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 8 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
 9 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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11 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,) 1:12-CV-00396-LJO-SKO
12 Plaintiff,) STIPULATION TO STAY PROCEEDINGS
13 v.) AND ORDER
14 APPROXIMATELY \$10,703.71 IN)
15 U.S. CURRENCY SEIZED FROM)
16 BANK OF THE SIERRA ACCOUNT)
NUMBER 1420468170, and)
17 APPROXIMATELY \$118.91 IN U.S.)
18 CURRENCY SEIZED FROM UNION)
BANK ACCOUNT NUMBER)
1540018207,)
19 Defendants.)
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21 The United States of America and Claimants Mark Bagdasarian and
 22 Maureen Bagdasarian, by and through their respective counsel, hereby stipulate
 23 that a stay is necessary in the above-entitled action and request the Court enter an
 24 order staying proceedings due to the on-going criminal prosecution United States v.
 25 Bagdasarian et al, 1:11-CR-00352-LJO-SKO.

26 The stay is requested pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §§ 981(g)(1) and (g)(2). The
 27 United States contends that the defendant assets were proceeds of, involved in, or
 28 facilitated the violations alleged in the Superceding Criminal Indictment (See 1:11-

CR-00352-LJO-SKO Doc # 42).

A stay is warranted because if discovery proceeds at this time in the civil in rem case, Claimants would be entitled to depose, among others, the agents and deputies involved with this investigation. Allowing depositions of the law enforcement officers at this stage of the criminal investigation could adversely affect the ability of the federal authorities to effectively pursue the related criminal prosecution.

Likewise, a stay is warranted because Claimant Mark Bagdasarian is a Defendant in the related criminal prosecution, has standing to assert a claim in the civil in rem forfeiture proceeding, and continuation of the forfeiture proceeding will burden the right of Claimant Mark Bagdasarian against self-incrimination in the related criminal prosecution.

As such, the parties recognize that proceeding with the civil in rem action at this time could have adverse effects on the underlying criminal prosecution and/or upon the Claimants' ability to prove their claim to the property and to assert any defenses to forfeiture.

For these reasons, the parties jointly request that this matter be stayed pending resolution of the related criminal prosecution.

THEREFORE, the parties to this action stipulate and request as follows:

1. Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §§ 981(g)(1) and (g)(2), this action be stayed due to the pending related criminal prosecution;
2. All presently scheduled court dates be vacated; and,
3. The parties are to promptly notify the Court upon resolution of the pending criminal prosecution.

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Respectfully submitted,

Dated: July 17 , 2012

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Dated: July 17 , 2012

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ORDER

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: July 19, 2012

/s/ Sheila K. Oberto
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE