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 8 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
 9 **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, WESTERN DIVISION**

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 11 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
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 13 Plaintiff,
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 15 v.
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 17 VIRTUAL CURRENCY AND
 \$1,061,517.68 IN U.S. CURRENCY
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 19 Defendants.

Civil Action No. 2:25-CV-04631

**MINTO HOLDINGS INC.'S
 VERIFIED CLAIM**

Trial Date: None Set

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2 Minto Holdings Inc. (“Minto”) hereby provides notice of its claim to the
3 property at issue in the above-captioned matter, specifically \$830,000 USD worth of
4 virtual currency which was extorted from Minto as ransom following a cyberattack.
5 Although Minto could not identify the attacker’s actual identity, the U.S. Department
6 of Justice (“DOJ”) provided Minto with notice of this forfeiture proceeding and its
7 indictment of Rustam Rafaiievich Gallyamov, apparently because DOJ believes
8 Minto was a victim of Gallyamov’s alleged criminal scheme. The ransomware
9 attacks described in the Forfeiture Complaint (Para. 11) are consistent with the attack
10 made on Minto in late December 2021, which resulted in the payment of a ransom of
11 \$830,000 USD in virtual currency. Minto also appears to be identified as a victim in
12 Gallyamov’s Indictment for this same conduct. *See United States v. Gallyamov*,
13 Indict. ¶¶B.6, 21 (Overt Act No. 6), 2;25-cr-00340-SB (C.D. Cal. filed May 2, 2025).
14 Accordingly, Minto believes it is the rightful owner of \$830,000 USD in virtual
15 currency of the seized funds that were unlawfully taken from Minto.

16 I am Minto’s Chief Executive Officer and President. I declare under penalty
17 of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true
18 and correct. Executed on January 14, 2026.

19 DocuSigned by:

Michael Waters

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21 On behalf of Minto Holding Inc.

22 Respectfully submitted,

23 /s/ Jeffrey L. Steinfeld
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