IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

CR 06-538 JH

MARY HELEN QUAINTANCE,

Defendant.

ORDER

THIS MATTER is before the Court upon Mario Esparza's Motion to Withdraw and Incorporated Request For Telephonic Hearing [241], filed May 14, 2007. The Court notes that trial in this matter is set for June 18, 2007.

The Court, having reviewed the motion and having heard from defendant and counsel at a hearing on May 17, 2007, finds that the trust and communication between Mr. Esparza and Ms. Quaintance necessary for an effective attorney-client relationship has broken down; that Ms. Quaintance has come to question Mr. Esparza's loyalty to her interests; and that Mr. Esparza and Ms. Quaintance do not agree on the best manner in which to conduct the defense of the case. Accordingly, the Court concludes that good cause exists to permit Mr. Esparza to withdraw from the attorney-client relationship.

WHEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED that Mario Esparza's Motion to Withdraw and Incorporated Request For Telephonic Hearing [241], filed May 14, 2007 is granted.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that attorney Mario Esparza is hereby allowed to withdraw as legal counsel for the Defendant.

FINALLY, IT IS ORDERED that the Clerk's office appoint a new attorney from the Criminal Justice Act panel to represent the Defendant.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE