

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA (RENO)

IN RE: . Case No. 26-50278-hlb
. Chapter 7
CARTWHEEL ROBOTICS INC., .
. 300 Booth Street
. Reno, NV 89509
Debtor. .
. Tuesday, May 12, 2026
. 1:57 p.m.

TRANSCRIPT OF STATUS HEARING RE: DOC# 1 CHAPTER 7 INVOLUNTARY
PETITION NON-INDIVIDUAL. FEE AMOUNT 338. RE: CARTWHEEL ROBOTICS
INC. FILED BY PETITIONING CREDITOR(S): RSF ROBOTICS I, A SERIES
OF RSF MASTER LLC (ATTORNEY SALLIE B. ARMSTRONG), WONG FAMILY
REVOCABLE TRUST (ATTORNEY SALLIE B. ARMSTRONG), NEVADA BATTLE
BORN GROWTH ESCALATOR, INC. (ATTORNEY SALLIE B. ARMSTRONG)
BEFORE THE HONORABLE HILARY L. BARNES
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT JUDGE

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1 (Proceedings commence at 1:57 p.m.)

2 THE COURT: -- Cartwheel Robotics Inc., 26-50278.

3 This is a status hearing on the bankruptcy case. Appearances
4 for the trustee, please.

5 MR. HOUMAND: Good afternoon, Your Honor. Jacob
6 Houmand, appearing on behalf of the Chapter 7 trustee.

7 THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Houmand. Is Mr. Sims on
8 the line?

9 MR. SIMS: Good afternoon, Your Honor. This is Brad
10 Sims. Indeed, I am on the line.

11 THE COURT: Thank you. And for the petitioning
12 creditors?

13 MS. ARMSTRONG: Yes. Good afternoon, Your Honor.
14 Sally Armstrong on behalf of the petitioning creditors.

15 THE COURT: Thank you. And Mr. LaValley, are you
16 here?

17 MR. LAVALLEY: I am, Your Honor. Thank you.

18 THE COURT: Thank you. Is there anybody else who
19 would like to make an appearance in the Cartwheel Robotics
20 case?

21 Okay. This hearing is set as a matter of procedure
22 in all involuntary cases. And oftentimes cases move faster
23 than a scheduling or, I'm sorry, a status hearing at this point
24 in the case.

25 So I've read your status report, Mr. Houmand, which I



1 appreciate.

2 And, Mr. LaValley, I read your declaration as well.

3 So I have both of those under my belt. Does anybody
4 want to put anything else on the record? Is something else
5 going on that the Court should be aware of?

6 MR. HOUMAND: Jacob Houmand on behalf of the trustee,
7 Your Honor. I think the status report at this point covers the
8 efforts by the trustee. As mentioned in there, we have several
9 subpoenas that -- one has been served, at least on Bank of
10 America, and we are attempting to get service on 6127 Reno
11 Highway LLC and Autonomous Ops, LLC. And once we have those
12 documents responsible for those subpoenas, as well as the
13 opportunity to examine the debtors representative, we should
14 have more information regarding some of the concerns that we
15 have in the case.

16 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you. Ms. Armstrong?

17 MS. ARMSTRONG: Your Honor, we very much appreciate
18 Mr. Sims and Mr. Houmand having stepped this so quickly and
19 having acted so quickly. Mr. LaValley, I believe, with the
20 help of extensive AI, has filed what he called a sworn
21 declaration.

22 He also filed this warning, Your Honor, a very
23 extensive, I don't know if the Court has seen this --

24 THE COURT: I have not.

25 MS. ARMSTRONG: -- motion of secured -- yeah, it's



1 a -- he calls himself a secured creditor, even though he
2 advised the Court at the first hearing that all the assets had
3 been foreclosed on by Autonomous Ops.

4 It's a motion of secured creditor, Scott LaValley,
5 for production of documents pursuant to Federal Rule of
6 Bankruptcy Procedure 2004. There are numerous -- it is a 30-
7 page document. There are numerous issues with it. So I don't
8 know if the Court would like to set that for hearing today in
9 connection with another hearing in this case or if it would
10 just like Mr. LaValley to work through the issues that are
11 necessary to set that since he's not represented by counsel
12 either in his personal capacity or in his capacity as
13 representative of the debtor.

14 THE COURT: So you're referring to the motion for
15 2004 exam at Docket Entry 63? I just pulled up the docket.

16 MS. ARMSTRONG: Yes, Your Honor. That was filed this
17 morning.

18 THE COURT: Okay. I have not yet had an opportunity
19 to look at it and I think that -- who is the subject of the
20 2004 exam?

21 MS. ARMSTRONG: Your Honor, it's -- and I don't mean
22 to be flippant. It is directed to my clients, but it is
23 directed to others that were not petitioning creditors. It is
24 addressed to individuals I have never heard of.

25 But it is addressed in my -- to my clients in



1 addition to those others. And it is a request for production
2 of documents. It's not for deposition testimony or oral
3 testimony at this time.

4 So I just, I think there are numerous issues we'll
5 need to work through in connection with that at the appropriate
6 time.

7 THE COURT: Okay. Without having the benefit of
8 actually reviewing it, I don't think it's appropriate at this
9 point to set a hearing on it. I think something needs to --
10 well, at this point I'm not going to enter an order setting a
11 2004 exam without taking a look at it and seeing what -- what's
12 what. But I thank you for bringing it to my attention --

13 MS. ARMSTRONG: Yes.

14 THE COURT: -- Ms. Armstrong.

15 MS. ARMSTRONG: Thank you --

16 THE COURT: If you need to --

17 MS. ARMSTRONG: -- Your Honor.

18 THE COURT: If you need to work these out -- these
19 things out with Mr. LaValley, or LaValley, I'm so sorry that I
20 keep mispronouncing your name, Mr. LaValley.

21 MR. LAVALLEY: That's okay.

22 THE COURT: You know, that line of communication
23 should probably be open.

24 So, Mr. LaValley, you're now asserting that you're a
25 secured creditor. Is that correct?



1 MR. LAVALLEY: That's correct, Your Honor. I had a
2 loan to the company of \$25,000 that was also secured.

3 THE COURT: Okay. And what was it secured in?

4 MR. LAVALLEY: Through a UCC filing with Delaware.

5 THE COURT: Okay. And the first time we spoke, you
6 said that Autonomous Ops was the secured creditor and they had
7 three UCCs filed in Delaware and that was the basis of the
8 transfer of all the assets in the company over to Autonomous
9 Ops, which means -- which would mean, you know, if that
10 satisfied the lien, there wouldn't be anything else for another
11 secured --

12 MR. LAVALLEY: Your Honor --

13 THE COURT: -- creditor because there are no other
14 assets. Is that what you're -- is that --

15 MR. LAVALLEY: No, Your Honor. There were three
16 secured creditors: Samantha Conway, myself, and the landlord
17 of Autonomous Ops.

18 THE COURT: Okay. And Samantha Conway is your sister
19 and Autonomous Ops is owned by your father?

20 MR. LAVALLEY: That's correct.

21 THE COURT: Okay. Okay. Well, it seems that there
22 are some things to be sorted out in connection with this
23 secured claim.

24 Mr. Sims or Mr. Houmand, is there anything you want
25 to add?



1 MR. HOUMAND: Jacob Hohman, on behalf of the trustee,
2 not at this point, Your Honor. I think what we can do is we
3 can work with Mr. LaValley to address some of our concerns and
4 we do have a subpoena out to Autonomous Ops. I can also
5 foresee that we're going to also be serving a subpoena on
6 Ms. Conway as well. So I think we can direct some of those
7 discussions to Mr. LaValley. And if we need further relief
8 from the Court, we can definitely come before Your Honor.

9 THE COURT: Okay. I think given that this is a
10 status hearing and all of this is kind of happening in real
11 time right now, I would probably defer to the parties who have
12 boots on the ground in terms of what should happen next. And I
13 think having the 341 meeting will also help and the return of
14 the documents to the subpoena will also shed some light here.

15 So, Mr. LaValley, is there anything else you want to
16 add?

17 MR. LAVALLEY: No, Your Honor. Thank you.

18 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you. And with that, I'll
19 wait for the next thing that's going to happen between the
20 parties. If there is an issue with the 2004 motion that I see,
21 I'll call the parties back and set a hearing. Thank you.

22 MS. ARMSTRONG: Thank you, Your Honor.

23 MR. HOUMAND: Thank you, Your Honor.

24 THE COURT: Thank you.

25 (Proceedings concluded at 2:34 p.m.)



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