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8 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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11 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,) 1:12-CV-01309-LJO-DLB
12)
Plaintiff,) **FINAL JUDGMENT OF FORFEITURE**
13)
v.)
14)
APPROXIMATELY \$25,090.00 IN U.S.)
CURRENCY,)
15)
Defendant.)
16)

17 Pursuant to the Stipulation for Final Judgment of Forfeiture, the Court finds:

- 18 1. This is a civil forfeiture action against the defendant approximately \$25,090.00
19 in U.S. Currency (hereafter “defendant currency”) seized on or about March 30, 2012.
- 20 2. A Verified Complaint for Forfeiture *In Rem* (“Complaint”) was filed on August
21 10, 2012, alleging that said defendant currency is subject to forfeiture to the United States
22 of America pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 881(a)(6).
- 23 3. On August 15, 2012, the Clerk issued a Warrant for Arrest for the defendant
24 currency. The warrant for the defendant currency was duly executed on August 24, 2012.
- 25 4. Beginning on August 14, 2012, for at least 30 consecutive days, the United
26 States published notice of this action on the official government forfeiture site
27 www.forfeiture.gov.

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1 5. In addition to the public notice on the official internet government forfeiture
2 site www.forfeiture.gov, actual notice or attempted notice was given to the following
3 individuals:

- 4 a. Steven Jacob LaPointe aka Steven Jacob
- 5 b. Jacek W. Lentz, attorney

6 6. No parties have filed claims or answers in this matter, and the time in which
7 any person or entity may file a claim and answer has expired.

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

10 1. The Court adopts the Stipulation for Final Judgment of Forfeiture entered into
11 by and between the parties to this action.

12 2. That judgment is hereby entered against Steven Jacob LaPointe aka Steven
13 Jacob and all other potential claimants.

14 3. Upon entry of a Final Judgment of Forfeiture herein, \$23,208.25 of the
15 defendant approximately \$25,090.00 in U.S. Currency, together with any interest that has
16 accrued on the entire \$25,090.00, shall be forfeited to the United States pursuant to 21
17 U.S.C. § 881(a)(6), to be disposed of according to law.

18 4. Upon entry of a Final Judgment of Forfeiture herein, but no later than 45 days
19 thereafter, \$1,881.75 of the defendant approximately \$25,090.00 in U.S. Currency shall be
20 returned to Steven Jacob LaPointe aka Steven Jacob through his attorney Jacek W. Lentz,
21 Law Offices of Jacek W. Lentz, 1055 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1996, Los Angeles,
22 California 90017, telephone (213) 250-9200.

23 5. That the United States of America and its servants, agents, and employees and
24 all other public entities, their servants, agents, and employees, are released from any and
25 all liability arising out of or in any way connected with the seizure, arrest, or forfeiture of
26 the defendant currency. This is a full and final release applying to all unknown and
27 unanticipated injuries, and/or damages arising out of said seizure, arrest, or forfeiture, as
28 well as to those now known or disclosed. The parties waived the provisions of California

1 Civil Code § 1542.

2 6. That pursuant to the stipulation of the parties, and the allegations set forth in
3 the Complaint filed on August 10, 2012, the Court finds that there was probable cause for
4 arrest and seizure of the defendant currency, and for the commencement and prosecution of
5 this forfeiture action, and a Certificate of Reasonable Cause pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2465
6 shall be entered accordingly.

7 7. All parties are to bear their own costs and attorney's fees.

8 8. The U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California, Hon. Lawrence
9 J. O'Neill, District Court Judge, shall retain jurisdiction to enforce the terms of this Final
10 Judgment of Forfeiture.

11 CERTIFICATE OF REASONABLE CAUSE

12 Based upon the allegations set forth in the Complaint filed August 10, 2012, and the
13 Stipulation for Final Judgment of Forfeiture filed herein, the Court enters this Certificate
14 of Reasonable Cause pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2465, that there was reasonable cause for the
15 seizure or arrest of the defendant currency, and for the commencement and prosecution of
16 this forfeiture action.

17 The clerk is directed to close this action.

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21 IT IS SO ORDERED.

22 Dated: November 7, 2012

/s/ Lawrence J. O'Neill
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE