

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

WALTER BRZOWSKI

CASE NUMBER: 25 CR 589

UNDER SEAL**CRIMINAL COMPLAINT**

I, the complainant in this case, state that the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

On or about the below dates, at Chicago, in the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division, the defendant violated:

Code Section

Title 18, United States Code, Section 505

Offense Description

On or about March 24, 2025, defendant did knowingly forge and use the forged signature of Judge Rebecca R. Pallmeyer, a judge of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, for the purpose of authenticating a document in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, knowing such signature to be false.

This criminal complaint is based upon these facts:

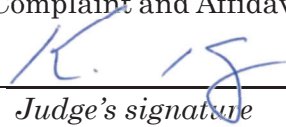
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MICHAEL WAUGH
Postal Inspector
U.S. Postal Inspection Service

Pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 4.1, this Complaint is presented by reliable electronic means. The above-named agent provided a sworn statement attesting to the truth of the Complaint and Affidavit by telephone.

Date: September 18, 2025
*Judge's signature*City and state: Chicago, Illinois

Keri L. Holleb Hotaling, U.S. Magistrate Judge
Printed name and title

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

AFFIDAVIT

I, MICHAEL WAUGH, being duly sworn, state as follows:

I. AFFIANT'S BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF AFFIDAVIT

1. I am a Postal Inspector with the United States Postal Inspection Service. I have been employed as a United States Postal Inspector since on or about July 27, 2025. My current responsibilities include the investigation of criminal offenses involving the mails and United States Postal Service employees. Prior to working for the United States Postal Inspection Service, I was employed for approximately seven years with United States Agency for International Development Office of Inspector General as a Special Agent and Assistant Special Agent in Charge. For approximately eight years before that, I was employed as Special Agent with the United States Department of Labor Office of Inspector General.

2. This affidavit is submitted in support of a criminal complaint alleging that WALTER BRZOWSKI forged the signature of a federal judge, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 505. This affidavit is being submitted for the limited purpose of establishing probable cause in support of a criminal complaint charging BRZOWSKI with forgery. As such, I have not included each and every fact known to me concerning this investigation. Instead, I have set forth only the facts that I believe are necessary to establish probable cause to believe that BRZOWSKI committed the forgery offense alleged in the complaint.

3. This affidavit is based on my personal knowledge and involvement in this investigation; my training and experience; the personal knowledge, training, and experience of other law enforcement agents with whom I have consulted; and my review of pertinent documents and records, including filings from the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois and the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

II. FACTS SUPPORTING PROBABLE CAUSE

4. According to the records and information from the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, on or about September 20, 2007, the Executive Committee for the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois issued an order in Case Number 07 CV 5613 that placed certain restraints on BRZOWSKI's ability to file new civil cases in Northern District of Illinois *pro se*. The Executive Committee Order explained that BRZOWSKI had "filed nine actions in the Eastern Division; five of them in 2007." Observing that "[m]ost of the cases were dismissed for failure to state a claim or lack of subject matter jurisdiction," the Order cited to a Memorandum Opinion and Order that was issued in *Walter J Brzowski v. Laura A Brzowski, et al.*, No. 07 C 3977, that provided:

Pro se plaintiff Walter Brzowski is dissatisfied with divorce proceedings (including child custody issues) that have occurred in state court, as well as related orders of protection and criminal prosecutions. Instead of limiting himself to contesting the merits of that litigation in the state court proceedings, plaintiff has made numerous attempts to either directly litigate the state cases in federal court or pursue related litigation in federal court ... Plaintiff's claims are frivolous.

5. According to the records and information from the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, on or about May 24, 2019, the Executive Committee issued an order in Case Number 07 CV 5613 that denied BRZOWSKI leave to file documents he had submitted for filing and that kept the aforementioned September 2007 order in force for an additional 12 months. BRZOWSKI appealed the order to the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

6. On March 16, 2020, the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals issued an order denying BRZOWSKI's appeal in *In re Brzowski*, 798 F. App'x 22 (Mar. 16, 2020). In summary, in its order, the Seventh Circuit provided the following background on the BRZOWSKI's case:

a. In September 2001, BRZOWSKI's then-wife sued him for divorce in Illinois state court.¹

b. In 2002, BRZOWSKI filed a lawsuit in federal district court asserting that the state court was violating his constitutional rights. Construing BRZOWSKI's submission as a complaint initiating a new lawsuit, the district court dismissed BRZOWSKI's complaint for failure to state a claim and lack of jurisdiction.

c. In 2003, BRZOWSKI filed another complaint in federal district court concerning his ongoing state court divorce proceeding, along with a petition for removal. The district court dismissed BRZOWSKI's complaint for lack of jurisdiction.

¹ According to records from the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, the case number was 2001D014335.

d. While his state court divorce proceeding was pending, BRZOWSKI was arrested for failing to appear in state court and for violating a protective order. In response, BRZOWSKI argued that the state court lacked jurisdiction because he had submitted removal petitions in federal district court and, as such, “he could ignore its orders with impunity.” The state court rejected BRZOWSKI’s arguments, dissolved his marriage, and granted custody of the children to his ex-wife.

e. Between 2003 and 2007, BRZOWSKI filed nine lawsuits in federal district court. The lawsuits “attacked his divorce case on his theory that, once he filed what he considered removal petitions, the state court lacked jurisdiction.” The district court dismissed each lawsuit for failure to state a claim or lack of subject-matter jurisdiction and warned BRZOWSKI that state court was the proper venue to challenge his divorce. BRZOWSKI ignored the district court’s warnings.

f. On September 20, 2007, the Executive Committee issued its order placing certain restraints on BRZOWSKI’s ability to file new civil cases in Northern District of Illinois *pro se*. Despite the Executive Committee’s order, BRZOWSKI “continued to submit complaints and other documents to the district court without permission.” As a result, the Executive Committee kept renewing the restriction.

7. According to the records and information from the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, on or about December 27, 2021, the Executive Committee issued an order in Case Number 07 CV 5613 warning

BRZOWSKI that continued violations of the court's orders may lead to monetary sanctions, additional filing restrictions, or a contempt of court finding.

8. According to the records and information from the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, BRZOWSKI submitted additional documents despite the court's December 2021 warning. On or about April 20, 2022, the Executive Committee issued an order in Case Number 07 CV 5613 sanctioning BRZOWSKI "\$500 for submitting frivolous documents after being warned that he would be further sanctioned if he continued to do so."

9. According to the records and information from the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, BRZOWSKI submitted additional documents despite the court's prior orders, warnings, and sanction. On March 15, 2023, the Executive Committee issued an order warning BRZOWSKI that additional sanctions would be imposed if he continued to violate its orders.

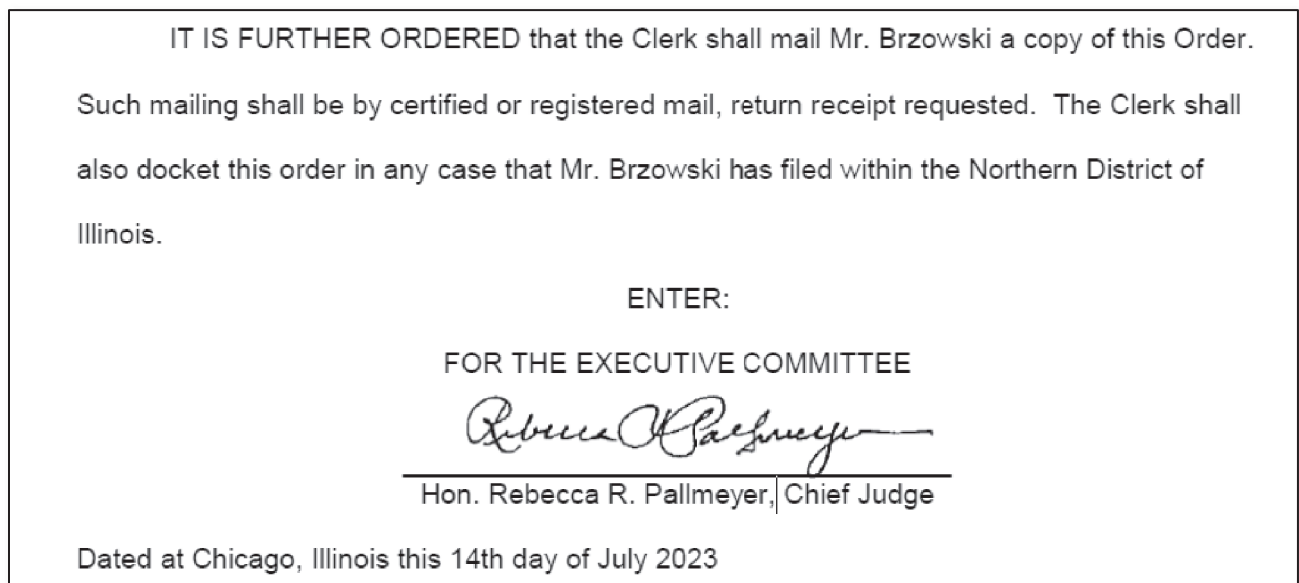
10. According to the records and information from the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, BRZOWSKI submitted additional documents despite the court's prior orders, warnings, and sanction. On July 14, 2023, the Executive Committee issued an order in Case Number 07 CV 5613 that provided:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Mr. Brzowski shall respond in writing within 14 days why he should not be additionally sanctioned for failure to comply with the Executive Committee's Orders. Additional sanctions may include additional monetary sanctions, additional filing restrictions, or a contempt of court finding. The order of March 15, 2023 [171] remains in force. Mr. Brzowski is only allowed to file a response to this order, but no other document will be accepted in any existing case until the sanction has been paid in full. *See In re City of Chicago*, 500 F.3d 582, 58586 (7th Cir. 2007); *Support Sys. Int'l, Inc. v. Mack*, 45

F.3d 185, 186 (7th Cir. 1995) (per curiam). In accordance with Mack, exceptions to this filing bar are made for criminal cases and for applications for writs of habeas corpus. *See Mack*, 45 F.3d at 186-87.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk shall mail Mr. Brzowski a copy of this Order. Such mailing shall be by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested. The Clerk shall also docket this order in any case that Mr. Brzowski has filed within the Northern District of Illinois.

As reflected below, the order was signed by Chief Judge Rebecca R. Pallmeyer:



11. According to the records and information from the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, following the issuance of the July 14, 2023 order, BRZOWSKI submitted a document entitled, “Letter Notice to Assert July 14, 2023 Revamped Order as Valid,” which was filed on the docket in Case Number 07 CV 5613 on August 11, 2023. The “Letter” provided:

NOW COMES U.S. Citizen, Walter J. Brzowski, in pursuant to his Federal Due Process Rights now asserts and presents that this restructured “Executive Committee Order” is indeed valid and enforceable onto a Court of Law, since it operates well-within

the confines of Constitutional due process Justice because it is drafted and devised as to what is truly in the Record of this unwarranted unconstitutional-retaliatory Federal Case, and as such neither Federal Chief Judge Respondent Rebecca R. Pallmeyer or her lapdog Federal Executive Committee would ever dare to reverse, nullify and /or impeach, since “they” have all conspired together to unjustifiably create this: ‘restricted filer case’ only as a means of attempting to: (i) cover-up two huge Blunders from Federal Judge Ruben Castillo on September 9, 2002, (No. 02 C-6219) and from Judge James F. Holderman on May 5, 2003, (2nd No. 03 C-2685) that caused jurisdictional havoc on Cook County IL. divorce case no. 01 D-14335, (*L. Brzowski v. W. Brzowski*) after September 4, 2002 in pursuant to Federal Removal Code 28 USC § 1446(d); and (ii) stifling his due process Rights from his obtained two Federal Remand Orders in April 22, 2005 and March 22, 2007 that are in compliance with Federal Remand Title 28 USC § 1447(c), of which exposes their immature and unprofessionalism, (and evil vindictiveness) against him: *“which is highly uncalled for”!*

Attached to BRZOWSKI’s “Letter” was a document that purported to be an order issued by the Executive Committee on July 14, 2023, that provided:

Walter J. Brzowski was a restricted filer in the Northern District of Illinois, see 07 CV 05613 [01]. On May 7, 2021, the Executive Committee adopted the Amended Executive Order which had reversed the initial restriction-filer order from September 20, 2007 since we have since discovered through his filings into this case that Walter J. Brzowski has shown equity and merit to his pleadings that were based upon Federal laws showing he was true and correct upon his Federal removal cases 02 CV 06219, 03 CV 02685, 07 CV 01504, and 07 CV 02610 in pursuant with Federal code 28 USC § 1446(d) that did in fact, generate three Federal remand orders on June 22, 2005, March 22, 2007 and May 29, 2007 in compliance with Federal remand code 28 USC § 1447(c)(d), (94). Walter Brzowski did reveal to this Committee that we are duty-bound by certain Federal case precedents coming forth from other Court of Appeals and from the United States Supreme Court regarding these matters of the ‘removal of a state case to a federal district court’ and the proper procedures subsequent to such removals.

We have since concurred with Walter J. Brzowski that the Federal District Court erred when it chose to dismiss case 03 CV 02685 over remand on May 5, 2003 which the Court corrected itself on April 28, 2005 due to Walter's filed Petition to Remand, (April 18, 2005), that was addressed on the adopted May 7, 2021 Amended Order, [94]. We also noted thereon, that the Court also erred by choosing to dismiss rather than remand on September 9, 2002 on Walter Brzowski's first removal case 02 CV 06219 which still holds State divorce case 01 D 14335, (*Brzowski v. Brzowski*), suspended until the District Court follows the guidelines within the remand statute. We also noted that the State court was in error by moving after these removal. cases were filed but not waiting for the remand orders from these Northern District Courts which would hold their judicial actions for naught. The Committee also concurred with the other District Court's oral statements on April 17, 2007, 07 CV 01504, which We found to adhere to due process Law and as such for Justice served upon this now closed matter.

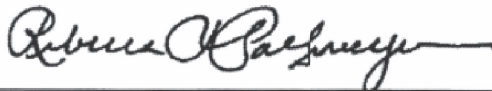
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Walter Brzowski has proven his case to this Committee and is thus relieved of any restriction obligations and monetary sanctions on and since May 7, 2021, [94], and the Clerk is instructed to rescind any emplaced filing restrictions on him in accordance to his First Amendment Right as to freely express at the Northern District Courthouse of Illinois.

As reflected below, the purported "Executive Committee Order" order contained the forged signature of Chief Judge Rebecca R. Pallmeyer:

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Walter Brzowski has proven his case to this Committee and is thus relieved of any restriction obligations and monetary sanctions on and since May 7, 2021, [94], and the Clerk is instructed to rescind any emplaced filing restrictions on him in accordance to his First Amendment Right as to freely express at the Northern District Courthouse of Illinois.

ENTER:

FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



Hon. Rebecca R. Pallmeyer, Chief Judge

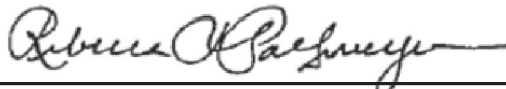
Dated at Chicago, Illinois this 14th day of July 2023

12. According to the records and information from the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, on or about September 27, 2023, the Executive Committee issued an order Case Number 07 CV 5613 addressing BRZOWSKI's August 2023 submission. The Executive Committee's order provided: "[T]he court did not prepare the 'order' attached to Mr. Brzowski's submission; Mr. Brzowski himself did. His conduct in preparing a counterfeit court order constitutes a willful fraud on the court." The Executive Committee sanctioned BRZOWSKI "an additional \$25,000 for submitting frivolous documents after being warned that he would be further sanctioned if he continued to do so." As reflected below, the order was signed by Chief Judge Rebecca R. Pallmeyer:

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that consistent with the Court's prior order, the Clerk shall cause a copy of this Order to be mailed to Mr. Brzowski, 6431 S. Karlov, Chicago, IL 60629, the address provided in his filings with this Court. Such mailing shall be by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested.

ENTER:

FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



Hon. Rebecca R. Pallmeyer, Chief Judge

Dated in Chicago, IL this 27th day of September, 2023

13. According to the records and information from the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, following the issuance of the September 27, 2023 order, BRZOWSKI continued to submit material to the court. In or around March 2025, BRZOWSKI submitted a filing entitled “Petition for Leave to Enforce Two Valid Order(s) Renewed Demand for Unconstitutional Case’s Proper Resolvment,” which was filed on the docket in Case Number 07 CR 5613 on April 1, 2025 (Docket Entry 204). A copy of the filing is attached as Exhibit A. In his petition, BRZOWSKI contested the court’s prior sanction, his treatment as a restricted filer, and the court’s refusal to address his divorce-related claims. Among other things, BRZOWSKI wrote:

On July 14, 2023, Federal Chief Judge Rebecca R. Pallmeyer finally, after years of bitching to her from (Counter Plaintiff), Walter J. Brzowski, entered a: “Executive Committee Order”, (Doc. #242), that acknowledged the May 7, 2021: “Amended Executive Committee Order”, and referenced it therein;

(Former), Federal Chief Judge Rebecca R. Pallmeyer plainly stated therein, (p. 1, para. 2), as to finally come-to-grips that Judge James F. Holderman and Judge Ruben Castillo made grave errors upon Federal Removal Cases 02 CV-6219 and 03 CV-2685 by choosing to dismiss those removal cases over the proper remand on September 9, 2002 and May 5, 2003 that would be violative to Federal Remand Code 28 USC § 1447(c);

....

Walter J. Brzowski now places a personal, Stern Warning onto Chief Judges/(Political Advocates): Rebecca R. Pallmeyer and her fellow ‘side-kick’ Virginia M. Kendall that they can be subjected to: “Brzowski Personal Justice”, since they have recklessly and conspiracy rendered worthless Orders in an attempt to steal my goddamn Federal Jury award money through a corrupt, Democratic-elected fellow County Clerk, (Spyropoulos), which I have every Right and means to inflict to richly acquire and protect my Legal Interests-Stake to that illegally held Federal Jury money!!

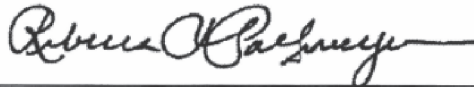
LET IT BE KNOWN: That “if” these two (Political-Woke Judicial Activists), Pallmeyer and Kendall are ‘startled or alarmed’ to this new, aggressive: “warning conduct” now taken by (Counter Plaintiff), Walter J. Brzowski and choose to notify the U.S. Northern District Attorney’s Office, just remember that the U.S. Northern District Attorney is too: “under-the-gun”, since he/(they) have mysteriously refused to take the necessary criminal action against (Criminal-Defendant), Virginia M. Kendall after January 29, 2025, (along with several other named Cook and Will County IL. Judges; Appellate Justices) pursuant to Fed. Criminal Code 18 USC § 242, (2 Counts), revealing a type of: “protecting their Democratic-fellow club members from their illegal wrongdoing”, that encroaches upon his sworn Oath-duty to foresee: “that nobody is above-the-law under their jurisdictional authority” that encompasses (Complainant) Walter Brzowski's sworn Complaints to him!

Attached as “Exhibit B” to BRZOWSKI’s petition was the fraudulent “Executive Committee Order” that, as reflected below, contained the forged signature of Chief Judge Rebecca R. Pallmeyer:

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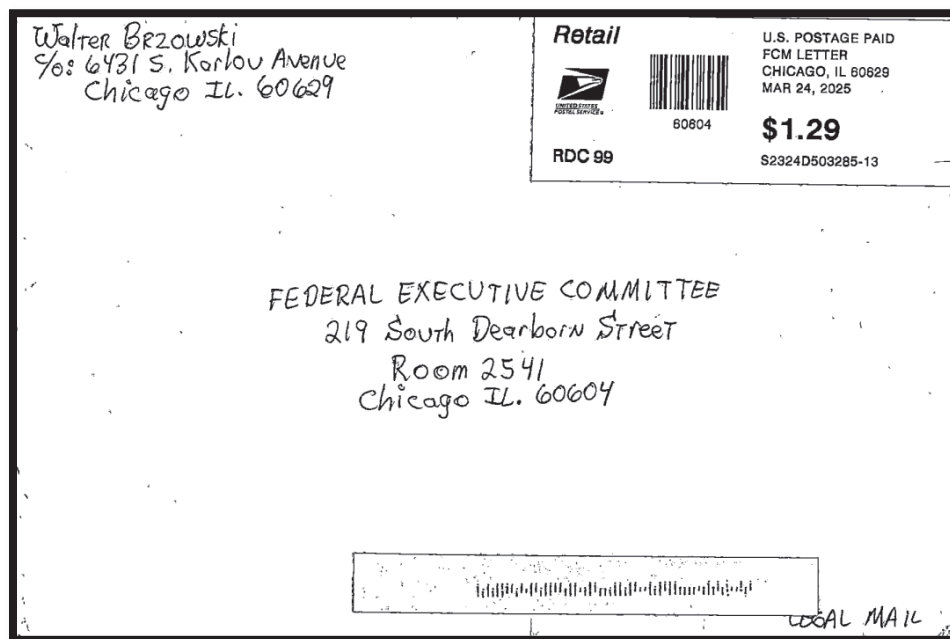
FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



Hon. Rebecca R. Pallmeyer, Chief Judge

Dated at Chicago, Illinois this 14th day of July 2023

BRZOWSKI's petition was sent by mail to the Everett McKinley Dirksen United States Courthouse in an envelope postmarked March 24, 2025. As reflected below, the return address on the envelope contained BRZOWSKI's name and a listed address of "6431 S. Karlov Avenue, Chicago, IL 60629":



14. According to records and information from Illinois Secretary of State's Office, the address listed for BRZOWSKI on his Illinois driver's license is 6431 South Karlov Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

15. According to records and information from the U.S. Marshals Service, on or about September 17, 2025, an individual who identified himself as "Walter Brzowski" called the docketing department for the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals and spoke with Individual A, who is employed there as a case administrator. Individual A advised the U.S. Marshals Service that during the call, BRZOWSKI referenced two Seventh Circuit cases by number, namely, Case Number 20-2182 and Case Number 25-1626. Based on the Seventh Circuit's online court docket, Case Number 20-2182 is styled as *Walter J. Brzowski v. Unsettled Legal Federal Removal Issues*, and Case Number 25-1626 is styled as *Executive Committee of the United States District v. Walter J. Brzowski*. According to Individual A, BRZOWSKI threatened to barge through security, go to the 27th floor of the courthouse (where the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals is located), and teach the staff that violence is the only answer to his problems.

III. CONCLUSION

16. Based on the foregoing, there is probable cause to believe that on or about March 24, 2025, BRZOWSKI did knowingly forge the signature of Judge Rebecca R. Pallmeyer, a judge of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, and use the forged signature of Judge Pallmeyer for the purpose of authenticating a document in federal district court, namely, an "Executive

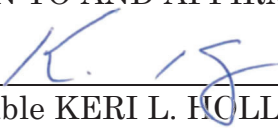
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SWORN TO AND AFFIRMED by telephone September 18, 2025.



Honorable KERI L. HOLLEB HOTALING
United States Magistrate Judge