IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	*	
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v.	*	**CRIMINAL NO. RDB-23-210**
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DAVID EPSTEIN,	*	
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Defendant	*	
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PRELIMINARY ORDER OF FORFEITURE

WHEREAS, on June 14, 2023, a federal grand jury sitting in the District of Maryland returned an Indictment, charging David Epstein (the "Defendant") with Wire Fraud, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1343 (Counts One to Five), and Money Laundering, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1957 (Counts Six to Eight);

WHEREAS, the Indictment also included a forfeiture allegation, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §§ 981(a)(1)(C) and 982, and 28 U.S.C. § 2461 (c), 21 U.S.C. § 853(p), which provided notice that the United States intended to seek forfeiture, upon conviction of the Defendant, of the offenses alleged in Counts One to Eight of the Indictment;

WHEREAS, on October 8, 2024, the Defendant pled guilty to the offense alleged in Count Three of the Indictment;

WHEREAS, as part of his guilty plea, the Defendant agreed to entry of an order of forfeiture, as part of the Defendant's sentence, to include a money judgment of at least $1,307,170.00 in U.S. currency equal to the value of the property derived from, or otherwise involved in, the Defendant's offense;

WHEREAS, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §§ 981(a)(1)(C) and 982, and 28 U.S.C. § 2461 (c), 21 U.S.C. § 853(p), and Rule 32.2(b)(2) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, the United

States is now entitled to a Preliminary Order of Forfeiture imposing a money judgment in the amount of $1,307,170.00 in U.S. currency against the Defendant;

ACCORDINGLY, it is hereby ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that:

1. The United States' Motion for a Preliminary Order of Forfeiture is GRANTED.

2. Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §§ 981(a)(1)(C) and 982, and 28 U.S.C. § 2461 (c), 21 U.S.C. § 853(p), and Rule 32.2 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, a **forfeiture money judgment in the amount of $1,307,170.00** in U.S. currency is hereby entered against the Defendant.

3. The Defendant shall remain personally liable until the judgment is satisfied. The value of any substitute assets shall be credited toward the satisfaction of the money judgment. Likewise, the value of any directly forfeitable property that is forfeited as the proceeds of the offense shall also be credited toward the satisfaction of the money judgment, but property forfeited as property used to commit or to facilitate the commission of the offense shall not be so credited.

4. The United States is authorized to conduct any discovery that might be necessary to identify, locate, or dispose of forfeited property, and to resolve any third-party petition, pursuant to Rule 32.2(b)(3), (c)(1)(B) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure and 21 U.S.C. § 853(m).

5. Pursuant to Rule 32.2(b)(6) and (c)(1), no third-party notice or ancillary proceeding is required to the extent that this Order consists solely of a money judgment.

6. Pursuant to Rule 32.2(b)(4) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, this Preliminary Order of Forfeiture will become final as to the Defendant at the time of his

sentencing, will be part of the Defendant's criminal sentence, and will be included in the criminal judgment entered by this Court against him.

7. The Court shall retain jurisdiction in this matter for the purpose of enforcing this Order, and pursuant to Rule 32.2(e)(1) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, shall amend this Order, or enter other orders as necessary, to forfeit additional specific property or substitute property when identified.

SO ORDERED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

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The Honorable Richard D. Bennett
United States District Judge