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16 Southern District of New York

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18 CHRISTOPHER HEDGES <i>et al.</i> ,)	Case No. <u>1:12-cv-00331-KBF</u>
19)	
20 Plaintiffs,)	
21 v.)	
22)	
23 BARACK OBAMA <i>et al.</i> ,)	
24)	
25 Defendants.)	
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27)	
28 United States)	NOTICE OF MISSING AND/OR
29 <i>ex relatione</i>)	DEFECTIVE CREDENTIALS:
30 Paul Andrew Mitchell,)	
31)	5 U.S.C. 2903, 2906, 3331;
32 Interpleader.)	18 U.S.C. 4, 912, 1961 <i>et seq.</i> ;
33)	28 U.S.C. 453, 951; and,
34)	44 U.S.C. 3512(b).

35 **TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**

36 The United States hereby notoriously appears specially, not generally,
37 and *ex rel.* Paul Andrew Mitchell, Private Attorney General, for the
38 limited purposes of: (1) providing formal Notice to all Proper
39 Parties, and also to all *other* recipients of the instant NOTICE, (2)
40 satisfying the legal requirements imposed by the Federal criminal
41 statute at 18 U.S.C. 4 (misprision of felony), and (3) establishing
42 probable cause calling for the conclusion that the suspects named
43 *infra* are engaged in a pattern of racketeering activities, in
44 violation of the Federal criminal statute at 18 U.S.C. 1962(d).

1 In the interests of expediting access to all relevant and
2 admissible documentation, Interpleader hereby notifies all concerned
3 of a single, consolidated electronic database which now contains
4 evidence of missing and/or defective credentials for past and present
5 Federal Court personnel employed by the U.S. District Court for the
6 Southern District of New York, and by the U.S. Court of Appeals for
7 the Second Circuit. In particular, see all "NAD" links *infra*:

8 <http://www.supremelaw.org/rsrc/commissions/evidence.folders.2004-03-16.htm#SDNY>

9 <http://www.supremelaw.org/rsrc/commissions/evidence.folders.2004-03-16.htm#SECOND>

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11 **FATAL DEFECTS CONFIRMED IN OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT**
12 **STANDARD FORM 61 ("SF-61") APPOINTMENT AFFIDAVITS**

13 Relator now confirms that the Office of Personnel Management
14 ("OPM") never requested nor obtained formal review and approval by the
15 Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") of three (3) distinct changes
16 that are plainly evident on the OPM SF-61 APPOINTMENT AFFIDAVITS now
17 in widespread use, after being made available in electronic form at
18 OPM's Internet website, to wit:

- 19 (1) there is no OMB control number at the upper right-hand corner;
20 (2) there is no paragraph at the bottom citing 5 U.S.C. 2903; and,
21 (3) the use of an electronic form in lieu of a hard-copy form.

22 Recent proper requests submitted under the Freedom of Information
23 Act ("FOIA") specifically sought documentary evidence that OPM has
24 duly complied with the published Regulations implementing the
25 Paperwork Reduction Act.

26 On August 6, 2012, OPM replied as follows:

27 ... [W]e do not have any responsive records here at OPM.
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1 And, on August 23, 2012, OMB replied as follows:

2 *After careful review of your request, we conducted a search of*
3 *OMB's files and did not identify any records or documents that*
4 *are responsive to your request.*

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6 Accordingly, pursuant to the legislative intent of the Paperwork
7 Reduction Act ("PRA"), Relator has every right to enforce that Act by
8 concluding that any and all OPM SF-61 APPOINTMENT AFFIDAVITS which
9 were never reviewed and timely approved by OMB, as required by
10 published Regulations implementing the PRA, are necessarily "bootleg
11 requests" belonging in the nearest trash can.

12 In other words, they are counterfeits!

13 Furthermore, the failure to produce *any* evidence of *any* duly
14 executed OPM SF-61 APPOINTMENT AFFIDAVITS has very far-reaching
15 criminal consequences for all Federal employees who are similarly
16 situated. See *e.g.* 18 U.S.C. §§ 912, 1341, 1951 and 1961 *et seq.*

17 In particular, concerning the consequences for Federal employees
18 who are claiming to be duly appointed to preside on a Federal Court,
19 Interpleader attaches a list of authorities concerning such employees,
20 and incorporates same by reference as if set forth fully here.

21 Those authorities make it very clear that, without taking all
22 required Oaths, one cannot become a judge either *de jure* or *de facto*,
23 such an individual is without authority to act, and all his acts as
24 such are void until he has taken the prescribed oath:

25 Without taking the oath prescribed by law, one cannot become a
26 judge either *de jure* or *de facto*, and such an individual is
27 without authority to act and his acts as such are void until he
28 has taken the prescribed oath.

29 [French v. State, 572 S.W.2d 934]

30 [Brown v. State, 238 S.W.2d 787]

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1 Let us consider one example, in order to drive this point home:
2 consider a single SF-61 which appears to have been administered by a
3 County Dog Catcher. Interpleader does not intend to demean that local
4 government position: dog catchers perform a very important public
5 safety service. *Nevertheless, the issue* is whether or not a County
6 Dog Catcher is authorized by law to administer OPM SF-61 APPOINTMENT
7 AFFIDAVITS.

8 There are three (3) subsections at 5 U.S.C. 2903. Interpleader
9 wishes to supplement the analysis above with particular emphasis on
10 subsection 2903(a), to wit:

11 (a) The oath of office required by section 3331 of this title
12 may be administered by an individual authorized by the laws
13 of the United States or local law to administer oaths in
14 the State, District, or territory or possession of the
15 United States where the oath is administered.

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17 [underlined emphasis added]
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19 If someone desires to know which individuals are so authorized by
20 the laws of the United States (Federal government), it is necessary to
21 do much additional research in order to locate each such law, and in
22 order to determine from each such law which individual(s) have been
23 authorized to administer OPM SF-61 APPOINTMENT AFFIDAVITS, and which
24 have not been so authorized.

25 The latter is the situation facing any private Citizen who wishes
26 to determine the authenticity of *any* SF-61.

27 When a private Citizen is confronted with an SF-61 from which all
28 references to the statute at 5 U.S.C. 2903 have been removed, a not so
29 subtle fraud has been inflicted on that Citizen by failing to disclose
30 *what should have been disclosed*.

31 Here, cf. "Fraud" in Black's Law Dictionary, Sixth Edition.

1 A County Dog Catcher's signature could appear there; and,
2 without the additional knowledge which notice of this statute
3 provides, the Citizen is thereby deprived of information necessary to
4 perform a reasonable inspection of such a document, and to make a
5 reasonable determination of its legality and authenticity.

6 Such is the PRA's legislative intent!

7 Relator here argues that the citation to 5 U.S.C. 2903 should not
8 only be a mandatory requirement on all blank SF-61 APPOINTMENT
9 AFFIDAVITS duly approved by OMB.

10 In the spirits of timely notice, full disclosure, and full
11 compliance with the PRA, future revisions of OPM SF-61 should also be
12 enhanced with at least one additional line on which the individual
13 administering that form is required to cite the exact law of the
14 United States or local law which confers upon that individual
15 authority to administer that form.

16 The latter is really not too much to ask, in light of the obvious
17 vagueness which Interpleader has already documented at 5 U.S.C.
18 2903(a), in light of the published Regulations which implement the
19 PRA, and in light of the PRA's legislative intent.

20 Those implementing Regulations expressly mandate opportunities
21 for public comments *whenever* an OMB control number is up for mandatory
22 renewal every three (3) years.

23 In fact, those implementing Regulations also authorize any person
24 to request OMB review of any collection of information conducted by or
25 for any Federal government agency, as follows:

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1 Any person may request OMB to review any collection of
2 information conducted by or for any agency to determine if, under
3 this Act and this part, a person shall maintain, provide, or
4 disclose the information to or for the agency. Unless the
5 request is frivolous, OMB shall, in coordination with the agency
6 responsible for the collection of information:
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8 (1) Respond to the request within 60 days after receiving the
9 request, unless such period is extended by OMB to a
10 specified date and the person making the request is given
11 notice of such extension; and,
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13 (2) Take appropriate remedial action, if necessary. 5 CFR
14 1320.14(c)

15 [underlined emphasis added]
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17 **INCORPORATION OF ALL ATTACHED EXHIBITS**

18 Interpleader hereby incorporates by reference all attached
19 documents as Exhibits, and as if all were set forth fully here.

20 **VERIFICATION**

21
22 I, Paul Andrew Mitchell, *Sui Juris*, Relator in the above entitled
23 action, hereby verify under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the
24 **United States of America**, without the "**United States**" (federal
25 government), that the above statement of facts and laws is true and
26 correct, according to the best of My current information, knowledge,
27 and belief, so help me God, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1746(1)
28 (Constitution, Laws and Treaties of the United States are supreme Law
29 of the Land, notwithstanding anything in the Constitution or Laws of
30 Washington State to the contrary. See Supremacy Clause.)

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33 Dated: September 17, 2012 A.D.
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36 Signed: /s/ Paul Andrew Mitchell
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38 Printed: Paul Andrew Mitchell, B.A., M.S., Relator In Propria Persona
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I, Paul Andrew Mitchell, *Sui Juris*, hereby certify, under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the **United States of America**, without the "**United States**" (federal government), that I am at least 18 years of age, a Citizen of ONE OF the **United States of America**, and that I personally served the following document(s):

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1 [Please see USPS Publication #221 for "addressing" instructions.]

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1 **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST**

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3 December 27, 2011 A.D.
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5 Disclosure Officer
6 U.S. Office of Personnel Management
7 FOIA Requester Service Center
8 1900 "E" Street, N.W., Room 5415
9 Washington 20415-7900
10 DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, USA
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12 Subject: Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") Request
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14 Dear Disclosure Officer:
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16 This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act. I request
17 that a **true and correct copy of the following documents** be provided to
18 Me, without delay:

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20 (1) Regulations implementing the Federal statute at 5 U.S.C. 3331 as
21 duly published in the *Federal Register* and/or the *Code of Federal*
22 *Regulations* but not otherwise listed in the *Parallel Table of*
23 *Authorities and Rules* revised January 1, 2011 (see attached);
24
25 (2) materials submitted in compliance with 5 CFR 1320.5 to the
26 Director of OMB for review of the Office of Personnel Management
27 ("OPM") Standard Form 61 APPOINTMENT AFFIDAVITS as revised in
28 June 1996 and August 2002 (copies attached), including but not
29 limited to:
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31 (a) the certification required under 5 CFR 1320.9;
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33 (b) the proposed collection of information;
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35 (c) the explanation for the decision that it would not be
36 appropriate for the proposed collection of information to
37 display an expiration date;
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39 (d) the statement indicating that the proposed collection of
40 information involves the use of automatic, electronic
41 collection techniques;
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44 related supporting materials as OMB may have requested;
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47 5 CFR 1320.5(a)(1)(iv);
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51 Director to be displayed upon the collection of
52 information, or evidence of the Director's decision to
53 permit the collection of information to be used after June
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3 implementing the Paperwork Reduction Act, to wit:

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7 currently valid OMB control number. 5 CFR 1320.5(b)(1)

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9 In the case of forms ... sent or made available to potential
10 respondents in an electronic format, the agency places the
11 currently valid OMB control number ... on the first screen viewed
12 by the respondent. 5 CFR 1320.5(b)(2)(ii)(B)

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15 information unless ... the agency informs the potential persons
16 who are to respond to the collection of information that such
17 persons are not required to respond to the collection of
18 information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control
19 number. 5 CFR 1320.5(b)(2)(i)

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21 OMB will consider necessary any collection of information
22 specifically mandated by statute 5 CFR 1320.5(e)(1)

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25 a collection of information after such collection of information
26 has been approved by OMB, unless the modification has been
27 submitted to OMB for review and approval under this Part. 5 CFR
28 1320.5(g)

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31 longer than three years. 5 CFR 1320.10(b)

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7 See also 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(4)(B).

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1 **Authorities in re: Presidential Commissions**

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4 When person has been nominated to office by President, confirmed
5 by Senate, and his **commission signed by President, with seal of**
6 **United States affixed thereto**, his appointment is complete.

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8 [U.S. v. LeBaron, 60 U.S. 73, 19 How. 73]
9 [15 L.Ed. 525 (1856), **bold** emphasis added]

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12 The **commissions of judicial officers** ... appointed by the
13 President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate ...
14 **shall be made out and recorded in the Department of Justice under**
15 **the seal of that department and countersigned by the Attorney**
16 **General.**

17 [5 U.S.C. 2902(c), **bold** emphasis added]

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20 Federal circuit and district judges are among the "other officers
21 of the United States" required to be nominated by the President
22 by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

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24 [Thomson v. Robb, 328 S.E.2d 136, 140, hn. 3]
25 [229 Va. 233 (Va. 1985)]

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28 From this clause [2:2:2] the Constitution must be understood to
29 declare that all offices of the United States, except in cases
30 where the Constitution itself may otherwise provide, shall be
31 established by law.

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33 [U.S. v. Maurice, 2 Brock, U.S., 96]
34 [26 Fed. Cas. No. 15,747]

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37 ... [W]here the law requires a commission to be issued, the
38 **person selected is not entitled to the office until the**
39 **commission issues, and he cannot be legally qualified by taking**
40 **the required oath until he has received his commission.**

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42 [Legerton v. Chambers, 163 P. 678, 32 Cal.App. 601]
43 [Magruder v. Tuck, 25 Md. 217]
44 [**bold** emphasis added]

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46 The commission is in law *prima facie* proof of the right of the
47 judge to enter on and perform the duties of his office.

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49 [State v. Montague, 130 S.E. 838, 190 N.C. 841]
50 [Sylvia Lake Co. v. Northern Ore Co., 151 N.E. 158]
51 [242 N.Y. 144, *cert. den.* 273 U.S. 695]

1 It [commission] is **the highest and best evidence of his right to**
2 **the office** until, on *quo warranto* or a proceeding of that nature,
3 is annulled by judicial determination.

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5 [Thompson v. Holt, 52 Ala. 491]
6 [bold emphasis added]
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9 Without taking the oath prescribed by law, one cannot become a
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15 [Brown v. State, 238 S.W.2d 787]
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18 Law requires the judge selected to take an oath of office.

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20 [U.S. ex rel. Scott v. Babb]
21 [199 F.2d 804 (7th Cir. 1952)]
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24 Appointment was complete upon taking oath.

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26 [Glavey v. U.S., 182 U.S. 595 (1901)]
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29 Judges are required to take oaths.

30 [7 Op Atty Gen 303]
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33 Oath was prerequisite to compensation of judges.

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35 [7 Op Atty Gen 303]
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38 The salaries of all judges of courts of the United States are due
39 from the date of appointment; but the party does not become
40 entitled to draw pay until he has entered on the duties of his
41 office, or at least taken his official oath; for, until then,
42 though under commission, he is not actually in office; and in
43 some cases, as that of the territorial judges of Oregon,
44 Washington, Kansas, and Nebraska, salary, though due from date of
45 appointment, cannot be drawn until the judge enters on duty in
46 the Territory.

47 [7 Op Atty Gen 303 *supra*]
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50 Oath was prerequisite to official duties and salary.

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52 [19 Op Atty Gen 219]
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SALARY OF MINISTER

By act of July 11, 1888, chapter 614, the office of chargé d'affaires to Paraguay and Uruguay, the salary of which was \$5,000 per annum, was abolished, and provision made for representing the United States there by a minister at \$7,500 a year. B., who at that time held the former office, was on the 11th of August, 1888, appointed minister. He received his commission at his place of duty on the 3d of October, 1888, and on that latter date took the official oath and entered upon the duties of his office as minister: *Advised* that B. is entitled to draw his salary as minister from the 3d of October, 1888, the date on which he qualified for the office and entered upon its duties, and not from the date of his appointment (Aug. 11, 1888).

[19 Op Atty Gen 219 *supra*]

... [B]ut whatever form of oath is taken, the taking of the oath is a prerequisite to the entering upon the official duties or drawing salary therefor.

[19 Op Atty Gen 221 *supra*]

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