

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
WESTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	Case No. 11-00223-04-CR-W-ODS
)	
BILLY RAY HALL,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

ORDER

On March 6, 2012, a Show Cause Hearing was held regarding a bond violation report prepared as a result of defendant's failure to appear for a court proceeding on February 7, 2012. A warrant was issued based upon the defendant's failure to appear. During the March 6, 2012, Show Cause Hearing, a letter from Dr. Alan D. Prince, a neurologist, was discussed. Following a January 3, 2012, medical appointment, Dr. Prince wrote that an MRI scan of the defendant's brain showed "small vessel ischemic changes with atrophy." Dr. Prince further stated that he suspects the defendant may be suffering from Alzheimer's disease. At the conclusion of the Show Cause Hearing, the Court took the issue of whether defendant's bond should be revoked under advisement.

The Court is concerned about the defendant's ability to follow directions and has concluded that, on the basis of the present record, the defendant's bond should be revoked pending further investigation of the defendant's medical condition.

On March 13, 2012, the Court issued an order directing that the defendant undergo a psychiatric examination, to be conducted locally, to determine whether the defendant is presently suffering from a mental disease or defect. The issue of whether defendant should be released on bond is subject to reconsideration once the examination and report have been complete.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

/s/ Sarah W. Hays
SARAH W. HAYS
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE