

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA  
COLUMBUS DIVISION

H&L FARMS LLC, SHAUN HARRIS, and \*  
AMIE HARRIS,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

SILICON RANCH CORPORATION,  
SR LUMPKIN, LLC, INFRASTRUCTURE  
AND ENERGY ALTERNATIVES, INC., IEA  
CONSTRUCTORS, LLC, and WESTWOOD  
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, INC.,

Defendants.

CASE NO. 4:21-CV-134 (CDL)

O R D E R

Counsel for Defendants Infrastructure and Energy Alternatives, Inc. and IEA Constructors, LLC acknowledge that their clients violated the Court's order of sequestration in the recently completed trial. See Notice ¶ 3 (May 9, 2023), ECF No. 287; accord *Effland Aff.* ¶¶ 10, 12-13, 15, 20 (acknowledging that IEA/IEAC in-house counsel sent daily trial updates to Chris Hanson, who later testified as a witness for IEA/IEAC). Because the trial has been completed and the jury verdict confirms that the violation caused no prejudice to Plaintiffs, the available remedies for such violation are limited. A civil contempt citation would not be applicable because there is no need to coerce conduct given that the conduct has occurred. See *Int'l Union, United Mine Workers of Am. v. Bagwell*, 512 U.S. 821, 827 (1994) (explaining that a civil

contempt sanction is remedial, designed to compel future compliance with a court order). And the Court does not wish to burden the United States Attorney with a criminal contempt referral given that office's limited resources and higher priorities. Accordingly, the Court admonishes Matthew S. Effland, in-house counsel for IEA and IEAC, for disobeying the Court's sequestration order.

IT IS SO ORDERED, this 11th day of May, 2023.

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U.S. DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA