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United States of America et al v. Robert C. Wood II et al

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Relator Dixie Switzer in her own stead and as executor to the estate of Ted Switzer ("relators"), and defendants Thomas Dunn, M.D., Archie Perry, M.D., TDSW, LLC, and Kainalu, LLC ("defendants") provide the following status report and stipulation for a 21-day extension of time to file dismissal papers.

On February 21, 2024, relators and defendants filed their joint notice of tentative settlement of the entire action, "subject to the negotiation of mutually agreeable settlement documentation and approval by the United States Department of Justice [("DOJ")]." (Dkt. 151). In that notice, the parties explained that "the timeline for approval of *qui tam* settlement agreements from DOJ varies significantly, but typically ranges from 45 to 90 days." (*Id.*). On April 23, 2024, the Court issued an order "to file dismissal papers or a joint status report by May 21, 2024." (Dkt. 152).

Since the February 21, 2024, filing of the notice of tentative settlement, relators and defendants have agreed on the terms of a settlement agreement. On March 19, 2024, relators and defendants provided that agreement to the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Central District of California ("USAO-C.D. Cal.")<sup>1</sup> and DOJ for their approval. Also on March 19, 2024, relators submitted their request for a percentage of the relator's share pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 3730(d)(2), which was resubmitted on April 24, 2024 following discussions with DOJ. On April 29, 2024, relators and defendants agreed on the terms of the dismissal of this action in its entirety and provided that dismissal to DOJ for its approval on that same date.

Counsel for relators have had multiple conversations with DOJ regarding the terms of the settlement agreement, relator's share, and dismissal and anticipate that DOJ will complete its review process by June 11, 2024, or 21 days after the Court's order "to file dismissal papers or a joint status report by May 21, 2024." (Dkt. 152).

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USAO-C.D. Cal. principally investigated this action while it was under seal. On May 16, 2023, the Central District of California severed this action, part of which was transferred to the District of Nevada. The claims against other defendants are pending in the Central District of California and the Southern District of Georgia.

1	Accordingly, relators and defendants respectfully request that the deadline to file dismissal	
2	papers be extended to June 11, 2024.	
3		Respectfully submitted,
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5	Dated: May 8, 2024	COTCHETT, PITRE & McCARTHY LLP
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8		Attorneys for Relators
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10	Dated: May 8, 2024	FOLEY & LARDNER LLP
11		By: <u>/s/ Thomas F. Carlucci</u>
12		THOMAS F. CARLUCCI Attorney for Defendants Thomas Dunn, M.D.,
13		Archie Perry, M.D., TDSW, LLC, and Kainalu, LLC
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19		IT IS SO ORDERED:
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21		By:
22		United States Magistrate Judge
23		Dated: May 9, 2024
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