IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA ATLANTA DIVISION

THE STATE OF GEORGIA	
Plaintiff,	
V.	
SHAWN STILL	
Defendant.	

CIVIL CASE NO. 1:23-CV-03792-SCJ

(Removed from the Superior Court of Fulton County, Criminal Action File No. 23SC188947)

NOTICE OF WAIVER OF RIGHT TO APPEAR AT EVIDENTIARY HEARING

Defendant Shawn Still hereby waives his right to be personally present in open court upon the hearing concerning his Notice of Removal. On August 24, 2023, Defendant removed this action from the Superior Court of Fulton County to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia. (ECF No. 1.) Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1455(b)(5), the Court set Defendant's evidentiary hearing for September 20, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. (the "Hearing"). (ECF Nos. 2, 13.)

Defendant has been advised by counsel of his Sixth Amendment right to personally appear at the Hearing. Defendant freely and voluntarily waives that right. Defendant requests that the Court proceed during his absence and agrees that his interests will be deemed represented at the Hearing by the presence of his attorney the same as if Defendant himself was personally present in Court. Respectfully submitted this 15th day of September, 2023.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE AND COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL RULE 5.1

The undersigned hereby certifies that on the date set forth below, a true and accurate copy of the foregoing, which has been prepared using 14-point Times New Roman font, was filed electronically with the clerk of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia. Notice of this filing will be sent by operation of the Court's electronic filing system to all ECF-registered parties. Parties may access this filing through the Court's CM/ECF system.

This the 15th day of September, 2023.

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