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11 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

12 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

13 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

14 Plaintiff,

15 vs.

16 PETER T. SANTILLI, JUNIOR  
17 Defendant.

CASE NO: 2:16-cr-00046-GMN-PAL

**EMERGENCY MOTION TO  
WITHDRAW AS APPOINTED  
COUNSEL  
(Request for Expedited Hearing)**

18 COMES NOW, JOSHUA TOMSHECK, ESQ. of the Law Firm of HOFLAND  
19 AND TOMSHECK, counsel for Defendant, PETER T. SANTILLI, JR., and moves this  
20 Honorable Court pursuant to local rule IA 1-6 for permission to withdraw as CJA  
21 Appointed Counsel in the above-captioned case.

22 As the Defendant remains in pre-Trial confinement and is under Order of the  
23 Federal District Court for the District of Oregon to return to that jurisdiction to face  
24 separate charges there, this is a request that this Motion be heard on an expedited  
25 basis.

26 This Motion is based on the enclosed affidavit of counsel, accompanying points  
27 and authorities, all pleadings and papers on file herein and any argument requested by  
28 this Court at the time of hearing.

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1 POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

2 STATEMENT OF FACTS

3 The government charged Peter T. Santilli, Junior (hereinafter "Santilli") on  
4 February 7, 2016 by way of Indictment with One (1) Count of Conspiracy to Impede or  
5 Injure a Federal Officer (Title 18, United States Code, Section 372), One (1) Count of  
6 Conspiracy to Commit an Offense Against the United States (Title 18, United States  
7 Code, Section 371), One (1) Count of Interstate Travel in Aid of Extortion (Title 18,  
8 United States Code, Section 1952), Two (2) Counts of Interference with Interstate  
9 Commerce by Extortion (Title 18, United States Code, Section 1951), Two (2) Counts of  
10 Threatening a Federal Law Enforcement Officer (Title 18, United States Code, Section  
11 115(a)(1)(B)), Two (2) Counts of Assault on a Federal Officer (Title 18, United States  
12 Code, Sections 111(a)(1),(b) and (2)), Three (3) Counts of Obstruction of the Due  
13 Administration of Justice (Title 18, United States Code, Section 1503), and Four (4)  
14 Counts of Use and Carry of a Firearm In Relation to a Crime of Violence (Title 18,  
15 United States Code, Section 924(c)).

16 Santilli was arraigned on these charges on March 30, 2016, at which time the  
17 undersigned counsel was appointed to represent Santilli. This matter was declared a  
18 complex case and the discovery related to this case, which is believed to be  
19 voluminous, has not yet been received by the defense.

20 Counsel has worked diligently on this case. However, the undersigned and  
21 Santilli have fundamental differences of opinion related to numerous issues in this  
22 matter which make continued representation of Santilli impossible for the  
23 undersigned.

24 The withdrawal of the undersigned counsel would not have an adverse effect  
25 on the case and Santilli does not object to this request. Conversely, Santilli joins in this  
26 request to the Court. Therefore, Counsel respectfully requests this Honorable Court to  
27 set a hearing as soon as possible or to grant this Motion to Withdraw as Counsel of  
28 Record and appoint new counsel for Santilli.

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**LEGAL AUTHORITY**

The Local Rules of the United States District Court for the District of Nevada LR IA 10-6(b) states: “No attorney may withdraw after appearing in a case except by leave of court after notice served on the affected client and opposing counsel.”

The Model Rules of Professional Conduct Rule 1.16 which governs declining or termination representation of a client state, in pertinent part:

(a) Except as states in paragraph (c), a lawyer shall not represent a client or, where representation has commenced, shall withdraw from the representation of a client if:

- (1) The representation will result in violation of the rules of professional conduct or other law;
- (2) The lawyer’s physical or mental condition materially impairs the lawyer’s ability to represent the client; or
- (3) The lawyer is discharged.

(b) Except as stated in paragraph (c), a lawyer may withdraw from representing a client if:

- (1) Withdraw can be accomplished without material adverse effect on the interest of the client;
- (2) The client persist in a course of action involving the lawyer’s services that the lawyer reasonably believes is criminal or fraudulent;
- (3) The client has used the lawyer’s services to perpetrate a crime or fraud;
- (4) The client insist upon taking action that the lawyer considers repugnant or with which the lawyer has a fundamental disagreement;

- 1 (5) The client fails substantially to fulfill an obligation to the lawyer  
2 regarding the lawyer's services and has been given reasonable  
3 warning that the lawyer will withdraw unless the obligation is  
4 fulfilled;
- 5 (6) The representation will result in an unreasonable financial burden on  
6 the lawyer or has been rendered unreasonably difficult by the client;  
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- 9 (7) Other good cause for withdrawal exists.

10 **AFFIDAVIT AND DECLARATION OF COUNSEL**  
11 **IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO WITHDRAW**

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13 I, JOSHUA TOMSHECK, ESQ., hereby state on on oath:

- 14 1. That I am a duly qualified, practicing and licensed attorney in the State of  
15 Nevada and the United States District Court for the District of Nevada.
- 16 2. That I am the CJA appointed counsel for Defendant Peter T. Santilli in the  
17 above entitled matter, so appointed on March 30, 2016.
- 18 3. That I, and my office staff, have been in telephonic contact with Mr.Santilli  
19 as recently as the date of this filing.
- 20 4. That I, along with my investigator, met with Mr. Santilli where he is housed  
21 in the Henderson Detention Center, on more than one occasion, including the day  
22 before this filing.
- 23 5. That there has been a breakdown in the attorney-client relationship between  
24 counsel and Mr. Santilli such that it is clear that I can no longer effectively  
25 communicate, or work with, Mr. Santilli in order to prepare his defense in this matter.
- 26 6. That I believe this breakdown is permanent in nature and my further  
27 representation of Mr. Santilli would be impossible.
- 28 7. That based on my communications with Mr. Santilli he would join in this

1 request.

2 8. That, if this Court deems it necessary, further particulars of the breakdown  
3 of the attorney-client relationship can be disclosed to the Court in a sealed/closed  
4 hearing.

5 9. That this motion is not being made for purposes of delay, but is a direct  
6 result of recent communications between myself and Mr. Santilli, such that it is clear  
7 that I must make this motion in the best interest of Mr. Santilli.

8 10. That my representation of Mr. Santilli is early on such that withdraw can be  
9 accomplished and new counsel appointed without material adverse effect on the  
10 interest of Mr. Santilli.

11 11. That, as Mr. Santilli remains in pre-Trial confinement and is under Order  
12 of the Federal District Court for the District of Oregon to return to that jurisdiction to  
13 face separate charges there, this is a request that this Motion be heard on an expedited  
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**CONCLUSION**

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Defendant's CJA appointed attorney of record, Joshua Tomsheck, Esq., of the law firm of Hofland and Tomsheck, respectfully requests this Honorable Court to grant this Emergency Motion to Withdraw as Appointed Counsel for Defendant.

DATED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016.

**HOFLAND AND TOMSHECK**

/s/ J. Tomsheck  
JOSHUA TOMSHECK, ESQ.  
Nevada Bar No. 9210  
*Attorney for Defendant*

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016 a true and correct copy of the EMERGENCY MOTION TO WITHDRAW AS APPOINTED COUNSEL was sent via CM/ECF filing system.

*/s/ O. Campbell*  
An Employee of HOF LAND AND TOMSHECK