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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff, v. GURJEET BATH, Defendant.	CASE NO. 1:24-CR-00198-JLT-SKO APPLICATION FOR PRELIMINARY ORDER OF FORFEITURE AND PUBLICATION THEREOF

On or about August 16, 2024, plaintiff United States of America and defendant Gurjeet Bath entered into a plea agreement in which the defendant agreed to forfeit his right, title, and interest in the below-described property. The United States hereby applies for entry of a Preliminary Order of Forfeiture as to the interest of defendant Gurjeet Bath as follows:

1. Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(C), 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c), and Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(b), defendant Gurjeet Bath's interest in the following property shall be condemned and forfeited to the United States of America, to be disposed of according to law:

   a. Real property located at 2745 S. Peach Avenue, Fresno, California, Fresno County, APN: 316-040-34,

   b. Real property located at 18670 S. Elm Avenue, Laton, California, Fresno County, APNs: 055-310-15 and 055-021-18, and

   c. A personal money judgment in the amount of $841,500.00, less any forfeited assets.

2. The above-listed assets constitute property derived from proceeds traceable to a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 641.

3. Pursuant to Rule 32.2(b)(3), the Attorney General (or a designee) shall be authorized to seize the above-listed property. The aforementioned property shall be seized and held by the U.S. Marshals Service, in its secure custody and control.

4. a. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c), incorporated by 21 U.S.C. § 853(n), and Local Rule 171, the United States shall publish notice of the order of forfeiture. Notice of this Order and notice of the Attorney General's (or a designee's) intent to dispose of the property in such manner as the Attorney General may direct shall be posted for at least 30 consecutive days on the official internet government forfeiture site www.forfeiture.gov. The United States may also, to the extent practicable, provide direct written notice to any person known to have alleged an interest in the property that is the subject of the order of forfeiture as a substitute for published notice as to those persons so notified.

b. This notice shall state that any person, other than the defendant, asserting a legal interest in the above-listed property, must file a petition with the Court within 60 days from the first day of publication of the Notice of Forfeiture posted on the official government forfeiture site, or within 30 days from receipt of direct written notice, whichever is earlier.

5. If a petition is timely filed, upon adjudication of all third-party interests, if any, this Court will enter a Final Order of Forfeiture pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(C), 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c), and Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(b), in which all interests will be addressed.

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