


MISSOURI CIRCUIT COURT  
TWENTY-SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
(City of St. Louis)

In The Matter of )  
 ) No. 1822-CC09709  
ALBERT S. WATKINS, )  
 ) Division No. 16  
Respondent. )

NOTICE AND ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

To: Albert S. Watkins  
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CLERK, CIRCUIT COURT  
BY  DEPUTY

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that you appear before the Honorable Rex M. Burlison, Division 16, on the 1st Floor of the Carnahan Courthouse, 1114 Market Street in the City of St. Louis, at 9:00 A.M. on the 13th day of July, 2018, to show cause why you should not be adjudged in contempt of this Court and be required to pay a fine or be sentenced to a term of imprisonment or both.

The allegations concerning your allegedly contemptuous conduct are as follows:

1. You represented witness P.S. in State v. Eric Greitens, Cause No. 1822-CR00642;
2. P.S. was endorsed as a witness on the indictment that was filed on February 22, 2018 in State v. Eric Greitens, Cause No. 1822-CR00642;
3. This Court entered a gag order in State v. Eric Greitens, Cause No. 1822-CR00642, on April 10, 2018;
4. The gag order entered on April 10, 2018, applied to "all parties, attorneys, **endorsed witnesses and their attorneys.**" [emphasis added]
5. The gag order entered on April 10, 2018, provided that all parties, attorneys, endorsed witnesses and their attorneys were "prohibited from making any public statements outside the courtroom that could interfere with a fair trial or prejudice either the State or the defendant;"
6. The gag order entered on April 10, 2018, provided that all parties, attorneys, endorsed witnesses and their attorneys were prohibited from, "effective immediately, the holding of press conference regarding this case until the jury has been seated and sworn;"

7. You acknowledged on the record in open court on April 23, 2018, that you were representing witness P.S. in State v. Eric Greitens, Cause No. 1822-CR00642;

8. The Court was advised by James Martin, an attorney representing the defendant in State v. Eric Greitens, Cause No. 1822-CR00642, at a hearing commencing on or about 2:00 p.m. on April 23, 2018, that you, Albert S. Watkins, had issued a press release earlier on that date announcing your representation of Mr. Tisaby, an investigator for the State and potential witness in the case, and which "had multiple quotes within it criticizing the defense, and et cetera, et cetera."

9. You acknowledged on the record in open court on April 23, 2018, at a hearing commencing on or about 2:00 p.m., that you had read this Court's gag order.

10. When questioned by the Court regarding what you thought the purpose of the gag order was, you stated that you assumed it was "to keep the governor's counsel from continuing to do what they were doing, which was to effectively serve as – have the press releases that they were getting out." The Court stated to you, "So let's assume what you just said to the defense is true. That's exactly what you did."

11. You stated that the press release "was informational, and it went to the meat of the matter having to do with Tisaby, not having to do with endorsed State's witnesses or deposition subject matter, or anything along those lines."

12. Following the conclusion of the April 23, 2018 hearing, you held a press conference on the front steps of the Carnahan Courthouse in which you discussed with the news media, on camera, various matters relevant to the issues in State v. Eric Greitens, Cause No. 1822-CR00642, including among other things how your client P.S. came to release recordings of conversations between P.S. and K.S., the alleged victim in the case, discussing the defendant's conduct at issue; the effect of the defendant's conduct on your client's marriage; and the receipt by your office of a large sum of money in cash;

13. Your acts and conduct in issuing a press release on April 23, 2018 and in conducting a press conference on the steps of the Carnahan Courthouse on April 28, 2018, were in violation of this Court's gag order dated April 10, 2018, which you acknowledged having read prior to the issuance of the press release and conducting of the press conference; and

14. Your acts and conduct in issuing the press release and conducting the press conference thwart and defeat the authority of the Circuit Court of the City of St. Louis.

This Court has the inherent power as well as statutory power pursuant to § 476.110 RSMo, to punish for contempt of its authority.

THEREFORE, you will at the time and place hereinabove set forth appear before this Court to show cause why you should not be adjudged in indirect criminal contempt of this Court and be sentenced to a term of imprisonment, be required to pay a fine, or both.

SO ORDERED:  


Rex M. Burlison  
Circuit Judge  
Division 16

Dated: JUNE 4, 2018

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, at office in the City of St. Louis this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018.

THOMAS KLOEPPINGER  
Circuit Clerk

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Circuit Clerk