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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,  
 12 Plaintiff,  
 13 v.  
 14 APPROXIMATELY \$232,880.00 IN U.S.  
 CURRENCY,  
 15 Defendant.  
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2:15-CV-02661-JAM-EFB  
 FINDINGS AND  
 RECOMMENDATIONS

17 This matter came before the Honorable Judge Edmund F. Brennan on the United States' *ex*  
 18 *parte* motion for default judgment. There was no appearance by or on behalf of any other person or  
 19 entity claiming an interest in the above-captioned defendant currency to oppose the United States'  
 20 motion. Based on the United States' motion and the files and records of the court, THE COURT  
 21 FINDS as follows:

- 22 1. This action arose out of a Verified Complaint for Forfeiture *In Rem* filed December 23,  
 23 2015.
- 24 2. The United States has moved this Court, pursuant to Local Rule 540, for entry of default  
 25 judgment of forfeiture against potential claimant James Matthews.
- 26 3. The United States has shown that a complaint for forfeiture was filed; that potential  
 27 claimant James Matthews received notice of the forfeiture action; that any and all other unknown  
 28 potential claimants have been served by publication; and that grounds exist for entry of a final

1 judgment of forfeiture.

2 Therefore, IT IS RECOMMENDED as follows:

3 1. That James Matthews be held in default;

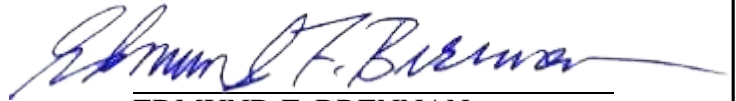
4 2. That the United States' motion for default judgment and final judgment of forfeiture be  
5 granted;

6 3. That judgment by default be entered against any right, title, or interest of potential  
7 claimant James Matthews in the defendant currency referenced in the above caption;

8 4. That a final judgment be entered, forfeiting all right, title, and interest in the defendant  
9 currency to the United States, to be disposed of according to law;

10 5. That the Default Judgment and Final Judgment of Forfeiture lodged herein be signed by  
11 the Honorable John A. Mendez and filed by the Clerk of the Court.

12 Dated: April 4, 2016.



EDMUND F. BRENNAN  
United States Magistrate Judge