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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE
OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ADA**

ST. LUKE'S HEALTH SYSTEM, LTD; ST.
LUKE'S REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER,
LTD; CHRIS ROTH, an individual; NATASHA
D. ERICKSON, MD, an individual; and TRACY
W. JUNGMAN, NP, an individual,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

AMMON BUNDY, an individual; AMMON
BUNDY FOR GOVERNOR, a political
organization; DIEGO RODRIGUEZ, an
individual; FREEDOM MAN PRESS LLC, a
limited liability company; FREEDOM MAN
PAC, a registered political action committee; and
PEOPLE'S RIGHTS NETWORK, a political
organization,

Defendants.

Case No. CV01-22-06789

**NOTICE AND MOTION TO PRESERVE
THE RECORD OF WRONGFUL
GARNISHMENT AFFECTING THIRD-
PARTY CHURCH FUNDS**

COMES NOW, the undersigned, Diego Rodriguez, and respectfully submits this *Notice and Motion to preserve the record* of a wrongful garnishment affecting the funds of a non-party religious organization. This motion is submitted in the interest of justice and transparency to ensure that the court has a full and accurate record of post-judgment enforcement actions that may have exceeded legal bounds.

1. In June 2024, a bank account held in the name of Freedom Tabernacle, Inc., an Idaho religious organization, was frozen by Northwest Christian Credit Union pursuant to a garnishment and writ of execution issued in the above-captioned matter.

2. The undersigned, Diego Rodriguez, was listed as a signer on the account due to his role as minister of the church, but was not the owner of the funds, nor were the funds in the account personal in nature.

3. The church was not named in the writ of execution and was not a party to this lawsuit. Nevertheless, the bank froze its account, which had been used for tithes, offerings, and ministry operations since 2011.

4. On May 22, 2025, Northwest Christian Credit Union issued a written statement confirming that the freeze was implemented solely because Mr. Rodriguez was listed as a signer on the account and that no further action had been taken by Plaintiffs or their attorneys to legally substantiate ownership of the funds. No evidence or documentation was ever submitted to demonstrate that the funds belonged to Mr. Rodriguez personally, and the bank acted under threat of legal compulsion despite the absence of any judicial finding or factual basis supporting the seizure. The account was and always had been held in the name of Freedom Tabernacle, Inc., a religious nonprofit organization, and the actions taken to freeze it were both excessive and improper.

5. Although the funds have now been released, the garnishment and resulting freeze lasted for nearly one year and disrupted religious operations without notice or legal justification. The release only occurred after the undersigned personally expended substantial time, energy, and legal resources—including the preparation and delivery of a formal demand letter—to compel the bank to review and lift the freeze. But for these efforts, the funds would likely have remained indefinitely frozen. This demonstrates the tangible and frustrating burden placed on the undersigned as a result of Plaintiffs' overreach, and documents the unnecessary obstacles created through a process that lacked legal foundation, factual evidence, or procedural fairness.

6. This filing does not seek monetary relief, but respectfully asks the Court to preserve the record of this improper enforcement action so that future proceedings, including appellate review, may consider the full context of Plaintiffs' post-judgment conduct.

7. This conduct raises serious concerns about the misuse of legal process to intimidate third parties and interfere with religious operations. Plaintiffs' attorneys, acting under color of a judgment, engaged in conduct consistent with abuse of process, negligent misrepresentation, and tortious interference. The prolonged and baseless freezing of church funds—without evidence, notice, or due process—amounts to a wrongful conversion of property and caused emotional distress, reputational harm, and disruption to ministry operations. Such actions should be preserved in the record to ensure that future proceedings and appellate courts have access to the full context of post-judgment enforcement tactics used in this case. These facts are not only relevant to this case but speak directly to the broader issue of judicially unchecked abuse of judgment enforcement powers by private firms acting under color of law.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned respectfully requests that this Court:

- A. Acknowledge and preserve in the record that Plaintiffs' garnishment caused a wrongful freeze of funds belonging to a non-party religious entity;
- B. Accept and attach Exhibit A (Letter from Northwest Christian Credit Union) as part of the official case record, and as evidence of the improper freeze and lack of legal substantiation.
- C. Grant any other relief the Court deems just and appropriate.

DATED: June 2nd, 2025

By: /s/ Diego Rodriguez
Diego Rodriguez

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify I served a copy to:

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DATED: June 2nd, 2025

By: /s/ Diego Rodriguez
Diego Rodriguez



Northwest Christian CREDIT UNION

FREEDOM TABERNACLE INC
9169 W STATE ST SUITE 3177
BOISE ID 83714

May 22, 2025

Dear Freedom Tabernacle, Inc.,

This is in response to your letter dated May 21, 2025, regarding the frozen status on your membership held with Northwest Christian Credit Union.

When we received the garnishment, interrogatories, and writ from the Canyon County Sheriff, the order directed us to freeze and report all accounts held in the name of Diego Rodriguez, including any accounts where he is listed as a signer. As you noted in your letter, Mr. Rodriguez is indeed a signer on the referenced account. While we understand he holds this role as a minister, the documentation from the 4th District Court did not provide any distinction regarding his capacity or the type of account involved. As such, a freeze was placed in accordance with the court order.

After further review and consultation with our attorney, it has been determined that the time period to claim the funds has expired. As a result, the freeze has been lifted, and all funds in the account are now accessible.

The freeze remained in place because no follow-up paperwork was ever received regarding the matter, and therefore the freeze was never formally removed.

Additionally, please note that Freedom Tabernacle, Inc.'s registration with the Idaho Secretary of State expired last year. I only mention this as it needs to be current in order to make changes to the membership.

If you have any additional questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Rikki Watkins
VP of Operations
Northwest Christian Credit Union



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