UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff, v. MOHAMED JAMA ISMAIL (2), Defendant.	Case No. 22-CR-124 (NEB/DTS) FIRST FINAL ORDER OF FORFEITURE

WHEREAS, on September 27, 2024, this Court entered a Preliminary Order of Forfeiture pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 982(a)(1), and 18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(C) in conjunction with 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c), (ECF No. 666);

WHEREAS, the United States posted a Notice of Criminal Forfeiture for a least 30 consecutive days on an official government internet site (www.forfeiture.gov), beginning on October 16, 2024, providing notice of the United States' intention to dispose of the subject property in accordance with law, and of the right of third parties to petition the Court within 60 days of the first date of posting for a hearing to adjudicate the validity of their alleged legal interest in the property, (ECF Nos. 762, 762-1);

WHEREAS, no third parties have filed a petition or otherwise asserted a legal interest in the property included in this Order[1];

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. The United States' Amended First Motion for First Final Order of Forfeiture (ECF No. 906) is GRANTED.

2. All right, title and interest in the following property is hereby forfeited to and vested in the United States of America pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 982(a)(1):

   a. $424,695.03 seized from US Bank account No. 104786619932, held in the name of Empire Cuisine and Market LLC;

   b. $4,000,422.57 seized from JP Morgan Chase Bank account No. 761580833, held in the name of Empire Cuisine and Market LLC; and

   c. $5,192.25 seized from Wells Fargo account No. 5674871586, held in the name of Mohamed Ismail.

3. All right, title and interest in the following property is hereby forfeited to and vested in the United States of America pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 981(a)(1)(C) in conjunction with 28 U.S.C. Section 2461(C):

   a. $418,532.30 seized from US Bank account No. 104786619932, held in the name of Empire Cuisine and Market LLC;

   b. $4,000,422.57 seized from JP Morgan Chase Bank account No. 761580833, held in the name of Empire Cuisine and Market LLC; and

[1] Dequa Yusuf filed a petition asserting an interest in other property that was included in the Preliminary Order of Forfeiture in this case. (ECF No. 879.) Yusuf's petition, which is currently pending, does not assert an interest in the property included in this Order.

c. $5,192.25 seized from Wells Fargo account No. 5674871586, held in the name of Mohamed Ismail.

4. The United States shall dispose of this property in accordance with law.

LET JUDGMENT BE ENTERED ACCORDINGLY.

Dated: October 14, 2025

BY THE COURT:

s/Nancy E. Brasel
Nancy E. Brasel
United States District Judge