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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
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Plaintiff,)
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v.)
)
APPROXIMATELY \$179,298.00 IN U.S.)
CURRENCY,)
)
Defendant.)
_____)

1:09-CV-00648-AWI-GSA

**ORDER LIFTING STAY OF CIVIL
FORFEITURE PROCEEDINGS AND
SETTING MATTER FOR A SCHEDULING
CONFERENCE**

On June 26, 2009, Claimant CLARENCE PICKENS filed a Motion to Stay Civil Forfeiture Proceedings pursuant to Title 18 of the United States Code section 981(g)(2). Plaintiff UNITED STATES OF AMERICA did not oppose the motion. On July 28, 2009, this Court issued an order granting a stay of the action pending the outcome of related state criminal proceedings. (Doc. 19.)

In a status report dated February 10, 2010, the Government indicates that on November 10, 2009, Claimant pled guilty to the possession of marijuana, a violation of California Health & Safety Code section 11357(b), in the Stanislaus County Superior Court. Thereafter, the parties conferred, and the Government now requests that the stay of the instant forfeiture proceedings be lifted as a result of the state court resolution. (Doc. 22 at 2.)

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1 In light of the foregoing, this Court hereby **LIFTS** the previously-imposed stay and **SETS**
2 this matter for an Initial Scheduling Conference on Monday, **April 19, 2010, at 9:30 a.m.** in
3 Courtroom 10.

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5 IT IS SO ORDERED.

6 **Dated: February 16, 2010**

/s/ Gary S. Austin
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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