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- 5. In addition to the public notice on the official internet government forfeiture site <a href="www.forfeiture.gov">www.forfeiture.gov</a>, actual notice or attempted notice is required to all known potential claimants. Raul Ortega Corona and Erminia Corona are the only known potential claimants, and, by execution of the Stipulation for Final Judgment of Forfeiture filed concurrently herewith this Final Judgment of Forfeiture, have waived their right to notice.
- 6. No parties have filed claims or answers in this matter, and the time in which any person or entity may file a claim and answer has expired.

Based on the above findings, and the files and records of the Court, it is hereby ORDERED AND ADJUDGED:

- 1. The Court adopts the Stipulation for Final Judgment of Forfeiture entered into by and between the parties to this action.
- 2. That judgment is hereby entered against potential claimants Raul Ortega Corona, Erminia Corona, and all other potential claimants who have not filed claims in this action.
- 3. Upon entry of this Final Judgment of Forfeiture, \$1,500.00 of the defendant approximately \$4,967.00 in U.S. Currency, together with any interest that has accrued on the entire \$4,967.00, shall be forfeited to the United States pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 881(a)(6), to be disposed of according to law.
- 4. Upon entry of this Final Judgment of Forfeiture, but no later than 45 days thereafter, \$3,467.00 of the defendant approximately \$4,967.00 in U.S. Currency shall be returned to potential claimant Raul Ortega Corona and Erminia Corona, 9850 Bace Avenue, Bakersfield, California 93307.
- 5. That the United States of America and its servants, agents, and employees and all other public entities, their servants, agents, and employees, are released from any and all liability arising out of or in any way connected with the seizure, arrest, or forfeiture of the defendant currency. This is a full and final

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release applying to all unknown and unanticipated injuries, and/or damages arising out of said seizure, arrest, or forfeiture, as well as to those now known or disclosed. The parties waived the provisions of California Civil Code § 1542.

- 6. That pursuant to the stipulation of the parties, and the allegations set forth in the Complaint filed on September 7, 2011, the Court finds that there was reasonable cause for arrest and seizure of the defendant currency, and for the commencement and prosecution of this forfeiture action, and a Certificate of Reasonable Cause pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2465 shall be entered accordingly.
  - 7. All parties are to bear their own costs and attorneys fees.
- 8. The U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California, Hon. Lawrence J. O'Neill, District Judge, shall retain jurisdiction to enforce the terms of this Final Judgment of Forfeiture.

SO ORDERED THIS 14th day of November, 2011.

LAWRENCE J. O'NEILL United States District Judge

## CERTIFICATE OF REASONABLE CAUSE

Based upon the allegations set forth in the Complaint filed September 7, 2011, and the Stipulation for Final Judgment of Forfeiture filed herein, the Court enters this Certificate of Reasonable Cause pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2465, that there was reasonable cause for the seizure or arrest of the defendant currency, and for the commencement and prosecution of this forfeiture action.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: November 14, 2011 /s/ Lawrence J. O'Neill
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE