. MEHRENS: And what you are suggesting, it seems to me, your Honor, is that this gentleman has to waive his attorney/client privilege so we can have this hearing. And the reason you are suggesting he has to do it is because these gentlemen seized documents from a file they clearly knew was legal. There was a number of other alternatives they could have pursued, which I was going to ask him about in a few minutes, that they didn't do. But you and I just have a difference on what should have happened.

THE COURT: But the waiver can be easily dealt with. There's -- as I understand it, we can either agree that there's an ethical wall between Mr. Liddy and the criminal division of the County Attorney's office or I can disqualify the County

Attorney's office in further criminal proceedings
against Mr. Lozano and they can get somebody else to
come in here.

So the waiver is not going to go any further than this courtroom. I can seal the record in this proceeding. It's not — I can control any spill over or rub off in the criminal proceeding, but unless you are going to let these gentlemen fully defend against them, I'm not going to hold them in contempt.

MR. MEHRENS: May I have a moment, your

11 Honor?

THE COURT: Yes.

(COUNSEL CONFER)

MR. LIDDY: Your Honor, may I briefly go on the record to be clear.

THE COURT: Sure.

MR. LIDDY: There was a statement made and a gesture made pointing toward me saying that this detention officer stole the document and then handed them to the people who are prosecuting his client and then he gestured toward me. I just want the record to be clear that the Sheriff's Office does not prosecute defendants and that the civil division does not prosecute defendants and that I have not read the documents.

Michael K. Jeanes, Clerk of Court

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UNDER ADVISEMENT RULING

Joanne Cuccia's request to hold Detention Officer (DO) Adam Stoddard and Deputy Sheriff Francisco Campillo in contempt of court was taken under advisement following the conclusion of the hearing on November 10, 2009. The Court has considered the testimony of the witnesses, the exhibits and the argument of counsel.

Preliminary Matter

Before turning to the merits of the contempt proceeding, it is clear from the evidence that Ms. Cuccia did nothing wrong. She was appointed to represent a defendant in a criminal

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proceeding and she did her job. She achieved a favorable non-trial resolution for Defendant and was in the midst of arguing for a favorable sentence when the events in question occurred.

Ms. Cuccia is a dedicated attorney and there is no evidence that she engaged in any misconduct. Any news release or media report to the contrary is false.

Defendant's counsel advised the Court that she will be filing a motion to dismiss, motion for change of venue and a motion to disqualify the Maricopa County Attorney as the prosecutor. Defendant's interests directly related to his criminal case will be addressed when those motions are ruled on by this Court. The other interests affected by the events in question will be addressed in this ruling.

The Law

The law that applies is well established. The first applicable principle is the security officers' status in the court. In carrying out their security duties in the courtroom, the Sheriff's employees are acting as officers of the court. *See Arpaio v. Baca*, 217 Ariz. 570, ¶ 27, 177 P.3d 312 (App. 2008).

The second principle pertains to the court's authority to address in a contempt proceeding behavior that adversely impacts people in a courthouse. In *Hirschfeld v. Superior Court In and For County of Maricopa*, 184 Ariz. 208, 211 – 212, 908 P.2d 22, 25 – 26 (App. 1995), the court addressed the issue of a court's authority to control the behavior of an officer of the court when in the courthouse and wrote:

This case is not about a refusal to obey a court order. * * * Thus, the basic question is whether rude and harassing behavior between persons involved in a court proceeding which occurs out of the presence of the judge when court is in recess can be a contempt of court. * * *

We conclude that such behavior is a contempt of court for the very reason expressed by the trial judge-that the court has the right and the duty to protect litigants, witnesses, attorneys and jurors from misbehavior and harassment while they are in or near the courtroom, whether they are arriving, waiting, or departing. Conduct like Hirschfeld's, because it impinges on that right and duty, lessens the dignity and authority of the court. There are a number of cases which support this conclusion. We pass over, without comment, those many cases in which the conduct actually disrupted or delayed court proceedings. The cases we do rely on all concern misbehavior that occurred while court was in recess. All of them were decided under definitions of contempt that we believe equate to "contumacious conduct which lessens the dignity or authority of the court."

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Unlike the events in *Hirschfeld*, the conduct in question occurred in front of a judge of this court. Like *Hirschfeld*, the conduct in question was done by an officer of the court. The conduct in question disrupted and delayed the sentencing proceeding. The principles discussed in *Hirschfeld* apply here and teach that control of the conduct of all those appearing in court, whether inside or outside the courtroom, must remain in the hands of the presiding judicial officer.

As noted during the hearing, this Court is aware of the competing interests involved. On one hand is the interest that court security personnel be willing and able to immediately respond to legitimate security threats occurring in the courthouse and courtrooms. To impair that interest would jeopardize all who are present in courthouses and courtrooms everyday. Court security personnel should not hesitate to respond to a legitimate threat at a critical time because of a fear that sanctions will be imposed if, in twenty-twenty hindsight, a different course of action might be deemed to have been more reasonable.

On the other hand is the competing interest of assuring that the dignity of court proceedings is not diminished. As noted above, conduct that disrupts and delays a court proceeding impacts the dignity of the court, but it also impairs the court's ability to deliver timely justice. This Court has a responsibility to ensure that counsel are not subjected to unreasonable searches and seizures by court security personnel while performing their duties in the courthouse. No attorney, either State's counsel or defense counsel, should have to be worried that a file left momentarily unattended on counsel's table in a courtroom will be searched and documents seized without a prior determination by a judicial officer of probable cause or the existence of exigent circumstances based on a good faith belief that an immediate threat exists or that immediate criminal conduct justifies a warrantless search. No attorney should have to be concerned that while they are in the courthouse, unreasonable and unlawful conduct of court security personnel will cause damage to counsel's professional reputation or result in a breach of the attorney-client privilege. To paraphrase from *State v. Hampton*, 208 Ariz. 241, ¶ 11, 92 P.3d 871 (2004), "our system of justice cannot function if dedicated defense counsel face threats of" misbehavior and harassment while in the courthouse.

Deputy Sheriff Campillo

Ms. Cuccia's request to hold Deputy Sheriff Campillo in contempt of court is denied. Deputy Campillo did not remove the documents from counsel's file. He was asked by his colleague to copy the documents and he did that. He returned the documents to DO Stoddard. Deputy Campillo did not read the documents. This Court finds that there is no evidence of contumacious conduct on the part of Deputy Campillo.

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Detention Officer Stoddard

The evidence regarding DO Stoddard compels a different result. DO Stoddard testified that he moved behind Ms. Cuccia, who was standing at the podium with Defendant, to stand by defense counsel's table so he could be in a better tactical position because of the things that he had observed in the courtroom that day and other circumstances, including his training about the tactics of the Mexican Mafia and the jail intelligence he had heard about Defendant. DO Stoddard testified that while in that position, he could see three to four inches of a document protruding from defense counsel's file. He "briefly reviewed it [the document] with his eyes" and picked up "key words." According to DO Stoddard, those key words were "going to steal" and "money," all in the same sentence. Those words do appear in the last paragraph of the first page of the document. Therefore, DO Stoddard had to have been looking at the bottom of the page while it was in the correct reading orientation. In other words, the document was not upside down from DO Stoddard's viewing position.

The FTR recording (Exhibit 2) shows the timing of the events. After moving to the table area, DO Stoddard looked down at defense counsel's file at approximately 9:26:03 a.m. and began looking at a document contained in that file. After approximately 16 seconds, at 9:26:19 a.m., DO Stoddard pulled the document farther out of the file and continued to view the document for approximately another 21 seconds (until 9:26:40 a.m.). At 9:26:41 a.m., DO Stoddard looked up and gestured to Deputy Campillo to come over to him. DO Stoddard had as many as 37 seconds to read a paragraph consisting of three lines and 28 words.

The FTR recording is revealing in another way too. To anyone who has been involved in a sentencing proceeding, the FTR recording shows what appears to be a normal sentencing proceeding. Ms. Cuccia and Defendant are standing at the podium in the well of the courtroom. Judge Flores calls the case, establishes that Ms. Cuccia is Defendant's counsel as opposed to advisory counsel and confirms Defendant's date of birth. Counsel for the State, Ms. Linn, makes her recommendation that Defendant be sentenced to the maximum aggravated prison term, consecutive to his current prison sentence. Ms. Cuccia begins to make her sentencing recommendation and everything appears normal. Ms. Linn expresses no concern about anything taking place in the courtroom. Ms. Cuccia continues her presentation. DO Stoddard is standing at the far end of the jury box and nothing about his demeanor indicates anything out of the ordinary is happening in the courtroom. Judge Flores is not heard to express any concern regarding anything going on in the courtroom. In other words, what the FTR recording shows is a totally uneventful, normal sentencing hearing until Defendant sees DO Stoddard remove the document from counsel's file. At no time is there any indication of any immediate security threat to anyone in the courtroom or any indication that criminal conduct is afoot.

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Ms. Cuccia's testimony rebuts DO Stoddard's testimony that the document was seized and reviewed because it had not previously been searched by jail personnel. Ms. Cuccia testified that the document had been in her file for approximately two months. She testified that it had not been given to her that day while reviewing the presentence report with Defendant in the jury box. The date on the document supports Ms. Cuccia's testimony that the document had been in her possession prior to October 19, 2009. Having considered all of the evidence and the demeanor of Ms. Cuccia while testifying, the Court finds Ms. Cuccia's testimony credible.

The Court finds that DO Stoddard's conduct was unreasonable. This Court finds that there was no security threat justifying the seizure of the document from counsel's file. Nor was there any evidence that a crime was being committed or about to be committed. There was no immediate or future security threat that would have justified a reasonable detention officer in DO Stoddard's situation removing, seizing and coping a document from a defense attorney's file. A reasonable detention officer would have recognized after spending approximately 37 seconds reading the paragraph in question, that the "key words" had nothing to do with an immediate or future security threat to the jail or anyone else. Even giving DO Stoddard the benefit of the doubt that he had a right to scan the entire paragraph which was in plain sight after seeing the "key words" to determine if Defendant presented an immediate security risk, nothing in that paragraph justified DO Stoddard's continued conduct of removing the document from counsel's file and having the document copied.

Like the *Hirschfeld* case, this case is not about disobeying a court order. It is about protecting a defense attorney from misbehavior and harassment by another officer of the court. It is about protecting the sanctity of the attorney-client privilege. It is about enforcing the boundaries of the 4th Amendment. This Court is of the opinion that DO Stoddard's conduct in removing the document from counsel's file and copying the document was misbehavior that impacted the court's duty to protect attorneys from unreasonable conduct and thereby lessened the dignity and authority of the court. For proof of that point, one need look no further than the media reports about this event; those reports have cast everyone involved in a negative light. The seizure violated the 4th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. There was no prior determination by a judicial officer of probable cause. There were no exigent circumstances justifying a warrantless search. The "crime-fraud" exception is inapplicable because even a thirty-second review of the paragraph should have revealed to any reasonable person that no crime was being proposed. There was no lawful or good faith basis for the search of counsel's file and seizure of the document.

The question then becomes what remedy should be ordered? Ms. Cuccia testified that she has three concerns – retaliation against Defendant, damage to her professional reputation and the precedent that such a search of an attorney's file might set. Ms. Cuccia's concern about her professional reputation is based on her feeling that she has been linked, in information

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disseminated to the media, to two other attorneys, one of whom has been convicted of smuggling contraband into the jail for a member of the Mexican Mafia and the other who now stands accused of criminal misconduct for allegedly passing contraband while in court to an incarcerated member of the Mexican Mafia. *See* Exhibit 4.

The search is a *fait accompli* and cannot be undone by anything ordered by this Court. The document and copies have been returned to counsel except for the copy sealed by this Court. As noted above, Defendant's primary interests will be resolved in conjunction with the motions that his counsel has advised will be filed. Whether this search and seizure sets any precedent for future conduct by court security personnel may be influenced by this ruling. The only concern left to be addressed is Ms. Cuccia's perception that her professional reputation may have been damaged in the eyes of the public and her colleagues. Because it was the public dissemination of the information that may have damaged Ms. Cuccia's reputation, perhaps by the public dissemination of information, any damage can be corrected or at least lessened. Accordingly, the purge condition focuses on that concern.

For the above reasons,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED denying the request to hold Deputy Sheriff Francisco Campillo in contempt of court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED holding Detention Officer Adam Stoddard in indirect civil contempt of court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that unless timely purged as set forth below, DO Stoddard shall on December 1, 2009, report to the Maricopa County Jail and be incarcerated therein until such time as proof is presented to this Court that he has purged the finding of contempt. Failure to comply will result in the issuance of a warrant for the arrest and incarceration of DO Stoddard.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Detention Officer Stoddard may purge the finding of contempt and the jail sanction by arranging, on or before November 30, 2009, at a time convenient for Ms. Cuccia, a news conference to take place in the plaza on the north side of the Central Court Building where he is to give Ms. Cuccia a sincere verbal and written apology for invading her defense file and for the damage that his conduct may have caused to her professional reputation. DO Stoddard shall assure that the press release announcing the news conference is sent by email and fax to all news media outlets (print and broadcast) serving Maricopa County at least 24 hours in advance of the news conference. If at the news conference, Ms. Cuccia does not state that the apology is sufficient, DO Stoddard shall report to the jail on

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December 1, 2009 and be detained until further order of this Court upon a finding that he has complied with the purge clause.

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AMENDMENT OF RULING

Arizona law requires that the "keys to the jail house door" be in the contemnor's hand in order to allow the contemnor to purge the jail sentence imposed upon a finding of civil contempt. See Korman v. Strick, 133 Ariz. 471, 474, 652 P.2d 544, 547 (1982) (The contemnor must be able to remove the jail term by "compliance with the court's order."); Martin v. Reinstein, 195 Ariz. 293, ¶ 24, ftnt. 11, 987 P.2d 779 (App. 1999) (Imprisonment for an indefinite term is lawful provided the contemnor can be released upon compliance with the order.); State v. Cohen, 15 Ariz.App. 436, 439, 489 P.2d 283, 286 (App. 1971) ("Thus, when the contempt orders are remedial the contempt is civil rather than criminal. * * * And when the petitioners carry 'the keys of their prison in their own pockets,' In re Nevitt, 117 F. 448, 461 (8th Cir. 1902), the action is essentially a civil remedy designed for the benefit of other parties.") Accordingly, the purge clause contained in this Court's November 17, 2009, order is modified to read as follows:

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Detention Officer Stoddard may purge the finding of contempt and the jail sanction by arranging, on or before November 30, 2009, at a time convenient for Ms. Cuccia, a news conference to take place in the plaza on the north side of the

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Central Court Building where he is to give Ms. Cuccia a sincere verbal and written apology for invading her defense file and for the damage that his conduct may have caused to her professional reputation. DO Stoddard shall assure that the press release announcing the news conference is sent by email and fax to all news media outlets (print and broadcast) serving Maricopa County at least 24 hours in advance of the news conference.

All other provisions of the November 17, 2009 order remain unchanged.

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IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA

STATE OF ARIZONA,

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ANTONIO LOZANO,

Defendant.

Plaintiff,

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Phoenix, Arizona November 5, 2009 2:09 p.m.

BEFORE: THE HONORABLE GARY DONAHOE, JUDGE

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Monica S. Hill-Morrisette Official Court Reporter Certified Court Reporter #50334

Prepared for Mr. Liddy

the keywords, I think for the limited scope of this proceeding, to determine whether or not this public servant had a good faith basis for doing what he did. We can arrive at an answer without unsealing any of this document. And I think unsealing merely a few words will prejudice this proceeding and making me unable to adequately defend my client.

THE COURT: I'm not so sure of that. He said he saw -- if I recall the testimony correctly, he said he saw, interpreted three words on this document and that in the context of everything else that was going on in the courtroom, including this gentleman, either that Mr. Lozano was looking at, and the prior experience between Mr. Lozano and one of the prosecutors, and the tattoos he saw on this gentleman in the back of the courtroom, it seems to me that these words are all that's necessary for him to completely defend himself against this allegation of improper conduct.

MR. LIDDY: Your Honor, if -- I believe it was four words and not three.

THE COURT: Three, four. I thought it was three, but --

MR. LIDDY: Okay. We'll find out if you unseal that portion of it. But if this proceeding is limited in scope to the allegations against my client, to

attorney. And so what I'm -- what is being requested here 1 2 is that you waive the attorney-client privilege as to 3 those two or three words, or -- I'm sorry, three or four 4 words that this witness says he saw -- saw in the first 5 few inches of that letter. 6 THE DEFENDANT: Yeah, I'm okay with it. 7 THE COURT: You're okay with that? 8 THE DEFENDANT: Yeah. 9 THE COURT: Again, has anybody forced or 10 threatened you in any way in order to get you to make this 11 waiver? 12 THE DEFENDANT: No. 13 THE COURT: All right. I'm going to allow 14 the testimony, so, Mr. Mehrens, if you want to repeat your 15 question, you may. MR. MEHRENS: Yes, sir. 16 17 BY MR. MEHRENS: What were those three words that 18 you saw when you looked down at the document that was 19 sticking out of the file before you touched the document? 20 Α. They were four words going to steal and money. Going to. T-0 --21 Q. 22 Going to steal and money. Α. 23 Q. T-E-A-L or S-T-E-E-L? A-1.. 24 Α. 25 Q. And --

MR. LIDDY: A civil lawyer read the document. I am a civil lawyer. I don't know if they're referring to me or not, but I avow to you I have not read the document with -- except as I said in my affidavit, I did see to whom it was addressed and who the author was.

THE COURT: I'm going to grant Mr. Liddy's request for a recess. So we're going to recess for about

(Recess was taken from 2:53 p.m. to 3:05 p.m.)

THE COURT: We're back on the record in the Lozano matter. Everyone is present. Our witness is back.

Mr. Mehrens.

- Q. BY MR. MEHRENS: So it was based upon those four words that you decided to take the documents you took and had them copied from that file; is that correct?
 - A. That was a part of it.

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- Q. Oh, but there weren't any other words, right?
- A. Well, it was the totality of the circumstances. It wasn't the four words that made me remove the document and go have Deputy Campillo photocopy it.
- Q. Okay. Now, but we now have at least, as a part of the equation at -- or the reason that you decided to take these documents and copy them, the only words, out of all of this whole package have those four?
 - A. Specifically those are the only ones I can

- Q. Once it was returned to you, the original and the copy, what did you do with the original?
- A. I placed the original down in front of Ms. Cuccia. She watched me do it. I took the copy and put it in my pocket.
 - Q. Did you read it before you put it in your pocket?
- A. I did not. I folded it up and placed it in my pocket.
 - Q. Did you read it later that day?
- A. Later that day, yes. I -- I don't know if it was complete in its entirety, but I definitely briefed through it again and looked to find more key parts.
- Q. When you read it in its entirety, did it validate your concerns that the document was either, as you testified previously, evidence of a future crime or an illegal communication from inside the jail to outside the jail?
 - A. No.

- Q. Were there any other things in the letter when you read it in its entirety that gave rise to a security concern?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 | Q. What was that?
- MR. MEHRENS: Could I just ask for 25 foundation when all of this was happening and who was

MR. LIDDY: Yes, Your Honor. 1 THE COURT: 2 Okay. MR. LIDDY: I think he's already testified 3 that after he read it in its entirety, he concluded that 4. his initial concerns of those two that we mentioned were 5 not validated by the entirety of the document. 6 Right. And then he said it gave 7 THE COURT: rise to an additional concern. 8 MR. LIDDY: That's correct, Your Honor. 9 THE COURT: And why don't you ask him if he 10 arrived at that conclusion at the same time? I think 11 12 that's the objection. 13 MR. LIDDY: Okay. THE COURT: When --14 15 Q. BY MR. LIDDY: Did you arrive at the conclusion that there might be another security concern at the time 16 that you read the document? 17 18 Α. Yes. What was your security concern? 19 Q. My security concern was knowing Inmate Lozano is 20 Α. associated with the Mexican Mafia, and knowing some of the 21 Mexican Mafia history on how they get information from the 22 inside to the outside, the outside to the inside of the 23 jail, that he could be trying to solicit Ms. Cuccia to 24 help him in some way, shape, or form in this misconduct of 25

getting information in or on the --

- Q. Was your concern that he would solicit her to do this willingly or that he would solicit her to do this via manipulation or coercion?
- A. Manipulation or coercion. It seemed that he was
 -- I don't know if the proper word is fishing -- it seemed
 like he was trying to develop a foundation to whether he
 could use Ms. Cuccia on more than just a legal counsel
 basis.
- Q. Are you aware of any instances in Maricopa County where members of the Mexican Mafia have successfully so manipulated their counsel?
- A. Yes, I am.

- Q. Would you describe those for the Court, please?
- A. Two of the most recent that I'm aware of where the public is aware of are just recently -- I don't know if he's an attorney, Keller -- I don't know if he's an attorney anymore. He brought cell phone parts and drugs into a secure facility after being solicited by a Mexican Mafia member to do so. Recently there's been another incident where drugs were seized while in the process of being brought in by an attorney.
- Q. And that -- was that other instance with regard to Mr. De Costa?
 - A. It was.

1 Was it your understanding that Mr. De Costa was Q. manipulated by the Mexican Mafia? 2 3 Α. I do, very much so. Q. How so? 4 5 I believe he was manipulated by the Mexican Mafia 6 because he was -- he was given -- I don't know if you 7 would call it a gift. He was allowed to sleep with the 8 defendant's girlfriend. So he was put in a compromising position? 9 O. 10 Α. He was put in a very compromising position. 11 Q. When you read this letter in its entirety, did you have a concern that Mr. Lozano was attempting to put 12 13 his attorney in a compromising position? 14 Α. I did. 15 Q. Did you -- do you have any evidence that he succeeded inputting her in a compromising position? 16 17 Α. I don't. MR. LIDDY: Your Honor, I have no further 18 19 questions. 20 THE COURT: Sir, you may step down. Judge, I do have questions. 21 MS. SCHAFFER: 22 THE COURT: I thought you already asked 23 questions? 24 MS. SCHAFFER: I have a few more questions 25 now that there's been more information elicited in this