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Honorable Paula Perkins Bryant, Judge
Twenty-Second Judicial Circuit
Carnahan Courthouse, 1st Floor
Division 25
1114 Market St.
St. Louis, MO 63103

RE: State v. David Reeves, Cause N0922CR03495.

Dear Judge Perkins Bryant:

I am unable to be present in your courtroom on Monday July 27, at 10:00 a.m., because I am attending a Mayoral signing into law of a workforce development bill that provides opportunities for city residents, minority and women to obtain jobs on public works projects. However, the matter of the State's Motion to Review the Bond of Mr. David Reeves is very important to me, and to the communities surrounding Cherokee Street.

On July 16, 2009, Mr. Reeves interrupted a Cherokee Station Business meeting with his antics, creating an upsetting and potentially dangerous situation, and there was nothing the police could do to adequately respond to it.

The event that gave rise to Judge Julian Bush's Original Bond Order

Mr. David Reeves (see attached photo) was caught placing nasty graffiti on a building in the 26xx block of Cherokee Street on Friday, July 10. It is my understanding that this is not the first time he has done this. However, the witness tells me that he asked Mr. Reeves not to do it in the past. Mr. Reeves allegedly promised not to do it again, so long as there would not be prosecution. That is more liberal than I would have been, but that's apparently what happened. Well, this time the witness was upset, called the police, the police responded, and took him into custody. Apparently there was a bond hearing on Saturday morning, July 11. The witness was contacted and went to court. As duty judge, Judge Bush in Division 26 entered an order in Cause No. 0922CR3495 July 11, 2009, after 11:30 a.m. that stated that "Defendant



is hereby ordered as a condition of bond to stay away from Cherokee Street, specifically the 2600 through the 3600 blocks of Cherokee Street, in the City of St. Louis, State of Missouri." (see attached Order). I am quite pleased and amazed at how quickly and seamlessly all of this process seems to have worked.

The Circuit Attorney's Office, police, neighborhood leadership, political leadership and usually the courts have worked together to improve the quality of life in our community.

The neighborhoods transmitted this photo of Mr. Reeves widely and information about the issue is ubiquitous. Again, the system and the community seemed to be working as it should be.

Disturbing Events of July 16, 2009

On July 16, 2009 at about 6:43 p.m there was a man who came into 2617 Cherokee (Business Incubator) where the Cherokee Station Business District was conducting its monthly meeting. This person, whose description is the same as the photo attached hereto, was putting out flyers (see attached flyer). I apologize for the vulgarity, but it basically states: "FUCK MARKER WANTED, Cherokee Street News, NEOART CRIMES, SHOOT on SIGHT, Answers to Name: Dumb Fuk" There are also Chinese characters that I have been advised roughly translate into Death Spirit. And Mr. Reeve' photo is in the center of the flyer with a blocking out rectangle across his eyes and and x over his mouth. NSO Barb Potts and I were both at the meeting and about 20 other business owners, many of whom can certainly attest to the fact that Mr. David Reeves (the person in the photo) was in the building putting out these flyers. He had on a white shirt with a fanciful cross on the back. Based upon these flyers and the attitude of Mr. Reeves, as a non-mental health professional, it would appear that Mr. Reeves may have some real "problems". I am concerned that he could be considered dangerous. And, the witness has expressed his concerns regarding his personal safety to me as well.

Anyway, Barb Potts followed this fellow out of the building and noted that there were other flyers posted on the buildings along Cherokee Street. And, the police were called. They responded (2 cars; officers Leitle and Weite) in short order. Amazingly, Mr. Reeves returned to the street in his burgundy SUV with Missouri license plates that I saw beginning with "MC1". The police indicate that they caught up with Mr. Reeves, who apparently lives on S. Jefferson by Utah. However, they were unable to detain him, because there was nothing in the REJIS system regarding this Neighborhood Order of Protection.

We had a copy of the order, Mr. Reeves' photo, and the flyer. However, as they indicated, they did not have the pedigree information, and it was not in REJIS. So they had to let him go. The police are usually vague about this, but it seems that there may be other orders of protection in St. Charles and that he may have a somewhat lengthy police record.

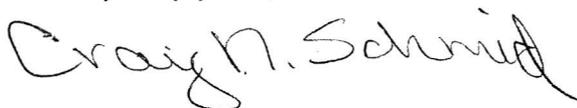
Efforts to Correct the Problem

I was working on the morning of July 17, 2009 to see how we could get the information of this the original bond order, of Judge Julian Bush, into the REJIS System. I then learned that the Neighborhood Order of Protection was no longer a condition of Bond. This was confirmed by Judge Calea Stovall-Redi who noted that before Mr. Reeves posted bond he was admitted for medical treatment. The deputy sheriff requested a release of summons so

that he would not need to retain Mr. Reeves in his custody. This request was granted by Judge Stovall-Reid, which unwittingly resulted in the elimination of the Neighborhood Order of Protection (which apparently was not in the minutes of the file).

Given the disturbing events of July 16, 2009 the witness concerns for his safety, the community's interest pending the hearing scheduled for August 3, in Division 26, the earlier Neighborhood Order of Protection entered by Judge Bush, and the de minimus impact on Mr. Reeves of such an order, I wholeheartedly support the State's Motion to Review Bond and to reimpose the Neighborhood Order of Protection.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Craig N. Schmid". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping "C" at the beginning.

Craig N. Schmid
Alderman, 20th Ward

cc: Honorable Julian L. Bush, Judge
Honorable David L. Dowd, Judge
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Cherokee Station Business District