

# **Exhibit 7**

## Craig Cameron

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**From:** Leonardo Law Offices <nathan@leonardolawoffices.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 19, 2014 9:36 AM  
**To:** Craig Cameron  
**Subject:** Re: Cruz Forfeiture  
**Attachments:** Email Logo.tiff

I intended my motion to be a motion to dismiss my client's claim against the cash and vacate the hearing with regard to his claim, that's all. I guess I should have been more specific. I can see asking for fees if a person pursues a claim to the end and loses, but it seems counterproductive to go after attorney fees when a person moves to dismiss/withdraw their claim before it is heard. I guess if you are pursuing attorney's fees then maybe I should move to withdraw, which means I will probably have to be present tomorrow after all.

On Jun 19, 2014, at 8:02 AM, Craig Cameron <[Craig.Cameron@pinalcountyz.gov](mailto:Craig.Cameron@pinalcountyz.gov)> wrote:

Nathan,

First, yes my mistake. Howie Cruz, not [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Amended

Response attached.

But as you can tell I do not object to the claim being withdrawn. But why are you asking to dismiss my case, and prevent me from wrapping things up this Friday by vacating the hearing. I have my officers ready and they will provide the testimony necessary for an order being entered.

Second, attorney fees will be merely a symbolic victory. Think I'll be able to collect? If you can't track him down, I doubt I'll have better luck. Rarely have the forfeiture attorneys in Arizona asked for fees, but I have started to ask for fees in every case. Its more for the education of the judge who is new to her position/young. I suspect you didn't consider attorney fees when you took the case. By asking for fees, I'm reinforcing to the criminal defense bar the risks associated with making a claim in a forfeiture case. I'm sure you may disparage me to your criminal defense brethren for asking for fees, but they will know the risks and rewards better. On the flip side, I pride myself that I do not proceed when a claimant can establish they are righteous in their position.

Should you be requesting to withdraw as counsel instead? If you think you can ethically proceed in a civil matter without your client, go ahead. I would prefer him to be there, he'll be my first witness.

Craig

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**From:** Leonardo Law Offices [<mailto:nathan@leonardolawoffices.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 18, 2014 3:58 PM  
**To:** Craig Cameron  
**Subject:** Cruz Forfeiture

I'm assuming your response is actually to my motion on behalf of Howie Cruz, [REDACTED] (although I hope my assumption is wrong). Do you really have to ask for attorney's fees? If so, I almost feel obligated to continue with the claim. I only filed a motion to dismiss the claim because I've lost contact with my client. It's not necessarily a concession that his claim is invalid, just that I think it will be very difficult to make without him being present. But if it a dismissal could negatively affect him (i.e. attorney's fees), then I almost have to try to pursue the claim in his absence.

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