

**No. 11-5028**

**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT**

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

*Plaintiff-Appellant,*

v.

JEFFREY ALEXANDER STERLING,

*Defendant-Appellee,*

and

JAMES RISEN,

*Intervenor-Appellee.*

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On Appeal From The United States District Court For The  
Eastern District of Virginia (Brinkema, J.)

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**MOTION TO WITHDRAW APPEARANCE OF COUNSEL**

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Pursuant to Fourth Circuit Local Rule 46(c), the United States respectfully requests that this Court withdraw the appearance of William M. Welch II as counsel for the government in this matter. Mr. Welch is leaving the Department of Justice for a job in the private sector. Mr. Welch is not the counsel of record in this matter, and thus his withdrawal will not require substitution of another attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on April 16, 2012, I filed the foregoing Motion to Withdraw Appearance of Counsel with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system, which will send a Notice of Electronic Filing to the following registered users:

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