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DISTRICT COURT  
CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

STATE OF NEVADA,

Plaintiff,

v.

THOMAS ARVEL BENSON, a.k.a. thomas  
benson, a.k.a. THOMAS A. BENSON,  
a.k.a. THOMAS SKAGGS; ID# 2540455

Defendant.

Case No. C-17-322203-1

Dept. No. XXV

**STATE'S OF NEVADA'S DESIGNATION OF EXPERT WITNESS**

COMES NOW, Attorney General, Adam Paul Laxalt, by and through Senior Deputy Attorney General, Jason Gunnell, on behalf of the State of Nevada, in accordance with NRS 174.234 provides notice that the State intends to call an expert witness in the above- reference matter as follows:

1. Detective Kenneth Mead  
c/o Office of Attorney General  
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Detective Kenneth Mead will testify how the Defendant's demonstrated conduct and the behaviors he has exhibited are similar to sovereign citizen ideology. Detective Mead's testimony, in part, will educate the trier of fact, because he will explain sovereign citizen ideology and beliefs.

Detective Mead will testify about how sovereign citizens believe they do not have to answer to any government authority, including courts, taxing entities, motor vehicle departments, or law

1 enforcement. Sovereign citizens subscribe to a belief in "common law" and their right to arrest or sue  
2 employees of the "illegitimate government." They hold illegal courts that issue warrants for judges and  
3 police officers. Additionally, sovereign citizens clog up the court system with frivolous lawsuits and  
4 liens against public officials to harass them. Similarly, Detective Mead will testify about how  
5 individuals who exhibit sovereign citizen tendencies and ideology have engaged in violent acts to  
6 include the physical assault and murder of law enforcement.

7 Furthermore, Detective Mead will testify about how certain individuals who exhibit sovereign  
8 citizen tendencies and ideology believe in "shadow" governments such as the Continental United [sic]  
9 States of America or the Republic of United States of America. Individuals who believe in "shadow"  
10 governments maintain an opinion that they can be self-appointed Marshals and/or Judges in some  
11 cases. They believe their Marshals have the authority to arrest and detain individuals, and their judges  
12 have the authority to grant judicial orders. The Defendant has professed to law enforcement he is a  
13 Marshal for the Continental United [sic] States of America.

14 Finally, Detective Mead will testify that based upon his training, education, and experience in  
15 investigating crimes committed by individuals who align themselves with sovereign citizen ideology,  
16 and believe in "shadow" governments have a tendency to commit crimes to include violent acts against  
17 law enforcement.

18 Detective Mead's curriculum vitae is attached as Exhibit "1" to this notice. Copies of all reports  
19 made by or at the direction of the expert witness have been provided in discovery. Exhibit "2" is a  
20 transcript of Detective Mead's testimony from Case No. C-17-325623 where he provided testimony in  
21 regards

22 Dated this 1st day of September, 2017.

23 SUBMITTED BY:

24 ADAM PAUL LAXALT  
25 Attorney General

26 By: /s/ Jason Gunnell  
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