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11 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
12 **EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

13 DANNY RAY WATKINS,)	Case No.: 1:17-cv-00042-EPG
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14 Plaintiff,)	STIPULATION AND PROPOSED
)	ORDER FOR THE AWARD AND
15 vs.)	PAYMENT OF ATTORNEY FEES
)	AND EXPENSES PURSUANT TO
16 NANCY A. BERRYHILL, Acting)	THE EQUAL ACCESS TO JUSTICE
Commissioner of Social Security,)	ACT, 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d) AND
)	COSTS PURSUANT TO 28 U.S.C. §
17 Defendant.)	1920
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20 TO THE HONORABLE ERICA P. GROSJEAN, MAGISTRATE JUDGE
21 OF THE DISTRICT COURT:

22 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED, by and between the parties through their
23 undersigned counsel, subject to the approval of the Court, that Danny Ray Watkins
24 be awarded attorney fees in the amount of three thousand four hundred dollars
25 (\$3,400.00) under the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA), 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d).
26 This amount represents compensation for all legal services rendered on behalf of

1 Plaintiff by counsel in connection with this civil action, in accordance with 28
2 U.S.C. §§ 1920; 2412(d).

3 After the Court issues an order for EAJA fees to Danny Ray Watkins, the
4 government will consider the matter of Danny Ray Watkins's assignment of EAJA
5 fees to Young Cho. The retainer agreement containing the assignment is attached
6 as exhibit 1. Pursuant to *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 130 S.Ct. 2521, 2529 (2010), the ability
7 to honor the assignment will depend on whether the fees are subject to any offset
8 allowed under the United States Department of the Treasury's Offset
9 Program. After the order for EAJA fees is entered, the government will determine
10 whether they are subject to any offset.

11 Fees shall be made payable to Danny Ray Watkins, but if the Department of
12 the Treasury determines that Danny Ray Watkins does not owe a federal debt, then
13 the government shall cause the payment of fees, expenses and costs to be made
14 directly to Law Offices of Lawrence D. Rohlfing, pursuant to the assignment
15 executed by Danny Ray Watkins.¹ Any payments made shall be delivered to
16 Young Cho.

17 This stipulation constitutes a compromise settlement of Danny Ray
18 Watkins's request for EAJA attorney fees, and does not constitute an admission of
19 liability on the part of Defendant under the EAJA or otherwise. Payment of the
20 agreed amount shall constitute a complete release from, and bar to, any and all
21 claims that Danny Ray Watkins and/or Young Cho including Law Offices of
22 Lawrence D. Rohlfing may have relating to EAJA attorney fees in connection with
23 this action.

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25 ¹ The parties do not stipulate whether counsel for the plaintiff has a cognizable lien
26 under federal law against the recovery of EAJA fees that survives the Treasury
Offset Program.

ORDER

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Based upon the parties' Stipulation for the Award and Payment of Attorney Fees Pursuant to EAJA, IT IS ORDERED that fees in the amount of **\$3,400.00**, as authorized by 28 U.S.C. §2412(d), be awarded subject to the terms of the Stipulation.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: **February 14, 2018**

/s/ Eric P. Grogan
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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