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site, www.forfeiture.gov, began on March 5, 2016, and will run for thirty consecutive days, as required by

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Rule G(4)(a)(iv)(C) of Supplemental Rules for Admiralty or Maritime Claims and Asset Forfeiture Actions. Publication is expected to end on April 4, 2016.

On or about March 8, 2016, the United States sent copies of the Verified Complaint for Forfeiture *In Rem*, Warrant of Arrest of Articles *In Rem*, Order Setting Mandatory Scheduling Conference, Order Assigning Sacramento District Judge, Notice of Availability of a Magistrate Judge, Notice of Availability of Voluntary Dispute Resolution, and notice of forfeiture letter dated March 8, 2016, to potential claimant Omar Lopez Hernandez ("Hernandez") at his last-known address located at 6331 Misty Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95621 by first class and certified mail.

On this same date, the United States sent copies of the above-referenced documents to Hernandez at an alternate address of 11260 Coloma Road, Gold River, CA 95670 also by first class and certified mail.

The certified mail receipts have not yet been returned to the United States Attorney's Office.

On March 8, 2016, the United States sent copies of the above-referenced documents to Irma Cardenas at her last-known address of 11260 Coloma Road, Gold River, CA 95670 by first class and certified mail. Irma Cardenas acknowledged receipt of the certified mail parcel. The signed certified receipt (PS Form 3811) was received in the U.S. Attorney's Office on March 14, 2016.

Good Cause

The deadline by which Omar Hernandez and Irma Cardenas must file a claim is April 12, 2016; one week after the presently set Mandatory Scheduling Conference. Therefore, the United States requests that the scheduling conference be continued to June 3, 2016, at 8:30 a.m. to allow the known and unknown potential claimants to appear in this action and to allow the parties to meet and confer in advance of filing a JSR. Thus, there is good cause to continue the mandatory scheduling conference and extend the JSR filing deadline.

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ORDER

Pursuant to the United States' request and good cause appearing: (1) the mandatory scheduling conference is continued from April 5, 2016, at 8:30 a.m. to Monday, June 6, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. before Judge McAulilffe in Courtroom 8, and (2) the deadline to file a joint scheduling report is continued from March 29, 2016, to May 27, 2016.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

/s/ Barbara A. McAuliff UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE Dated: March 30, 2016