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Upon consideration of the Plaintiffs' Motion for Monetary Sanctions against Defendant Robert 'Azzmador' Ray, Dkt. 898, the Court FINDS that Plaintiffs have established an entitlement to seek monetary sanctions against Mr. Ray in the form of their reasonable fees and expenses directly caused by Mr. Ray's failure to attend his depositions on July 29, 2020, and September 14, 2020, as well as those incurred in preparation for Mr. Ray's civil contempt hearing on September 14, 2020. The Court has already made findings regarding Mr. Ray's failure to attend his depositions as well as failure to attend his civil contempt hearing, in this Court's Order Finding Robert 'Azzmador' Ray in Civil Contempt. Dkt. 877. Those findings further support Plaintiffs' Motion here. Dkt. 898. In addition, Mr. Ray has not taken any steps to purge himself of contempt. Plaintiffs are entitled to seek such reasonable fees and expenses from Mr. Ray. See also Fed. R. Civ. P. 37(d)(3). Accordingly, Plaintiffs shall file within ten (10) days a petition for reasonable fees and expenses incurred in connection with Mr. Ray's failure to attend his depositions and incurred in preparation for Mr. Ray's civil contempt hearing. The propriety and reasonableness of any specific requested sums shall be determined upon consideration of Plaintiffs' petition. Plaintiffs' Motion for Monetary Sanctions against Robert 'Azzmador' Ray is GRANTED to this extent. Dkt. 898. It is so ORDERED. Entered by Senior Judge Norman K. Moon on 09/03/2021. *This Notice of Electronic Filing is the Official ORDER for this entry. No document is attached. (Order mailed and emailed to Pro Se Parties)(dg)*

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