

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

**F I L E D**  
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IN RE: )  
DOW CORNING )  
CORPORATION )  
) CASE NO. 00-CV-00005-DT  
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REORGANIZED DEBTOR ) HONORABLE DENISE PAGE HOOD

**WILLIAM RUTH'S OBJECTIONS AND RESPONSE**

COME NOW, Defendant William W. Ruth and files his Objections and Response to Finance Committee's Motion for Entry of an Order to Show Cause, and would show the court the following:

I.

**OBJECTIONS**

Ruth is unaware of any filings in this matter other than the Finance Committees' filing on January 10, 2018 which the Finance Committee requests sanctions and contempt against Ruth, even though, Ruth is not a party to this matter and no order has been issued by the court for Ruth to be in contempt. Ruth further objects to the allegations made to the Court to the extent that they are not accurate or true.

**RESPONSE**

1. The Finance Committee [hereinafter "Committee"] has alleged that William Ruth has been nonresponsive to their inquiries as to a check supposedly issued to Ruth. To the contrary, Ruth has promptly responded to all of the Committee's inquiries.

2. Unfortunately, an individual cannot produce what is no longer in their possession or a lawyer be expected to have knowledge of a particular claimant after their law office has been closed for almost 15 years.
3. Only recently, has the Committee provided Ruth with a copy of the alleged check supposedly sent to him.
4. This alleged check was not known about by Ruth, and based upon information and belief, this check was taken by a former employee who worked for Ruth and was involved in other forgeries involving Ruth as well as other parties. **[A true and correct copy of William Ruth's Affidavit is attached hereto with the criminal record of Brittney Meador as Exhibit "A"]**
5. Pursuant to the law, it is well established that an individual is not liable for the unforeseen intentional and criminal acts of another.

WHEREFORE, Ruth requests that the court dismiss the Committee's motion, and for any and all relief.

Respectfully submitted,

By: \_\_\_\_\_

  
WILLIAM W. RUTH

1406 E. Main Street, #200

Fredericksburg, Texas 78624

Tel: 325-642-9802

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing response to Plaintiff by US.  
Mail on or about January 12, 2018.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'WR', is written over a horizontal line.

WILLIAM W. RUTH

**AFFIDAVIT OF WILLIAM W. RUTH**

**STATE OF TEXAS                    §**

**COUNTY OF GILLESPIE           §**

**BEFORE ME**, the undersigned authority, personally appeared William W. Ruth, who being duly sworn, deposed and says:

1. "I am over the age of 18 and competent to testify as to the facts stated herein.
2. I closed down my law practice approximately 15 years ago.
3. I assume that it was around 1995 that I filed some cases in the Dow Corning Settlement when I was living in Houston and practicing law.
4. When I sought to close my law office, I tried to refer these breast implant claimants to other breast implant litigation attorneys to no avail. I also notified the Settlement office in Houston at least twice that I was intending to close my law office, and informed them too of the difficulties I was facing locating these claimants after so many years.
5. Most importantly, I sent letters to all of my clients informing them of the same. Many of these claimants were up in years when their claims were first filed, and by this time, I assumed many had passed away; gone in nursing homes with no forwarding addresses; or simply relocated without providing me with their new addresses. I even paid to do 'skip tracing' on some of them. So, I was not as 'negligent' in handling these claimants as alleged, and once the claim filing was done, no further work was necessary.
6. In addition, I responded to 'all' communications made to me by the attorneys representing the Finance Committee, and when I received an email as to the matter, I had no knowledge of this particular claimant other than vaguely remembering her name; had no access to her file; and simply speculated as to some possible scenarios as to what could have taken place. To characterize this differently is not accurate.
7. Furthermore, I could not research files that I no longer had available to me.
8. However, when I was recently provided a copy of the check with my alleged signature, I realized immediately that was not my signature.
9. Based upon information and belief, in July 2014, I hired Brittney Meador to periodically clean my house after we had relocated to another house. During the time period we were attempting to sell the house, I used it for an office for my construction business.
10. Ms. Meador portrayed herself as an upstanding individual who also started organizing my office and handling certain clerical matters. **[Exhibit A-1]**
11. On one of my trips to the house, I arrived late one night, and found Ms. Meador asleep in the house. The next morning when I confronted her about the situation, she had a leg brace on and claimed to have fallen down the stairs in my house, and claimed to have sprained her ankle. Ms. Meador proceeded to tell me that as a result, she could

- not drive very well so she was simply staying there in order to avoid driving. I later learned that she had been evicted. This was the beginning of her deceit.
12. Later, Ms. Meador falsely informed a construction employee that I had authorized her to use the company truck which she had damaged when using it.
  13. She assured me that 'her uncle' would have the work done. I dropped the truck off at this small body shop, and spoke to the employee who she said was her uncle. He informed me that she referred to him as her uncle but was actually just a friend.
  14. I also learned that the insurance information she had provided me to pay for the truck had expired. When I contacted her about the situation, she informed me that she was taking out a small loan to cover it.
  15. I was pleasantly surprised when the owner of the body shop informed me that a bank approval letter had been provided by Ms. Meador, and they would repair the truck.
  16. Soon, thereafter, I received a call from my wife about some checks I had written. I did not recall writing the check to Ms. Meador or the other individual.
  17. About the same time, I received a call from the owner of the body Shop. I was informed that my truck was ready, but when they had called Ms. Meador's bank to find out the status of the loan, they were informed that no loan existed. Nor was she a bank customer. The bank letter was a complete fabrication, and the bank official name was forged by Ms. Meador.
  18. I realized then that Ms. Meador likely had forged my name on the checks, and obviously knew my signature from when I had paid her to clean.
  19. I contacted the police. From speaking with the police, this was the first time I realized that Ms. Meador had an establish history of forgery and drug use.
  20. As stated, the Finance Committee recently provided me a copy of the alleged check and my alleged signature.
  21. That is definitely not my signature; I have not been in possession of that check; nor was I even aware that the check had even been sent to me.
  22. I have gone into detail as to the deceitfulness and dishonesty of Ms. Meador, and have provided her criminal record which clearly indicates that she has an established history of deceit, fraud and forgery. **[Exhibit A-2]** These documents are true and correct copies of documents I obtained off an internet website for arrests which this website is an established and credible site to obtain this information.
  23. As with the other forged checks, there is no doubt in my mind that Ms Meador forged my name on the check in question."

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

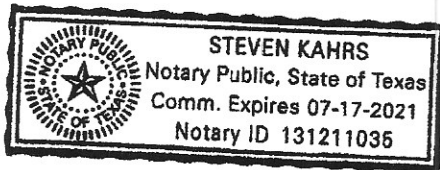


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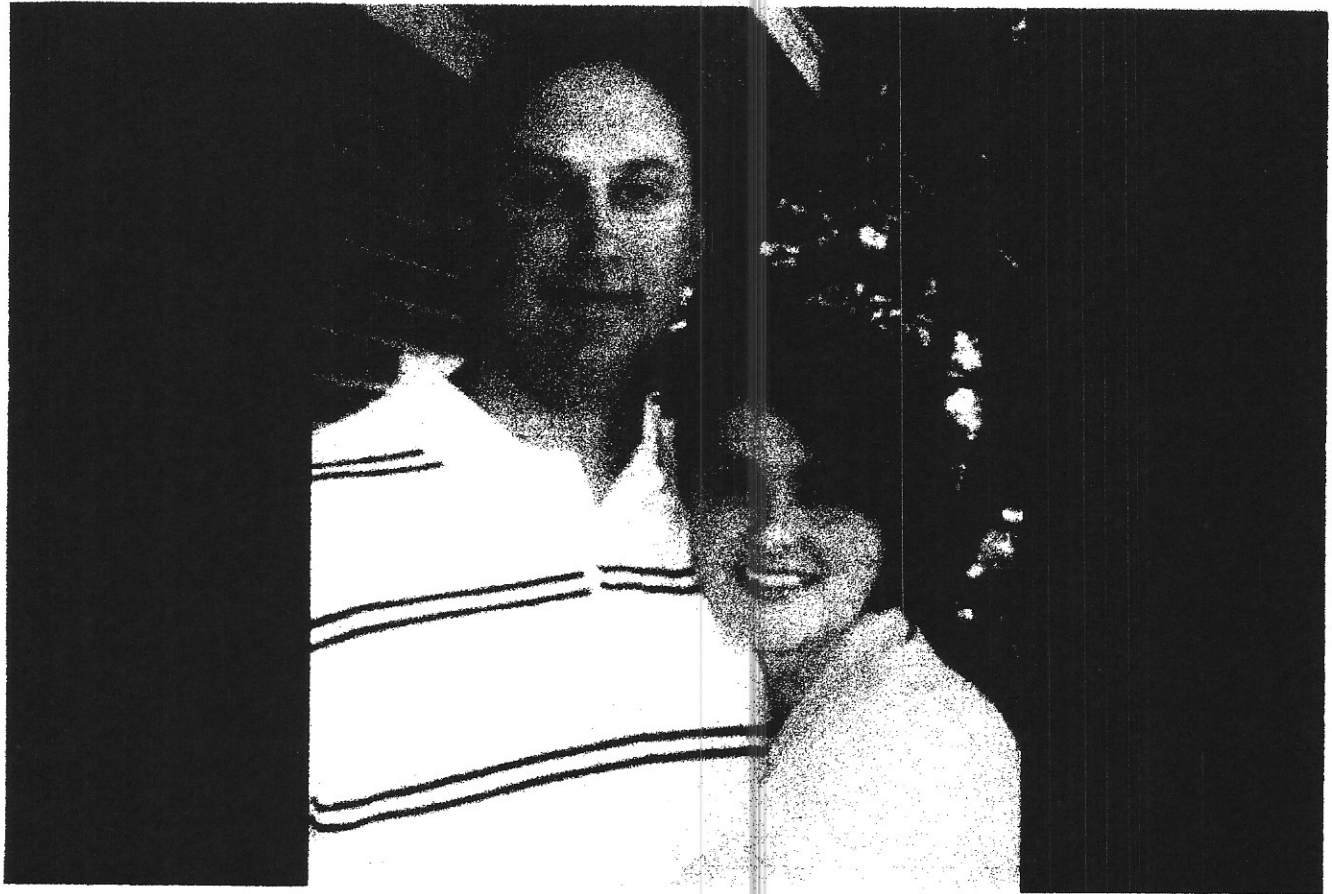
BEFORE ME, personally appeared on this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2018, William Ruth, known to me to be the person whose name appears on this Affidavit and subscribed by William Ruth and who states that he has read the foregoing Affidavit and its true and correct.



A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Steven Kahrs", written over a horizontal line.

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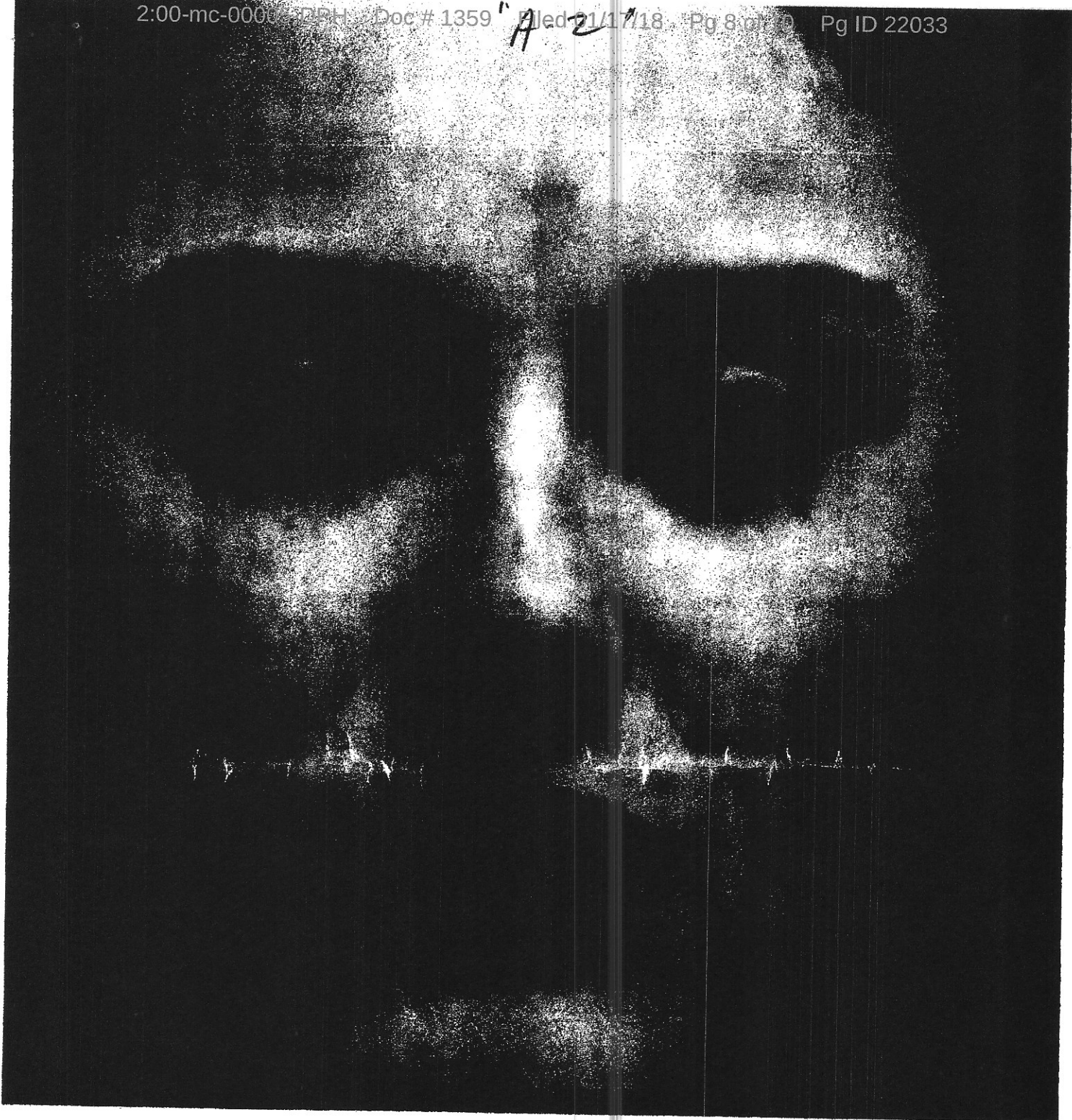
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