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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA ASHEVILLE DIVISION 1:11cv145

| UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, |) | |
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| Plaintiff, |) | |
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| v. |) | ORDER |
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| \$36,083.22 IN UNITED STATES |) | |
| CURRENCY, et al., |) | |
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| Defendants. |) | |
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Pending before the Court is the Motion to Seal [# 8]. Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 981(g)(5), the Government moves to file under seal Exhibit A to its Motion to Stay. Section 981(g)(5) provides that in requesting a stay, the Government may "submit evidence ex parte in order to avoid disclosing any matter that may adversely affect an ongoing criminal investigation or pending criminal trial." 18 U.S.C. § 981(g)(5). The Government, however, has not demonstrated or set forth any argument as to how disclosure of Exhibit A would adversely affect an ongoing criminal investigation or pending criminal trial. Accordingly, the Court **DENIES without prejudice** the Government's motion [# 8].

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Signed: October 3, 2011

Dennis L. Howell United States Magistrate Judge