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United States District Court Middle District of Florida Honorable Virginia Hernandez Covington 801 North Florida Avenue Tampa Florida 33602

Case No.: 8:20-cv-00862-VMC-TGW

Burton Wiand Receiver, Oasis Management v. Puccio, et al

Dear Judge Covington:

I am a victim/defendant in the above lawsuit. I am enclosing an Affidavit in response to the request to enter default judgment against me. Please consider this and allow me the opportunity to proceed with legal counsel.

Thank you for considering this.

Jerry Puccio

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UNITED STATE DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE SISTRICT OF FLORIDA TAMPA DIVISION

BURTON W. WIAND, as Receiver for OASIS INTERNATIONAL GROUP LTD.; OASIS MANAGEMENT, LLC; AND SATELLITE HOLDINGS COMPANY,

Plaintiff,

v. Case No.: 8:20-cv-00862-VMC-TGW

CHRIS AND SHELLEY ARDUINI et al.,

Defendants,

AFFIDAVIT OF GIROLAMO PUCCIO

- I, GIROLAMO PUCCIO, of full age and being duly sworn, do hereby certify as follows:
- I am a named defendant/Victim in the above lawsuit. I am making this affidavit in support of my objection to the entry of Default Judgment against me and to allow me time to obtain legal counsel and answer the complaint.
- 2. In or about January-February 2013 I made a \$50,000.00 investment in Oasis Management, LLC, as I was introduced to this company by Thomas Daidone, who is also a party to this lawsuit. I have reached out to my banking institutions for evidence of this investment, but have been advised that they do not have records dating back this far. I have looked through all of my documents at home and cannot locate proof of this investment of \$50,000.00. At this time I do not know what else to do to find this proof I could provide the Court evidencing my initial investment. I am a victim of these individuals, but now I have become a defendant.
- 3. I really cannot understand why the Receiver would believe that I did not make an investment in this company, but would receive so called "profits" from them.

- Of course I believed this company to be legitimate. I received K1 tax forms from their accountant, D'Arcangelo & Co, LLP, 510 Haight Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY for years.
- 5. For the first few years 2013-2016, I received small monthly checks as return on my investment. Thereafter, any "profits" were "re-invested" with the company.
- 6. In January 2018, I received a request to sell my interest in Oasis Management LLC, for the amount of \$59,137.36. I executed this agreement and thereafter was asked to sign a Promissory Note, (clearly in hindsight makes sense because they never intended on paying back my initial investment and alleged profits) so I never received any monies for my interest in this company. This amount was clearly in line with my initial investment of \$50,000.00 and two years of profits that I re-invested.
- 7. I am a victim of these individuals and was so advised by the Court. Now I have been served as a Defendant. My delay in getting this out to the Court is because quite frankly I was confused by the whole situation. I was stuck in Florida for months because of Covid 19 I could not get back to New Jersey and as soon as I did return I was served with this lawsuit that now was saying I am a defendant.
- 8. My son was trying to help me find some information to provide to the Receiver but we have reached dead ends. I am almost 83 years old and have since this investment suffered a stroke, I really cannot recall where my records are and what financial account I used for this investment. We have reached out to all my banking institutions that I may have used for this investment, but all have indicated that the time period for which they keep records have passed.
- 9. I am asking the Court to not enter a Default Judgment against me, and allow me to obtain legal counsel, since I am not being sued for money that is rightfully mine. In addition, I need to be considered as a victim of these criminals since I am still at a

loss of over \$35,000.00. As a victim, I now have to spend more money to defend

myself.

Please allow me to proceed in this case.

Girolamo (Jerry) Ruccio