UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE SEVENTH CIRCUIT

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SANCTION ORDER

August 20, 2024

Before

MICHAEL B. BRENNAN, Circuit Judge CANDACE JACKSON-AKIWUMI, Circuit Judge JOSHUA P. KOLAR, Circuit Judge

| | THOMAS MUCHA, Shareholder of Buzz Energies Inc, DIANE K. MUELLER, Plaintiffs v. STATE OF WISCONSIN, et al., Defendants - Appellees APPEAL OF: JAMES D. KURTZ, also known as JAMES |
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| | LAMMERS |
| Originating Case Information: | |
| District Court No: 2:12-cv-00202-LA | |
| Eastern District of Wisconsin | |
| District Judge Lynn Adelman | |

On July 2, 2024, this court dismissed this appeal and ordered appellant to show cause why he should not be sanctioned for continuing to file frivolous motions and appeals. Appellant has filed what appears to be a response to this court's show-cause order, but the response does not offer any justification for his persistence and instead reiterates his frivolous claims. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED that appellant James Kurtz, also known as James Lammers, is sanctioned \$1,000 for filing a frivolous appeal. Within fourteen days of the date of this order, he must tender a check payable to the clerk of this court for the full amount of the sanction.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the clerks of all federal courts in this circuit shall return unfiled any papers submitted either directly or indirectly by or on behalf of James Kurtz, also known as James Lammers, unless and until he pays in full the sanction that has been imposed against him and all outstanding filing fees. See In re City of Chicago, 500 F.3d 582, 585-86 (7th Cir. 2007); Support Sys. Int'l, Inc. v. Mack, 45 F.3d 185, 186 (7th Cir. 1995). In accordance with our decision in Mack, exceptions to this filing bar are made for criminal cases and for applications for writs of habeas corpus. See Mack, 45 F.3d at 186-87. This order will be lifted immediately once he makes full payment. See City of Chicago, 500 F.3d at 585-86. If appellant, despite his best efforts, is unable to pay in full all outstanding sanctions and filing fees, he is authorized to submit to this court a motion to modify or rescind this order no earlier than two years from the date of this order. See id.; Mack, 45 F.3d at 186.

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