IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA ASHEVILLE DIVISION 1:17 cv 183

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This matter is before the Court regarding Claimant Davis' request for a jury trial in her Answer [# 10]. On November 15, 2017, Claimant Davis requested a jury trial for this forfeiture case [# 10]. On December 6, 2017, the Court, believing that a jury was not permitted in this case, ordered Claimant Davis to brief the issue of a jury demand. On January 30, 2018, the Court held a hearing.

The Court heard from Mr. Devereux—counsel for Leah Patience Davis, AUSA Tiffany Moore, and AUSA Gill Beck. Pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(2) and *U.S. v. McHan*, 345 F.3d 262, 274–75 (4th Cir. 2004), the Court finds that Claimant Davis is not entitled to a jury trial in this matter. Therefore, the Court **DENIES** Claimant Davis' request for a jury trial as contained in her Answer [# 10].

Signed: January 30, 2018

Dennis L. Howell United States Magistrate Judge

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