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County of Otter Tail

District Court
Seventh Judicial District
Court File Number: 56-CV-25-198
Case Type: Civil

Order

Precision Locating, LLC, Arvig Enterprises, Inc,
Plaintiff
vs.
Martin D Starkebaum,
Respondent

The above-entitled matter came before the undersigned Judge of District Court, for a review hearing on October 1, 2026, at the Otter Tail County Courthouse, via remote technology. The hearing was held due to the party's inability to memorialize, in writing, the tentative agreement reached at the August 18, 2026, Pretrial. Plaintiffs are represented by Kurt Erickson, and Colin Abress, who were present. Defendant is represented by John Ella, who was present with respondent, Martin Starkebaum.

Findings of Fact

1. The Court, without detailing any of the settlement terms/negotiations that took place on August 18, 2026, believes that an addition Mediation session between the parties is appropriate. The Court finds that given the tentative agreement resources are better dedicated to attempting to finalize the settlement language. A good faith effort is expected of both parties at mediation.
2. The parties shall complete mediation by January 15, 2027. The parties shall immediately notify the Court of the outcome of mediation.
3. If mediation is unsuccessful in reaching a resolution, the Court will set the matter back on for Pretrial where the remaining motions will be addressed.
4. Further a motion was filed at Index 226, requesting that Index numbers 227 and 228 be filed as confidential. The Court finds that request appropriate.

Order

It is hereby ordered:

1. The parties shall participate in mediation as stated above.
2. Any previous Trial setting will be removed from the calendar, with a Pretrial setting to be determined later if mediation is unsuccessful.
3. Index 227 and 228 shall be allowed to be filed as confidential.

By the Court:



Kevin M. Miller
Judge of District Court
Date: October 27, 2026

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