

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

DIANA J. FLODIN,

Defendant.

ORDER

07-C-0011-X

On April 13, 2007 this court held a telephonic hearing in place of the in-person show-cause hearing scheduled for 1:30 p.m. The reason for this change was that defendant Diana J. Flodin apparently made no attempt to appear in Madison for the hearing. Flodin did, however, appear for the telephonic conference. The government was represented by Assistant United States Attorney Leslie Herje.

At the hearing the court inquired of Flodin why she had disobeyed the court's order to provide the requested information. Flodin's explanations were not acceptable. Flodin simply claimed that she is trying to work this out and has gathered the information, but has not yet sent it to the government. These representations contradict representations she has made to the government in the past. Also, Flodin has made promises of production to the government in the past which she has broken. Flodin queried why she should have to provide this information to the government; although it is much too late for Flodin to ask this question, the government provided an answer and outlined its frustrating course of interaction with Flodin, in which

Flodin and her husband constantly rebuffed the government's attempts to obtain the financial information needed to collect the debt.

Enough is enough. Had Flodin been present in court today, she likely would have been found in contempt and jailed. As matters stand, I gave Flodin one week, until April 20, 2007 within which to put into the postal stream, addressed properly to the United States Attorneys Office with proper postage, complete answers to all the information requested of her by the government. If Flodin does not do so, then she will be in contempt of court and the court will order her arrest. Flodin responded that she understood the consequences of failing to comply with her obligations.

Entered this 13th day of April, 2007.

BY THE COURT:
/s/
STEPHEN L. CROCKER
Magistrate Judge