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For The Northern Mariana Islands
By JA
(Deputy Clerk)

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)

Civil No. 03-0020

Plaintiff)

v.)

ORDER OF FORFEITURE
PURSUANT TO 21 U.S.C. § 881

ONE 1998 KIA AUTOMOBILE,)
MODEL SEPHIA,)
VIN KNAFB1219W5740266,)

Defendant)

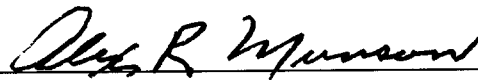
THIS MATTER came before the court on Monday, December 29, 2003,
on an order to show cause why the relief prayed for by plaintiff; *i.e.* that the
automobile described above should be forfeited to the United States pursuant to
21 U.S.C. § 881(a)(4), should not be granted. Plaintiff appeared by and through
Assistant U.S. Attorney Gregory Baka; claimant WANG, Yang appeared by
and through his attorney, G. Anthony Long.

1 THE COURT, having heard and considered the evidence presented, finds
2 that plaintiff showed by a preponderance of the evidence that the automobile
3 described as a 1998 Kia "Sephia," VIN KNAFB1219W5740266, was properly
4 forfeitable to the United States pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 881(a)(4) because it had
5 been used to facilitate the sale of a controlled substance, to wit, methampheta-
6 mine hydrochloride, also known as "ice," on December 12, 2002. Specifically,
7 the court found credible the testimony of US/CNMI Drug Task Force Agent
8 Ray Renguul that he had purchased a quantity of methamphetamine
9 hydrochloride from the registered owner of the vehicle, WANG, Yang, on
10 December 12, 2002. The transaction occurred in the parking lot of Winchell's
11 Donuts, Garapan, Saipan. Agent Renguul testified that Wang had shown him
12 that he was listed as the registered owner of the subject vehicle so that Renguul
13 would know that he could rely on the car as "security" while Wang took the
14 "buy money" from Renguul and went on foot to retrieve the methamphetamine
15 from a nearby location. Renguul sat in the subject vehicle until Wang returned
16 with the methamphetamine hydrochloride.

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24 Claimant Wang presented no credible evidence in opposition to the
25 testimony of Agent Renguul that the vehicle was not subject to forfeiture.
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1 FOR THE FOREGOING REASONS, it is ordered that the 1998 Kia
2 "Sephia," VIN KNAFB1219W5740266, is forfeited to the United States pursuant
3 to 21 U.S.C. § 881(a)(4) because it was used to facilitate the sale of a controlled
4 substance.
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6 DATED this ^{30th}~~29th~~ day of December, 2003.
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12 ALEX R. MUNSON

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