IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE NASHVILLE DIVISION

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION, <i>et al.</i> ,)
Plaintiffs,)
v .)
UNITED STATES BENEFITS, LLC, et al.,)
Defendants.)

No. 3:10-00733 Judge Nixon Magistrate Judge Bryant

ORDER

Before the Court is Plaintiffs' Emergency Motion for an Order to Show Cause Why Defendants and the Relief Defendant Should Not Be Held in Contempt for Violating the Ex Parte Temporary Restraining Order (Doc. No. 27).

A hearing was held today in this matter pursuant to the Temporary Restraining Order (Doc. No. 12, at 23). At that hearing, Temporary Receiver Robert Waldschmidt testified regarding the conduct of the defendants after they were served with the Temporary Restraining Order, which evinced willful and flagrant violations of the asset-freeze ordered by this Court as part of the Temporary Restraining Order. This Court finds, by clear and convincing evidence, that Defendants did not take all reasonable steps within their power to comply with the Temporary Restraining Order, and hereby **HOLDS** the Defendants in contempt.

The Court hereby **REFERS** the matter to the United States Attorney's Office for consideration.

It is so ORDERED. Entered this the $19^{\pm 3}$ day of August, 2010.

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JOHN T. NIXON, SENIOR JUDGE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT