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 21 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
 22 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

23 BENHAM HALALI,)
 24 Plaintiff,)
 25 v.)
 26 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ET AL.,)
 27 Defendants.)
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No. 09-4900 RS

**STIPULATION FOR COMPROMISE
SETTLEMENT AND RELEASE;
[PROPOSED] ORDER**

1 It is hereby stipulated by and between the undersigned Plaintiff and the UNITED STATES
2 OF AMERICA, by and through their respective attorneys, as follows:

3 WHEREAS, Plaintiff filed the above-captioned action on October 14, 2009.

4 WHEREAS, the parties participated in a private mediation with Charlie Hawkins on
5 November 22, 2011, at which this Stipulation for Compromise Settlement and Release was
6 reached.

7 WHEREAS, Plaintiff and Defendant wish to avoid any further litigation and controversy and
8 to settle and compromise fully any and all claims and issues that have been raised, or could have
9 been raised in this action, which have transpired prior to the execution of this Settlement
10 Agreement;

11 WHEREAS, the parties intend this to be a full, final and complete settlement that resolves all
12 claims and potential claims that Plaintiff may have arising out of the subject automobile accident
13 of December 19, 2007, including Plaintiff's claims for property damage, personal injury and
14 wage loss.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises contained in this Agreement,
16 and other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties
17 agree as follows:

18 1. **Agreement to Compromise Claims.** The parties do hereby agree to settle and
19 compromise each and every claim of any kind, whether known or unknown, arising directly or
20 indirectly from the acts or omissions that gave rise to the above-captioned action under the terms
21 and conditions set forth in this Settlement Agreement.

22 2. **Definition of "United States of America."** As used in this Settlement Agreement, the
23 United States of America shall include its current and former agencies, agents, servants,
24 employees, and attorneys, including but not limited to, the United States Department of Justice,
25 the Federal Bureau of Investigation and/or any current or former agents, servants, employees, and
26 attorneys, including, but not limited to, Christina Bouls.

27 3. **Settlement Amount.** The United States of America agrees to pay the sum of Two
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1 Hundred and Fifty Thousand dollars (\$250,000.00) (“Settlement Amount”), which sum shall be
2 in full settlement and satisfaction of any and all claims, demands, rights, and causes of action of
3 whatsoever kind and nature, arising from, and by reason of any and all known and unknown,
4 foreseen and unforeseen personal injuries, damage to property and the consequences thereof,
5 resulting, and to result, from the subject matter of this settlement, including any claims for
6 wrongful death, for which Plaintiff or his guardians, heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns,
7 and each of them, now have or may hereafter acquire against the United States of America.

8 4. **Release.** Plaintiff and his guardians, heirs, executors, administrators or assigns hereby
9 agrees to accept the Settlement Amount in full settlement and satisfaction of any and all claims,
10 demands, rights, and causes of action of whatsoever kind and nature, including claims for
11 wrongful death, arising from, and by reason of any and all known and unknown, foreseen and
12 unforeseen personal injuries, damage to property and the consequences thereof which they may
13 have or hereafter acquire against the United States of America on account of the same subject
14 matter that gave rise to the above-captioned action, including any future claim or lawsuit of any
15 kind or type whatsoever, whether known or unknown, and whether for compensatory or
16 exemplary damages. Plaintiff and his guardians, heirs, executors, administrators or assigns
17 further agrees to reimburse, indemnify and hold harmless the United States of America from and
18 against any and all such causes of action, claims, liens, rights, or subrogated or contribution
19 interests incident to or resulting from further litigation or the prosecution of claims by Plaintiff or
20 his guardians, heirs, executors, administrators or assigns against any third party or against the
21 United States, including claims for loss of consortium or wrongful death.

22 5. **Dismissal of Action.** In consideration of the payment of the Settlement Amount and the
23 other terms of this Settlement Agreement, Plaintiff shall immediately upon execution of this
24 Settlement Agreement also execute a Stipulation of Dismissal. The Stipulation of Dismissal
25 shall dismiss, with prejudice, all claims asserted in this action, or that could have been asserted in
26 this action. The fully executed Stipulation of Dismissal will be held by Defendant’s attorney and
27 will be filed within five (5) business days of receipt by Plaintiff’s attorney of the Settlement
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1 Amount.

2 6. **No Admission of Liability**. This stipulation for compromise settlement is not, is in no
3 way intended to be, and should not be construed as, an admission of liability or fault on the part
4 of the United States, and it is specifically denied that it are liable to the Plaintiff. This settlement
5 is entered into by all parties for the purpose of compromising disputed claims and avoiding the
6 expenses and risks of further litigation.

7 7. **Parties Bear Their Own Costs**. It is also agreed, by and among the parties, that the
8 respective parties will each bear their own costs, fees, and expenses and that any attorney's fees
9 owed by the Plaintiff will be paid out of the settlement amount and not in addition thereto.

10 8. **Attorney's Fees**. It is also understood by and among the parties that pursuant to Title 28,
11 United States Code, Section 2678, attorney's fees for services rendered in connection with this
12 action shall not exceed 25 per centum of the amount of the compromise settlement.

13 9. **Authority**. The persons signing this Settlement Agreement warrant and represent that
14 they possess full authority to bind the persons on whose behalf they are signing to the terms of
15 the settlement.

16 10. **Waiver of California Civil Code § 1542**. The provisions of California Civil Code
17 Section 1542 are set forth below:

18 "A general release does not extend to claims which the creditor does not know or
19 suspect to exist in his or his favor at the time of executing the release, which if
20 known by him or his must have materially affected his or his settlement with the
debtor."

21 Plaintiff having been apprized of the statutory language of Civil Code Section 1542 by his [his]
22 attorney, and fully understanding the same, nevertheless elects to waive the benefits of any and
23 all rights he/she may have pursuant to the provision of that statute and any similar provision of
24 federal law. Plaintiff understands that, if the facts concerning Plaintiff's injury and the liability
25 of the government for damages pertaining thereto are found hereinafter to be other than or
26 different from the facts now believed by them to be true, the Agreement shall be and remain
27 effective notwithstanding such material difference.

28 11. **Payment by Check**. Payment of the settlement amount will be made by check drawn on

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1 the Treasury of the United States for Two Hundred Fifty Thousand dollars (\$250,000.00) and
2 made payable to Benham Halali, Plaintiff, and Ali R. Moghaddami and Michael Oran, Plaintiff's
3 attorneys. The check will be mailed to Ali R. Moghaddami, Moghaddami & Sadigh, 333 East
4 Glenoaks Boulevard, Suite 202, Glendale, CA 91207-2099. Plaintiff's attorneys agree to
5 distribute the settlement proceeds to the Plaintiff. Plaintiff and his attorney have been informed
6 that payment of the Settlement Amount may take sixty (60) days or more to process from the date
7 that the Court "so orders" this Agreement.

8 12. **Tax Liability.** If any withholding or income tax liability is imposed upon Plaintiff or
9 Plaintiff's counsel based on payment of the Settlement Amount, Plaintiff or Plaintiff's counsel
10 shall be solely responsible for paying any such determined liability from any government agency.
11 Nothing in this Settlement Agreement constitutes an agreement by the United States of America
12 concerning the characterization of the Settlement Amount for the purposes of the Internal
13 Revenue Code, Title 26 of the United States Code.

14 13. **Construction.** Each party hereby stipulates that it has been represented by and has relied
15 upon independent counsel in the negotiations for the preparation of this Settlement Agreement,
16 that it has had the contents of the Agreement fully explained to it by such counsel, and is fully
17 aware of and understands all of the terms of the Settlement Agreement and the legal
18 consequences thereof. For purposes of construction, this Agreement shall be deemed to have
19 been drafted by all Parties to this Settlement Agreement and shall not, therefore, be construed
20 against any Party for that reason in any subsequent dispute.

21 14. **Severability.** If any provision of this Settlement Agreement shall be invalid, illegal, or
22 unenforceable, the validity, legality, and enforceability of the remaining provision shall not in
23 any way be affected or impaired thereby.

24 15. **Integration.** This instrument shall constitute the entire Settlement Agreement between
25 the parties, and it is expressly understood and agreed that the Settlement Agreement has been
26 freely and voluntarily entered into by the parties hereto with the advice of counsel, who have
27 explained the legal effect of this Settlement Agreement. The parties further acknowledge that no
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1 warranties or representations have been made on any subject other than as set forth in this
2 Settlement Agreement. This Settlement Agreement may not be altered, modified or otherwise
3 changed in any respect except by writing, duly executed by all of the parties or their authorized
4 representatives.

5 16. **Liens.** Plaintiff is responsible for satisfying any and all outstanding liens relating to
6 Plaintiff's medical treatment arising out of the subject matter of this action. Plaintiff shall
7 indemnify and hold harmless Defendant from any liability Defendant may incur from any lien
8 claimant arising out of any failure by plaintiff to satisfy the outstanding liens.

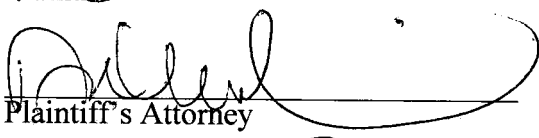
9 17. **Contingency.** This settlement is expressly conditioned upon either approval by the FBI
10 General Counsel or approval by the U.S. Attorney and Main Justice.

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12 DATED: November 22, 2011




Plaintiff

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14 DATED: November 22, 2011



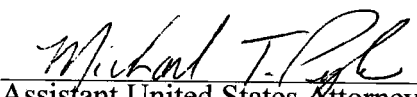
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Assistant United States Attorney
Attorney for Defendant

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20 DATED: November 22, 2011



Assistant United States Attorney
Attorney for Defendant

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23 **PURSUANT TO STIPULATION, IT IS SO ORDERED.**

24 Dated: 11/23/11



HON. RICHARD SEEBOR
United States District Court Judge

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