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8 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
9 **FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**
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11 CHARANJIT BATTH, et al.,

CASE NO. 1:11-cv-01806-AWI-SKO

12 Plaintiffs,

13 v.

**ORDER FOR APPEARANCE AND
EXAMINATION OF JUDGMENT
DEBTOR LYNDSEY C. DOWNS**

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15 MARKET 52, INC., et al.,

16 Defendants.

(Docs. 29, 31)

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19 **I. INTRODUCTION**

20 On December 15, 2011, Plaintiffs Charanjit Batth and Gagan Batth ("Plaintiffs") and
21 Defendants Market 52, Inc. ("Market 52") Jerald Daniel Downs ("J. Downs"), and Lyndsey C.
22 Downs ("L. Downs" or collectively "Defendants") filed a Stipulation and Proposed Order for
23 Entry of Judgment and Dissolution of Preliminary Injunction. (Doc. 20.) The Court approved
24 the parties' stipulation on December 16, 2011, and judgment was entered against Defendants
25 joint and severally in the total sum of \$178,936.25. (Docs. 22, 23.)

26 On January 11, 2012, Plaintiffs requested issuance of an abstract of judgment against
27 Defendants, which was issued on January 12, 2012. (Doc. 24, 25.) On January 27, 2012,
28 Plaintiffs requested the issuance of a writ of execution. (Doc. 26.) On January 30, 2012, a

1 Notice of Stay of Proceedings was filed by Market 52, indicating that it had filed for bankruptcy.
2 (Doc. 27.) On January 31, 2012, the Court issued the writ of execution against Defendants
3 J. Downs and L. Downs, individually. (Doc. 28.)

4 On May 1, 2013, Plaintiffs filed applications and requests for an order for the appearance
5 and examination of judgment debtors J. Downs and L. Downs. (Docs. 29-31.) Accordingly, L.
6 Downs is ordered to appear personally on **Wednesday, July 17, 2013, at 9:30 a.m. in**
7 **Courtroom 7 of the United States District Courthouse, located at 2500 Tulare Street,**
8 **Fresno, California, 93721,** to furnish information to aid in enforcement of a money judgment by
9 answering questions about the Defendant/judgment debtor's real and person property.¹

10 II. DISCUSSION

11 Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 69 governs enforcement of judgment proceedings in
12 federal courts. *Hilao v. Estate of Marcos*, 95 F.3d 848, 851 (9th Cir. 1996). Rule 69(a)
13 provides:

14 (1) **Money Judgment; Applicable Procedure.** A money judgment is enforced
15 by a writ of execution, unless the court directs otherwise. The procedure on
16 execution – and in proceedings supplementary to and in aid of judgment or
17 execution – must accord with the procedure of the state where the court is
18 located, but a federal statute governs to the extent it applies.

19 (2) **Obtaining Discovery.** In aid of the judgment or execution, the judgment
20 creditor or a successor in interest whose interest appears of record may obtain
21 discovery from any person--including the judgment debtor--as provided in
22 these rules or by the procedure of the state where the court is located.

23 Fed. R. Civ. P. 69(a)(1)-(2).

24 Judgment debtor proceedings under California law "permit the judgment creditor to
25 examine the judgment debtor, or third persons who have property of or are indebted to the
26 judgment debtor, in order to discover property and apply it toward the satisfaction of the money
27 judgment." *Imperial Bank v. Pim Elec., Inc.*, 33 Cal. App. 4th 540, 546-47; *see also* Cal. Civ.

28 ¹ Plaintiffs had set the debtor examination hearing for Thursday, July 11, 2013; however, as Magistrate Judge Sheila K. Oberto holds law and motion calendars on Wednesdays, the hearing is being reset to the following Wednesday, July 17, 2013.

1 Proc. Code §§ 708.110-708.205. All assets of a judgment debtor are subject to enforcement.

2 Cal. Civ. Proc. Code § 695.010 (a).

3 California Code of Civil Procedure § 708.110 provides in relevant part:

4 (a) The judgment creditor may apply to the proper court for an order requiring
5 the judgment debtor to appear before the court, or before a referee appointed by
6 the court, at a time and place specified in the order, to furnish information to aid
7 in enforcement of the money judgment.

8 (b) If the judgment creditor has not caused the judgment debtor to be examined
9 under this section during the preceding 120 days, the court shall make an order
10 upon ex parte application of the judgment creditor.

11 (c) If the judgment creditor has caused the judgment debtor to be examined under
12 this section during the preceding 120 days, the court shall make the order if the
13 judgment creditor by affidavit or otherwise shows good cause for the order. The
14 application shall be made on noticed motion if the court so directs or a court rule
15 so requires. Otherwise, it may be made ex parte.

16 (d) The judgment creditor shall personally serve a copy of the order on the
17 judgment debtor not less than 10 days before the date set for examination.
18 Service shall be made in the manner specified in Section 145.10. Service of the
19 order creates a lien on the personal property of the judgment debtor for a period of
20 one year from the date of the order unless extended or sooner terminated by the
21 court.

22 (e) The order shall contain the following statement in 14-point boldface type if
23 printed or in capital letters if typed: "NOTICE TO JUDGMENT DEBTOR. If
24 you fail to appear at the time and place specified in this order, you may be subject
25 to arrest and punishment for contempt of court and the court may make an order
26 requiring you to pay the reasonable attorney's fees incurred by the judgment
27 creditor in this proceeding."

28 Cal Civ. Proc. Code § 708.110(a)-(e).

California Code of Civil Procedure § 708.160(a) also provides that "[e]xcept as otherwise
provided in this section, the proper court for examination of a person under this article is the
court in which the money judgment is entered." Cal. Civ. Proc. Code § 708.160(a). Here,
judgment was entered by this Court on December 16, 2011. (Docs. 22, 23.)

As such, Plaintiffs' application sets forth the showing required by Federal Rule of Civil
Procedure 69(a)(2) and the applicable provisions of the California Code of Civil Procedure
§§ 708.110 and 708.160.

1 **JUDGMENT CREDITOR IN THIS PROCEEDING.²**

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4 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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6 Dated: **May 31, 2013**

/s/ Sheila K. Oberto
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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² This notice is furnished pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure § 708.110(e).