

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
WESTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	:	Case No. 5:05-CV-767-FL(3)
Plaintiff,	:	
	:	
v.	:	
	:	CLAIMANTS' MOTION FOR TRANSFER
\$19, 985.90 in U.S. Currency, etc.	:	OF VENUE OF THIS CIVIL
	:	FORFEITURE CASE TO THE CENTRAL
Defendant.	:	DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA AND FOR
	:	THE TRANSFER OF THE PENDING
	:	MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION
	:	OF THE DENIAL OF CLAIMANTS'
AVEDIS DJEREDJIAN,	:	MOTION FOR RELEASE OF ASSETS
CARMEN BADRIAN,	:	TO THE CENTRAL DISTRICT
ASHKHEN DJEREDJIAN, AND	:	OF CALIFORNIA
STAR TOBACCO, INC.,	:	
	:	
Claimants.	:	
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Claimants, Avedis Djeredjian, Carmen Badrian, Ashkhen Djeredjian, and Star Tobacco, Inc., through undersigned counsel, move, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1355, 1395, 1404 and 1412, for the transfer of venue of the civil forfeiture case to the Central District of California.

They further request that their pending motions for reconsideration of the Magistrate Judge's order denying the release of seized assets to pay defense attorneys fees be transferred to the Central District of California.

This motion is based on the defendant Avedis Djeredjian's motion for change of venue in the criminal case 5:06-CR-41-1-FL(2) (Doc. 10); his renewed motion to change venue in the criminal case (Doc. 70); this Court's order granting change of venue, Document 101-1, entered 4-9-2007; and the attached Memorandum of Points and Authorities.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing motion was served, by mail, upon Assistant United States Attorney Joshua Royster, 310 New Bern Avenue, Suite 800, Raleigh, NC 27601-1461, this 10th day of April, 2007.

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