Case 2:08-cr-00059-GW Document 412 Filed 11/19/10 Page 1 of 8 Page ID #:4509 ANDRÉ BIROTTE JR. 1 United States Attorney 2 ROBERT E. DUGDALE Assistant United States Attorney Chief, Criminal Division 3 STEVEN R. WELK (CBN 149883) 4 Assistant United States Attorney Chief, Asset Forfeiture Section 5 1400 United States Courthouse 312 North Spring Street 6 Los Angeles, California 90012 Telephone: (213) 894-6166 7 Facsimile: (213) 894-7177 E-mail: Steven.Welk@usdoj.gov 8 Attorneys for UNITED STATES OF AMERICA 9 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 10 FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 11 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, No. CR 08-59(B)- GW) 12 PLAINTIFF'S NOTICE OF MOTION Plaintiff,) 13 AND MOTION FOR AN ORDER) AMENDING FORFEITURE ORDER TO v.) 14 INCLUDE SUBSTITUTE ASSETS OR,) GERALD GREEN and ALTERNATIVELY, TO APPLY 15 PATRICIA GREEN, SUBSTITUTE ASSETS TO MONEY JUDGMENTS OF FORFEITURE 16 Defendants. PURSUANT TO FED. R. CRIM. P. 32.2(e); MEMORANDUM OF POINTS 17 AND AUTHORITIES; DECLARATION, AND EXHIBITS IN SUPPORT 18 DATE: January 24, 2011 19 TIME: 8:30 a.m. CTRM: 10 (Spring St.) 20 21 TO DEFENDANTS GERALD GREEN AND PATRICIA GREEN: 22 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT on January 24, 2011 at 8:30 a.m., in 23 courtroom 10 of the United States District Court, 312 No. Sprig 24 Street, Los Angeles, California, before the Honorable George Wu,

26 and hereby does move pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(e) for 27

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entry of an order amending the order of forfeiture entered August

United States District Judge, the United States of America will

1 13, 2010 ("Forfeiture Order") in this matter (1) to include a 2 substitute asset that is available to be forfeited, and (2) 3 allowing said asset to be liquidated and the net proceeds applied 4 toward satisfaction of the general order of forfeiture and/or 5 personal money judgments of forfeiture entered against defendants 6 Gerald and Patricia Green ("defendants").

7 This motion is based on this notice of motion and motion, 8 the accompanying Memorandum of Points and Authorities, the 9 attached Declaration and Exhibits, and such other and further 10 argument and evidence as the court may receive in any hearing 11 conducted on the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

13 DATED: November 19, 2010

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MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

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I. INTRODUCTION

3 Defendants Gerald Green and Patricia Green were convicted of Counts One through Seventeen of the Second Superseding Indictment 4 5 ("SSI"), and Patricia Green was convicted on Counts Twenty and Twenty-One as well.¹ In addition to the twenty-one substantive 6 7 counts, the SSI included a forfeiture count pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 8 § 981(a)(1)(C), 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c) and 21 U.S.C. § 853 by which 9 the government sought all right, title and interest in any and 10 all property constituting or derived from proceeds traceable to 11 the violations alleged in Counts One through Ten of the SSI, and 12 a money judgment against defendants for the amount of said 13 proceeds in the event the direct proceeds were unavailable. 14 Based on the convictions, the district court (the Hon. 15 George Wu) entered a General Order of Forfeiture against defendants on August 13, 2010, providing for the forfeiture of 16 17 (1) any and all property constituting or derived from,

(1) any and all property constituting or derived from, proceeds obtained directly or indirectly from defendants' violations of 18 U.S.C. §§ 371 and 15 U.S.C. § 78dd-2(a)(1), pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 981(a) (1)(C) and 28 U.S.C. [§] 2461(c);

(2) substitute property, if by any act or omission of defendant the property described above, or any portion thereof, cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence; has been transferred, sold or deposited with a third party; has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the court; has been substantially diminished in

²⁴ ¹ The Counts charged conspiracy to violate and particular ¹ violations of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (Counts One ²⁵ through Ten), money laundering (Counts Eleven through Seventeen), ²⁶ and tax violations (Counts Twenty and Twenty-One). A true and ²⁷ correct copy of the SSI is attached as exhibit 1 to the ²⁷ Declaration of Steven R. Welk ("Welk Decl."). Copies of Gerald ²⁷ Green's amended judgment and commitment order and Patricia ²⁷ Green's judgment and commitment order are attached to the Welk ²⁷ Decl. As exhibits 2 and 3, respectively.

value; or has been commingled with other property that cannot be divided without difficulty.

Forfeiture Order at 2 (a copy of the Forfeiture Order is attached to the Welk Declaration as exhibit 4).

In addition, the district court ordered "a personal money judgment of criminal forfeiture . . . entered against each defendant in the amount of \$1,049,465 plus the amount of each defendants' share of the Artist Design Corp. Defined Benefit Plan . . ., representing the amount of money defendants obtained as proceeds of the offenses." Id. A money judgment of forfeiture is a personal judgment that requires the defendants to pay the total amount derived from the criminal activity. *See United States v. Ginsburg*, 773 F.2d 798, 801-02 (7th Cir. 1985) (en banc); *United States v. Casey*, 444 F.3d 1071, 1074-76 (9th Cir. 2006)).² To date, the Forfeiture Order has not been satisfied.

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 $^2\,$ See, e.g., Ginsburg at 801-802 (money judgment requires the defendant to pay the total amount derived from the criminal 18 activity, "regardless of whether the specific dollars received 19 from that activity are still in his possession"); United States v. Baker, 227 F.3d 955 (7th Cir. 2000) (forfeiture order may 20 include a money judgment for the amount of money involved in the money laundering offense, which acts as a lien against the 21 defendant personally); United States v. Conner, 752 F.2d 566, 576 (11th Cir. 1985) (because criminal forfeiture is in personam, it 22 follows defendant; the money judgment is in the amount that came into his hands illegally; government not required to trace the 23 money to any specific asset); United States v. Amend, 791 F.2d 1120, 1127 (4th Cir. 1986) (same); United States v. Robilotto, 24 828 F.2d 940, 949 (2d Cir. 1987) (following Conner and Ginsburg, court may enter money judgment for the amount of the illegal proceeds regardless of whether defendant retained the proceeds); 25 United States v. Voigt, 89 F.3d 1050, 1084, 1088 (3d Cir. 1996) 26 (government entitled to personal money judgment equal to the amount of money involved in the underlying offense); and United 27 States v. Corrado, 227 F.3d 543 (6th Cir. 2000) (Corrado I) (ordering entry of money judgment for the amount derived from a RICO offense).

1 The government seeks an amendment to the Forfeiture Order 2 allowing it to take custody of real property owned by defendant Patricia Green -- specifically, the real property located at 9019 3 Lloyd Place, West Hollywood, California 90069 (the "Residence")³ 4 5 -- and liquidate the property so that it can forfeit the net proceeds to satisfy the outstanding money judgments, paying any 6 7 excess to defendants. The Residence is subject to treatment as 8 substitute property because the proceeds of the defendants' 9 offenses are otherwise unrecoverable as a result of acts or 10 omissions of defendants. 21 U.S.C. § 853(p)(1)(B). The 11 Residence is titled in the name of Patricia Green, a married 12 woman, as her sole and separate property.

II. ARGUMENT

14 A. The Forfeiture Order in this Case May be Amended

15 If property directly subject to forfeiture cannot be located, has been transferred, sold or otherwise disposed of by 16 17 defendants, is beyond the jurisdiction of the court, or has been 18 commingled with other property as a result of any act or omission 19 of the defendant, "the court shall order the forfeiture of any 20 other property of the defendant, up to the value of any property" directly subject to forfeiture. 21 U.S.C. § 853(p)(1)(B) and 21 22 (p)(2) (applicable here pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 982(b)(1)).

Rule 32.2(e) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Proceduredescribes the procedure for amending a prior order of forfeiture

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³ The legal description of the property is: Lot: 93; Tract: 6471; in the City of West Hollywood, California, as per map recorded in Book 69 Page 38 in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, California. The Parcel Number is: 4340-017-026

Case 2:08-cr-00059-GW Document 412 Filed 11/19/10 Page 6 of 8 Page ID #:4514 to add additional directly forfeitable property and/or substitute 1 2 assets: 3 (e) Subsequently Located Property; Substitute Property. 4 (1) In General. On the government's motion, the court may at any time enter an order of forfeiture or amend 5 an existing order of forfeiture to include property that: 6 $[\P](B)$ is substitute property that qualifies for 7 forfeiture under an applicable statute. 8 (2) Procedure. If the government shows that the property is subject to forfeiture under Rule 9 32.2(e)(1), the court must: 10 (A) enter an order forfeiting that property, or amend an existing preliminary or final order to 11 include it. The Residence Should Be Deemed Forfeitable Substitute 12 в. Property 13 To obtain an order forfeiting substitute assets, the 14 Government must satisfy the court that the conditions set forth 15 in Section 853(p) have been met. United States v. 16 Candelaria-Silva, 166 F.3d 19, 42-43 (1st Cir. 1999). The 17 forfeiture of substitute assets is solely a matter for the court, 18 not a jury. Rule 32.2(e)(3); Candelaria-Silva, 166 F.3d at 43 19 (forfeiture of substitute assets is solely a matter for the 20 court; the amount of the money judgment puts an upper limit on 21 the amount that may be forfeited as a substitute asset). 22 The court may also order the forfeiture of substitute assets 23 to satisfy a money judgment where the money judgment represents 24 the value of the proceeds of the offense that cannot be forfeited 25 directly for one of the reasons set forth in Section 853(p). 26 Candelaria-Silva, 166 F.3d at 42-43 (once the government has 27 obtained a money judgment, it may forfeit defendant's real

1 property in partial satisfaction of that judgment); United States 2 v. Baker, 227 F.3d 955, 970 (7th Cir. 2000) (same).

Here, the Forfeiture Order includes both a general 3 forfeiture order and money judgments against defendants. 4 The 5 Residence is titled in the name of Patricia Green, a married woman, as her sole and separate property. The government has 6 been unable to locate the direct proceeds of the underlying 7 substantive offenses because defendants have either disposed of 8 said proceeds or otherwise made them unavailable for seizure. 9 10 The Residence, being the property of defendant, is therefore 11 subject to liquidation to satisfy the Forfeiture Order. See Candelaria-Silva. 12

III. THE MECHANICS OF THE PROPOSED AMENDED FORFEITURE ORDER

The proposed order submitted by the government provides that the government has the right to take custody of and sell the Residence, and apply the net proceeds of sale to the outstanding money judgments of forfeiture in the Forfeiture Order. To the extent that any proceeds remain, those monies will be paid to defendants.

20 A. Seizure

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21 The Order provides for the seizure and sale of the 22 Residence.

23 B. Determining Third Party Rights, if Any

If the court enters the proposed order, third parties claiming an interest in the Residence will be given an opportunity to contest the forfeiture by asserting an ownership interest superior to that of the defendants in an ancillary

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proceeding pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n). Rule 32.2(e)(2). 1 2 Section II(C) of the current Forfeiture Order sets out the procedures for notifying and determining the interests of third 3 parties in specific property to be forfeited in this matter, and 4 5 the proposed Amended Order repeats those provisions. If a third party files a claim, the filing will trigger an ancillary 6 7 proceeding to determine whether the third party has a superior legal interest in the Residence. 21 U.S.C. § 853(n) (2)-(7); 8 Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(c). Following notification to third 9 10 parties and completion of any necessary ancillary proceedings, 11 the government will submit, as appropriate, an amended final order of forfeiture pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(c). 12 13

IV. CONCLUSION

14 Based upon all of the foregoing, the government respectfully requests that the Court amend the Forfeiture Order to allow the 15 government to take custody of and liquidate the Residence in 16 17 order to satisfy the Forfeiture Order.

Respectfully submitted,

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