

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

In Re: THE REASSIGNMENT OF
CASE NOS. 1:12-CV-495 and 1:16-CV-1331

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

No. 17-CA-040

WHEREAS, Case Nos. 1:12-CV-495, *United States of America v. \$77,773.46 in Funds from Citizens Bank Account #4536135256, et al.*, and 1:16-CV-1331, *United States of America v. \$238,000.00 in Funds Represented by Citizens Bank Cashier's Check No. 31508266, et al.*, assigned to Honorable Paul L. Maloney are civil forfeiture actions for assets seized during a government investigation regarding false claims to the United States that also resulted in a criminal indictment in *United States v. Tapera Albert Chiwocha, Sr., et al.*, Case No. 1:16-CR-18, assigned to Honorable Robert J. Jonker;

WHEREAS, the defendants named in the criminal case have filed claims of interest in both of the civil actions;

WHEREAS, both Article III Judges having consented, and after considering all other matters of record, the undersigned exercises his discretion as Chief Judge to reassign the two civil cases to Chief Judge Jonker, as the judicial officer assigned to the underlying criminal matter.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of the Administrative Order shall be filed in the cases referenced herein.

Dated: March 6, 2017



ROBERT J. JONKER
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE