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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,) Case No. 2:13-CR-00261 MCE
)
Plaintiff,)
)
v.) **RELATED CASE ORDER**
)
RAED MOURI and GEORGE BITTAR,)
)
Defendants.)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
)
Plaintiff,) Case No. 2:10-CR-00257 JAM
)
v.)
)
GALIOM MANSOUR, NAEIM HANNO, and)
SOUTH BAY WHOLESALE, INC.,)
)
Defendants.)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
)
Plaintiff,) Case No. 2:10-CR-00258 JAM
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v.)
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ADIB SIROPE, RIMOUN MANSOUR and)
PAY-LESS WHOLESALE,)
)
Defendants.)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
)
Plaintiff,) Case No. 2:10-CR-00259 JAM
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v.)
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ATIF HENAN, ATEF SHEHATA, SAMY)
GIRGIS, and SOHEIR GIRGIS,)
)
Defendants.)

1 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
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2 Plaintiff,)
)
3 v.)
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4 JACK HAROUN, and WHOLESale PALACE,)
INC.,)
5 Defendants.)
6)

Case No. 2:10-CV-00260 JAM

7 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
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8 Plaintiff,)
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9 v.)
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Case No. 2:08-CV-02753 JAM-GGH

10 APPROXIMATELY \$23,032.07 IN U.S.)
CURRENCY SEIZED FROM BANK OF)
11 AMERICA ACCOUNT NO. 03842-03399,)
HELD IN THE NAME OF PAY-LESS)
12 WHOLESALE,)

13 APPROXIMATELY 135,455 CIGARS)
(SMOKEABLE OTP) IN PACKS OF 5, 10,)
14 AND 20 RECOVERED FROM PAY-LESS)
WHOLESALE,)

15 APPROXIMATELY 2,297 CIGARS)
(SMOKEABLE OTP) IN PACKS OF 50)
16 RECOVERED FROM PAY-LESS WHOLESALE,)

17 APPROXIMATELY 151 CIGARS)
(SMOKEABLE OTP) IN PACKS OF 240)
18 RECOVERED FROM PAY-LESS WHOLESALE,)

19 APPROXIMATELY 326,942 INDIVIDUAL)
CIGARS (SMOKEABLE OTP) RECOVERED)
20 FROM PAY-LESS WHOLESALE,)

21 APPROXIMATELY 57 CASES OF)
SMOKEABLE OTP RECOVERED FROM PAY-)
22 LESS WHOLESALE,)

23 APPROXIMATELY 4,952 BOXES OF)
SMOKEABLE OTP RECOVERED FROM PAY-)
24 LESS WHOLESALE,)

25 APPROXIMATELY 11,584 CANS OF)
SMOKEABLE OTP RECOVERED FROM PAY-)
26 LESS WHOLESALE,)

27 APPROXIMATELY 6,914 TUBS OF)
SMOKEABLE OTP RECOVERED FROM PAY-)
28 LESS WHOLESALE,)

1 APPROXIMATELY 15,141 UNITS OF)
2 SMOKEABLE OTP IN PACKS OF 5, 10,)
3 AND 20 RECOVERED FROM PAY-LESS)
4 WHOLESAL,)
5)
6 APPROXIMATELY 136,221 BAGS/POUCHES)
7 OF SMOKEABLE OTP RECOVERED FROM)
8 PAY-LESS PAY-LESS WHOLESAL,)
9)
10 APPROXIMATELY 855 CASES)
11 (CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 10,608)
12 UNITS) OF AL FAKHER TOBACCO)
13 SMOKEABLE OTP EVIDENCE RECOVERED)
14 FROM PAY-LESS WHOLESAL,)
15)
16 APPROXIMATELY 272 CASES)
17 (CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 6,676)
18 UNITS) OF AL WAHA MOLASSES TOBACCO)
19 SMOKEABLE OTP EVIDENCE RECOVERED)
20 FROM PAY-LESS WHOLESAL,)
21)
22 APPROXIMATELY 995 CASES)
23 (CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 46,112)
24 UNITS) OF EVA MODSAL TOBACCO)
25 SMOKEABLE OTP EVIDENCE RECOVERED)
26 FROM PAY-LESS WHOLESAL,)
27)
28 APPROXIMATELY 420 CASES)
29 (CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 5,040)
30 UNITS) OF JAWATTER TOBACCO)
31 SMOKEABLE OTP EVIDENCE RECOVERED)
32 FROM PAY-LESS WHOLESAL,)
33)
34 APPROXIMATELY 1,473 CASES)
35 (CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 16,674)
36 UNITS) OF LAYALINA TOBACCO)
37 SMOKEABLE OTP EVIDENCE RECOVERED)
38 FROM PAY-LESS WHOLESAL,)
39)
40 APPROXIMATELY 352 UNITS OF)
41 MISCELLANEOUS SMOKEABLE OTP)
42 EVIDENCE RECOVERED FROM PAY-LESS)
43 WHOLESAL,)
44)
45 APPROXIMATELY 2,124 CASES)
46 (CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 14,740)
47 UNITS) OF MOLASSES TOBACCO)
48 SMOKEABLE OTP EVIDENCE RECOVERED)
49 FROM PAY-LESS WHOLESAL,)
50)
51 APPROXIMATELY 640 CASES)
52 (CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 19,884)
53 UNITS) OF PRIME TIME CIGARS)
54 SMOKEABLE OTP EVIDENCE RECOVERED)
55 FROM PAY-LESS WHOLESAL,)

1 APPROXIMATELY 113 CASES)
(CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 5,112)
2 UNITS) OF ERIK CIGARS SMOKEABLE)
OTP EVIDENCE RECOVERED FROM PAY-)
3 LESS WHOLESALE,)

4 APPROXIMATELY 11 CASES (CONTAINING)
APPROXIMATELY 440 UNITS) OF HAV-A-)
5 TAMPA JEWLS CIGARS SMOKEABLE OTP)
EVIDENCE RECOVERED FROM PAY-LESS)
6 WHOLESALE,)

7 APPROXIMATELY 5,906 POUCHES OF)
MOLASSES SMOKEABLE OTP EVIDENCE)
8 RECOVERED FROM PAY-LESS WHOLESALE,)

9 APPROXIMATELY 1,200 PACKS OF)
PHILLIES CIGARILLOS SMOKEABLE OTP)
10 EVIDENCE RECOVERED FROM PAY-LESS)
WHOLESALE,)

11)
12 Defendants.)

13 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)

14 Plaintiff,)

15 v.)

16 APPROXIMATELY \$6,085.00 IN U.S.)
CURRENCY,)

17 APPROXIMATELY \$32,053.00 IN U.S.)
CURRENCY,)

18 APPROXIMATELY \$555.00 IN U.S.)
19 CURRENCY,)

20 APPROXIMATELY \$3,900.00 IN U.S.)
CURRENCY,)

21 APPROXIMATELY \$35,261.00 IN U.S.)
22 CURRENCY, and)

23 APPROXIMATELY TWO CASES OF)
24 SMOKELESS TOBACCO,)

25 Defendants.)

26 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)

27 Plaintiff,)

28 v.)

REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6525)

Case No. 2:09-CV-00151 JAM-GGH

Case No. 2:08-CV-02075 JAM-GGH

1 SOUTH BRUCE STREET, LAS VEGAS,)
NEVADA, CLARK COUNTY, APN: 177-02-)
2 510-005, INCLUDING ALL)
APPURTENANCES AND IMPROVEMENTS)
3 THERETO,)

4 Defendant.)

5 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)

6 Plaintiff,)

Case No. 2:08-CV-02752 JAM-GGH

7 v.)

8 APPROXIMATELY \$23,770.87 IN U.S.)
CURRENCY SEIZED FROM BANK OF)
9 AMERICA ACCOUNT NO. 0050 1112)
8989, HELD IN THE NAME OF G&R)
EMPIRE, LLC,)

10 APPROXIMATELY \$6,741.29 IN U.S.)
11 CURRENCY SEIZED FROM BANK OF)
AMERICA ACCOUNT NO. 0050 1113)
12 0692, HELD IN THE NAME OF PHOENIX)
CASH & CARRY, LLC)

13 APPROXIMATELY \$9,774.73 IN U.S.)
14 CURRENCY SEIZED FROM BANK OF)
AMERICA ACCOUNT NO. 0049 6875)
15 8911, HELD IN THE NAME OF IDEAL)
TOBACCO WHOLESALE, INC.,)

16 APPROXIMATELY \$7,054.55 IN U.S.)
17 CURRENCY SEIZED FROM WELLS FARGO)
BANK ACCOUNT NO. 671-0134131, HELD)
18 IN THE NAME OF BITTAR FAMILY)
TRUST,)

19 APPROXIMATELY \$31,402.20 IN U.S.)
20 CURRENCY SEIZED FROM WELLS FARGO)
BANK ACCOUNT NO. 091-1704013, HELD)
21 IN THE NAME OF RAED MOURI AND)
LOUDY EGHO,)

22 APPROXIMATELY \$29,095.02 IN U.S.)
23 CURRENCY SEIZED FROM WELLS FARGO)
BANK ACCOUNT NO. 071-0335696, HELD)
24 IN THE NAME OF BITTAR FAMILY)
TRUST,)

25 APPROXIMATELY 6,954 TOTAL BOXES OF)
26 ASSORTED SMOKEABLE OTP EVIDENCE)
27 (CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 431,447)
UNITS OF SMOKEABLE OTP) RECOVERED)
28 FROM IDEAL TOBACCO WHOLESALE,)

1 APPROXIMATELY 22 TOTAL BOXES OF)
SMOKEABLE OTP EVIDENCE (CONTAINING)
2 APPROXIMATELY 1,350 UNITS OF)
SMOKEABLE OTP) RECOVERED FROM THE)
3 ABF DELIVERY TRUCK AT IDEAL)
TOBACCO WHOLESALE, AND)

4)
5 APPROXIMATELY 87,595 UNITS OF)
ASSORTED SMOKEABLE OTP EVIDENCE)
6 RECOVERED FROM PHOENIX CASH &)
CARRY,)

7 Defendants.)

8 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)

9 Plaintiff,)

10 v.)

Case No. 2:09-CV-00111 JAM-GGH

11 APPROXIMATELY \$4,023.00 IN U.S.)
CURRENCY,)

12 APPROXIMATELY \$1,280.00 IN U.S.)
CURRENCY,)

13 APPROXIMATELY \$6,268.00 IN U.S.)
CURRENCY,)

14)
15 APPROXIMATELY \$5,510.00 IN U.S.)
CURRENCY, AND)

16 APPROXIMATELY 169 BOXES OF)
SMOKELESS TOBACCO,)

17)
18 Defendants.)

19 Examination of the above-entitled actions reveals that these
20 actions are related within the meaning of Local Rule 123 (E.D. Cal.
21 2005). Accordingly, the assignment of the matters to the same
22 judge is likely to affect a substantial savings of judicial effort
23 and is also likely to be convenient for the parties.

24 The parties should be aware that relating the cases under
25 Local Rule 123 merely has the result that these actions are
26 assigned to the same judge; no consolidation of the actions is
27 effected. Under the regular practice of this court, related cases
28 are generally assigned to the judge to whom the first filed action

1 was assigned.

2 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the action denominated 2:13-CR-
3 00261 MCE be reassigned to Judge John A. Mendez for all further
4 proceedings, and any dates currently set in this reassigned case
5 only are hereby VACATED. Henceforth, the caption on documents
6 filed in the reassigned cases shall be shown as 2:13-CR-00261 JAM.

7 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court make
8 appropriate adjustment in the assignment of criminal cases to
9 compensate for this reassignment.

10 IT IS SO ORDERED.

11 Dated: August 28, 2013

/s/ John A. Mendez_____
JOHN A. MENDEZ
United States District Court Judge

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