

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
TAMPA DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

CASE NO. 8:19-cv-908-T-02AEP

13318 LOST KEY PLACE,
LAKEWOOD RANCH, FLORIDA, et al.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF RELATED ACTIONS

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. Specifically, there are three related actions now pending in this district: (1) *Commodity Futures Trading Commission v. Oasis International Group, Limited, et al.*, Case No. 8:19-cv-886-VMC-SPF, filed on April 15, 2019; (2) *United States v. 13318 Lost Key Place, Lakewood Ranch, Florida, et al.*, Case No. 8:19-cv-908-T-02AEP, filed on April 17, 2019; and (3) *United States v. Joseph S. Anile, II*, Case No. 8:19-cr-334-T-35CPT, filed on August 9, 2019. All three 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 three 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 three 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 case 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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