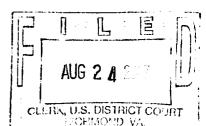


IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA Richmond Division



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
Plaintiff)
v.) Civil Action No.: 3:07CV397
APPROXIMATELY 53 PIT BULLDOGS,)
Defendant.)

REQUEST FOR ENTRY OF DEFAULT

To: Clerk of Court

Plaintiff, the United States of America, hereby requests the entry of default pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 55(a) and Supplemental Rule G for Certain Admiralty or Maritime Claims and Asset Forfeiture Actions against ALL PERSONS AND PARTIES for failure to file a valid claim and answer within the time allowed by law. See 18 U. S. C. § 983(a)(4). An Affidavit in support of this request is attached hereto.

So entered:

CHUCK ROSENBERG UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

FERNANDO GALINDO, Clerk

By: G. Wingate Grant

Assistant United States Attorney

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AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF REQUEST FOR ENTRY OF DEFAULT

The undersigned, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

- 1. I am an Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia.
- 2. This affidavit is executed by me in accordance with Rule 55 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and Supplemental Rule G for Admiralty or Maritime Claims and Asset Forfeiture Actions for the purpose of obtaining entry of default against all persons and parties for failure to answer or otherwise defend as to plaintiff's complaint.
- 3. On July 2, 2007, the United States filed a complaint for forfeiture <u>in rem</u> against the defendant property, alleging that it should be condemned and forfeited to the United States of America pursuant to 7 U.S.C. § 2156.
- 4. On August 22, 2007, a warrant of arrest <u>in rem</u> was duly executed on the defendant res by the United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Virginia.
- 5. On July 3, 2007, a Notice of Complaint of Forfeiture and a true and accurate copy of the Verified Complaint in rem was sent via first class mail and certified mail to all persons believed to have an interest in the defendant property, specifically: Purnell Peace, Tony Taylor,

Quanis Phillips, and Michael Vick at their last known addresses. None of the letters sent via first-class mail have been returned to the United States. All of the letters sent via certified mail, return receipt requested, were returned to the United States unclaimed.

- 6. On July 10, 2007, July 17, 2007 and July 24, 2007, notice of this action was published in the Richmond Times Dispatch, a newspaper of general circulation in this judicial district and in the division in which the defendant property was seized.
- 7. No person has filed a verified claim or statement of interest as required by Supplemental Rule G, nor has otherwise appeared or answered the complaint, and the time to do so has expired.
- 8. Title 18 U.S C. § 983(a)(4) requires that any claimant to the defendant property file a claim within 30 days after the date of final publication of notice of filing the complaint. No extensions to this time limit have been requested, consented to, or granted by the Court.
- 9. Upon information and belief, no person thought to have an interest in the defendant property is an infant, incompetent, or presently engaged in military service.

G. Wingare Grant

Assistant United States Attorney

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me by G. Wingate Grant, Assistant United States Attorney, this <u>AH</u> day of August, 2007.

Kuthu B. Holland

My Commission expires: 1-31-09

Notary #: 220352