

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF LEFLORE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

CAUSE NO. 2012-0208-0209

RALPH ARNOLD SMITH, JR.

ORDER

On October 25, 2013 at 7:54 p.m. the defendant sent by email a motion for the Court's recusal. The basis of the motion is that the Court made ex parte contact with a psychiatrist regarding that psychiatrist availability to assist in the completion of the competency evaluation of the defendant, Ralph Arnold Smith, Jr. Rule 906 of the Uniform Circuit and County Court Rules mandates that the Court select a competent psychiatrist to provide evidence of the defendant's mental status at a competency hearing.

The motion, having no merit, is hereby denied.

Having filed this meritless motion, sanctions are hereby imposed on the defendant's attorney; the terms of the sanctions to be ordered by the Court at the appropriate time.

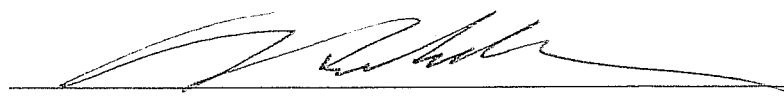
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BY:  D.C.

SO ORDERED this 30th day of October, 2013



CIRCUIT JUDGE