

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA

DUBLIN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	)	
	)	
v.	)	CR 323-003
	)	
GLADYS HARUN	)	

ORDER

On July 13, 2022, a grand jury in the Southern District of Georgia charged Defendant Gladys Harun with wire fraud, and on September 8, 2022, the grand jury returned a seven-count, superseding indictment for the offenses of false declaration, wire fraud, and money laundering. United States v. Harun, CR 322-009, doc. nos. 1, 38 (S.D. Ga. July 13, 2022). Defendant retained attorney Jimmy Thomas Howell, Jr., to represent her. Id., doc. no. 5; see also United States v. Harun, MJ 122-051, doc. no. 21 (S.D. Ga. July 11, 2022) (Notice of Appearance of Counsel). Retained attorney Dale Robert Busbee replaced Mr. Howell as Defendant's counsel in September of 2022. CR 322-009, doc. nos. 60, 61, 63. Defendant retained a third set of attorneys, Teri L. Thompson and Mohammed S. Luwemba, to replace Mr. Busbee in February of 2023. Id., doc. nos. 85, 86, 89. Defendant pleaded guilty to an information on April 27, 2023. (Doc. no. 6.)

On July 7, 2023, Ms. Thompson filed a "Motion to Withdraw as Attorney of Record," (doc. no. 10), and United States District Judge Dudley H. Bowen, Jr., denied that request, (doc. no. 11). Upon receipt of a letter from Defendant following denial of the request to withdraw, Judge Bowen discharged attorneys Thompson and Luwemba from their

representation of Defendant on July 31, 2023. (Doc. no. 16.) As with every change of counsel initiated by Defendant, the consequence of this discharge has resulted in the addition of time required to adjudicate this case. The delay falls squarely on Defendant's shoulders.

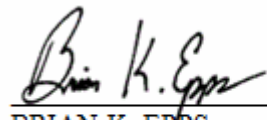
Now, after Judge Bowen cautioned Defendant nearly one month ago she needed to retain counsel "with expedience," Defendant left a voice mail for court personnel requesting appointed counsel. If Defendant wants the Court to take any action, she must file a written motion. She may not simply leave phone messages. Thus, if Defendant intends to seek appointed counsel rather than retaining her own attorney, she must expeditiously file a written motion explaining the basis for her request and serve it upon the United States Attorney's Office in accordance with Judge Bowen's prior instructions:

Moreover, Defendant has a duty to file any motion in the case through the Clerk's Office *in person or by United States mail*, with the above-referenced case caption and case number, and a copy of any filed motion must be served upon the United States Attorney's Office by United States mail.

(Id. at 2.) The Court will take no further action or otherwise excuse Defendant from her responsibilities as explained in Judge Bowen's July 31st Order unless and until Defendant files a written motion.

The Clerk is **DIRECTED** to serve this Order on Defendant by United States Mail and email a copy to Defendant's custodian for immediate delivery to Defendant.

SO ORDERED this 25th day of August, 2023, at Augusta, Georgia.


BRIAN K. EPPS
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA