

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
TAMPA DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

CASE NO. 8:19-cr-605-T-02CPT

MICHAEL J. DACORTA

**UNITED STATES' NOTICE OF
PENDENCY OF RELATED CASES**

The United States of America, by Maria Chapa Lopez, United States Attorney for the Middle District of Florida, pursuant to Local Rule 1.04, hereby files this Notice of Pendency of Related Actions. There are four related actions pending in this district: (1) *Commodity Futures Trading Comm. v. Oasis Int'l Grp., Ltd. et al.*, Case No. 8:19-cv-886-T-33SPF; (2) *United States v. Michael J. DaCorta*, Case No. 8:19-cr-605-T-02CPT; (3) *United States v. Joseph S. Anile II*, Case No. 8:19-cr-334-T-35CPT; and (4) *United States v. 13318 Lost Key Place, Lakewood Ranch, Fla. et al.*, Case No. 8:19-cv-908-T-02AEP. All four actions arise from a foreign exchange market ("FOREX") investment-fraud scheme that resulted in losses in excess of \$72 million suffered by at least 700 victim-investors.

Specifically, the actions share common questions of fact and law as all of the actions are premised on allegations that the defendants conspired to

commit, and committed substantive acts of, wire fraud and mail fraud, money laundering, and related offenses. All of the actions will also require resolution of issues relating to the seizure and forfeiture of significant assets both inside and outside the United States, the actions of a court-appointed receiver, and restitution to at least 700 victim-investors. The civil forfeiture action is largely resolved as judgments of forfeiture have been entered for all defendant properties. Nonetheless, the government respectfully submits that resolution of the CFTC's civil action and the government's criminal cases will result in the duplication of efforts by the Court as well as the parties, which will adversely impact the availability of funds to make restitution to victim-investors, if the actions remain assigned to different United States District Court Judges.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on December 31, 2019, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court by using the CM/ECF system which will send a notice of electronic filing to the following:

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