

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN**

In re:

STEVEN JON WILCOX,

Debtor.

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Case No. HT 13-06474  
Chapter 7

**ORDER DENYING RECONSIDERATION MOTION**

PRESENT: HONORABLE SCOTT W. DALES  
Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge

In a Memorandum of Decision and Order dated May 28, 2014 (the “MDO,” DN 85), the court held the Michigan Department of Corrections in contempt of the discharge entered in this case. Evidently not satisfied with the court’s decision, *pro se* debtor Steven Wilcox (the “Debtor”) filed Debtor’s Motion for Reconsideration (the “Motion,” DN 88), asking the court “to reconsider the fact that the Debtor filed an Amended Schedule C . . . which included the debt incurred on 8/16/13 to 10/02/13 that the MDOC collected on 04/14/14 and 04/23/014 respectively.” *See* Motion at ¶ 2.

The court has carefully considered the Motion and has determined that it may dispose of it without oral argument and without putting the State of Michigan to the expense of responding.

First, the Motion does not raise any of the limited grounds for reconsideration of the MDO. As the court has previously stated:

Judicial decision-making is not an endless conversation between the court and the parties, but rather an exercise designed to balance the parties’ right to a correct decision against their right to a prompt one. For this and other reasons, reconsideration is available only in limited circumstances: (1) where there is a clear error of law; (2) in cases involving newly-discovered evidence which could not have been discovered prior to entry of the order under review; (3) in cases involving changes in controlling law; and (4) to prevent manifest injustice.

*Frontier Energy, LLC v. Aurora Energy, Ltd. (In re Aurora Oil & Gas Corp.)*, 439 B.R. 674, 681-82 (Bankr. W.D. Mich. 2010) (citations omitted). The Motion reveals no clear error, no newly-discovered evidence, no changes in controlling law, and certainly no injustice, manifest or otherwise.

Second, the Motion itself identifies debts incurred after the August 14, 2013 petition date, bringing them outside the scope of the Debtor's discharge. The fact that Debtor may have incurred the debts in connection with prepetition property included on Amended Schedule C does not bring them within the scope of 11 U.S.C. § 727 if, as the Motion itself states, he "incurred" the debts postpetition.

For these reasons, the court will deny the Motion.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Motion (DN 88) is DENIED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk shall serve a copy of this Order pursuant to Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9022 and LBR 5005-4 upon the United States Trustee, the Michigan Department of Corrections, and Clifton Benjamin Schneider, Esq.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk shall serve a copy of this Order by first-class United States mail upon the above-named Debtor at the addresses indicated below:

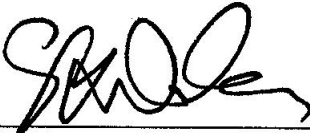
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END OF ORDER

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Dated June 6, 2014



  
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Scott W. Dales  
United States Bankruptcy Judge