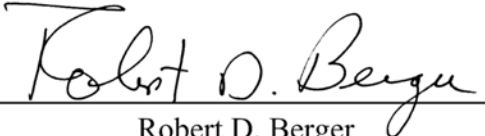


The relief described hereinbelow is **SO ORDERED**.

**SIGNED** this 12th day of December, 2025.



  
Robert D. Berger  
United States Bankruptcy Judge

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**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF KANSAS**

In re:

**RICHARD DOUGLAS FLOWERS and  
SOPHIA LYNNE FLOWERS,**

Case No. 25-21396  
Chapter 7

Debtors.

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**ORDER DISMISSING CASE WITH 180-DAY BAR TO REFILING**

The debtors voluntarily filed a bare-bones Chapter 7 petition on September 26, 2025.<sup>1</sup> On September 30, 2025, the Court ordered them to file their schedules and all other missing documents by October 10, 2025 (i.e., within 14 days of the

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<sup>1</sup> ECF 2.

petition date) lest their case be dismissed.<sup>2</sup> At the debtors' request, the Court extended the deadline to November 6, 2025.<sup>3</sup>

Despite the additional time, the debtors failed to comply with the Court's order. Instead, they filed a barrage of motions and "notices."<sup>4</sup> In an "Affidavit of Indigenous Standing & Reservation of Rights (UCC 1-308)," Mr. Flowers stated:

## **2. Distinction from Fictitious Entity**

I am not the entity spelled in all capital letters, "RICHARD DOUGLAS FLOWERS." That entity is a commercial construct created without full disclosure. I stand as the living man and Attorney-in-Fact for that entity only.

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<sup>2</sup> ECF 8 (citing D. Kan. LBR 1007.1, listing missing documents, and directing debtors to latest versions of appropriate forms).

<sup>3</sup> ECF 18.

<sup>4</sup> See ECF 20 ("DEBTORS' MOTION TO COMPEL ALL CREDITORS TO PRODUCE 1099-A, 1099-C / CHARGE-OFF & ACCOUNTING RECORDS, AND TO IDENTIFY ANY GNMA/SECURITIZATION DATA; ALTERNATIVELY FOR RULE 2004 EXAMS"); ECF 21 ("DEBTORS' MOTION (1) TO DECLARE "STATUS; AND (2) TO COMPEL ALL CREDITORS/CLAIMANTS TO PRODUCE POOL NUMBERS, CUSIPS, 1099-A/1099-C CHARGE OFFS AND ALL RELATED FIDUCIARY SECURITIES / CUSTODY & ACCOUNTING RECORDS; OR, IN THE ALTERNATIVE, FOR RULE 2004 EXAMS"); ECF 22 ("DEBTORS' MOTION (1) TO DECLARE "NO PERSONA / NOT A PERSON" STATUS AND USPS-ONLY SERVICE; AND (2) TO COMPEL ALL CREDITORS/CLAIMANTS TO PRODUCE POOL NUMBERS, CUSIPS, AND ALL RELATED FIDUCIARY SECURITIES / CUSTODY & ACCOUNTING RECORDS; OR, IN THE ALTERNATIVE, FOR RULE 2004 EXAMS"); ECF 23 ("JOINT DEBTORS' MOTION TO DECLARE/CLARIFY STATUS, FORM OF NAME, AND SERVICE/IDENTITY ACCOMMODATIONS"); ECF 31 ("NOTICE OF § 341 MEETING OF CREDITORS — IN-PERSON APPEARANCE REQUIRED AND 30-DAY EXTENSION CLAIMED"); ECF 32 ("MOTION REQUESTING ALL HEARINGS BE CONDUCTED IN PERSON"; "NOTICE AND MOTION TO REQUIRE TRUSTEE COMMUNICATION"; "NOTICE OF PERSONAL APPEARANCE ELECTION"); ECF 35 ("NOTICE OF PRIVATE INDIGENOUS RECORD & AFFIDAVIT PACKET").

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#### **4. Purpose of Affidavit**

This affidavit is entered into the record to affirm that any and all actions taken in relation to the Chapter 7 petition are executed only on behalf of the commercial entity for the purpose of settlement and closure, and not as an admission of liability by the living man.

Similarly, in an “Affidavit of Indigenous Standing & Reservation of Rights (UCC 1-308),” Mrs. Flowers stated:

#### **2. Distinction from Fictitious Entity**

I am not the entity spelled in all capital letters, “SOPHIA LYNNE FLOWERS.” That entity is a commercial construct created without full disclosure. I stand as the authorized representative and attorney-in-fact for that entity only.

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#### **4. Purpose of Affidavit**

This affidavit is entered into the record to affirm that any and all actions taken in relation to the Chapter 7 petition are executed only on behalf of the commercial entity for the purpose of settlement and closure, and not as an admission of liability by the living woman.<sup>5</sup>

In objecting to a motion for stay relief filed by creditor AmeriHome Mortgage Company, LLC, the debtors asserted, “The living man and woman stand only as Donor, Settlor, Grantor, and Beneficiary of their estate. They do not consent to civil or maritime jurisdiction . . . ,” signing their objection as “Richard-Douglas: Flowers,

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Living Man – Without Recourse UCC 1-308” and “Sophia-Lynne: Flowers, Living Woman – Without Recourse UCC 1-308,” with red fingerprints atop their signatures.<sup>6</sup> In their final submission, styled as a “Notice of Special Appearance by Affidavit,” the debtors argued that the Court had neither personal jurisdiction over them nor subject-matter jurisdiction over this bankruptcy case.<sup>7</sup>

To be clear: the debtors invoked the jurisdiction of this Court—both subject-matter and *in personam*—by filing a voluntary petition in bankruptcy. See *In re Sasson*, 424 F.3d 864, 870 (9th Cir. 2005); see also *In re Blair*, No. 89-1268-C, 1989 WL 107756, at \*2 (D. Kan. Aug. 15, 1989) (“The bankruptcy court clearly had personal jurisdiction over the debtors when they filed a voluntary petition for relief under Title 11.”); 28 U.S.C. § 1334(a) (granting original and exclusive jurisdiction of all cases under title 11 to district courts); 28 U.S.C. § 157(a) (authorizing district courts to refer cases under title 11 to district’s bankruptcy judges); D. Kan. Rule 83.8.5(a) (“The ‘Amended Standing Order of Reference,’ effective June 24, 2013, refers to the bankruptcy judges for this district, all cases under Title 11 and any or all proceedings arising under Title 11 or arising in or related to a case under Title 11.”).

On November 20, 2025, the Court conducted a hearing on AmeriHome’s motion for stay relief.<sup>8</sup> The debtors attended the hearing in person but refused to

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<sup>6</sup> See ECF 16 at 3.

<sup>7</sup> See ECF 47.

<sup>8</sup> ECF 14; see *id.* ¶ 13. The Court has jurisdiction over the stay-relief motion because it arises under 11 U.S.C. § 362(d). See 28 U.S.C. § 1334(b) (granting to district courts original but not exclusive jurisdiction of all civil proceedings arising under

speak from the lectern, instead remaining in the gallery. At that hearing, Mrs. Flowers again questioned the Court's jurisdiction. She also blamed the federal government shutdown for their failure to file their remaining schedules and other missing documents.

Because most of the information to be provided therein is within a debtor's personal knowledge, the government shutdown is not a credible excuse for the debtors' failure to file the required documents. Moreover, the debtors filed a Chapter 7 petition despite their belief that this Court has neither personal jurisdiction over them nor subject-matter jurisdiction over their bankruptcy case. For those reasons, and for the other reasons stated on the record at the November 20, 2025 hearing, the Court finds that the debtors filed their bankruptcy petition in bad faith and willfully failed to comply with the order directing them to file their remaining schedules and other missing documents. This case is hereby dismissed for cause, with a 180-day bar to refile pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 109(g), 349(a), and 707(a).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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title 11); 28 U.S.C. § 157(a) (permitting district courts to refer such proceedings to district's bankruptcy judges); D. Kan. Rule 83.8.5(a) (citing standing order of reference). A motion for stay relief is a core proceeding under 28 U.S.C. § 157(b). *See* 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2)(G).