## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI WESTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,		)
Plaintiff,		) )
v.		) Case No. 02-0720-CV-W-DW
BOBBY VEAL and JEWEL VEAL,	)	)
Defendant.		)

## **ORDER**

Pending before the Court is the United States' Motion to Strike Defendants' Pleadings and to Enter Default Judgment in favor of the United States. For the reasons stated in the pending motion, the United States' suggestions in support, and the supplements thereto, the Court finds that Defendants' failure to comply with the discovery referenced in this Court's April 15, 2003 Order is a deliberate and intentional effort to stall the pending litigation. Therefore, the United States' motion will be granted.

Furthermore, as a discovery sanction, in the April 15, 2003 Order, the Court ordered Defendants to pay \$2,000.00 to the United States. Payment was due to the United States by May 7, 2003. To date the United States has not received payment. Therefore, the Court will issue an enforceable judgment in favor of the United States and against Defendants in the amount of \$2,000.00.

Therefore, Defendants' pleadings are hereby STRUCK and JUDGMENT is entered in favor of the United States on the issue of Defendants' LIABILITY for violations of the Fair Housing Act by engaging in a pattern and/or practice of housing discrimination on the basis of sex. Trial will proceed on the issue of DAMAGES adhering to the dates and deadlines set forth in the January 23, 2003 Trial Order and the January 23, 2003 Scheduling Order. Furthermore, because Defendants have failed to comply with this Court's order to pay sanctions to the United States, the Court hereby enters a fully collectable FINAL JUDGMENT in the amount of \$2,000.00 favor of the United States against Bobby and Jewel Veal.<sup>1</sup>

## IT IS SO ORDERED.

/s/ DEAN WHIPPLE Dean Whipple United States District Judge

Date: June 12, 2003

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The Court points out that the final judgment for the \$2,000.00 sanction is separate and distinct from the issue of damages and thus, does not effect the progression of this case to trial on the issue of damages for Defendants' violations of the Fair Housing Act.