"plaintiff") filed a Complaint for Forfeiture alleging that the

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defendants \$2,525,059.70 in U.S. Currency, \$29,500.00 in Euros, \$2,500.00 in Travelers Checks and \$125,435.62 in Bank Funds (collectively, the "defendants") are subject to forfeiture pursuant to 18 U.S.C. \$\$ 981(a)(1)(A) and (C) and 984 and 21 U.S.C. \$ 881(a)(6).

On or about July 14, 2008, claimants Lamont Bennett, Jill Johnson Bennett and Light Up Life Entertainment, Inc. (collectively, "claimants") filed their respective claims to various defendants. More specifically, claimant Lamont Bennett filed a claim to \$1,380,862.00, \$14,238.35, \$5,474.35 and \$300,000.00, respectively, of the defendant \$2,525,059.70 in U.S. Currency; defendant \$29,500.00 in Euros; defendant \$2,500.00 in Travelers Checks; and defendant \$125,435.62 in Bank Claimant Jill Johnson Bennett filed a claim to Funds. \$1,380,862.00, \$14,238.35, \$5,474.35 and \$300,000.00, respectively, of the defendant \$2,525,059.70 in U.S. Currency; defendant \$29,500.00 in Euros; defendant \$2,500.00 in Travelers Checks; and defendant \$125,435.62 in Bank Funds. Claimant Light Up Life Entertainment, Inc. filed a claim to \$824,485.00 out of the defendant \$2,525,059.70 in U.S. Currency. Claimants filed their respective answers to the Complaint for Forfeiture on or about August 1, 2008.

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The defendant \$2,525,059.70 in U.S. Currency consists of \$1,380,862.00 seized on or about August 29, 2007 from the Tarzana, California residence of Lamont Bennett, \$824,485.00 seized on or about August 29, 2007 from the 2007 Audi S8 which Lamont Bennett was driving, \$14,238.85 seized on or about August 29, 2007 from a male purse situated inside the 2007 Audi S8, \$5,474.35 seized on or about August 29, 2007 from Lamont Bennett himself and \$300,000.00 seized on or about August 31, 2007 from Safe Deposit Box Number 2714 at HSBC Bank USA, 16311 Ventura Boulevard, Encino, California.

No other parties have appeared in this case and the time for filing claims and answers has expired.

The government and claimants are also parties in a related civil forfeiture action, entitled <u>United States of America v.</u>
\$475,000.00 in Bank Funds, Case No. CV 08-05260-GHK(SHx) (the "related civil forfeiture litigation"), in which Lamont Bennett and Jill Johnson Bennett have filed claims to the defendant \$475,000.00 in Bank Funds and answered the complaint.

The government and claimants have now agreed to a global settlement of this action and the related civil forfeiture litigation, and to avoid further litigation by entering into this Consent Judgment of Forfeiture.

The Court, having been duly advised of and having considered the matter, and based upon the mutual consent of the parties hereto,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED:

- 1. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action and the parties to this Consent Judgment of Forfeiture.
- 2. The Complaint for Forfeiture states a claim for relief pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §§ 981(a)(1)(A) and (C) and 984 and 21 U.S.C. § 881(a)(6).
- 3. Notice of this action has been given as required by law. No appearances have been made in the litigation by any person other than claimants. The Court deems that all other potential claimants admit the allegations of the Complaint for Forfeiture to be true.

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4. \$1,380,862.00 and \$824,485.00, respectively, of the defendant \$2,525,059.70 in U.S. Currency, plus the interest earned by the United States of America on \$1,380,862.00 and \$824,485.00, respectively, of the defendant \$2,525,059.70 in U.S. Currency, shall be condemned and forfeited to the United States of America, which shall dispose of those funds in accordance with law.

- 5. The remainder of the defendants (i.e., \$14,238.85, \$5,474.35 and \$300,000.00 of the defendant \$2,525,059.70 in U.S. Currency; defendant \$29,500.00 in Euros; defendant \$2,500.00 in Travelers Checks; and defendant \$125,435.62 in Bank Funds), plus all interest earned by the United States of America on \$14,238.85, \$5,474.35 and \$300,000.00 of the defendant \$2,525,059.70 in U.S. Currency; defendant \$29,500.00 in Euros; defendant \$2,500.00 in Travelers Checks; and defendant \$125,435.62 in Bank Funds (collectively, the "Non-Forfeited Funds") shall be returned to claimants Lamont Bennett and Jill Johnson Bennett.
- 6. The funds to be returned to claimants Lamont Bennett and Jill Johnson Bennett pursuant to paragraph 5 above shall be paid to them by electronic transfer directly into the client trust account of Paul Gabbert, Esq., attorney of record for claimants in this case. Claimants Lamont Bennett and Jill Johnson Bennett (through their attorney of record Paul Gabbert, Esq.) shall provide all information and complete all documents requested by the United States of America in order for the United States of America to complete the transfer including, without limitation, providing claimants' attorney of record's

taxpayer identification number, and the identity of the bank, the bank's address and the account name, account number, account type and wire transfer routing number for the Paul Gabbert client trust account to which the transfer of funds is to be made.

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The forfeiture of the \$1,380,862.00 and \$824,485.00, respectively, of the defendant \$2,525,059.70 in U.S. Currency, plus the interest earned by the United States of America on those monies (as provided in paragraph 4 above) does not constitute and shall not be construed as a payment of any taxes (including income taxes), fines or other obligations which may be owed by any of the claimants, and this Consent Judgment of Forfeiture does not in any way affect any existing tax (including income tax), fine, liability or other debt owed by any of the claimants. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Consent Judgment of Forfeiture (including, without limitation, paragraphs 5 and 6 above pertaining to the return of the Non-Forfeited Funds), nothing contained in this Consent Judgment of Forfeiture shall be deemed to restrict, waive, limit or otherwise prejudice in any way any rights of the United States of America (or any of its departments, agencies, representatives or designees) to seize, attach, levy on or by any other means take possession of any or all of the Non-Forfeited Funds, in order to satisfy any tax (including income tax), fine, liability or other debt owed by any of the claimants, before those funds are returned to claimants Lamont Bennett and Jill Johnson Bennett by electronic transfer (as provided in paragraph 6 above). Should the United States of

America (or any of its departments, agencies, representatives or designees) undertake such action as to any or all of the Non-Forfeited Funds, the affected Non-Forfeited Funds shall not be physically returned to claimants Lamont Bennett and Jill Johnson Bennett by electronic transfer (as provided in paragraph 6) or otherwise.

- Claimants, and each of them, on behalf of themselves and each of their respective officers, directors, shareholders, employees, agents, representatives, heirs, successors and assigns (if any) hereby release the United States of America, its agencies, agents, officers, employees and representatives, including, without limitation, all agents, officers, employees and representatives of the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Department of Justice and their respective agencies, as well as all agents, officers, employees and representatives of any state or local governmental or law enforcement agency involved in the investigation or prosecution of this matter, from any and all claims, actions, or liabilities arising out of or related to this action, including, without limitation, any claim for attorney fees, costs, and interest, which may be asserted by or on behalf of claimants, or any of them, whether pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2465 or otherwise.
- 9. The Court finds that there was reasonable cause for the seizure of the defendants and institution of these proceedings. This judgment shall be construed as a certificate of reasonable cause pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2465.

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- 10. The Court further finds that claimants did not substantially prevail in this action, and the parties hereto shall bear their own attorney fees and costs.
- 11. This Consent Judgment of Forfeiture is contingent upon the Court's entry of the consent judgment of forfeiture lodged contemporaneously herewith in the related civil forfeiture litigation.

DATED:	11	MI	13
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THE HONORABLE GEORGE H. KING UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

## CONSENT

2	The parties hereto consent to the above Consent Judgment of			
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