

1 defendant property, Case Nos. 2:11-CR-00275-JAM and 2:11-CR-00276-JAM; but
2 neither David Johns nor Mary Johns, the record owners of the defendant property,
3 have been charged with any criminal offense by state, local, or federal authorities.

4 1. Each of the claimants has filed a claim to the defendant property.
5 Claimants David Johns, Mary Johns, Major Amos Nilson, and Lucy H. Nilson have
6 not yet filed their Answers and will not be required to do so until the stay
7 contemplated by this stipulation expires.

8 2. The stay is requested pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §§ 981(g)(1), 981(g)(2), and
9 21 U.S.C. § 881(i). The United States contends that the defendant property was
10 used to facilitate the cultivation of marijuana.

11 3. It is the United States' position that the statute of limitations has not
12 expired on potential criminal charges relating to the marijuana grow at the
13 defendant property. Nevertheless, the United States intends to depose claimants
14 David and Mary Johns regarding their ownership of the defendant property, as well
15 as their knowledge and participation in large scale marijuana cultivation, including
16 the marijuana grow at the defendant property. If discovery proceeds at this time,
17 claimants will be placed in the difficult position of either invoking their Fifth
18 Amendment rights against self-incrimination and losing the ability to pursue their
19 claims to the defendant property, or waiving their Fifth Amendment rights and
20 submitting to a deposition and potentially incriminating themselves. If they invoke
21 their Fifth Amendment rights, the United States will be deprived of the ability to
22 explore the factual basis for the claims they filed with this court.

23 4. In addition, claimants intend to depose, among others, the agents
24 involved with this investigation, including but not limited to the agents with the
25 Drug Enforcement Administration and the Internal Revenue Service. Allowing
26 depositions of the law enforcement officers at this time would adversely affect the
27 ability of the federal authorities to investigate the alleged underlying criminal
28 conduct.

1 5. The parties recognize that proceeding with these actions at this time
2 has potential adverse effects on the investigation of the underlying criminal conduct
3 and/or upon the claimants' ability to prove their claim to the property and to assert
4 any defenses to forfeiture. For these reasons, the parties jointly request that the
5 matter be stayed until November 1, 2012, in accordance with the terms of this
6 stipulation. At that time the parties will advise the court of the status of the
7 criminal investigation, if any, and will advise the court whether a further stay is
8 necessary.

9 Dated: 7/31/12

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ORDER

21 For the reasons set forth above, this matter is stayed pursuant to 18 U.S.C.
22 §§ 981(g)(1), 981(g)(2), and 21 U.S.C. § 881(i) until November 1, 2012. On or before
23 November 1, 2012, the parties will advise the court whether a further stay is
24 necessary.

25 IT IS SO ORDERED.

26 Dated: 7/31/2012

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