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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
WESTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	No. CV 17-02497-GW(JPRx)
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Plaintiff,)	CONSENT JUDGMENT
)	
vs.)	
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\$45,900.00 IN U.S. CURRENCY,)	
)	
Defendant.)	
_____)	
)	
RUBEN YEPEZ-BARAJAS,)	
)	
Claimant.)	
_____)	

Plaintiff United States of America (the "government") and claimant Ruben Yepez-Barajas ("Claimant") have entered into a stipulated request for the entry of this consent judgment of forfeiture resolving all interests the Claimant may have had in the defendant, namely, \$36,720.00 in U.S. Currency.

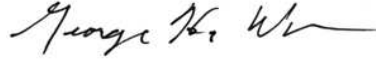
1 The civil forfeiture action captioned above was commenced
2 on January 24, 2017. Notice was given and published according
3 to law.

4 The Court has been duly advised of and has considered the
5 matter. Based upon the mutual consent of the parties hereto and
6 good cause appearing therefor, the Court hereby **ORDERS, ADJUDGES**
7 **AND DECREES** that \$36,720.00 of the defendant currency, plus all
8 interest earned on the entirety of the defendant currency since
9 seizure, is hereby forfeited to the United States, and no other
10 right, title or interest shall exist therein. The remaining
11 \$9,180.00 in U.S. currency of the defendant currency, without
12 any interest, shall be returned to the Claimant as follows: The
13 funds are to be made payable via ACH deposit to claimant's
14 attorney, Steven A. Seiden, Esq., The Law Office of Steven A.
15 Seiden, 13658 Hawthorne Blvd., Ste. 100C, Hawthorne, CA 90250;
16 telephone (310) 644-5003. Mr. Seiden agrees that he will
17 provide the information necessary to facilitate such payment
18 according to law.

19 The Court finds that there was reasonable cause for the
20 seizure of the defendant currency and the institution of this
21 action. This consent judgment shall be construed as a
22 certificate of reasonable cause pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2465.

1 Each of the parties shall bear its own fees and costs in
2 connection with the seizure, retention and return of the
3 defendant currency.

4 DATED: July 6, 2017



5 GEORGE H. WU, U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE

6 Presented by:

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