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SUPERIOR COURT

LAFFERTY, ERICA Et Al
V.
JONES, ALEX EMRIC Et AlJUDICIAL DISTRICT OF WATERBURY
AT WATERBURY

3/23/2022

ORDERORDER REGARDING:
03/23/2022 744.00 MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER

The foregoing, having been considered by the Court, is hereby:

ORDER: DENIED

Mr. Jones has by all accounts broadcast live from his studio on Monday and Tuesday, in disregard of Dr. Marble's purported instructions to stay home and rest. Additionally, plaintiffs' counsel alleges that even today, Mr. Jones called into his show, speaking on the war in Ukraine, although the court has no evidence to confirm that. While the court has no details regarding Dr. Offutt's background or qualifications, it appears both from Dr. Marble's letter that the court reviewed yesterday in camera, and from Dr. Offutt's letter today, that the medical issues, while potentially serious, are not currently serious enough to either require his hospitalization, or convince him to stop engaging in his broadcasts. Mr. Jones cannot unilaterally decide to continue to engage in his broadcasts, but refuse to participate in a deposition. The motion is denied. Of course, if, as Dr. Offutt indicates, he develops escalating symptoms such that he is hospitalized, that change in circumstance would excuse his attendance at the court ordered deposition. The court expects that the deposition, which will be videotaped, will proceed in a calm, orderly, and professional manner, as all depositions should proceed. The court will be available during the deposition should any issues arise related to this order.

Judicial Notice (JDNO) was sent regarding this order.

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Judge: BARBARA N BELLIS

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