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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

GUO NENG MA, and ASHLEY
CHANG,

Defendants.

No. 2:14-cr-00330-GEB

RELATED CASE ORDER

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

No. 2:14-cv-02941-MCE-DAD

REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 7520
MUIRFIELD WAY, SACRAMENTO,
CALIFORNIA, SACRAMENTO
COUNTY, APN: 048-0270-043-
0000, INCLUDING ALL
APPURTENANCES AND
IMPROVEMENTS THERETO,

REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 7455
WILLOWWICK WAY, SACRAMENTO,
CALIFORNIA, SACRAMENTO
COUNTY, APN: 047-0265-009-
0000, INCLUDING ALL
APPURTENANCES AND
IMPROVEMENTS THERETO,

REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2381
KENWORTHY WAY, SACRAMENTO,
CALIFORNIA, SACRAMENTO
COUNTY, APN: 053-0021-010-
0000, INCLUDING ALL
APPURTENANCES AND
IMPROVEMENTS THERETO, and

1 REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1724
2 S STREET, SACRAMENTO,
3 CALIFORNIA, SACRAMENTO
4 COUNTY, APN: 009-0096-008-
5 0000, INCLUDING ALL
6 APPURTENANCES AND
7 IMPROVEMENTS THERETO,

8 Defendants.

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10 On December 19, 2014, the government filed a "Notice of
11 Related Cases" in which it states:

12 The United States of America, by and
13 through its undersigned attorney, and
14 pursuant to the provisions of Local Rule 123,
15 hereby gives notice that the above-entitled
16 actions are related within the meaning of
17 Local Rule 123 because the civil forfeiture
18 action and the criminal action arise from the
19 same law enforcement investigation and,
20 therefore, involve substantially the same
21 events, transactions, and parties.
22 Particularly, the related criminal action
23 alleges that Ashley Chang and Guo Neng Ma
24 conspired to distribute and possess with
25 intent to distribute marijuana in the Eastern
26 District of California from December 2013 to
27 October 2014. The instant civil forfeiture
28 complaint alleges that the defendant
properties are forfeitable to the United
States based on its connection to Chang's
marijuana trafficking. Accordingly, the civil
forfeiture case and the related criminal
action create an identity of issues and are
likely to entail substantial duplication of
labor if heard by different judges.

For the foregoing reasons, the United
States respectfully requests that the two
cases be assigned to a single district judge.

(Notice of Related Cases, ECF No. 23.)

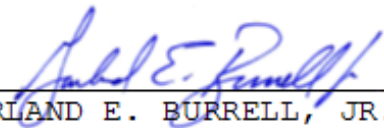
Examination of the above-entitled actions reveals that
they are related within the meaning of Local Rule 123. Under the
regular practice of this Court, related cases are generally
assigned to the judge and magistrate judge to whom the first

1 filed action was assigned. Therefore, action No. 2:14-CV-02941
2 is reassigned to Judge Garland E. Burrell, Jr., and for all
3 further proceedings, and any date currently set in the reassigned
4 case is VACATED. Henceforth the caption on documents filed in the
5 reassigned case shall show the initials "GEB-DAD."

6 Further, a Status Conference is scheduled in action No.
7 2:14-cv-02941 before the undersigned judge on May 4, 2015, at
8 9:00 a.m. A joint status report shall be filed no later than
9 fourteen (14) days prior.¹

10 The Clerk of the Court shall make appropriate
11 adjustment in the assignment of civil cases to compensate for
12 this reassignment.

13 Dated: December 23, 2014

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17 GARIAND E. BURRELL, JR.
18 Senior United States District Judge
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26 ¹ The failure of one or more of the parties to participate in the
27 preparation of the Joint Status Report does not excuse the other parties from
28 their obligation to timely file a status report in accordance with this Order.
In the event a party fails to participate as ordered, the party timely
submitting the status report shall include a declaration explaining why it was
unable to obtain the cooperation of the other party or parties.