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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 \$10,500.00 IN U.S.
15 CURRENCY,

16 Defendant.

No. 2:17-cv-02129-JAM-DB

FINDINGS AND
RECOMMENDATIONS

17 This matter came before the Honorable Deborah Barnes on the United States' *ex parte* motion
18 for default judgment. There was no appearance by or on behalf of any other person or entity claiming
19 an interest in the above-captioned defendant currency to oppose the United States' motion. Based on
20 the United States' motion and the files and records of the court, THE COURT FINDS as follows:

21 1. This action arose out of a Verified Complaint for Forfeiture *In Rem* filed October 13,
22 2017.

23 2. The United States has moved this Court, pursuant to Local Rule 540, for entry of default
24 judgment of forfeiture against potential claimant Stacey Cheatham.

25 3. The United States has shown that a complaint for forfeiture was filed; that potential
26 claimant Stacey Cheatham received notice of the forfeiture action; that any and all other unknown
27 potential claimants have been served by publication; and that grounds exist for entry of a final
28 judgment of forfeiture.

1 Therefore, IT IS RECOMMENDED as follows:

2 1. That Stacey Cheatham be held in default;

3 2. That the United States' motion for default judgment and final judgment of forfeiture be
4 granted;

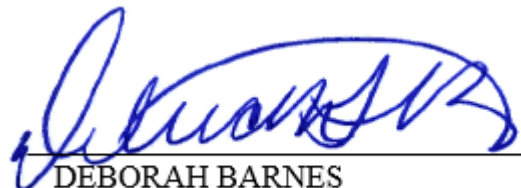
5 3. That judgment by default be entered against any right, title, or interest of potential
6 claimant Stacey Cheatham in the defendant currency referenced in the above caption;

7 4. That a final judgment be entered, forfeiting all right, title, and interest in the defendant
8 currency to the United States, to be disposed of according to law; and

9 5. That the Default Judgment and Final Judgment of Forfeiture lodged herein be signed by
10 the Honorable John A. Mendez and filed by the Clerk of the Court.

11 These findings and recommendations will be submitted to the United States District Judge
12 assigned to the case, pursuant to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). Within fourteen (14) days
13 after these findings and recommendations are filed, any party may file written objections with the court.
14 A document containing objections should be titled "Objections to Magistrate Judge's Findings and
15 Recommendations." Any reply to the objections shall be served and filed within seven (14) days after
16 service of the objections. The parties are advised that failure to file objections within the specified time
17 may, under certain circumstances, waive the right to appeal the District Court's order. See Martinez v.
18 Ylst, 951 F.2d 1153 (9th Cir. 1991).

19 Dated: December 28, 2017

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22 DEBORAH BARNES
23 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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