

STATE OF MICHIGAN

IN THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

IN THE MATTER OF:

Case No. 2025-23508-CA

BARBARA JEAN HUTCHINS

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HEARING

BEFORE THE HONORABLE MIRIAM A. CAVANAUGH

Howell, Michigan - Wednesday, January 28, 2026

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(At 3:26 p.m., proceedings begin)

THE CLERK: In the matter of Barbara Hutchins,
case 25-23508-CA.

THE COURT: All right, good afternoon.
Names or appearances for the record.

MR. SILVER: Good afternoon, Your Honor.
Kenneth Silver appearing on behalf of Barbara Hutchins.

THE COURT: All right, good afternoon.

Today's time and date for a hearing on a motion
and -- oh, just -- it's just a motion, correct?

MR. SILVER: That's correct.

THE COURT: Motion to show cause as to why the
former conservator, Mr. Hutchins, should not be held in
contempt for violating the Court's orders of December
31st, 2025, and for surcharge.

All right. Sir, go ahead and state your name.

PAUL HUTCHINS: All right. Thank you. Good
afternoon.

Mr. Hutchins, have you received a copy of this
motion to show cause?

PAUL HUTCHINS: Yes, I have, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Okay. All right. All right, so

1 where are we at? Is -- is there --

2 MR. SILVER: Judge, nothing --

3 THE COURT: -- any progress here?

4 MR. SILVER: Absolutely nothing has happened
5 since you terminated the conservatorship and required Mr.
6 Hutchins to account to the Court. He's taken no effort to
7 return Mrs. Hutchins property. He still is in possession
8 of all of her personal property, including all of her
9 identification, all of her records. He's still in
10 possession of most of her financial property, which we
11 understand now that as a result of the subpoena that I
12 issued to the bank, he has actually transferred as much as
13 \$180,000 to a Coinbase account --

14 THE COURT: To a what?

15 MR. SILVER: Coinbase for cryptocurrency --

16 THE COURT: Yep.

17 MR. SILVER: -- held in Mr. Hutchins' name.

18 This is a rather outrageous situation where he
19 has taken advantage of his mother's money and property, he
20 has essentially kept her in a box, and notwithstanding the
21 fact that as a matter of law, he's required to return all
22 of her property upon termination of the conservatorship,
23 he has not done so.

24 He was required to account to this Court by
25 December 31st. Here we are, it's January 28th. There has

1 been zero effort or communication to provide Mrs. Hutchins
2 with her property or any information concerning what
3 happened to her property.

4 I should also note that the inventory that Mr.
5 Hutchins filed with the Court in November was inadequate
6 and incomplete as it does not identify any of her real
7 property. It didn't reference her Social Security money,
8 which is still being deposited that Mrs. Hutchins cannot
9 access, or her pension that she receives from Honda --
10 from her husband's employment with Honda. All of this has
11 been under the control of Mr. Hutchins. He appears to
12 have used it for his personal advantage.

13 Yesterday, Mrs. Hutchins was contacted by White
14 -- by a detective from the White Lake Police Department
15 investigating wrongdoing by Mr. Hutchins. I spoke with
16 that detective this morning. He is investigating Mr.
17 Hutchins for embezzlement of his mother's money and other
18 wrongdoing. And frankly, there is no reason that this
19 Court shouldn't hold Mr. Hutchins in contempt, surcharge
20 him for all of the attorney fees that Mrs. Hutchins has
21 incurred as a result of requiring me to attempt to recover
22 all of her personal property, which we still haven't been
23 able to do.

24 Mr. Hutchins' behavior is frankly inexcusable.
25 I'm glad that he is here.

1 THE COURT: Okay.

2 MR. SILVER: I am hopeful that the Court
3 requires him to deliver to my office forthwith all of Mrs.
4 Hutchins personal identification so she can then proceed -
5 -

6 THE COURT: Like what are you talking about
7 specifically?

8 MR. SILVER: Well, he has her passport --

9 THE COURT: Okay.

10 MR. SILVER: -- he has her Social Security card,
11 he has her health insurance card, he has her marriage
12 certificate. She has been unable to prove to any
13 financial institution that she is who she is. That's one
14 reason why so much -- why she has been unable to recover
15 on her own, her own financial assets, because Mr. Hutchins
16 has been uncooperative and hasn't provided it to her or
17 explained where it is and what he's done with it.

18 THE COURT: Okay. All right.

19 Mr. Hutchins, what -- what do you want to do --
20 what do you want to say in response?

21 PAUL HUTCHINS: I had COVID on the 1st of
22 December. I called the front desk, the probate window,
23 and told either Amy or Tabitha that I had COVID. They
24 said not to come. They just didn't give me any more, you
25 know, advice than that, and then I called Dale Schaller,

1 he was my attorney at the time, I called Angela, Angie,
2 his secretary, and told her the same thing, she told me
3 the same thing. I would have been here, but I was just
4 out of it.

5 MR. SILVER: Judge, if I may.

6 THE COURT: Okay.

7 PAUL HUTCHINS: I wasn't being contemptuous.

8 THE COURT: Okay. So -- but the Court's under
9 the order, so what's going on now, what --

10 PAUL HUTCHINS: I need -- I need legal --

11 THE COURT: Where's --

12 PAUL HUTCHINS: -- representation, Your Honor.

13 THE COURT: Where's Ms. Hutchins' moneys; where
14 are her moneys?

15 PAUL HUTCHINS: I have \$42,000 in those ex -- in
16 one of the expandable file folders back there. I cannot --
17 -- I haven't had a key to the house in Fenton since August
18 2nd, I left it in the wind deflector up in the top of the
19 Honda Pilot at the behest of Ms. Hite -- Mrs. Hite, Julie
20 Hite. She was my conservator's advocate.

21 THE COURT: Okay.

22 PAUL HUTCHINS: She was here when I got
23 conservatorship, and then she flipped over my mother and
24 they filed a petition to have me removed on September 2nd,
25 they stymied me for -- I -- we got --

1 THE COURT: Mr. Hutchins, you filed an inventory
2 indicating that you -- the -- the assets that you had in
3 your -- that you were managing are nearly \$250,000 it
4 looks like in -- in -- in account -- bank accounts. Wells
5 Fargo account, Honda Federal Credit Union checking
6 account, Honda Federal Credit Union savings. Where are
7 those moneys?

8 PAUL HUTCHINS: I never -- I couldn't do -- I
9 did -- I did nothing with the savings. There was \$111,000
10 in there, there was no jo -- she does not join on the
11 account, my mother. And secondly, there was no personal
12 disbursement. But the thing about it is, my mother never
13 changed anything out of my father's name at all. So she
14 was sitting there collecting the 3668 -- \$66.18 of the
15 pension for 19 months, and they said we're going to need
16 just a tick under \$70,000 of that back because she never
17 reported your father deceased, she never reported him to
18 anyone. This -- I -- I inherited a complete mess.

19 MR. SILVER: Judge, may I please?

20 PAUL HUTCHINS: Your Honor, I need legal
21 representation.

22 MR. SILVER: Judge --

23 PAUL HUTCHINS: Because this man here is just
24 here to bury me, and you know what, I did this at my
25 mother's request and Julie's request. Ever since Julie

1 got inserted into this situation, there was a video made,
2 free Barbie, another unjust conservatorship. This is an
3 hour and 21 minutes using my full name --

4 THE COURT: So, Mr. Hutchins, what's -- what's
5 preventing you from just complying with the order and
6 returning whatever assets you have? Why can't you do
7 that?

8 PAUL HUTCHINS: Because they swept -- he -- he
9 subpoenaed the bank account, they took that, they took
10 \$90,000. I didn't put \$180,000 into that -- in -- into
11 Coinbase. I ran into a problem with Coinbase, they --

12 MR. SILVER: Why is Coinbase involved?

13 PAUL HUTCHINS: I -- you know, the thing of it
14 is --

15 MR. SILVER: Judge, there is not a word --

16 THE COURT: Hold oh, hold on --

17 MR. SILVER: Excuse me, Mr. Hutchins.

18 THE COURT: -- hold on.

19 Mr. Hutchins, what's the problem with just
20 returning the assets to Ms. Hutchins pursuant to the --

21 PAUL HUTCHINS: I don't have it.

22 THE COURT: -- court orders?

23 PAUL HUTCHINS: I don't have it, Your Honor.

24 THE COURT: Where -- where are some of the --
25 where --

1 PAUL HUTCHINS: I've been paying bills --

2 THE COURT: -- are these moneys?

3 PAUL HUTCHINS: -- I've been paying -- I -- I
4 stopped paying bills in December. I stopped paying bills
5 in December. I was even paying overdue electric bills
6 that I had no idea about that Independence Village sent
7 me. I paid all the bills up until December 1st for her.
8 The \$3,122 for the Social Security, I don't know where
9 that's going now, but it's not coming into my account
10 because both the checking account for the conservatorship
11 and the savings account are gone.

12 MR. SILVER: Judge, I think Mr. Hutchins is
13 lying to the court.

14 PAUL HUTCHINS: I'm not lying.

15 MR. SILVER: He appear --

16 THE COURT: Where is -- where is the Wells Fargo
17 account?

18 PAUL HUTCHINS: It was put into that account.
19 It was put into my -- it was my account, and then the
20 conservatorship account was in there with my account.

21 THE COURT: Okay, why --

22 PAUL HUTCHINS: Because, Your Honor --

23 THE COURT: Mr. Hutchins, why are you putting --

24 PAUL HUTCHINS: -- Your Honor -- Your Honor --

25 THE COURT: -- why are you putting

1 conservatorship money in with your money?

2 PAUL HUTCHINS: Because it said on the back I
3 could invest it and I didn't know that I couldn't invest
4 it in something like that.

5 MR. SILVER: In something like what?

6 PAUL HUTCHINS: XRP Ripple.

7 THE COURT: What's that?

8 MR. SILVER: It's a cryptocurrency.

9 PAUL SILVER: It's a cryptocurrency. It's a
10 money -- it's a money -- it's a money movement.

11 THE COURT: You took the -- you took the money?

12 PAUL HUTCHINS: Yes, I -- you know what, I
13 screwed up completely. This is why I need legal
14 representation, because there's so much here. I need
15 help. I'm drowning. This guy is just killing me.

16 MR. SILVER: Judge --

17 PAUL HUTCHINS: And I did not purposely -- if --
18 if you -- the sheriff's upfront told me that I could get -
19 - the lawyer could get the records of the phone calls that
20 I -- the phone call I made here, and then we could contact
21 Dale's office. I would have been here.

22 MR. SILVER: Judge, Dale Schaller filed a motion
23 to withdraw --

24 PAUL HUTCHINS: Yes, he did.

25 MR. SILVER: -- and was permitted to withdraw by

1 this Court in November. Mr. Hutchins has had two months,
2 approaching three months, to hire substitute counsel.
3 Every -- I've had to file motions with this Court while
4 Mr. Hutchins was the conservator to get him to pay his
5 mother's bills.

6 PAUL HUTCHINS: No, you --

7 MR. SILVER: He wouldn't even provide Mrs.
8 Hutchins with money for groceries. He would stop by her
9 apartment and leave an envelope with \$500 cash and then
10 disappear.

11 Mr. Hutchins is not a truth teller. He appears
12 to have taken his mother's money, and until such time as
13 he can fully and completely account to the Court --

14 THE COURT: So, Mr. Hutchins, where's the
15 accounting? The Court ordered --

16 MR. HUTCHINS: I don't have accounting --

17 THE COURT: -- for you to file an accounting
18 with the Court.

19 PAUL HUTCHINS: -- because I need to hire
20 accountant, I need to get a lawyer, and everybody wants
21 tons of money, I don't have all this money.

22 THE COURT: You're required to file an
23 accounting --

24 PAUL HUTCHINS: I --

25 THE COURT: -- an accounting with the Court no

1 later than 12/31 of '25.

2 PAUL HUTCHINS: I understand that, Your Honor.

3 THE COURT: That's over a month ago.

4 PAUL HUTCHINS: And I didn't understand. He --
5 I -- I -- I -- my mother has not called me since she got
6 into Independence Village. When you were in the court,
7 when we were here for that -- that preliminary hearing,
8 when you said red light, green light, you were on the
9 money, my mother has been resisting me for years. She is
10 -- she'll sit there and go for --

11 THE COURT: So where's the money, Mr. Hutchins?

12 PAUL HUTCHINS: I don't have it, Your Honor. I
13 don't --

14 THE COURT: Well, where is it?

15 PAUL HUTCHINS: -- you know, Your Honor, I paid
16 bills out of it for her.

17 THE COURT: Where is it?

18 PAUL HUTCHINS: It was in my account, but I paid
19 bills for her, too, out of that, out of -- I had to put in
20 --

21 THE COURT: Then you need to account. I need an
22 accounting. I need to see where --

23 PAUL HUTCHINS: I don't have it.

24 THE COURT: -- the funds are.

25 MR. SILVER: \$250,000 --

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PAUL HUTCHINS: It is not --

MR. SILVER: -- has disappeared.

PAUL HUTCHINS: -- it is not \$250,000, Your Honor.

THE COURT: I need an accounting. I need to know what the funds were that you started with, I need to know where they went, and I need to see what the balance is.

PAUL HUTCHINS: I need to get an accountant and I don't have the money.

THE COURT: I don't have -- I don't -- I can't -
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PAUL HUTCHINS: I'm not making excuses, Your Honor --

THE COURT: -- I can't appoint an accountant --

PAUL HUTCHINS: -- I'm telling you the truth.

THE COURT: -- for you, sir.

PAUL HUTCHINS: What's that?

THE COURT: I can't appoint an accountant for you.

PAUL HUTCHINS: I know you can't. I've got to find one. I've been trying. Everybody wants --

THE COURT: What funds did you invest?

PAUL HUTCHINS: I invested probably about 60 or \$70,000.

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THE COURT: In what?

PAUL HUTCHINS: In cryptocurrency XRP on
Coinbase. And then I got locked up on --

THE COURT: Can you get those funds back?

PAUL HUTCHINS: I've got 40 -- I've got \$42,000
of in a cashier's check, and then a couple -- that's just
the cashier's check.

THE COURT: Do you want to give that to Mr.
Silver here today?

PAUL HUTCHINS: Yes, I do. I want to comply. I
just don't know what to do.

THE COURT: Yeah, you're gonna need to comply --

PAUL HUTCHINS: I've never been in this
situation before, Your Honor.

THE COURT: I don't -- don't know, Mr. Hutchins,
I think --

PAUL HUTCHINS: I'm not trying to make excuses,
Your Honor.

MR. SILVER: Mr. Hutchins --

PAUL HUTCHINS: I have not --

MR. SILVER: -- can you provide me with a
cashier's check right now?

THE COURT: Let's -- let's start with a check.
I was worried about this from day one. I remember you,
Mr. Hutchins, from several years ago, another petition was

1 filed and I had concerns then.

2 MR. SILVER: This has been a nightmare, Your
3 Honor. Judge, could you order Mr. Hutchins to deliver to
4 my office all of Mrs. Hutchins' personal identification so
5 she can undertake --

6 BARBARA HUTCHINS: I want my --

7 THE COURT: Why does he have that?

8 BARBARA HUTCHINS: -- address books.

9 MR. SILVER: He took it.

10 THE COURT: Why?

11 BARBARA HUTCHINS: He took everything.

12 PAUL HUTCHINS: I took what?

13 MR. SILVER: Only Mr. Hutchins can answer that
14 question.

15 THE COURT: All right. Let's get the check, Mr.
16 Hutchins, get back up here.

17 PAUL HUTCHINS: Just bring it all.

18 THE COURT: Just bring the whole file.

19 PAUL HUTCHINS: Bring it all.

20 THE COURT: Bring it up to the table. You claim
21 you've got a check?

22 PAUL HUTCHINS: What's that?

23 THE COURT: You claim you have a check?

24 PAUL HUTCHINS: Yes, I do.

25 MR. SILVER: Judge, just for the record, we have

1 undertaken our own forensic analysis to determine how much
2 was removed from Mrs. Hutchins accounts and deposited into
3 Coinbase, and as far as we can tell -- and I can even show
4 it to you even though I have notes scribbled on the -- on
5 the forensic analysis, it's over \$180,000.

6 THE COURT: What account was that taken from?

7 MR. SILVER: It was taken from a Huntington Bank
8 account.

9 BARBARA HUTCHINS: Checking account.

10 THE COURT: A Huntington Bank account? That's
11 not even listed on the --

12 MR. SILVER: That's correct.

13 THE COURT: -- inventory.

14 MR. SILVER: -- that's -- I -- I said originally
15 that the inventory was inaccurate. As a matter of fact,
16 we've calculated --

17 THE COURT: Okay.

18 MR. SILVER: -- that a total of \$151,832 was
19 transferred from a -- an account ending in 5352.

20 THE COURT: And is that Mrs. Hutchins account?

21 MR. SILVER: That's her money from -- yes,
22 that's her money.

23 THE COURT: From Mr. Hutchins?

24 MR. SILVER: It's a -- either her personal
25 account or an account that Mr. Hutchins created from Mrs.

1 Hutchins funds when he was appointed conservator, and
2 another \$35,520 was transferred from Barbara Hutchins
3 account ending in 1587. And here we have a cashier's
4 check payable to Barbara Hutchins for \$41,000.

5 THE COURT: Okay. For the record, that has been
6 provided to Mr. Silver here on the record, so at least
7 she'll have some funds to live.

8 So, Mr. Hutchins, where are Ms. Hutchins'
9 identifying information papers? Do you have her Social
10 Security card?

11 PAUL HUTCHINS: All I have --

12 THE COURT: Do you have her passport?

13 PAUL HUTCHINS: -- all I have -- all I have,
14 Your Honor, both houses are completely hoarded.

15 THE COURT: I'm not concerned about the houses.

16 PAUL HUTCHINS: I'm just trying to tell you, I -
17 -

18 THE COURT: No, I want you to answer the
19 questions I'm asking.

20 PAUL HUTCHINS: Yes, all I -- all I -- all I --

21 THE COURT: Where is her passport?

22 PAUL HUTCHINS: All I possess is this. I
23 wouldn't know where her passport was. I never went to
24 look for it. I never went to look for anything. All I
25 have is an expired Social Security card from my father

1 from 2005 to 2009 and expired driver's license from my
2 mother, that's -- my mother, that's all I have, that's it.
3 And keys to the exterior door of the house. She has the
4 key to the interior. I have not been in that house since
5 I dropped the key off on August 2nd.

6 MR. SILVER: Clearly, Mr. Hutchins has violated
7 his fiduciary duty as conservator and he was guardian for
8 the period of time in which this Court appointed him,
9 which was July 15th through December 1st. He has admitted
10 he is unable to account.

11 PAUL HUTCHINS: Mr. Silver --

12 MR. SILVER: He -- excuse me.

13 THE COURT: Hold on.

14 MR. SILVER: He has admitted under oath, I
15 believe he's under oath as he sits here today, that there
16 is a Coinbase Ripple account --

17 May I question Mr. Hutchins under oath?

18 THE COURT: Well, this is what I'm going to do.
19 This is what I'm going to do. I'm going to grant the
20 motion to show cause. I'm going to sign an order, Mr.
21 Hutchins, ordering you to appear here for a show cause
22 hearing. All right, let me look here. Is this requesting
23 -- Mr. Silver, are you requesting civil or criminal
24 contempt of court? I'm just looking at your -- the --

25 MR. SILVER: I think he should be --

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THE COURT: -- request of relief.

MR. SILVER: -- held in criminal contempt until such time as he's able to provide a full and complete accounting and return all of Mrs. Hutchins' property.

THE COURT: All right. Mr. Hutchins, I'm going order that you appear here and show cause why you shouldn't be found in civil and criminal and/or criminal contempt for failing to comply with the Court's order dated -- well, the original order dated December 1st, 2025, which requires you to account to this Court and also requires you to return all of the assets that were under your control to Ms. Hutchins. So if you are found in contempt of court, either for civil or criminal contempt, you could be ordered to serve a conditional jail sentence until you comply with the Court's orders. If you're found in criminal contempt of court, you could be sentenced to serve up to 90 days in jail -- 93 days in jail. You could also be ordered to pay a fine of not more than \$7,500. And if you're found in contempt, you can also be ordered to pay the costs of the proceedings, such as things like attorney fees that were incurred due to your contemptuous behavior or conduct, okay?

Because jail is a possibility, you do have the right to an attorney here. If you don't have the money to hire an attorney to assist you, just with the contempt of

1 court proceeding, that is the limitation of this
2 appointment, if you don't have the money to hire an
3 attorney, the Court will appoint one for you because
4 there's -- there's a possibility you could go to jail
5 here, sir.

6 PAUL HUTCHINS: I know. I know.

7 THE COURT: And I don't know what White Lake or
8 what police department is involved, but I think your
9 problems are probably bigger than the contempt proceeding
10 here, but you do have the right to an attorney. If you
11 can't afford to hire one to assist you, the Court will
12 appoint one for you, just for the limited purpose of
13 represent -- representing you in this contempt proceeding,
14 because I am going to issue an order having you show
15 caused, and I'll set it for another hearing where you can
16 appear with your attorney.

17 MR. SILVER: And --

18 PAUL HUTCHINS: Your Honor --

19 THE COURT: I -- I think --

20 MR. SILVER: Judge --

21 THE COURT: -- I think your best bet is -- is to
22 -- is to find a way to comply with the orders before you
23 come back here.

24 MR. SILVER: And Judge, could you order Mr.
25 Hutchins to immediately return all of Mrs. Hutchins'

1 personal property and papers?

2 BARBARA HUTCHINS: I want all the address --

3 MR. SILVER: Her jewelry, her identification,
4 anything and everything that has ever come in the Mr.
5 Hutchins --

6 BARBARA HUTCHINS: The jewelry, I would like the
7 jewelry.

8 MR. SILVER: -- Ms. -- Mr. -- excuse me,
9 Barbara.

10 THE COURT: Hold on.

11 MR. SILVER: Possession needs to be returned
12 immediately.

13 BARBARA HUTCHINS: He went to the safety deposit
14 --

15 MR. SILVER: He has --

16 BARBARA HUTCHINS: -- boxes and --

17 MR. SILVER: -- files here of all sorts of
18 papers, I have no idea what's here, apparently it all
19 pertains to Mrs. Hutchins' life.

20 PAUL HUTCHINS: It's the bills that I paid.
21 Your Honor --

22 THE COURT: All right.

23 PAUL HUTCHINS: -- Your Honor, there is the
24 driver's license, there is a Social Security card, here
25 are her check registers, this is an empty check register,

1 here are her --

2 BARBARA HUTCHINS: Where is my passport?

3 PAUL HUTCHINS: I don't have the passport.

4 BARBARA HUTCHINS: Yes, you do.

5 PAUL HUTCHINS: No, I do not.

6 BARBARA HUTCHINS: Yes, you do, that --

7 PAUL HUTCHINS: I don't have jewelry, I don't
8 have a passport, I don't have anything, mother, I swear.

9 BARBARA HUTCHINS: I'm not going to argue.

10 THE COURT: Was there -- was there safety
11 deposit boxes?

12 BARBARA HUTCHINS: Yes.

13 PAUL HUTCHINS: Yes, there is.

14 BARBARA HUTCHINS: Three, three safety deposit
15 boxes.

16 PAUL HUTCHINS: And what was in the safety
17 deposit boxes, there were some letters -- some documents,
18 there were some pamphlets and stuff like that that my
19 father had there, and then there were a pair of heel
20 protectors for cowboy boots and a cowboy belt buckle.

21 BARBARA HUTCHINS: No. Paul, there was jewelry
22 in there, my jewelry was in there too.

23 PAUL HUTCHINS: Mother, there was no jewelry in
24 there.

25 BARBARA HUTCHINS: Paul --

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THE COURT: All right.

PAUL HUTCHINS: I swear on my --

THE COURT: So I'm going to set this for --

PAUL HUTCHINS: -- I swear on my -- I swear --

THE COURT: Hold on. Mr. Hutchins, I'm going to set it for a show cause hearing. Maybe I should set it for another Wednesday at 1:30 and let your attorney appear with you and see how we're going to proceed here.

So -- so, Mr. Hutchins, how do you want proceed --

BARBARA HUTCHINS: Where is my computer too --

THE COURT: -- with regards to your --

BARBARA HUTCHINS: -- my Apple computer?

THE COURT: Mr. Hutchins --

PAUL HUTCHINS: Your Honor, I have none of these things she's talking about.

THE COURT: How do you want to proceed with regards to your right to an attorney?

PAUL HUTCHINS: I would like one appointed for me, please.

BARBARA HUTCHINS: Paul --

THE COURT: All right. We're going to go ahead and appoint him an attorney.

BARBARA HUTCHINS: -- (indiscernible) called me and said you had the computer.

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PAUL HUTCHINS: No, I do not.

THE COURT: For the show cause only.

BARBARA HUTCHINS: Yes, you do.

PAUL HUTCHINS: I do not, mother. It's like your flip phones, mother, they fell in between those mattresses when I took you --

THE COURT: Okay.

PAUL HUTCHINS: -- to the hospital. Mother --

THE COURT: Let me -- let's do 30 days out so we can get the attorney. All right. I'm going to set this for -- for a hearing on an order to show cause February 25th at 1:30, and we'll see how -- we'll see how we're going to proceed at that time.

Mr. Hutchins, I'm going to tell you one thing you need to figure out, you need to figure out how to file an accounting.

PAUL HUTCHINS: All right, I'll do my best, Your Honor.

THE COURT: You need to get an accounting filed.

PAUL HUTCHINS: I'll do my best.

THE COURT: So that people can see where you claim these funds all went.

MR. SILVER: Have you used any --

May I --

THE COURT: Sure.

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MR. SILVER: -- Judge?

Mr. Hutchins --

PAUL HUTCHINS: Do anything else without an attorney.

MR. SILVER: -- have you used any of the funds that over which you had control belonging to your mother to pay your personal bills?

PAUL HUTCHINS: No.

MR. SILVER: Did the money that you invested in cryptocurrency increase in value or decrease in value?

PAUL HUTCHINS: Your Honor -- Your Honor, can I please have an attorney? I don't want to answer any more questions because he's just -- please, Your Honor, please.

THE COURT: Well, what --

PAUL HUTCHINS: I need an attorney. This is -- this is like --

THE COURT: Mr. Hutchins, you need to figure out how to get these funds back. You need to figure out how to get these funds back from the Ripple.

PAUL HUTCHINS: I already got them back.

THE COURT: Have they increased in value?

PAUL HUTCHINS: I already --

THE COURT: How do you get -- how do you get the --

PAUL HUTCHINS: I don't -- it was never \$150,000

1 in there. I never had any --

2 THE COURT: All right.

3 PAUL HUTCHINS: -- any contact with 100 --

4 THE COURT: Well, I don't know, Mr. Hutchins,
5 it's not hard to get --

6 MR. SILVER: Here's a list of all the
7 transactions, Judge.

8 THE COURT: It's not hard to -- I mean, bank
9 records are just -- are real easy documents. I mean,
10 what's gonna happen here, I'm guessing, is that Mr. Silver
11 is going to get the bank records and we're gonna see what
12 money was there and where it went and on what day. I
13 mean, that's the thing about banks, they keep really good
14 records, so we're gonna know exactly what money moved and
15 when. So, you know, I don't know what to tell you, other
16 than you better figure out how to comply with the Court's
17 orders because we're gonna come back here for a show
18 cause, and --

19 MR. SILVER: And I'm sorry, Judge, you said
20 February 25th at 1:30?

21 THE COURT: Yep, that's going to be a hearing on
22 order to show cause.

23 BARBARA HUTCHINS: Did you pay the house
24 payment?

25 PAUL HUTCHINS: No, Mother. I can't pay

1 anything. I can't open your mail, that's a federal --
2 that's a federal offense.

3 THE COURT: February 25th. You can't open the
4 mail, but you can take all the money and put it in a -- in
5 a crypto cash investment.

6 PAUL HUTCHINS: I did not put it all in there.

7 THE COURT: Okay.

8 PAUL HUTCHINS: Your Honor, I did not put it all
9 in there.

10 THE COURT: The fact that you put a dime in
11 there is concerning.

12 PAUL HUTCHINS: I know I wasn't supposed to now.

13 BARBARA HUTCHINS: He just admitted he didn't
14 pay the house payment for the last two months.

15 MR. SILVER: During the five months --

16 PAUL HUTCHINS: I'm not -- I'm not getting your
17 mail anymore.

18 MR. SILVER: During the five months --

19 THE COURT: All right. Mr. Hutchins, the
20 Court's going to do an order to show cause. I want to
21 give a copy of it to you here before you leave today.

22 PAUL HUTCHINS: Okay.

23 THE COURT: Okay, so go ahead, Mr. Silver, if
24 you want to wait too, you can get a copy as well.

25 MR. SILVER: Very well.

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THE COURT: Okay.

MR. SILVER: One last item, Judge, just to clarify the record. At the prior hearing where Mr. Hutchins said he had COVID, the Court did -- I -- I spoke with your clerk, and your clerk spoke with Mr. Hutchins and he was offered the opportunity to appear via Zoom and he declined.

THE COURT: Okay.

PAUL HUTCHINS: I was sick to death, Your Honor. That's all I can say.

THE COURT: Okay. We'll see you February 25th at 1:30.

PAUL HUTCHINS: Okay.

THE COURT: Go ahead and have a seat in the gallery. We'll prepare the order.

(At 3:52 p.m., proceedings concluded)

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