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Therefore, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, upon reconsideration, the August 26, 2008, order of the magistrate judge is affirmed. Therefore, pursuant to the magistrate judge's September 17, 2009, order, defendants shall pay the sanction award set forth therein within twenty days of the date of this order. DATED: September 18, 2009 /s/ John A. Mendez UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE