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6	WITNESS: Michael Johnson
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14	The above-entitled matter came on for hearing, pursuant to
15	notice at 9:17 a.m.
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1	APPEARANCES:
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9	On behalf of the Witness:
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- We're on the record as of this morning at 9:17 a.m. or
- 5 Q Would you raise your right-hand please?
- 6 A Indeed, yes, I will.
- 7 Q Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and
- 8 nothing but the truth?
- 9 A Yes
- 10 Whereupon,
- 11 MICHAEL JOHNSON
- 12 Was called as a witness and, having been first duly sworn,
- was examined and testified as follows:
- 16 Q Would you please identify yourself for the record in
- 17 accordance with your previous sealed deposition and
- 18 declaration.
- 19 A My name is Michael Johnson

2 accordance with your previous sealed deposition and declaration? 3 My current legal resider Α Good morning I an 6 and this i 8 record we are 10 This morning we have been authorized to take testimony in 11 a sealed form in these proceedings and to request that 12 others also provide documents, oral testimony and other evidence. As we have previously garding 13 14 your identity, your place personally identifiable information we will not be gathering testimony 15 16 regarding those 17 18 We are currently conducting an investigation in the matter of 19 . This is a criminal investigation regarding 20

And your current address of residence in

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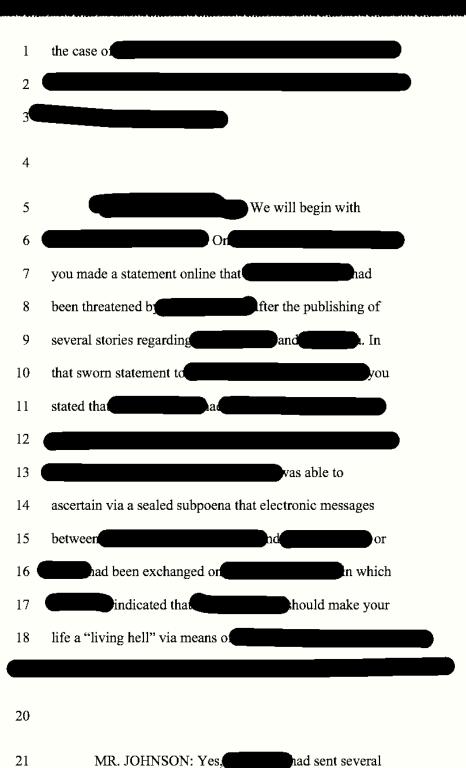
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4	Moving along, this document is
5	document is a
6	report you filed with the
7	egarding several threats that were made toward
8	yourself and your significant other
9	Can you please confirm for the record that you made
10	this report to the
11	on
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13	MR. JOHNSON: Yes. I am the person who filed
14	this report.
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16	Can you also confirm that the
17	contents of this report are accurate?
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19	MR. JOHNSON: I can. Yes.
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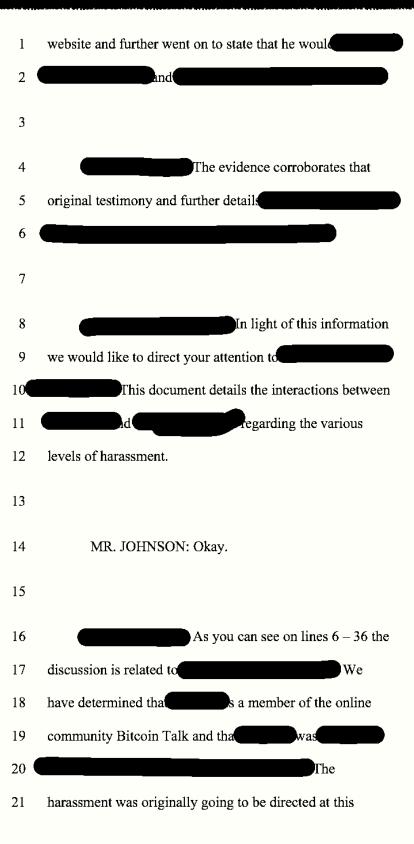
1 Thank you Mr. Johnson. 2 3 I would also like to present this 4 order from the ordering you to turn over all relevant materials regarding 5 Ind This order states you would 6 7 also provide relevant information regarding your source of 8 unpublished documents in the matter of 9 10 13 14 Can you confirm that you did not 15 fully cooperate regarding 16 17 and refused to provide identifying information regarding your source of nonpublic 18 19 documents but did however provide with relevant information regarding 20

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4	MR. JOHNSON: That is correct. Yes, I provided
5	with information that would
6	assist in the narrative of the threats I received but failed to
7	provide the identifying information of my sources for
8	nonpublic, confidential information from
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11	Can you also confirm for the
12	record the contents of this document titled
13	as being a statement
14	showing you were not engaged in trading, purchasing,
15	speculating, holding, receiving of the
16	virtual currency
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18	MR. JOHNSON: Correct, this document shows that
19	I was not.

1	Are you personally aware of the
2	fact that the bottom betained a copy of your
3	bank statements from and other
4	information to determine you were not engaged in trading
5	or speculating on
6	
7	MR. JOHNSON: Yes, I was made aware that
8	certain information had been obtained to validate my
9	claims that I was not trading or speculating or
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11	We would like the record
12	to show that Mr. Johnson has been overwhelmingly
13	cooperative in the matter of
14	even with his refusal and his
15	that he will not disclose the
16	source of his nonpublic documentation regarding the
17	and
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19	With that said, we have requested
20	that hot compel Mr. Johnson
21	further to reveal the sources of his information and that in



22 emails harassing myself and several staff members of the



individual primarily but after 1 2 was published the discussion continues on lines 45 - 1533 on how to deal with yourself and your staff. 4 5 . You will also note that s actively pursuing any identifiable information 6 ( 7 about you and seeking your address to give to 8 who had promised according to line that they could "take you out" to protect the interests of 9 10 nd his partner a 11 12 MR. JOHNSON: I see. 13 When you had made your 14 initial report to the 15 were you aware of these communications? 16 17 18 MR. JOHNSON: I was not at that time.

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2 hat the best course of action was to discredit you via	
on Bitcoin Talk and furthermore	e
4 or Only after that had failed	
5 would begin increased in person	n
6 harassment of yourself and	
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9 MR. JOHNSON: That would fall in the time frame	
that began sending me	
electronic messages, instant messages and letters in the	
12 mail.	
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You stated in	
had begun attempts to	
16 access your work related email accounts at Coin Fire and	
your server logs would show that made repeated	l
18 attempts to circumvent your site security via means of	
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MR. JOHNSON: That is correct. 1 2 Were you aware on 3 was going to communicate 5 who he would 6 state multiple times online as having been working with 7 that "you were a thorn and they needed friends 8 from b make contact with from o pay you a visit?" 10 11 MR. JOHNSON: I was not aware at that time. 12 Would you become aware of this 13 14 communication at a later date? 15 16 MR. JOHNSON: Yes, upon receipt of the 17 documents from the 18 At that time I was made aware had planned to harass me and that had even pursued a 19 20 potential assassination attempt against myself and 21 When I had made my initial report with

	was only aware of the harassment I was
2	receiving and not that had openly spoke on the
3	Internet with
4	about a potential assassination attempt.
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6	Jpon seeing the
7	ocuments did you approach th
8	egarding the assassination discussion?
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10	MR. JOHNSON: Yes, I approached Agen
11	at the ffice about
12	those statements and requested protection from
13	and who had levied threats against
14	myself, my significant other and staff members of the site
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17	On
18	agent for determined the threats
19	were real and credible based or
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21	It was determined then that Mr. Johnson and

