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6	IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
7	FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA
8	In re: ) Chapter 11
9	JOHN WINSTON STONE and SHIRLEY ) No. 2-05-bk-13837-JMM
10	DURDEN STONE, ) ) MEMORANDUM DECISION
11	Debtors )
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13	Before this court is a motion to reopen the administrative case filed by Debtors John W.
14	Stone and Shirley D. Stone.
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16	FACTS
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18	On January 26, 2006, the above-captioned Debtors filed an adversary proceeding in this
19 20	court, as an ancillary action to a prior chapter 11 case commenced by them, but now dismissed. <sup>1</sup>
20	The chapter 11 case had been voluntarily filed on August 2, 2005. However, the Debtors
21	failed to appear for their required 11 U.S.C. § 341 meeting, <sup>2</sup> and failed to pay the balance of their filing
22	fee. <sup>3</sup>
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24	<sup>1</sup> Adversary No. 2-06-ap-00130-JMM
25 26	<sup>2</sup> Dkt. #43.
20	<sup>3</sup> Dkts. #4 and #7.
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1 Additionally, the Debtors themselves moved to dismiss their chapter 11 case, by motion 2 filed on August 30, 2005 (Dkt. #35). 3 In the meantime, creditor Kent C. Harding filed a motion for stay relief (Dkt. #14), and 4 served a notice upon the Debtors, advising them of a hearing on said motion on August 31, 2005 5 (Dkt. #25). 6 On August 30, 2005, the Debtors filed their motion to dismiss. They also noted that they 7 would not appear at the August 31, 2005 stay hearing (Dkt. #35). The Debtors did not contest stay relief 8 on the merits, and essentially defaulted. 9 At the hearing on August 31, 2005, the court (1) granted the motion for stay relief 10 (Dkts. #34 and 38), and (2) granted the Debtors' motion to dismiss the chapter 11 case (Dkt. 48). Neither 11 order was appealed within the ten days required by FED. R. BANKR. P. 8002. Such orders are final. 12 On February 14, 2006, the Debtors filed a pleading seeking to reopen the case. The 13 purpose of reopening was to enable them to prosecute a § 362(h) willful stay violation action. 14 15 **DISCUSSION** 16 17 On February 14, 2006, the Debtors filed a motion which this court interprets as a motion 18 to reopen their chapter 11 case. 19 Section 350(b) of the Bankruptcy Code authorizes a court to reopen a case for cause. 20 "Cause" is a discretionary standard which enables a court to reopen a case, among other things, "to accord 21 relief to the debtor ....." Here, the Debtors desire to reopen their chapter 11 case for the sole purpose of pursuing a creditor for "willfully violating the stay."<sup>4</sup> The record in the underlying chapter 11 case, 22 23 however, reflects that stay relief was granted to creditor Kent Harding before he completed his forfeiture 24 of Debtors' leasehold interest. 25 The motion also purports to describe other alleged an unrelated issues, many if not all of 26 which included claims in a recently dismissed federal court case, No. CV 05-2626 PHX DCB.

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1	Moreover, the Debtors have not offered to pay the balance of their chapter 11 filing fee.
2	Nor have they, in any way, explained their disregard of their duty to appear for the § 341 hearing in the
3	case. Nor do they explain why, instead of responding to creditor Harding's stay relief motion on the
4	merits, they instead announced that they would not appear at the hearing scheduled on the stay relief
5	motion, and instead moved toand were granteddismissal of their chapter 11 case. Nor do Debtors
6	propose to file a chapter 11 plan.
7	The Debtors long ago had their opportunity to present any meritorious defense or claim
8	which they might have, but instead of doing so at the time, they now seek only to collaterally attack final
9	orders which were entered months ago, and even contest District Court Judges Bury and McNamee's
10	orders and judgments.
11	Such tactics abuse and pervert the legal system, and will not be condoned.
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13	RULING
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15	Accordingly, a separate order will be entered which DENIES the Debtors' motion to
16	reopen. This court will not entertain further motions form the Debtors. Any further dispute with this
17	court's orders must be by appeal. FED. R. BANKR. P. 8002.
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19	DATED: February 22, 2006.
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21	JAMES M. MARLAR
22	UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE
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