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V.

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Defendants - Appellants,

And

JEFFREY F. ALLEN,

Movant - Appellant.

No. 08-50343 D.C. No. 2:08-cr-00059-GW Central District of California, Los Angeles

MANDATE



The judgment of this Court, entered 1/23/09, takes effect this date.

This constitutes the formal mandate of this Court issued pursuant to Rule 41(a) of the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure.

FOR THE COURT:

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> By: Synitha Walker Deputy Clerk

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MEMORANDUM*

Appeal from the United States District Court for the Central District of California Dale S. Fischer, District Judge, Presiding

Argued and Submitted January 15, 2009 Pasadena, California

Before: TROTT, KLEINFELD and FISHER, Circuit Judges.

^{*}This disposition is not appropriate for publication and is not precedent except as provided by 9th Cir. R. 36-3.

Defendant-appellants Gerald and Patricia Green and movant-appellant

Jeffrey F. Allen, an attorney, appeal the district court's crime-fraud determination
and denial of appellants' motion for a protective order regarding Allen's
subpoenaed testimony before the grand jury concerning certain aspects of a
confidential joint defense meeting. The district court's orders are "equivalent to a
denial of a motion to quash [a] subpoena[] compelling disclosure of privileged
information," *United States v. Amlani*, 169 F.3d 1189, 1192 (9th Cir. 1999), and
effectively require Allen to testify about communications that would otherwise be
subject to the attorney-client privilege. *See Cont'l Oil Co v. United States*, 330

F.2d 347, 350 (9th Cir. 1964) (recognizing the joint-defense privilege over
communications made among potential codefendants and their counsel). We
dismiss this appeal for lack of subject matter jurisdiction.

We lack jurisdiction over an appeal from a denied motion to quash a subpoena when the subpoenaed party, like Allen, has not disobeyed the subpoena served on him, nor submitted to a contempt citation. See United States v. Ryan, 402 U.S. 530, 532-33 (1971). We reject appellants' argument that Allen is a third party the Greens are powerless to control, giving us jurisdiction under the Perlman exception. See In re Grand Jury Subpoena Dated Dec. 10, 1987, 926 F.2d 847, 853 (9th Cir. 1991) (holding that the Perlman exception is "more difficult to apply

when the third party is an attorney with an ongoing relationship" with the investigation target); cf. Perlman v. United States, 247 U.S. 7 (1918). The Perlman exception does not apply because the Greens are not "powerless" to control Allen, who is corporate counsel for businesses they own and operate. See In re Grand Jury Subpoena Issued to Bailin, 51 F.3d 203, 206 (9th Cir. 1995). Moreover, Allen "is necessarily a party to the relationship upon which [the] entire claim of privilege is based. It is in precisely in these circumstances that a third party can be expected to risk contempt in order to protect the privileged relationship." Id.

Even if we had jurisdiction, we would conclude that the district court did not err here, because the government's evidence – which the district court had discretion to view in camera, see In re Grand Jury Proceedings (Doe), 867 F.2d 539, 540 (9th Cir. 1989), and which we have reviewed in camera on this appeal – provides reasonable cause to believe that Gerald Green used Allen's services to further a crime or fraud. See United States v. Chen, 99 F.3d 1495, 1503 (9th Cir. 1996).

The government's motion to expedite decision, filed November 21, 2008, is **GRANTED** and mandate shall issue immediately.

DISMISSED.