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4. Beginning on July 9, 2011, notice of this action was published, for at least 30 consecutive days, on the official internet government forfeiture site www.forfeiture.gov as required by Rule G(4) of the Supplemental Rules for Admiralty or Maritime Claims and Asset Forfeiture Actions.

- 5. In addition to the public notice on the official internet government forfeiture site www.forfeiture.gov, actual notice or attempted notice was given to the following individuals:
 - a. Eduardo Montes Herrera
 - b. Jorge Herrera Montes
 - c. Daniel A. Bacon, attorney
- 6. The Clerk of the Court entered a Clerk's Certificate of Entry of Default against Jorge Herrera Montes on September 16, 2011. Pursuant to Local Rule 540, the United States and potential claimant Eduardo Montes Herrera joined together in a request that, as part of this Final Judgment of Forfeiture in this case, the Court enter a default judgment against the interest, if any, of Jorge Herrera Montes.
- 7. No parties have filed claims or answers in this matter, and the time in 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 Eduardo Montes Herrera, Jorge Herrera Montes, and all other potential claimants who have not filed claims in this action.
- 3. Upon entry of this Amended Final Judgment of Forfeiture, \$5,422.00 of the defendant approximately \$6,822.00 in U.S. Currency, together with any

interest that has accrued on the entire \$6,822.00, shall be forfeited to the United States pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 881(a)(6), to be disposed of according to law.

- 4. Upon entry of this Amended Final Judgment of Forfeiture, but no later than 45 days thereafter, \$1,400.00 of the defendant approximately \$6,822.00 in U.S. Currency shall be returned to potential claimant Eduardo Montes Herrera through his attorney Daniel A. Bacon, 5200 North Palm Avenue, Suite 408, Fresno, California 93704-2225, (559) 241-7000.
- 5. That the 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 seizure, arrest, 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 seizure, arrest, or forfeiture, as well as to those now known or disclosed. The parties waived the provisions of California Civil Code § 1542.
- 6. That pursuant to the stipulation of the parties, and the allegations set for the *Amended* Complaint filed on June 17, 2011, the Court finds that there was reasonable cause for arrest and seizure of the defendant currency, and for the commencement and prosecution of this forfeiture action, and a Certificate of Reasonable Cause pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2465 shall be entered accordingly.
 - 7. All parties are to bear their own costs and attorneys fees.
- 8. The U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California, Hon.
 Anthony W. Ishii, Chief District Judge, shall retain jurisdiction to enforce the terms of this Amended Final Judgment of Forfeiture.

Dated: <u>January 24, 2012</u>

IT IS SO ORDERED.

CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE