

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

CASE No. 22-20290-CR-BLOOM/OTAZO-REYES

UNITES STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

ERIC DEAN SHEPPARD,

Defendant.

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**ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO
BIFURCATE FORFEITURE AND REQUEST FOR JURY TRIAL**

Defendant Eric Dean Sheppard filed a Motion to Bifurcate Forfeiture and Request for Jury Trial (the "Motion") [ECF No ____]. Being fully informed, Defendant's Motion is hereby **GRANTED**. The trial of the forfeiture counts in the Superseding Indictment are bifurcated from the "merits"/ substantive charges at trial. Further, a jury will try the forfeiture issues pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(b)(5).

DONE AND ORDERED in the Southern District of Florida on September ____, 2023.

BETH BLOOM
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

cc: counsel of record