1 McGREGOR W. SCOTT United States Attorney STEPHANIE HAMILTON BORCHERS 2 Assistant U.S. Attorney 3 United States Courthouse 2500 Tulare Street, Suite 4401 4 Fresno, California 93721 Telephone: (559) 497-4000 5 Facsimile: (559) 497-4099 Attorneys for Plaintiff 6 7 8 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE 9 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 10 11 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, 1:07-CV-01492-OWW-DLB Plaintiff, 12 FINAL JUDGMENT OF FORFEITURE 13 v. 14 APPROXIMATELY \$493,215.00 IN U.S. CURRENCY, 15 Defendant. 16 17 Pursuant to the Stipulation for Final Judgment of Forfeiture filed herein, the Court finds: 18 This is a civil forfeiture action against approximately \$493,215.00 in U.S. Currency 1. 19 (hereafter "defendant currency") seized on August 30, 2006 in Delano, California. 20 2. A Verified Complaint for Forfeiture *In Rem* was filed on October 11, 2007, seeking

- the forfeiture of the defendant currency, alleging said currency is subject to forfeiture to the United States of America pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 881(a)(6) because the defendant currency constitutes moneys or other things of value furnished or intended to be furnished in exchange for a controlled substance or listed chemical, all proceeds traceable to such an exchange and/or was used or intended to be used to facilitate one or more violations of 21 U.S.C. § 841 et seq.
- 3. On October 15, 2007, in accordance with said Complaint, a Warrant for Arrest of Articles In Rem for the defendant currency was issued and duly executed on October 16, 2007.

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- 4. On or about December 7, 2007, a Public Notice of Arrest and Seizure of the defendant currency appeared by publication in the <u>Daily Report</u>, a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the defendant currency was seized (Kern County). The Proof of Publication was filed with the Court on February 5, 2008.
- 5. In addition to the Public Notice of Arrest having been completed, actual notice was personally served upon Frank Hoang Van Lam and Kevin Tunghoang Lam. To date, neither have filed a claim or answer in this case.
- 6. No other parties have filed claims or answers in this matter, and the time for which any person or entity may file a claim and answer has expired.

Based on the above findings, and the files and records of the Court, it is hereby

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED:

- 1. The Court adopts the Stipulation for Final Judgment of Forfeiture entered into by and between the parties to this action.
- 2. That judgment is hereby entered against potential claimants Frank Hoang Van Lam, Kevin Tunghoang Lam, and all other potential claimants who have not filed claims in this action.
- 3. The defendant approximately \$493,215.00 in U.S. Currency, plus any interest that may have accrued, shall be forfeited to the United States pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 881(a)(6), to be disposed of according to law.
- 4. Potential Claimants Frank Hoang Van Lam and Kevin Tunhoang Lam waive any and all claim or right to interest that may have accrued on the defendant currency, or any portion thereof, seized on or about August 30, 2006.
- 5. Plaintiff United States of America and its servants, agents, and employees, and all other public entities, their servants, agents, and employees, are released from any and all liability arising out of or in any way connected with the arrest, seizure, or forfeiture of the defendant currency. This is a full and final release applying to all unknown and unanticipated injuries, and/or damages arising out of said arrest, seizure, or forfeiture, as well as to those now known or disclosed. The parties waive the provisions of California Civil Code § 1542.

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1	6. Pursuant to the stipulation of the parties, and the allegations set forth in the Verified
2	Complaint for Forfeiture <i>In Rem</i> filed October 11, 2007, the Court finds that there was reasonable
3	cause for the seizure and arrest of the defendant currency, and a Certificate of Reasonable Cause
4	pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2465 shall be entered accordingly.
5	7. This Final Judgment of Forfeiture does not affect the pending criminal prosecution
6	in United States District Court Case No. CR-06-0644 CRB, Northen District of California.
7	8. All parties shall bear their own costs and attorneys' fees.
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13	GERTIFICATE OF REAGONARY FOR GALIGE
14	CERTIFICATE OF REASONABLE CAUSE
15	Pursuant to the Stipulation for Final Judgment of Forfeiture filed herein, and the allegations
16	set forth in the Verified Complaint for Forfeiture <i>In Rem</i> filed October 11, 2007, the Court enters this
17	Certificate of Reasonable Cause pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2465, that there was reasonable cause for
18	the seizure and arrest of the defendant currency.
19	IT IS SO ORDERED.
20	Dated: February 5, 2008 /s/ Oliver W. Wanger UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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