

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	
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Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
v.	)	NO. 5:05-CV-767-FL
	)	
\$19,985.90 in U.S. CURRENCY, et. al.,	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
v.	)	NO. 5:06-CR-41-1-FL
	)	NO. 5:06-CR-41-2-FL
AVEDIS DJEREDJIAN	)	NO. 5:06-CR-41-3-FL
CARMEN BADRIAN	)	
ROOBIK OHANIANSAKI,	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	

ORDER

These matters come before the court on the government's motion to stay transfer of the criminal case to the Central District of California (5:06-CR-41, DE # 107), and claimants' related motion for transfer of venue in the civil forfeiture case (5:05-CV-767, DE # 112). For the reasons stated below, the court grants the government's motion, sets deadlines for briefing of motions, and further sets both matters for hearing.

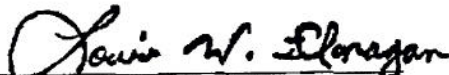
On April 9, 2007, the court ordered transfer of the criminal case to the Central District of California. On April 10, 2007, claimants moved for transfer of venue in the related civil forfeiture case, also to the Central District of California, relying in part on the court's order transferring the

criminal case. The same day, the government filed a motion to stay transfer of the criminal case and requested ten (10) days to file a motion to reconsider the order transferring the case. Response having been received, the court turns to address the government's motion.

For good cause shown, the government's motion to stay (5:06-CR-41, DE # 107) is GRANTED. The government shall file its motion to reconsider not later than April 19, 2007. Any responses to the motion to reconsider shall be filed not later than April 30, 2007. The court orders the following briefing schedule in the civil forfeiture case. The government shall respond to claimants' motion to transfer not later than April 25, 2007. Reply briefs, if any, shall be filed not later than May 2, 2007.

Where the claimants' motion for transfer of venue in the civil forfeiture case relies heavily on transfer of the criminal case, and such transfer will be the subject of the government's motion to reconsider, it is appropriate for the court to consider and address the issues raised by these motions simultaneously, after full briefing by all the parties. The court SETS these matters for hearing on **May 10, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. in Courtroom Two, at the Terry Sanford Federal Building and Courthouse, Raleigh, North Carolina**, at which time the court will take up claimants' motion for transfer of venue in the civil forfeiture case and the government's anticipated motion for reconsideration in the criminal case.

SO ORDERED, this 13th day of April, 2007.


LOUISE W. FLANAGAN
Chief United States District Judge