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Hon. David E. Jones
United States Magistrate Judge
517 East Wisconsin Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

Re: United States v. Van Den Heuvel
Case No. 16-CR-64

Dear Magistrate Judge Jones:

As you directed yesterday, I am writing to inform the court of the status of steps being taken to implement the property bond ordered in this case for defendant Ronald Van Den Heuvel. On May 16, 2016, Judge Griesbach ordered that defendant Van Den Heuvel be released on a \$200,000 property bond posted by Manchester Mortgage on the present residence of defendant Van Den Heuvel and his family. That residence is owned by Manchester Mortgage.

Issues remained over the payment of property taxes due on that property and accounting for the interest of Cuco, Inc. in that property. Cuco was an entity belonging to defendant Van Den Heuvel that had a land contract to buy the residence from Manchester Mortgage but Cuco had not been making payments.

On June 8, 2016, I had a conference call with Attorney Nancy DePodesta, who was representing defendant Van Den Heuvel at that time and Attorney Daniel Boynton who represented Manchester Mortgage. We resolved the Cuco and property tax issues to our satisfaction and Mr. Boynton was going to check with his client and get back to us. At that point, for whatever reason, the attorneys for the parties in this case lost focus on the bail issue and I was surprised and embarrassed to learn yesterday that the property bond had not been filed.

After court yesterday, I contacted Mr. Boynton and Ms. DePodesta to clarify the situation. Manchester Mortgage was not unwilling to follow through on the bond. It just

had not done so. Manchester Mortgage had paid property taxes due on or before September 1, 2016 as we agreed on June 8th.

I obtained necessary documents for the property bond, along with instructions, from the clerk's office and provided them to Mr. Boynton. So did Attorney Krista Halla-Valdes, who now represents defendant Van Den Heuvel. Although Ms. Halla-Valdes had expressed a desire to withdraw, she volunteered to help Mr. Boynton file the property bond documents as required in Green Bay.

So, the parties are working on this and we would expect the matter to be completed promptly, I hope by the end of next week. I hope that this is satisfactory to the court. If so, it would seem unnecessary to hold the additional bail hearing now scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on August 8, 2016 in your court.

Please let the parties know if this is satisfactory, whether next week's bail hearing will be held, or whether you want further information. Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to your response.

Respectfully submitted,

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