

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
OCALA DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

5:06-cr-22-Oc-10GRJ

WESLEY TRENT SNIPES

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ORDER

Pending before the Court on an Order of Reference (Doc. 456) is the United States' Bill of Costs. (Doc. 449.) The United States requests that the Court assess the costs of prosecution against Defendant Wesley Snipes pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 7203 and 28 U.S.C. §§ 1920 and 1924. The United States has filed a verified Bill of Costs in the sum of \$257,687.74, detailing the costs of prosecution requested in this case. The Defendant has not filed a response despite the fact that more than ten days have passed.¹

Pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 7203 the imposition of the costs of prosecution is mandatory.² The Court is, therefore, required to impose the costs of prosecution incurred in proving the § 7203 violations. Accordingly, to the extent that Defendant opposes the imposition of the requested costs of prosecution in whole or in part, the Defendant is directed to file a response to the United States' Bill of Costs by **May 28**,


¹ The United States' Bill of Costs was filed on April 22, 2008 and the District Judge referred the matter to the undersigned on April 25, 2008. Accordingly, a response was due by May 9, 2008 to the motion or at the latest on May 12, 2008 from the date of reference.

² United States v. Palmer, 809 F.2d 1504, 1506 (11th Cir. 1987).

2008. Failure to file a response will result in a recommendation to the District Judge that the costs requested by the United States be assessed against the Defendant.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DONE AND ORDERED in Ocala, Florida, on May 20, 2008.



GARY R. JONES
United States Magistrate Judge

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