UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA ASHEVILLE DIVISION

CIVIL NO. 1:08CV230

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
Plaintiff,)
V.)
3039.375 POUNDS OF COPPER COINS,)
5930.32 TROY OUNCES OF SILVER COIN	S ,)
63.24 TROY OUNCES OF GOLD COINS,)
3 PLATINUM COINS,) MOTION TO
168,599 SILVER TROY OUNCE COINS,) FILE EXHIBIT UNDER SEAL
147 GOLD TROY OUNCE COINS,) PURSUANT TO
17 GOLD .05 TROY OUNCE COINS,) 18 U.S.C. § 981(g)(5)
710 SILVER .5 TROY OUNCE COINS,)
11 SILVER BARS AND SILVER SCRAP)
TOTALING 10,720.60 TROY OUNCES,)
1,000.5 TROY OUNCES OF SILVER COINS	S ,)
1,000.5 TROY OUNCES OF SILVER COINS	S ,)
DIES, MOLDS, AND CASTS SEIZED AT)
SUNSHINE MINTING, INC. ON)
NOVEMBER 14, 2007,))
16,000.05 TROY OUNCES OF RAW SILVE	R ,)
100 OUNCES OF COPPER COINS,)

and \$254,424.09 IN UNITED STATES CURRENCY, Defendants.

NOW COMES the United States of America, plaintiff herein, by and through Gretchen C. F. Shappert, United States Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina, and herewith moves, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 981(g)(5), to file under seal Exhibit A to the Government's Reply to Motion to Lift Stay and to Unseal Orders, Motions, Pleadings, Exhibits, and Transcripts Civil Proceedings (Document 35). 18 U.S.C. § 981(g)(5) provides that "[i]n requesting a stay under [18 U.S.C. § 981(g)(1)], the Government may, in appropriate cases, submit evidence ex parte in order to avoid disclosing any matter that may adversely affect an ongoing criminal investigation or pending criminal trial."

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Wherefore, the government respectfully requests that Exhibit A to the Government's Reply to Motion to Lift Stay and to Unseal Orders, Motions, Pleadings, Exhibits, and Transcripts Civil Proceedings be filed under seal until further order of the court.

Respectfully submitted this the 2d day of October, 2008.

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