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13	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA		
14	SOUTHERN DIVISION		
15	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,) No.: SACV 14-00206-DOC (ANx)	
16	Plaintiff,	CONSENT JUDGMENT [42]	
17	vs.		
18	\$721,701.00 SEIZED FROM MERRILL {)) [This Judgment resolves the	
19	NO. 2504; \$398,093.00 SEIZED FROM CREDIT SUISSE BROKERAGE) claims of claimants Thomas) Williams and Amy Williams. It	
20	ACCOUNT NO. `5863; \$234,915.00 SEIZED FROM FIDELITY BROKERAGE) is not case-dispositive as to) any other claimants.]	
21	SERVICES, LLC BROKERAGE ACCOUNT NO. `5228; \$201,000.00 SEIZED		
22	FROM FIDELITY BROKERAGE SERVICES, LLC BROKERAGE ACCOUNT		
23	NO. '8194; \$150,918.00 SEIZED FROM CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS,	,))	
24	INC. BROKERAGE ACCOUNT NO. `2856; \$110,344.41 SEIZED FROM		
25	WELLS FARGO BANK ACCOUNT NO. `3577; \$59,599.00 SEIZED FROM)	
26	CREDIT SUISSE BROKERAGE ACCOUNT NO. `7108; \$59,561.00 SEIZED		
27	FROM CREDIT SUISSE BROKERAGE ACCOUNT NO. `7090; \$59,558.00		
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1 SEIZED FROM CREDIT SUISSE BROKERAGE ACCOUNT NO. '7082; 2 AND \$59,526.00 SEIZED FROM CREDIT SUISSE BROKERAGE ACCOUNT 3 NO. `7074,

Defendants.

THOMAS WILLIAMS AND AMY WILLIAMS,

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Claimants.

8 This civil forfeiture action was commenced on February 12, 9 2014. Thomas Williams ("T. Williams") and Amy Williams and ("A. 10 Williams") (the "Claimants") filed a timely claim on March 19, 11 2014 to the defendant \$110,344.41 seized from Wells Fargo Bank 12 Account `3577 (Asset ID No. 09-IRS-000994) Dkt. 10 and 11. No 13 party other than T. Williams and A. Williams has made a claim 14 against the defendant asset and no other party is believed to 15 have an interest in the defendant asset. Plaintiff and 16 Claimants have made a stipulated request for the entry of this 17 consent judgment of forfeiture resolving all claims concerning the defendant asset. 18

The Court has been duly advised of and has considered the matter. Based upon the Stipulation and mutual consent of plaintiff United States, T. Williams and A. Williams, and good cause appearing therefor, the Court hereby ORDERS, ADJUDGES AND 23 DECREES as follows:

24 **\$55,172.20** of the \$110,344.41 seized from Wells Fargo Bank 25 Account '3577 and fifty percent (50%) of all interest earned by 26 the government on the entirety of the defendant asset since 27 seizure, shall be forfeited to the United States, and no other 28 right, title, or interest shall exist therein. The remaining

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portion of the defendant asset, \$55,172.21, and fifty percent 1 2 (50%) of all interest earned by the government on the entirety of the defendant asset since seizure, shall be returned to the 3 Claimants. The funds are to be made payable via ACH deposit to 4 the Trust Account of the Law Offices of Steven M. Goldsobel, A 5 Professional Corporation, 1900 Avenue of the Stars, Suite 1800, 6 7 Los Angeles, California 90067. Claimants shall provide all 8 information needed by the government to make said payment in 9 accordance with federal law.

10 The Court finds that there was reasonable cause for the 11 seizure of the defendant asset and the institution of this 12 action against the defendant asset. This consent judgment shall 13 be construed as a certificate of reasonable cause pursuant to 28 14 U.S.C. § 2465. Each of the parties shall bear its own fees and 15 costs in connection with the seizure, retention and forfeiture 16 of the defendant asset.

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DATED: April 9, 2015

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THE HONORABLE DAVID O. CARTER UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Presented by:

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