

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

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

FREDERICK G. KRIEMELMEYER,

Defendant.

ORDER

07-CR-052-C

Following today's arraignment, the government reminded me that pro se defendant Frederick G. Kriemelmeyer, a practicing dentist accused of persistent tax fraud, filed a civil lawsuit against me several years ago because I issued a federal search warrant for his records. I had forgotten about this garden-variety tax protestor lawsuit, which was quickly dismissed, and I probably could continue to shepherd the instant prosecution toward trial without raising the appearance of impropriety to a well-informed, thoughtful observer. *See In re Taylor*, 417 F.3d 649, 653 (7th Cir. 2005).

That said, given the recusal imbroglio in which a state court judge is notoriously embroiled at this time, prudence dictates that I not touch Dr. Kriemelmeyer's case with a ten foot dental pick. The public and Dr. Kriemelmeyer should not doubt for a nanosecond the impartiality of this court. Therefore, I hereby recuse myself from all proceedings in this case.

Entered this 25th day of April, 2007.

BY THE COURT:

/s/

STEPHEN L. CROCKER
Magistrate Judge