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 8 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 9 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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 11 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

12 Plaintiff,

13 v.

14 APPROXIMATELY \$30,670.00 IN U.S.
 CURRENCY,

15 Defendant.
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2:14-cv-02586-MCE-DB

STIPULATION AND ORDER TO
 STAY FURTHER PROCEEDINGS

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 18 The United States and claimant Christian Dapaah (“claimant”) hereby stipulate that a stay is
 19 necessary in the above-entitled action, and request that the Court enter an order staying all further
 20 proceedings due to an on-going related criminal case against claimant Christian Dapaah in Stanislaus
 21 County Superior Court People v. Christian William Dapaah, Case Number 1469889. A Preliminary
 22 Hearing is presently scheduled for January 26, 2017.

23 1. Claimant has filed a claim in this *in rem* forfeiture action, asserting he is the legal and
 24 rightful owner of the defendant property in this action. ECF No. 6.

25 2. The stay is requested pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §§ 981(g)(1) and 981(g)(2). The United
 26 States contends that the defendant currency was derived from or was intended to be used in a violation
 27 of federal law, 21 U.S.C. § 841, et seq. (manufacture, distribute, or dispense, or possess with intent to
 28 manufacture, distribute, or dispense, a controlled substance). Claimant denies these allegations.


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ORDER

For the reasons set forth above, this matter is stayed pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §§ 981(g)(1) and 981(g)(2) until March 24, 2017, in accordance with the terms of this stipulation. On or before March 17, 2017, the parties will advise the court whether a further stay is necessary.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: January 4, 2017


MORRISON C. ENGLAND, JR.
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE