SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CRIMINAL DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

Criminal No. M-4113-03

Judge Holeman

ELENA RUTH SASSOWER,

Misdemeanor Calendar I

Defendant.

ORDER

This matter comes before the Court as Defendant's Motion for Removal of this case to the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, contained within Defendant's Notice of Motion to Vacate Orders of Judge Brian F. Holeman for Violation of D.C. Superior Court Civil Procedure Rule 63-I Pertaining to "Bias or Prejudice" & for Removal/Transfer of this Case to the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia pursuant to D.C. Code §10-503.18, filed March 22, 2004. Should this instant Motion be denied, Defendant has further requested a stay of the trial pending appeal of said ruling.

The record of this case reflects that Defendant previously filed a Motion for Change of Venue on August 22, 2003. On September 4, 2003, Judge Abrecht denied this Motion in Memorandum Explaining Denial of Motion for Change of Venue. Defendant filed another Motion for Change of Venue before this Court on February 24, 2004. On February 25, 2004, Defendant's Motion for Change of Venue was again denied. Defendant now seeks removal of this case to the United States District Court for the District of Columbia pursuant to D.C. Code Ann. §10-503.18 (2004).

Accordingly, upon consideration of Defendant's Motion, and the Government's Opposition thereto, there being no demonstration of newly presented facts or a change in

substantive law, nor citation of any legal authority supportive of the requested relief, it is this day of March, 2004 hereby

ORDERED, that Defendant's Motion for Removal is DENIED; and it is further ORDERED, that Defendant's request for a stay of the trial date pending appeal of this ruling is DENIED.

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