

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI
WESTERN DIVISION**

**STATE FARM FIRE AND CASUALTY
COMPANY and STATE FARM MUTUAL
AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE COMPANY**

PLAINTIFFS

V.

NO. 3:08MC6-M

**JIM HOOD, IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY
AS ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE STATE OF
MISSISSIPPI**

DEFENDANT

- CONSOLIDATED WITH -

**STATE FARM FIRE AND CASUALTY
COMPANY and STATE FARM MUTUAL
AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE COMPANY**

PLAINTIFFS

V.

NO. 3:08MC7-M

**JIM HOOD, IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY
AS ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE STATE OF
MISSISSIPPI**

DEFENDANT

Alias Proceeding To:

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI
HATTIESBURG DIVISION**

**STATE FARM FIRE AND CASUALTY
COMPANY and STATE FARM MUTUAL
AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE COMPANY**

PLAINTIFFS

V.

NO. 2:07CV188-DCB-MTP

**JIM HOOD, IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY
AS ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE STATE OF
MISSISSIPPI**

DEFENDANT

ORDER

This cause comes before the court on the separate motions of State Farm and Richard F. Scruggs, alternately seeking to compel and quash Scruggs's deposition. This deposition is presently scheduled to be held in Oxford at 9 a.m. on Friday, February 1, 2008. On January 30, 2008, State Farm and Scruggs filed the aforementioned motions before this court, which have been docketed under civil action numbers 3:08mc6 and 3:08mc7. These actions will be consolidated in the interests of judicial economy. The court was first provided with copies of the parties' lengthy motions at approximately 10 a.m. on Thursday, January 31, a date on which this court had previously scheduled numerous criminal pleas and sentencings. The court's analysis of these issues has accordingly been severely limited by time constraints, and it is necessary to schedule a hearing on this matter for Friday, February 1, 2008 at 2 p.m.¹ It will, of course, also be necessary for this court to postpone Scruggs's deposition scheduled for Friday morning, subject to rescheduling at a later date.

In light of the foregoing, it is ordered that

1. Scruggs's deposition is postponed until a date to be determined later;
2. A hearing in this matter is set for 2 p.m. on Friday, February 1, 2008; and
3. The motions filed in this court under civil action numbers 3:08mc6 and 3:08mc7 are hereby consolidated.

SO ORDERED this 31st day of January, 2008.

/s/ MICHAEL P. MILLS
CHIEF JUDGE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI

¹It appears that all parties are in agreement that a hearing on this matter is advisable.