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default judgment. There was no appearance by or on behalf of any other person or entity claiming an interest in the above-captioned defendant currency to oppose the United States' motion. Based on the United States' motion and the files and records of the court, THE COURT FINDS as follows:

- 1. This action arose out of a Verified Complaint for Forfeiture *In Rem* filed May 7, 2020.
- 2. The United States has moved this Court, pursuant to Local Rule 540, for entry of default judgment of forfeiture against potential claimant Branden Marquell Dinkins.
- 3. The United States has shown that a complaint for forfeiture was filed; that potential claimant Branden Marquell Dinkins received notice of the forfeiture action; that any and all other unknown potential claimants have been served by publication; and that grounds exist for entry of a final judgment of forfeiture.

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Therefore, IT IS RECOMMENDED as follows:

- 1. That Branden Marquell Dinkins be held in default;
- 2. That the United States' motion for default judgment and final judgment of forfeiture be granted;
- 3. That judgment by default be entered against any right, title, or interest of potential claimant Branden Marquell Dinkins in the defendant currency referenced in the above caption;
- 4. That a final judgment be entered, forfeiting all right, title, and interest in the defendant currency to the United States, to be disposed of according to law;
- 5. That the Default Judgment and Final Judgment of Forfeiture lodged herein be signed by the Honorable Troy L. Nunley and filed by the Clerk of the Court.

Dated: November 18, 2020

ALLISON CLAIRE

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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