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**Middle District of Florida**

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### **Docket Text:**

**ENDORSED ORDER:** On April 1, 2021, the Court noted that Defendant Offer Attia failed to attend the mediation, held via video conference, and scheduled for March 30, 2021. He neither moved to continue the mediation nor notified anyone in connection with the mediation that he could not attend. (Doc. # 734). The Court directed Mr. Attia to show cause why his answer should not be stricken from the record for failing to attend the Court-ordered mediation. (Id.). The Court has now reviewed Mr. Attia's response to the order to show cause. (Doc. # [738]). The Court is sorry to hear of Mr. Attia's personal loss. While the Court understands the challenges presented, Mr. Attia had an obligation to notify someone in connection with the mediation that he could not attend. Even if religious reasons prevented Mr. Attia from contacting the Court himself, a friend or family member could have informed the receiver and mediator that Mr. Attia could not attend. At this juncture, the fairest way to proceed is to order another round of mediation with Mr. Attia bearing the total cost for both sides to participate. Mr. Attia should consult with opposing counsel and the mediator and file a notice of when the new mediation will occur by April 28, 2021. The deadline for the new mediation to take place is May 10, 2021. Mr. Attia, by April 29, 2021, should submit directly to the Court proof of his father's passing, including the date. This information should be submitted in camera to the Court. That is, it should be sent directly via mail or other delivery service to the undersigned judge's chambers at the federal courthouse. In the meantime, the

**Court encourages the parties to amicably resolve the matter if possible. Signed by Judge Virginia M. Hernandez Covington on 4/20/2021. (Covington, Virginia)**

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