

Judge extends stay for Liberty Dollars case

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A federal court judge Oct. 21 denied a motion by supporters and distributors of the private Liberty Dollars to unseal court documents investigators used to seize more than \$3 million in precious metals from a depository in Idaho in 2007.

The ruling by U.S. Magistrate Judge Dennis L. Howell in Asheville, N.C., also denied a motion to lift a stay on court proceedings imposed six months ago.

The issuer of Liberty Dollars calls them private voluntary barter currency.

Howell's Oct. 21 ruling extended the stay on the case for another six months. The stay was based on a sealed government request filed by federal prosecutors without the knowledge of the attorney representing the Liberty Dollar supporters seeking return of what they say is their property.

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