

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
PANAMA CITY DIVISION**

**In Re SLEP-TONE ENTERTAINMENT CORP.
consolidated cases,**

CASE NO. 5:11-cv-32/RS-CJK

ORDER

Before me are the communications from Defendant Robert Paynter, Sr. (Docs. 102 & 107) and Plaintiff's Responses (Doc. 104 & 111).

Because pro se litigants are granted leeway with their pleadings, *Dean v. Barber*, 951 F.2d 1210, 1213 (11th Cir. 1992), and because there is a strong policy of determining cases on their merits, and courts view defaults with disfavor, *United States v. Varmado*, 342 Fed. Appx. 437 (11th Cir. 2009) (unpublished), Defendant Robert Paynter's Motion to Set Aside Default (Doc. 102) is **GRANTED**.

IT IS ORDERED:

1. The Default and Default Judgment against Defendant Robert Paynter, Sr. are set aside.
2. Because Defendant Robert Paynter, Sr. is unquestionably aware of the suit against him, service has now been effected. Defendant shall answer or otherwise respond within 21 days--not later than February 3, 2012. **No extensions will be granted.**
3. The clerk shall attach a copy of the complaint to this Order.

ORDERED on January 12, 2012.

/S/ Richard Smoak
RICHARD SMOAK
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE