MELINDA HAAG (CABN 132612) 1 United States Attorney 2 MIRANDA KANE (CABN 150630) Chief, Criminal Division 3 ARVON J. PERTEET (CABN 242828) 4 Assistant United States Attorney 5 450 Golden Gate Avenue, 11th Floor E-filing San Francisco, CA 94102 Telephone: 415.436.7200 6 Facsimile: 415.436.7234 7 Email: arvon.perteet@usdoj.gov 8 Attorneys for United States of America 9 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 10 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 11 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION 12 12 35 13 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, 14 Plaintiff, COMPLAINT FOR FORFE 15 16 REAL PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED AT 2106 17 RINGWOOD AVENUE, SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA, 18 Defendant. 19 20 21 In this in rem forfeiture action, the United States alleges: 22 JURISDICTION AND VENUE 23 This in rem forfeiture action is brought pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, 1. 24 Section 881(a)(7). 25 This Court has jurisdiction under Title 28, United States Code, Sections 1345 and 2. 26 1355. 27 28

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#### **FACTS**

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which was used or intended to be used, to commit or facilitate the commission of the distribution, cultivation and possession with the intent to distribute and cultivate marijuana.

- 21. With respect to the defendant real property, the United States has not seized said property. Rather, the United States will, as provided in Title 18, United States Code, Sections 985(b)(1) and (c)(1):
  - a. Post notice of this action and a copy of this Complaint for Forfeiture at the defendant real property;
  - b. Serve notice of this action together with a copy of the Complaint for Forfeiture and related documents, on the owners of record of the defendant real property; and
  - c. Record a *lis pendens* in the county records to demonstrate the status of the defendant real property in this *in rem* action.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff United States of America requests that due process issue to enforce the forfeiture of the defendant real property; that notice be given to all interested parties to appear and show cause why forfeiture should not be decreed; that the Court enter judgment for forfeiture of the defendant real property to the United States; and that the United States be awarded such other relief as may be proper and just.

Respectfully submitted,

MELINDA HAAG United States Attorney

Dated: 4/6/2012

ARVON J. PERTEET
Assistant United States Attorney

Complaint for Forfeiture No. 12-

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#### VERIFICATION

I, DAVID WHITE, state as follows:

No. 12-

I am a Special Agent with the United States Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration. As the agent assigned to this case I am familiar with the facts and investigation leading to the filing of this Complaint for Forfeiture.

I have read the Complaint, and based upon my personal knowledge, discussions with persons involved in the investigation and my review of relevant investigative reports and other documentation, I believe the allegations contained in it to be true.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Executed this 6 day of July, 2012 in San Francisco, California.

Special Agent

Drug Enforcement Administration

#### ATTACHMENT A

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Complaint for Forfeiture No. 12-

#### **LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

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NTERNATIONAL BUSINESS PARK, WHICH MAP WAS FILED FOR RECORD ON
JANUARY 28, 1977 IN BOOK 388 OF MAPS, AT PAGES 16 THROUGH 27, SANTA
CLARA COUNTY RECORDS AND AS CORRECTED BY THAT CERTAIN
CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION RECORDED APRIL 13, 1978 IN BOOK 6592 PAGE 728
OF OFFICIAL RECORDS.

EXCEPTING FROM THE PROPERTY HEREBY CONVEYED THAT PORTION THEREOF LYING BELOW A DEPTH OF 500 FEET, MEASURED VERTICALLY, FROM THE CONTOUR OF THE SURFACE OF SAID PROPERTY; HOWEVER, GRANTOR OR ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS SHALL NOT HAVE THE RIGHT FOR ANY PURPOSES WHATSOEVER TO ENTER UPON, INTO OR THROUGH THE SURFACE OF SAID PROPERTY OR ANY PART THEREOF LYING BETWEEN SAID SURFACE AND 500 FEET BELOW SAID SURFACE, AS SET FORTH IN THE DEED FROM SOUTHERN PACIFIC INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY TO B.K.B ASSOCIATES RECORDED MAY 22, 1979 BOOK E510 PAGE 86.

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claimant must serve and file an answer to the complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure within 20 days after filing the claim.

An agent, bailee or attorney must state the authority to file a statement of interest or right against the property on behalf of another.

Statements of interest and answers should be filed with the Office of the Clerk, United States District Court for the Northern District of California, 450 Golden Gate Avenue, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor, San Francisco, California 94102, and copies should be served on Arvon J. Perteet, Assistant United States Attorney, 450 Golden Gate Avenue, 11<sup>th</sup> floor, San Francisco, California 94102.

Respectfully submitted,

MELINDA HAAG United States Attorney

ARVON J. PERITEET
Assistant United States Attorney

Notice of Forfeiture Action CV 12-

## E-filing

### Case Management Standing Order Magistrate Judge Maria-Elena James

San Francisco, Courtroom B, 15th Floor Rose Maher, Courtroom Deputy (415) 522-4708



- 1. Civil Law & Motion is heard on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. Parties may reserve any hearing date for civil matters after confirming Magistrate Judge James' availability on the district court web site, www.cand.uscourts.gov. Motions are governed by the Civil Local Rules and the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Motions for summary judgment shall be accompanied by a joint statement of undisputed facts in compliance with Civil L.R. 56-2(b).
- 2. Criminal matters must be scheduled with the courtroom deputy, Rose Maher. Motions are governed by the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure and the Criminal Local Rules.
- 3. Discovery disputes are governed by Magistrate Judge James' Discovery Standing Order, which is available on the Court's website and at the Clerk's Office.
- 4. Counsel shall meet and confer prior to the Case Management Conference and file a Joint Case Management Conference Statement no later than seven days prior to the conference. The statement shall address the information contained in the Standing Order for All Judges of the Northern District of California, which is available on the Court's website and at the Clerk's Office.
- 5. At least seven days prior to the c.m.c., each party shall file the magistrate jurisdiction consent/declination form, enclosed herewith and available on the Court's website. In the event that any defendant(s) files a motion to dismiss, defendant(s) shall file the consent/request form at the time the motion is filed and plaintiff(s) shall file the consent/declination form fourteen days thereafter, at the time the opposition is due.
- 6. In all "E-Filing" cases, in addition to filing papers electronically, the parties shall lodge with chambers a printed copy of the papers. These printed copies shall be marked "Chambers Copy" and shall be submitted to the Clerk's Office in an envelope clearly marked "Magistrate Judge Maria-Elena James" and include the case number. ALL CHAMBERS COPIES OF ELECTRONICALLY FILED DOCUMENTS MUST INCLUDE ON EACH PAGE THE RUNNING HEADER CREATED BY THE ECF SYSTEM. ELECTRONICALLY FILED DOCUMENTS MUST BE CITED IN ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS AS FOLLOWS: DKT#\_AT\_.

Dated: July 2, 2012

Maria-Elena James
United States Magistrate Judge

#### Magistrate Judge Maria-Elena James Courtroom B, 15th Floor

Rose Maher, Courtroom Deputy (415) 522-4708

## STANDING ORDER Discovery & Dispute Procedures

This standing order informs all parties of the procedures for cases assigned to Magistrate Judge Maria-Elena James for trial or referred for purposes of discovery. This Order is intended to address all case-related discovery, including that which involves non-parties, and therefore applies whether or not an individual or entity is named in the complaint. Failure to abide by this Standing Order may result in the imposition of sanctions pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16(f) and Civil Local Rule 37-3.

- 1. Parties shall propound disclosures and discovery in accordance with Federal Rules of Civil/Criminal Procedure and the corresponding Civil/Criminal Local Rules for the Northern District of California. A copy of the Local Rules is available at the Clerk's Office and at the Court's Web site www.cand.uscourts.gov. No exceptions to the limitations established in the Federal and Local Rules shall be permitted except pursuant to stipulation of the parties or order of the Court.
- 2. <u>No motions to compel shall be considered.</u> Instead, the parties must meet and confer <u>in person</u> for the purpose of resolving all disputes. If unable to resolve any disputes, the parties shall draft and file a jointly-signed letter that contains the following:
  - (a) A cover page with the case caption, an attestation that the parties met and conferred in person prior to filing the letter, and the signature of both parties or counsel;
  - (b) A joint section setting forth the unresolved dispute and any pertinent factual background; and
  - (c) Each party's position, including relevant legal authority.

The joint letter shall be limited to five pages, excluding the cover page, and may not be accompanied by exhibits or affidavits other than exact copies of interrogatories, requests for production of documents and/or responses, privilege logs, and relevant deposition testimony. The parties need not state all disputes in one letter; rather, it is preferable that the parties file a separate letter for each dispute.

3. In the event that the parties are unable to meet and confer as directed above, or a moving party is unable to obtain the opposing party's portion of a joint letter after the meet and confer session, the moving party shall file a written request for a telephonic conference for the purpose of enforcing the Court's meet and confer requirement, or for the Court to fashion an alternative procedure. The written request shall include a declaration which

states any attempt to meet and confer and/or obtain the joint letter, the reasons for the inability to comply with the standing order, and (if possible) three dates and times at which all parties are available for a telephonic conference. The moving party may attach exhibits to the declaration, but the declaration and exhibits combined may not exceed seven pages. The Court will not excuse a party from the requisite in-person meeting unless good cause is shown.

- In the event that the parties are participating in a deposition or a site inspection and a 4. dispute arises, the parties may contact the courtroom deputy, Rose Maher, to inquire whether Magistrate Judge James is available to address the dispute telephonically. In the event she is unavailable, the parties shall follow the procedures for requesting a telephonic conference as set forth in paragraph 3 above. In such a case, the deposition or site inspection shall proceed with objections noted for the record.
- No motion for sanctions may be filed until after the moving party has complied with the 5. requirements of paragraphs 2 and 3 above. Motions for sanctions shall be filed separately, pursuant to Federal Rule 37 and Civil Local Rules 7 and 37-3.
- The parties shall comply with Civil Local Rule 6 regarding any requests to change time. 6.
- Pursuant to Civil Local Rule 11-4(c), with the exception of communication with the 7. courtroom deputy regarding scheduling, no party may contact the Court ex parte without prior notice to the opposing party. All communications or questions to the Court shall be presented in writing, properly filed, and include a certification that all parties were served.
- In all "E-Filing" cases, in addition to filing papers electronically, the parties shall lodge 8. with chambers a printed copy of the papers. These printed copies shall be marked "Chambers Copy" and submitted to the Clerk's Office in an envelope marked with "Magistrate Judge Maria-Elena James - Chambers Copy" and the case name and number.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: July 2, 2012

United States Magistrate Judge

# STANDING ORDER FOR ALL JUDGES OF THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

#### CONTENTS OF JOINT CASE MANAGEMENT STATEMENT

Commencing July 1, 2011, all judges of the Northern District of California will require the identical information in Joint Case Management Statements filed pursuant to Civil Local Rule 16-9. The parties must include the following information in their statement which, except in unusually complex cases, should not exceed ten pages:

- <u>Jurisdiction and Service</u>: The basis for the court's subject matter jurisdiction over plaintiff's claims and defendant's counterclaims, whether any issues exist regarding personal jurisdiction or venue, whether any parties remain to be served, and, if any parties remain to be served, a proposed deadline for service.
- 2. <u>Facts</u>: A brief chronology of the facts and a statement of the principal factual issues in dispute.
- 3. <u>Legal Issues</u>: A brief statement, without extended legal argument, of the disputed points of law, including reference to specific statutes and decisions.
- 4. <u>Motions</u>: All prior and pending motions, their current status, and any anticipated motions.
- 5. <u>Amendment of Pleadings</u>: The extent to which parties, claims, or defenses are expected to be added or dismissed and a proposed deadline for amending the pleadings.
- 6. <u>Evidence Preservation</u>: Steps taken to preserve evidence relevant to the issue reasonably evident in this action, including interdiction of any document-destruction program and any ongoing erasures of e-mails, voice mails, and other electronically recorded material.
- 7. <u>Disclosures</u>: Whether there has been full and timely compliance with the initial disclosure requirements of Fed. R. Civ. P. 26 and a description of the disclosures made.
- 8. <u>Discovery</u>: Discovery taken to date, if any, the scope of anticipated discovery, any proposed limitations or modifications of the discovery rules, and a proposed discovery plan pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f).
- 9. <u>Class Actions</u>: If a class action, a proposal for how and when the class will be certified.
- 10. <u>Related Cases</u>: Any related cases or proceedings pending before another judge of this court, or before another court or administrative body.

- 11. Relief: All relief sought through complaint or counterclaim, including the amount of any damages sought and a description of the bases on which damages are calculated. In addition, any party from whom damages are sought must describe the bases on which it contends damages should be calculated if liability is established.
- 12. <u>Settlement and ADR</u>: Prospects for settlement, ADR efforts to date, and a specific ADR plan for the case, including compliance with ADR L.R. 3-5 and a description of key discovery or motions necessary to position the parties to negotiate a resolution.
- 13. <u>Consent to Magistrate Judge For All Purposes</u>: Whether <u>all</u> parties will consent to have a magistrate judge conduct all further proceedings including trial and entry of judgment. \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No
- 14. Other References: Whether the case is suitable for reference to binding arbitration, a special master, or the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation.
- 15. <u>Narrowing of Issues</u>: Issues that can be narrowed by agreement or by motion, suggestions to expedite the presentation of evidence at trial (e.g., through summaries or stipulated facts), and any request to bifurcate issues, claims, or defenses.
- 16. Expedited Trial Procedure: Whether this is the type of case that can be handled under the Expedited Trial Procedure of General Order No. 64 Attachment A. If all parties agree, they shall instead of this Statement, file an executed Agreement for Expedited Trial and a Joint Expedited Case Management Statement, in accordance with General Order No. 64 Attachments B and D.
- 17. <u>Scheduling</u>: Proposed dates for designation of experts, discovery cutoff, hearing of dispositive motions, pretrial conference and trial.
- 18. <u>Trial</u>: Whether the case will be tried to a jury or to the court and the expected length of the trial.
- 19. <u>Disclosure of Non-party Interested Entities or Persons</u>: Whether each party has filed the "Certification of Interested Entities or Persons" required by Civil Local Rule 3-16. In addition, each party must restate in the case management statement the contents of its certification by identifying any persons, firms, partnerships, corporations (including parent corporations) or other entities known by the party to have either: (i) a financial interest in the subject matter in controversy or in a party to the proceeding; or (ii) any other kind of interest that could be substantially affected by the outcome of the proceeding.
- 20. Such other matters as may facilitate the just, speedy and inexpensive disposition of this matter.

# Notice Regarding Cameras in the Courtroom Pilot



On October 3, 2011, the Northern District of California will begin participating in the Cameras in the Courtroom Pilot Program ("Pilot Program") created by the Judicial Conference of the United States.

The Pilot Program allows for video recording of in-court proceedings in civil cases, upon the approval of the presiding judge and the consent of all parties. Subject to the approval of the presiding judge, the video recording will be posted on the U.S. Courts website for public viewing.

Only active and senior district judges are eligible to participate in the Pilot Program. Presently, the following judges have agreed to participate:

Chief Judge James Ware
Judge Thelton E. Henderson
Judge Maxine M. Chesney
Judge Claudia Wilken
Judge Susan Illston
Judge Charles R. Breyer
Judge Jeffrey S. White
Judge Lucy H. Koh
Judge Edward J. Davila
Judge Edward M. Chen

A request to record a proceeding before a participating judge may be submitted by the judge, any party to the case, or a member of the media. Procedures for submitting a request to record may be found at http://www.cand.uscourts.gov/cameras/procedures.

Further information about the Pilot Program may be found at www.cand.uscourts.gov/cameras, and http://www.uscourts.gov/Multimedia/cameras.aspx.

Questions regarding the Northern District's participation in the Pilot Program should be directed to Chief Deputy of Operations, Chris Wolpert at 415-522-2003 or Chris\_Wolpert@cand.uscourts.gov.

## U.S. District Court Northern California ECF Registration Information Handout

The case you are participating in has been designated for this court's Electronic Case Filing (ECF) Program, pursuant to Local Rule 5-4 and General Order 45. Follow the steps outlined below to begin e-filing:
Serve this ECF Registration Information Handout to all parties in the case along with the complaint or removal notice. DO NOT serve the e-filer application form, just this handout.
Each attorney representing a party must:
Register to become an e-filer by completing the application form. Follow the instructions carefully. If you are already registered in this district, your registration is valid for life on ECF case filings in this district. DO NOT register again.
Email (DO NOT E-FILE) the complaint or removal notice and all attachments, in PDF format, within ten (10) business days, following the instructions below. You do not need to wait for your ECF registration to be complete to email the court.
Access dockets and documents using your PACER (Public Access to Court Electronic Records) account. If your firm already has a PACER account, please use that account. It is not necessary to have individual PACER accounts for each user in your office.
PACER registration is free. To set up an account, visit: <a href="http://pacer.psc.uscourts.gov">http://pacer.psc.uscourts.gov</a> or call (800) 676-6856.
BY SIGNING AND SUBMITTING TO THE COURT A REQUEST FOR AN ECF USER ID AND PASSWORD, YOU CONSENT TO ENTRY OF YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS INTO THE COURT'S ELECTRONIC SERVICE REGISTRY FOR ELECTRONIC SERVICE ON YOU OF ALL E-FILED PAPERS, PURSUANT TO RULES 77 AND 5(b)(2)(d) OF THE FEDERAL RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE.
All subsequent papers submitted by attorneys in this case shall be filed electronically.
Unrepresented litigants must file and serve in paper form, unless prior leave to file electronically is obtained from the assigned judge.
ECF registration forms, interactive tutorials, and complete instructions for e-filing may be found on the ECF website: <a href="https://ecf.cand.uscourts.gov">https://ecf.cand.uscourts.gov</a> .

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11	NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
12	SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION
13	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ) No. CV 12-3566 MEJ
14	Plaintiff, )
15	NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF
16	) ACTION (LIS PENDENS)
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18	Defendant.
19	GONGOVERGE DUGDJEGG CENTED LLC
20	CONCOURSE BUSINESS CENTER, LLC,
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25	United States of America on July 9, 2012 to secure a judicial forfeiture of real property and
26	improvements located at 2106 Ringwood Avenue, San Jose, California (Assessors Parcel
27	Number 244-19-003 and 244-19-004), and further described in Exhibit B, which is attached
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In the Complaint, plaintiff alleges that the said real property is subject to forfeiture pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Sections 881(a)(7).

The owner of record to the said real property is Concourse Business Center, LLC, sole

Dated: 07/09/12

Respectfully submitted,

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Assistant United States Attorney

#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that she is an employee in the Office of the United States Attorney for the Northern District of California and is a person of such age and discretion to be competent to serve papers. The undersigned further certifies that she caused a copy of:

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION (LIS PENDENS)

to be served this date via certified mail delivery and first class mail delivery upon the person(s) below at the place(s) and address(es) which is/are the last known address(es):

James Anthony
San Jose Wellness
3542 Fruitvale Avenue, PMB 351
Oakland, CA 94602
Agent for Service of Process

Elizabeth E. Wright Concourse Business Center, LLC 14103-B Winchester Blvd Los Gatos, CA 95032 Agent for Service of Process

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Executed this 4th day of July, 2012, at San Francisco, California.

CAROLY Paralegal

Asset Forfeiture Unit

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- 12. Harborside purports to be the largest retailer of marijuana on the planet, serving in excess of 100,000 customers.
- 13. According to Harborside's website (www.Harborsidesanjose.com), its hours of operation are 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., seven days a week.
- 14. According to Harborside's website, it offers for sale marijuana in various forms including "Flowers'; "Concentrates" of marijuana; "Edible" marijuana; "Topicals" containing marijuana; and Marijuana "Seeds/Clones."
  - 15. Harborside is operating in violation of federal law.

## CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Forfeiture of property used to facilitate cultivation, sale or distribution of marijuana)

- 16. The United States incorporates by reference the allegations in paragraphs one through 15 as though fully set forth.
- 17. Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a) prohibits the manufacture, distribution, or dispensing, and possession with the intent to manufacture, distribute, or dispense a controlled substance, to wit: marijuana.
- 18. Title 21, United States Code, Section 856 makes it unlawful to rent, lease, profit from or make available for use, with or without compensation, a place for the purpose of unlawfully manufacturing, storing, distributing, or using a controlled substance, to wit: marijuana.
- 19. Title 21, United States Code, Section 881(a)(7) provides for the forfeiture of all real property, including any right, title, and interest, including but not limited to any ownership, lien holder, or leasehold interest, which is used or intended to be used, in any manner or part to commit, or facilitate the commission of any violation of Title 21, United States Code, Chapter 13, Subchapter I, to include sections 841 and 856.
- 20. In light of the foregoing, plaintiff alleges that the defendant real property is subject to forfeiture, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 881(a)(7), as property

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7 8	b. Serve notice of this action together with a copy of the Complaint for Forfeiture and related documents, on the owners of record of the defendant real property; and
9	c. Record a <i>lis pendens</i> in the county records to demonstrate the status of the defendant real property in this <i>in rem</i> action.
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11	WHEREFORE, plaintiff United States of America requests that due process issue to
12	enforce the forfeiture of the defendant real property; that notice be given to all interested parties
13	to appear and show cause why forfeiture should not be decreed; that the Court enter judgment for
14	forfeiture of the defendant real property to the United States; and that the United States be
15	awarded such other relief as may be proper and just.
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17	Respectfully submitted,
18	MELINDA HAAG
19	United States Attorney
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22	Dated: 462012 ARVON I PERTEET
23	Assistant United States Attorney
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28	Complaint for Forfeiture No. 12-

#### VERIFICATION

I, DAVID WHITE, state as follows:

No. 12-

I am a Special Agent with the United States Department of Justice, Drug 1. Enforcement Administration. As the agent assigned to this case I am familiar with the facts and investigation leading to the filing of this Complaint for Forfeiture.

I have read the Complaint, and based upon my personal knowledge, discussions 2. with persons involved in the investigation and my review of relevant investigative reports and other documentation, I believe the allegations contained in it to be true.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Executed this 6 day of July, 2012 in Savi Francisco, California.

Special Agent

Drug Enforcement Administration

Complaint for Forfeiture

#### ATTACHMENT A

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