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U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT
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Honorable Christopher M. Alston
Chapter 11
Hearing Location: Rm. 7206
Hearing Date: April 19, 2019
Hearing Time: 9:30 a.m.

BY _____ UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

In re:)	Case No. 16-11767-CMA
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NORTHWEST TERRITORIAL MINT, LLC,)	OBJECTION TO MOTION TO AUTHORIZE
)	LIQUIDATION OF SEIZED PROPERTY AND
Debtor.)	DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEEDS TO TRUSTEE
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I, Diane Erdmann, come forth and object to the sale of my seized property, and request its return. Items listed in Exhibit A.

As Mr. Calvert has so amply demonstrated to both this and other courts, he is prone to lies, deceits, falsehoods and exaggerations; his further testimony in this matter should be given no credence. In prior testimony, Mr. Calvert has made the claim that this was the most difficult bankruptcy he has ever had to administer. What is obvious to all, creditors and professionals alike, is that Mr. Calvert has created his own mess. However, incompetent as Mr. Calvert is, he could not have pulled off this mammoth mess without a great assist from the court.

Mr. Calvert just cannot keep from lying. In this court he's described his contact with the FBI as minimal, limited to when an agent would deliver a subpoena. But as part of the evidence that is protected in the USA vs. Hansen/Erdmann there are records of hundreds of emails and phone calls made between Mr. Calvert and the FBI. At a hearing in the same case, he represented to the court that he'd never given over information unless subpoenaed. When the prosecutor heard that, he felt it necessary to correct the record. See Exhibit B.

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1 Further evidence of Mr. Calvert's animus toward myself and Mr. Hansen is his
2 pursuit of us "at considerable expense and burden to the bankruptcy estate." See the
3 declaration he submitted in the USA vs. Hansen/Erdmann (Exhibit B). Is it ethical or
4 appropriate for a trustee to be spending considerable funds? How many of these
5 hundreds of emails and phone conversations were billed to the estate?

6 And a new developing scandal is Mr. Calvert's relationship with his former
7 attorney, Michael Avenatti, who has just been indicted on 36 federal charges.

8 Also, neither has Mr. Northrup acted in the best interest of the creditors,
9 actively working with a corrupt trustee and his equally corrupt attorney, Mr. Gearin,
10 to silence the members of the Creditors' Committee. He further worked with the trustee
11 to prevent Mr. Hansen's investors from bidding on assets of the estate, thereby
12 depriving the creditors of the money that would have resulted from higher and more
13 competitive bids for the assets. See his email to an FBI agent, Exhibit C.

14 Just so you have a clear picture of what's going on.

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16 Dated this 12TH day of April, 2019

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) LIQUIDATION OF SEIZED PROPERTY AND
Debtor.) DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEEDS TO TRUSTEE
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Diane Erdmann declares as follows:

1. In 1993, my husband passed away from melanoma. Upon his death, I received an insurance settlement of \$133,900. Looking toward the future, I invested my funds with a money manager. In 1997, I decided to invest in precious metals, which is how I became acquainted with Ross Hansen and Northwest Territorial Mint. Over the next 19 years, my investment grew into a sizeable sum. At no time did I take or steal any precious metals from Northwest Territorial Mint. I have always kept my investment segregated from Mr. Hansen and Northwest Territorial Mint.
2. In 2011, I purchased a safe from Northwest Safe Company. This safe contained personal items, such as family heirlooms, photo albums and part of my investment. This safe was clearly marked, both inside and outside indicating that it and its contents belong to me, and me alone. On April 27, 2016 Mr. Mitchell, an attorney for Mr. Cohen, accompanied by the Sheriff's Department, entered my home. He had a court order allowing him access to the property of Mr. Hansen. He was not to be allowed to have access to my property, but despite this, he took property that was clearly marked as belonging to me.

DECLARATION OF DIANE ERDMANN
IN SUPPORT OF OBJECTION TO
MOTION TO AUTHORIZE LIQUIDATION
OF SEIZED PROPERTY AND DISTRIBUTION
OF PROCEEDS TO TRUSTEE

1 3. Mr. Calvert has alleged these items belong to the estate, but despite the
2 expense of a two-day trial held in this court, he was unable to prove his false
3 assertion. Despite having no evidence, Mr. Calvert continues to defame me by
4 claiming these items belong to the estate. As this court is aware, Mr. Calvert
5 has a long history of making false, or exaggerated statements. When the ruling
6 was made in my favor, he should have been ordered to return my property to me.

7 4. After failing to prove theft, Mr. Calvert launched into his next adventure,
8 claiming that the charges on my American Express card, authorized by Mr.
9 Hansen, somehow amounted to fraudulent transfers. Only the court's deep
10 prejudice against me would have resulted in a ruling in the trustee's favor.

11 I believe I would have gotten the court's ruling on this overturned (my third
12 one), but I ran out of money to fund more of this ludicrous litigation.

13 5. There are currently over \$10 million of estate assets missing, such as coining
14 dies, web sites, mailing lists, intellectual property, packaging materials, the
15 Honolulu Mint, licenses, galvanoes, archives, store inventory, etc. Instead of
16 resorting to the theft of my property, may I suggest the court turn its
17 attention to these missing items.

18 While I don't expect it, I would ask that this court have a moment of sanity and do
19 the right thing by returning to me these items that were wrongfully taken and
20 wrongfully levied.

21 I declare under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the
22 foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

23 Dated this 12TH day of April, 2019.

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25 Diane Erdmann

EXHIBIT A

Items belonging to me are highlighted in pink.

Inventory of Ross Hansen Seized Property

May 10th, 2016

Based on \$1265 Gold and 17.05 Silver

#	Lot	DT*	Description	Weight	Quantity	Price	Total
1	1&2		Molly-T 50 Oz 999 Fine Silver Bar	3.78 LBS	1	\$850.00	\$850.00
2	1&2		Bag Silver Bars/Copper Rounds	7.1 LBS	1	\$800.00	\$800.00
3	1&2		Bag Wheat Pennies 50 Face worth 2.5 Cents Each	34 LBS	1	\$112.50	\$112.50
4	1&2		Apple Ipad Pro	2.78 LBS	1	N/A	N/A
5	1&2		Set of 70 Sterling Bicentennial Council Bars	50 G/Each	1	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00
6	3&4	2	Pure Silver Ruler	12 Oz	1	\$190.00	\$190.00
7	3&4		Set of 30 WWII Medals 999 Fine Silver	5.64 Lbs	1	\$900.00	\$900.00
8	3&4		Set of 50 1 Oz 999 Fine Silver Bars - World of Flight	50 Oz	1	\$835.00	\$835.00
9	3&4		Set of 100 Sterling Rounds - History of Flight - 1.2 oz each	17 LBS	1	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
10	3&4		Small Cardboard Box of Misc Coins, Bars and Knives	4.06 LBS	1	\$260.00	\$260.00
11	3&4		Plastic Bag of Misc. US Currency - Coins and 1's	12.92LBS	1	\$100.00	\$100.00
12	3&4		Red Box with Misc Medals and Tokens	8.87 LBS	1	\$1,150.00	\$1,150.00
13	5&6		Geneve 14 K Wrist Watch	.51 LBS	1	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
14	5&6		2009 High Relief Gold Coin	1 Oz	1	\$1,850.00	\$1,850.00
15	5&6	4	\$20 Liberty Gold Coins		20	\$1,150.00	\$23,000.00
16	5&6	4	1855 S \$20 Gold Coin		1	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
17	5&6	4	\$20 SG Gold Coins		8	\$1,150.00	\$9,200.00
18	5&6	4	1900 \$20 Gold MS 61		1	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00
19	5&6	4	NGC & PCGS \$20 Liberty Gold Coin MS 62		11	\$1,268.00	\$13,948.00
20	5&6	4	NGC & PCGS \$20 Liberty Gold Coin MS 63		7	\$1,350.00	\$9,450.00
21	5&6	4	PCGS \$20 Liberty Gold Coin MS 64		2	\$1,800.00	\$3,600.00
22	5&6	4	1914 S \$20 SG NGC MS 64		1	\$1,380.00	\$1,380.00
23	5&6	4	PCGS \$20 SG MS 65		3	\$1,650.00	\$4,950.00
24	5&6	4	\$10 Liberty Gold		4	\$593.75	\$2,375.00
25	5&6	4	\$10 1926 Indian		1	\$650.00	\$650.00
26	5&6	4	\$10 1893 PCGS MS 61		1	\$615.00	\$615.00
27	5&6	4	\$10 Liberty Gold Coin PCGS & NGC MS 62		6	\$335.00	\$2,010.00
28	5&6	4	\$10 Liberty Gold Coin PCGS & NGC MS 63		6	\$415.00	\$2,490.00
29	5&6	3	PAMP Suisse 100 Gram Gold Bars		11	\$4,048.00	\$44,528.00
30	5&6		1893 Carson City \$1 PCGS XF 40		1	\$750.00	\$750.00
31	5&6		1894 P Morgan \$1 NGC F 12		1	\$625.00	\$625.00
32	5&6		1894 O \$1 Raw		1	\$75.00	\$75.00
33	5&6		1895 O Silver \$1		1	\$200.00	\$200.00
34	5&6		1935 S San Diego Half Dollar PCGS MS 65		1	\$110.00	\$110.00
35	5&6		1936 York Half Dollar PCGS 67		1	\$425.00	\$425.00
36	5&6		1936 Wisconsin Half Dollar NGC 66		1	\$230.00	\$230.00
37	5&6		1937 Rome Half Dollar NGC 66		1	\$280.00	\$280.00
38	5&6		1921 Alabama Half Dollar NGC 64		1	\$250.00	\$250.00
39	5&6		Roll 20 Coins 1878 CC Dollars		1	\$4,700.00	\$4,700.00
40	5&6		1947 Panama Balboa		81	\$12.00	\$972.00
41	5&6	1	2015 Australian 1 Oz Silver Coins		3	\$20.00	\$60.00
42	5&6		Hawaiian Centennial 1 Oz Silver		1	\$20.00	\$20.00
43	5&6		1930's Vatican Set of 9		1	\$40.00	\$40.00
44	5&6		999 Fine Silver Medals 1-10 Oz		5	\$86.00	\$430.00
45	5&6		Bag small silver 925 Ingots 292 Grains		1	\$126.00	\$126.00
46	5&6		First Day Issue Franklin D. Roosevelt		1	\$10.00	\$10.00
47	5&6		10 Piece 1991 Canadian \$20 Silver Coins		1	\$160.00	\$160.00
48	5&6		Bag of Misc Token Medals - Mostly Non Precious		1	\$235.00	\$235.00
49	5&6		Box Lot Misc Medals, Belt Buckle, Hobo Nickel		1	\$75.00	\$75.00
50	5&6		Box Lot British Cap Insignia, Military & School Medals		1	\$300.00	\$300.00
51	5&6		Assortment of Spoons Medals, Money Clips, ID Tags	4.05 LBS	1	\$75.00	\$75.00

52	7&8	Dell Desktop Computer and Monitor		1	N/A	N/A
53	9	Stacks of US Pennies (33.23, 38.89, 32.34 LBS)	104 LBS	3	\$50.00	\$150.00
54	10	Bag Face Value Halves	14.24 LBS	1	\$260.00	\$260.00
55	10	Bags Wheat Cents	24.93 LBS	2	\$50.00	\$100.00
56	10	Mt Rushmore Silver Plaque		1	\$345.00	\$345.00
57	10	Small Box Medals - Lapel Pins		1	\$75.00	\$75.00
58	10	2004 Australian Proof Set		1	\$20.00	\$20.00
59	10	Plastic Tub of Face Value Coinage		1	\$200.00	\$200.00
60	11	Bag Misc. US Coins Face Value	7.07 LBS	1	\$50.00	\$50.00
61	11	Bag Face Value Dimes	36.60 LBS	1	\$663.80	\$663.80
62	11	Bag Face Value Nickels		1	\$110.00	\$110.00
63	11	Bag Face Value Nickels		1	\$50.00	\$50.00
64	12	Bags \$100 Face 1979 S Susan B Anthony Dollars		2	\$105.00	\$210.00
65	12	Bag \$100 Face 1979 P Susan B Anthony Dollars		1	\$105.00	\$105.00
66	12	Bag \$100 Face 1980 P Susan B Anthony Dollars		1	\$110.00	\$110.00
67	12	Bag \$100 Face 1980 S Susan B Anthony Dollars		1	\$110.00	\$110.00
68	12	Plastic Bag Face Value Half Dollars and Ike Dollars		1	\$65.00	\$65.00
69	12	Bag Misc Lincoln Cents	4.7 LBS	1	\$20.00	\$20.00
70	12	Bag Face Value Quarters	25.45 LBS	1	\$509.00	\$509.00
71	13	Bag Face Nickels Nickels	22.14 LBS	1	\$100.00	\$100.00
72	13	Bag Face Value Quarters	38.33 LBS	1	\$750.00	\$750.00
73	13	Bag Face Value Quarters	37.14 LBS	1	\$750.00	\$750.00
74	13	Bag Face Value Half Dollars	10.67 LBS	1	\$256.00	\$256.00
75	13	Roll 20 Coins Ike Dollars		1	\$20.00	\$20.00
76	13	1956 Cleveland Half Dollars		5	\$65.00	\$325.00
77	13	Lot Misc Coins, Medals and Tokens		1	\$210.00	\$210.00
78	14-16	Files and Papers - N/A for evaluation			N/A	N/A
79	17	19.2 Oz of 999 Fine Silver Bars and Rounds	1.62 LBS	1	\$320.00	\$320.00
80	17	Small Yellow Plastic Tub Misc US Face Value	10.45 LBS	1	\$110.00	\$110.00
81	17	Small Box of Misc Face Value US and Canadian Coins	14.78 LBS	1	\$150.00	\$150.00
82	17	Plastic Jar Misc US Coins Face Value	14.02 LBS	1	\$100.00	\$100.00
83	17	Misc Medals		4	\$1.25	\$5.00
Sub Total						\$148,890.30
Cash						\$3,000.00
Estimated Total						\$154,890.30

Summary

1	Extremely high degree of certainty were in the vault approximately 30-45 days ago	\$60.00
2	High degree of certainty was in Ross's office	\$900.00
3	Belief these items were in the vault around February or March, 2016	\$625.00
4	Probability that they could have been in the vault, specific quantity undetermined.	\$88,621.00
		\$90,206.00

EXHIBIT B

- Transcript from the June 18, 2018 hearing in USA vs. Hansen/Erdmann, the following exchange occurred referencing the flow of information between Mark Calvert and the FBI:

THE COURT: There's no voluntary information?

MR. CALVERT: Your Honor, Mark Calvert, the trustee. I tried to make sure, every time they requested something, it was done in a subpoena. There may be a request of a document that's not in a subpoena, but I did not provide anything that they did not request.

[WERNER] We did submit numerous grand jury subpoenas to the trustee for minute records.

Again, I agree with Mr. Calvert. I think there were some records that might not have been specifically covered by the grand jury subpoena that we requested and he provided to us. I think I'd even go a little further. There may be some records that Mr. Calvert provided to the FBI that were not specifically requested by a grand jury subpoena.

1 interested parties. I have testified in litigation regarding my findings and conclusions with respect to
2 the management and operation of NWTM.

3 3. Over the course of my appointment, the Government has subpoenaed a significant
4 amount of NWTM business records. These records were produced at considerable expense and
5 burden to the bankruptcy estate.

6 4. In March, 2018, faced with an impending loss of the lease for NWTM's facility in
7 Dayton, Nevada, I sought authority from the Bankruptcy Court to destroy NWTM's remaining
8 records, a common practice in a liquidating bankruptcy.

9 5. I have worked with the Government and the Defense to attempt to resolve issues with
10 respect to preservation of records. I caused copies of servers to be made, and shipped hundreds of
11 boxes of records from Dayton, Nevada, to a government storage facility in Seattle, at considerable
12 expense to the bankruptcy estate.

13 I declare under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is
14 true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

15 EXECUTED this 26th day of September, 2018 at Houston, Texas.

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20 /s/ Mark Calvert
21 Mark Calvert

EXHIBIT C

From: Northrup, Mark D. [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 12:23 PM
To: Williamson, Benjamin M. (SE) (FBI)
Subject: Northwest Territorial Mint Bankruptcy

Follow Up Flag: FollowUp
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Ben—You will recall that I am the attorney for the Unsecured Creditors Committee in the Mint bankruptcy case. As you may be aware, the Chapter 11 trustee's efforts to reorganize the Mint business have not been successful and the trustee terminated all Mint operations as of December 29, 2017. The trustee is now proceeding with an effort to sell/auction all of the Mint's assets. This outcome is, of course, extremely disappointing and disheartening for the Creditors Committee and will have tragic consequences for thousands of general unsecured Mint creditors, none of whom will recover anything on their claims. The total losses will run into the tens of millions of dollars, including the losses of some people's retirement and savings accounts. I am sending this to you in the hope that I can obtain some assurance that the government's criminal investigation and case against Ross Hansen and Diane Erdmann is moving forward. Creditors who contact me routinely raise this issue and are absolutely incredulous that their property could be lost with no consequences to anyone but themselves. This issue now has added concern because Ross Hansen has publicly announced that he wants to try to purchase the Mint's assets out of the bankruptcy, presumably so that he can re-start the business. This is the same tactic that Hansen employed in the early 1990s, when he re-purchased his business assets (free and clear of creditor liens and interests) out of a Chapter 7 bankruptcy. I realize that you cannot disclose the status of any ongoing government investigation or judicial process but, again, I am hopeful that you can confirm that something will happen in the near future, as we approach the second anniversary of the bankruptcy filing. Thanks and best regards.

Mark D. Northrup
Partner

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