

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
WESTERN DIVISION**

JOSHUA MAXTON,	:	Case No. 1:18-cv-372
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Plaintiff,	:	
v.	:	Magistrate Judge Stephanie K. Bowman
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	:	<u>ORDER APPOINTING SPECIAL</u>
BILL HILBERT, et al.,	:	<u>MASTER</u>
	:	
Defendants.	:	

The parties in this action having settled their claims and agreed to an Audit by a Special Master of a subset of cases investigated by the City of Cincinnati Police Department of CODIS reports which identify DNA of an individual other than the charged suspect where the suspect was convicted of a homicide from June 2011 through June 2018, including the case of Plaintiff Joshua Maxton, as set forth in the Settlement Agreement (attached):

Pursuant to the Order of Reference (Doc. 23), and further pursuant to provision (B)(4)(D) of the parties' settlement agreement, I hereby appoint Ronald Safer, Esq., of Riley Safer Holmes & Cancila LLP in Chicago, IL., as Special Master to conduct the Audit as set forth in the Settlement Agreement. Both parties have conferred and agreed on the appointment of Mr. Safer as the Special Master, and Mr. Safer has agreed to serve as Special Master on a *pro bono* basis.

Pursuant to this appointment, Mr. Safer shall assume all of the authority and responsibilities of the Special Master as set forth in the parties' Settlement Agreement. Mr. Safer and all persons he utilizes to assist him with the audit shall further abide by all of the confidentiality provisions set forth in the Settlement Agreement.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/Stephanie K. Bowman
STEPHANIE K. BOWMAN
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE