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9	SOUTHERN DISTRI	CT	Γ OF CALIFORNIA	
10	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	Civil Case No.	
11	Plaintiff in Interpleader,		COMPLAINT IN INTERPLEADER BY THE UNITED STATES OF	
12	v.	) )	AMERICA	
13	Bettye Jan Baker Adair, Douglas Alexander, Betty Allen, Geoffrey Allen, Robert T. Allen,	) )	'09 CV U254 JIVI AJE	Š
14	Willa Mae Allen, Carol A. Alvey, Timothy J. Alvey, Kent Anderson, Garth Bailey, William	) ):		
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16	Shawn Boettger, FNU Brown, Cory Brunham, Vernon D. Burtz, Cal. Pac. Bulletins, Cameron	)		
17	Campbell, Maria Cardwell, Carman Homes Inc., Cedar Management, Cedar Pointe	)		
18	Consulting Group, Inc., Rick L. Childers, Crystal Chalice, Circle Landing, Pearl J.	)		
19	Clements, CLJ Consulting, LLC, Dakota Corp., Elizabeth Anne Dart, Susan Daun-Woodstock,	)		
20	Theodore Diver, FNU Doerksen, Mark Dueck, Heike Eaton, Minister John F. LNU, Don	)		
21	Findlay, FNU Fletcher, Joanne Fontaine,	<i>)</i> )		
22	Roland Fontaine, FNU Fraser, Katherine Friesen, Joan Friske, Harry Funk, Dorothy			
23	Funk, FNU Furtin, Wesley Garbic, Gerald Giesbrecht, Pamela Giesbrecht, FNU Granville,	)		
24	Sharon Goosmann, Carolyn Gordon-Brown, Albert Granger, Neil Guess, FNU Haight,	) )		
25	Deborah Hamrell, Julie Hanson, Jake Harms, Kathy Harms, Harvest Music Promotions of			
26	Canada Ltd, Keith Hinsz, A. Joan Howard, Integrated Payment Systems, Inc., Vivian	)		
27	Johnson, Lenardo Keuchler, Don Kerr, Pat Kerr Kate Kerr Kestle, David Klapstein, A. Klass,	) }		
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COMES NOW Plaintiff United States of America, by and through its counsel, Karen P. Hewitt, United States Attorney, and Leah R. Bussell, Assistant U.S. Attorney, and states for its

- 1. This Court has jurisdiction pursuant to Title 28, United States Code, Section 1335 and Rule 22, Fed. R. Civ. P.
- 2. Venue in this jurisdiction is proper pursuant to Title 28, United States Code. Section 1397.
- 3. Plaintiff is now, and at all times mentioned in the complaint, the United States of America, acting by and through its agencies, including the Federal Bureau of Investigations and the United States Attorney.

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- 4. Upon information and belief, Defendants are or may be individuals residing in the United States and Canada who did business with or invested funds with or through Cameron Campbell, Garth Baily, and HMS Financial, Inc.
- 5. On or about April 15, 2004, \$3,521,863.63 was seized by Plaintiff from the attorney trust account of Cameron Campbell at First National Bank in La Jolla, California (account ending 1426).
- 6. On or about June 18, 2004, \$1,059,200 was seized by Plaintiff from Integrated Payment Systems, which funds represented proceeds from checks processed by Integrated Payment Systems for First National Bank which had attempted to return funds to forty-seven (47) individual payors from deposits made into the attorney trust account by Cameron Campbell.
- 7. The funds described in paragraphs 5 and 6 above were deposited into interest-bearing accounts held by the United States Marshals Service with interest accruing thereon respectively through February 11, 2009, in the amounts of \$571,781.58 and \$170,039.88.
- 8. Contemporaneously with the filing of this complaint, the United States has deposited with the Clerk of the District Court the sums representing the seized funds plus accrued interest.

## Summary of HMS Financial's High-Yield Investment Scheme

- 9. Headquartered in Canada, HMS Financial Inc. ("HMS") offered a purportedly high-yield investment program from the years of approximately 2001 to 2004. The investment scheme operated essentially as follows:
- a. Potential investors were advised of high-yield investments available with HMS that purportedly paid returns ranging from 6% to 15% per month (or more). These returns were purportedly obtained through participation in special European bank "programs."
- b. Potential investors were directed to make their checks payable to, or wire their funds to, a Canadian lawyer, Garth Bailey, or his professional corporation.
- c. Potential investors were advised that Mr. Bailey had assets in his possession of \$30 million or more, which was security for the investors' funds.

- d. Mr. Bailey typically received the investor funds, deposited those funds into bank accounts, and then followed the directions of HMS with respect to the subsequent transfer of the funds.
- 10. In the course of this HMS investment scheme, 247 guaranteed funds checks, all payable to Garth Bailey or his professional corporation, were deposited by Cameron Campbell at First National Bank in La Jolla, California. The checks represented investments in the HMS scheme made by investors throughout the United States and Canada.
- 11. Garth Bailey has subsequently admitted under penalty of perjury that, based upon events and documents that he has reviewed, that HMS conducted an illegal Ponzi scheme. The Law Society of Alberta suspended Bailey in March 2005. Furthermore, the Alberta Securities Commission issued a cease trading Order against HMS, its principals, and Bailey.
- 12. Given the defendants' competing claims for the funds seized from Campbell, the United States cannot determine which of the Defendants in Interpleader are entitled to the proceeds.
- 13. The United States files this interpleader action in good faith and without any collusion with any of the parties hereto. The United States claims no interest in the proceeds seized from Campbell. The United States acted to restrain the dissipation of the funds by Campbell in perpetuation of his various fraud schemes and to pay his own personal expenses and interests.

## Prayer for Relief

Wherefore, the United States prays for judgment against Defendants in Interpleader and each of them as follows:

- 1. That the Defendants in Interpleader and each of them be required to interplead and litigate among themselves their claims to the proceeds described;
- 2. That the Court determine and enter an order setting forth the proper recipients of the proceeds;
- 3. That the United States be dismissed from this action with prejudice following payment of the proceeds into the registry of the Court;

1	4. That the United States be awarded its costs in bringing this action to be determined	
2	by the Court and be paid out of the proceeds; and	
3	5. For such other and further relief as the Court deems just and equitable under the	
4	circumstances.	
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6	DATED: February 11, 2009	
7	Respectfully submitted,	
8	KAREN P. HEWITT United States Attorney	
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