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2 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
3 EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
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6 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

7 Plaintiff,

8 v.

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10 HI-POINT, MODEL JCP, .40 CALIBER  
11 PISTOL, SERIAL NUMBER: X7142266,  
12 and SIX ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION,

13 Defendants.  
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NO. 2:15-CV-00274-JLQ

FINAL ORDER OF FORFEITURE

15 BEFORE THE COURT is the Government's Motion for Entry of a Final Order of  
16 Forfeiture (ECF No. 7). On October 5, 2015, the Government filed a Verified Complaint  
17 for Forfeiture In Rem, alleging the Defendant pistol and ammunition were subject to  
18 forfeiture to the Government pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 924(d)(1). *See* ECF No. 1. The  
19 court has jurisdiction over this matter by virtue of 28 U.S.C. §§ 1345 and 1355. Venue is  
20 proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1395.

21 The Defendant property being forfeited is described as follows:

- 22 1) Hi-Point, Model JCP, .40 caliber pistol, Serial Number: X7142266; and  
23 2) Approximately six rounds of .40 caliber ammunition, bearing the head-  
24 stamp "Blazer."

25 On November 6, 2015, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives  
26 ("ATF") executed the Warrant of Arrest In Rem. The returned warrant was filed with the  
27 court on November 6, 2015. *See* ECF No. 5.

28 Notice of Civil Forfeiture Action was posted on the official government website

1 beginning October 7, 2015, through November 5, 2015, as required by Rule  
2 G(4)(a)(iv)(C) of the Supplemental Rules for Admiralty or Maritime Claims and Asset  
3 Forfeiture Actions, as evidenced by the Notice of Publication filed herein on November  
4 6, 2015. ECF No. 6, 6-1, and 6-2. The claim period expired no later than December 6,  
5 2015. To date, no claims have been received or filed pursuant to the internet posting.  
6 ATF did not identify any potential claimants other than Defendant Dennis Howard  
7 Estep.

8 On July 2, 2014, Estep and the Government entered into a Plea Agreement filed  
9 in the related Eastern District of Washington criminal case, *United States v. Dennis*  
10 *Howard Estep*, No. 2:14-CR-00034-JLQ. See ECF No. 7-2. Estep agreed to the  
11 forfeiture of the Defendant property as part of the Plea Agreement. Therefore, the  
12 Government did not provide direct notice of this forfeiture action. As it appears no timely  
13 claims have been made to the Defendant property, the Motion is granted.

14 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

- 15 1. The Government's Motion (ECF No. 7) is **GRANTED**. The Defendant  
16 property is hereby forfeited to the United States of America, and no right,  
17 title, or interest shall exist in any other person.  
18 2. The United States of America shall dispose of the forfeited property in  
19 accordance with law.

20 **IT IS SO ORDERED.** The Clerk is hereby directed to enter this Order and furnish  
21 copies to counsel.

22 **DATED** this 16th day of December, 2015.

23 s/ Justin L. Quackenbush  
24 JUSTIN L. QUACKENBUSH  
25 SENIOR UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE  
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