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6 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
7 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

8 Conservatorship of

9 Steven A Schultz

10 Proposed Conservatee

) Case No.: 26STPB00601

) SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION OF
) STEPHEN FRANK ROBINSON

) Date: June 2, 2026

) Time: 10:30 A.M.

) Dept: 4

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17 I, Stephen Frank Robinson, declare as follows:

18 1. I submit this supplemental declaration to clarify certain statements and omissions
19 contained in the report submitted to the Court and to provide additional factual context regarding
20 my involvement with Mr. Schultz. My involvement with Mr. Schultz arose during a period of
21 instability involving his prior caregiver and multiple law enforcement responses to his residence.
22 During this time, LAPD officers responded to incidents involving Mr. Schultz and his caregiver,
23 Josefina Aquino.
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25 2. As reflected in **Exhibit G**, contemporaneous communications confirm both law
26 enforcement involvement and discussion regarding the need for a Power of Attorney. During this
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1 period, I was advised by Sgt. Reyes of the Devonshire Branch of the LAPD that as Josefina
2 Aquino claimed she had a POA on Steven, establishing a Power of Attorney would protect
3 Steven.
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5 3. Prior to my involvement, there were documented financial irregularities affecting Mr.
6 Schultz, including missing benefit funds. These concerns were formally reported, and the United
7 States Department of the Treasury confirmed that an investigation had been opened regarding a
8 stolen check. A copy of this documentation is attached as **Exhibit I**. Also a copy of this
9 document was emailed to Ms. Barnett on March 21, 2026. See **Exhibit J**.
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11 4. The Power of Attorney was executed during a period when Mr. Schultz was seeking
12 assistance in managing his affairs. I also note that the report raises questions regarding the Power
13 of Attorney. I strongly support verification of the document and welcome review by any
14 appropriate authority. The Power of Attorney has been provided, used, and relied upon in
15 practice by multiple institutions, and I have made all supporting documentation available. I
16 respectfully request that any concerns regarding its validity be evaluated through direct
17 verification rather than inference.
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19 5. In practice, the Power of Attorney has been fully recognized and relied upon by
20 multiple institutions and individuals involved in Mr. Schultz's care, including:

- 21 • VA medical providers who have contacted me regarding changes to Mr. Schultz's
22 medications
- 23 • My participation in care coordination discussions involving Mr. Schultz's providers
- 24 • Acceptance and use of the Power of Attorney during the renewal of Mr. Schultz's Medi-
25 Cal benefits by Los Angeles County

26 6. In December, I met with VA social worker Adrian Yokley and provided to her
27 documentation of the Power of Attorney, including an explanation regarding its execution and
28 use, as well as supporting information related to the Treasury matter. At that time, the Power of

1 Attorney had already been accepted by Los Angeles County Medi-Cal following review. In my
2 March 29 email to court-appointed counsel (see **Exhibit I**), I provided detailed information
3 regarding the LAPD involvement and the circumstances leading to my involvement with Mr.
4 Schultz.
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6 7. In that same communication, I provided contact information for individuals who could
7 independently verify the facts, including:

- 8 • Nancy Ramirez (apartment manager)
- 9 • Det. Luke Bennett, Van Nuys Division LAPD
- 10 • Mr. Schultz's banking contact (Ricardo Garcia)

11 I also informed counsel that I had filed reports with both the LAPD (see **Exhibit J**) and the
12 United States Department of the Treasury (**Exhibit H**) and provided supporting documentation.

13 This information was provided approximately one week prior to the filing of the report.
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15 8. The bank records (see **Exhibit K**) reflect a series of cash withdrawals between June 1
16 and September 10, 2025 totaling \$13,659.00, prior to my involvement. Steven had closed out his
17 account for the fourth time due to his suspicion he was being scammed. Part of the reason Steven
18 was in eviction, starting in February, was because he was writing rent checks on his old account.

19 These records were provided to counsel in my March email (See **Exhibit I**).
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21 Following my involvement, I took steps to stabilize Mr. Schultz's finances, including:

- 22 • Coordinating the deposit of Social Security and VA benefit payments
- 23 • Making deposits of \$900 and \$580 into his account
- 24 • Maintaining transparency regarding all financial activity

25 9. I also communicated with Mr. Schultz's banking contact (Ricardo Garcia), requesting
26 that he speak directly with Mr. Schultz, and inquired about structuring funds into regular
27 monthly payments to support a future care placement. (see **Exhibit L**)
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2 9. I also communicated with Mr. Schultz's banking contact (Ricardo Garcia), requesting
3 that he speak directly with Mr. Schultz, and inquired about structuring funds into regular
4 monthly payments to support a future care placement. (see Exhibit M)

5 At the time of these actions, no conservatorship proceedings had been initiated.

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7 10. To clarify specific transactions, Mr. Schultz had approximately \$1,000 in cash in his
8 possession. We encouraged him to deposit the majority of those funds, and \$900 was deposited
9 on September 22, 2025. Mr. Schultz later withdrew \$600 on September 30, 2025 when he
10 deposited his VA check. He spent approximately \$20, and I deposited the remaining \$580 on
11 October 14, 2025, after Mr. Schultz was admitted to the VA Hospital. These transactions reflect
12 efforts to safeguard Mr. Schultz's funds and maintain transparency.
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14 11. The report states that I told Mr. Schultz he would be placed in a "shack" and
15 attributes additional statements regarding race. I respectfully clarify the context. Over the last
16 seven months I have visited Mr. Schultz twice a week, for three hours or more each time. We
17 have normal conversations in which he often complains about his room, calling it, and the VA
18 Hospital as a dump. In discussing future placement, I told Mr. Schultz I would advocate to
19 ensure he is placed in a safe and appropriate facility. During that conversation, he asked if he
20 would be placed in a "shack," and I responded jokingly that it would be a "shack on the beach in
21 Hawaii with hula girls and luaus." This was a lighthearted remark. See stevenaschultz.com for
22 pictures of how he use to live prior to, and after my involvement.
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25 12. With respect to race, I did tell Mr. Schultz that wherever he is placed, there will be
26 people of different backgrounds, including Black individuals. This was said in response to his
27 expressed concerns. When Mr. Schultz makes inappropriate racial comments, I correct him and
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1 explain that such views are wrong. I have also apologized to VA staff for any offensive
2 comments he has made, as I do not share those views.

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4 13. I further note that in my March 29 email to counsel, I informed her of prior LAPD
5 involvement and that I had filed reports with both the LAPD and the United States Department
6 of the Treasury, and provided supporting documentation (Exhibit I).

7 I also note that the report first presents the statement as direct assertions and then qualifies them
8 as matters the author "highly suspects." I respectfully provide this clarification so the Court has
9 an accurate understanding of the context.
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11 14. The report's description of how I first met Mr. Schultz is not accurate. I respectfully
12 refer the Court to **Exhibit K** (text messages reflecting LAPD involvement) and **Exhibit J** (my
13 email to counsel providing contact information for verification). As reflected in those exhibits,
14 law enforcement was involved during the period in which I became involved with Mr. Schultz,
15 and that information was provided to counsel prior to the filing of the report.
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17 15. In Ms. Barnett's description, my door was open and Steven "found his way in." As
18 shown in **Exhibit P**, my door neither has a screen door, nor a door stop. It does have a closure
19 device. Her description may have been given to her by Thomas, a gentleman we will cover later.
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21 16. Prior to my involvement, Mr. Schultz described significant difficulties with his prior
22 caregiver, including concerns about financial exploitation and neglect of his medical condition.
23 Mr. Schultz had a net income of over \$2800 a month, and as **Exhibit L** shows, he lived a very
24 meager existence, the settee was his chair and bed.
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26 17. As previously noted, \$13,659 was withdrawn from Steven's checking account in a
27 four month period, and yet he was facing eviction for only \$4,345. A copy of the eviction notice
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1 is attached as **Exhibit N**, and photographs reflecting the condition in which Mr. Schultz was
2 living are attached as **Exhibit O**. As Ms. Barnett was aware, two criminal investigations are
3 ongoing. As for Ms. Aquino's address, it is also listed on the SSA letter. (See **Exhibit N**) I find it
4 odd that an attorney of thirty plus years, one specializing in senior abuse situations, would
5 seemingly have no idea how a police investigation works.
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7 18. The report of another "mystery gentleman" in Ms. Barnett's Paragraph 11 is a total
8 fabrication of the facts. The report states that VA Social Worker Vica Bernal contacted counsel
9 on April 1 reporting that "another gentleman" had reached out to the VA to state that Mr. Schultz
10 was not the first person I had possibly conned. I respectfully state that this description is not
11 accurate based on what I have since learned.
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13 19. I believe the individual referenced is Thomas, an acquaintance who formerly lived
14 next to Mr. Schultz. When we had lunch the next day, Thomas advised me that he went to the
15 VA to visit Mr. Schultz after an appointment. According to Thomas, when he arrived at the
16 ward, he was asked to wait while staff located Vinca Bernal, Steven's social worker, after which
17 he was asked some questions and his contact information was taken.
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19 20. Thomas also advised me that Ms. Barnett contacted him around April 3 or April 4,
20 prior to filing her report with the Court. According to Thomas, he did not provide any negative
21 information about me, saying that the most significant thing he told her was that I had purchased
22 Mr. Schultz a belt because his pants were loose. Thomas also has an email from Ms. Barnett
23 from around that same time.
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25 21. As indicated in Paragraph 14, Ms. Barnett believes Steven and I met while he was
26 high. Thomas said he told Ms. Barnett that he was aware Steven had been given drugs,
27 potentially by Josefina or another resident, and was wandering the halls. While this incident
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1 22. Thomas has stated that he is willing to explain this sequence of events to anyone who
2 asks. I respectfully note that the sequence described in the report is difficult to reconcile with
3 Thomas's account, in which he visited Mr. Schultz openly, spoke with staff only after being
4 approached, and later communicated the visit to me without hesitation.
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6 23. Because this information appears to involve communications by VA personnel that
7 were later included in a court filing, I intend to request that the VA review how this information
8 was obtained, characterized, and communicated.
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10 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the
11 foregoing is true and correct.
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15 Rev. Stephen Frank Robinson.
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Screenshot – Text messages LAPD
involvement

Wednesday, Sep 10 • 3:39 PM

Josie called the police when I tried to take Steve to his appointment at the VA...

Friday, Sep 19 • 2:06 PM

Did you know Steve has a BofA account? Josie has his SSA checks going to her. She is his beneficiary.

Thursday, Sep 11 • 12:20 PM

Joel (APS) 818-901-3974



Friday, Sep 26 • 5:08 PM

I spoke with Det Garcia at the Devonshire PD. Tomorrow or Sunday, I am calling the LAPD to send a unit out, non-emergency to open the complaint. She took a lot of details. If I could ask a small favor, can you please get me a copy of Josie's POA and bank statements for last year and this year? The LAPD will need them. Thanks so much. 😊

Got it

12:57 PM SMS

Thursday, Sep 11 • 2:01 PM

The police came again. They are taking all of Josie's keys and escorting her off. Steve has agreed to give me power of attorney. I will check with the VA but do you have a lawyer that could handle it?

Monday, Sep 29 • 12:21 PM

Share screen with Live , by tomorrow

Friday, Sep 12 • 1:21 PM

Do you have Steve's mailbox key? The

Ask about screen ap 29 • 2:26 PM

Exhibit H:

Treasury Letter

Check Symbol: 4035

Check Serial #: 14028138

Part 1

CLAIM AGAINST THE UNITED STATES FOR THE PROCEEDS OF A GOVERNMENT CHECK "Do Not Fold".

OMB No. 1530-0010

Exp. 7/31/94

Please refer to the Privacy Act Statement following this form, which you may keep for your records.

Check Symbol: 4035 Check Serial #: 14028138
Check Amount: 1395.93 Check Issue Date: 2025-10-01

Issued by: 36000201

Name(s) on check: STEVEN SCHULTZ

Payee Name 1: STEVEN SCHULTZ

Payee Name 2:

WARNING: Title 18, Sec. 287, U.S. Code: "Whoever makes or presents to any person or officer in the civil, military, or naval service, of the United States, or to any department or agency thereof, any claim upon or against the United States, or to any department or agency thereof, knowing such claim to be false, fictitious, or fraudulent, shall be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned not more than five years, or both."

Table with 2 columns: Question and Answer. Contains 8 questions regarding check receipt, signing, cashing, and depositing, with handwritten 'NO' or 'NO AND NO' answers.

THIS CLAIM IS MADE FOR THE PROCEEDS OF THE ABOVE CHECK. IF YOU CASH BOTH ORIGINAL AND ANY SETTLEMENT CHECKS, THE OVERPAYMENT MUST BE PROMPTLY REFUNDED. FAILURE TO DO SO COULD RESULT IN LEGAL ACTION. BE SURE TO INCLUDE THE ABOVE CHECK AND SYMBOL NUMBERS WITH YOUR REFUND.

Signature section with fields for Payee's Signature, 2nd Payee's Signature, Your assigned I.D. No. (SSA, VA, IRS, Etc.), and Signature of Witness.

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9. Did you ever live or receive mail at the address on the front of this check?	YES
10. What was your mailing address on the date this check was issued? If you moved, did you advise the Post Office and agency which authorizes the payment?	Address <u>17051 PLUMMER ST Apt. 221</u> <u>NORTHRIDGE, CA</u> Zip <u>91325</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
11. Did anyone other than yourself have the opportunity to receive your mail? If so, who?	NO
12. Did you lose any identification which might have been used by someone else to cash your check? If so, explain.	NO
13. Do you have information concerning the cashing of the check? If so, explain. (Use additional paper if necessary.)	YES - SEE ATTACHED
14. Where did you usually cash or deposit your check at the time this check was cashed?	CITIBANK NORTHRIDGE
15. Clearly print your current mailing address.	Address <u>17051 PLUMMER ST Apt. 221</u> <u>NORTHRIDGE, CA</u> Zip <u>91325</u>
16. If you are employed, give the name, address, and telephone number of your current employer.	Name _____ Address _____ Phone Number _____
I CERTIFY THAT ALL THE ABOVE QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN ANSWERED TRUTHFULLY TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.	
SIGN HERE	Payee's Signature <u>23 DEC 25</u> <u>Steven A. Schultz</u> Date
2nd Payee's Signature (if check drawn to two payees)	Give your current home address, telephone number and/or a number where you can be reached. Address <u>17051 PLUMMER ST #221</u> Zip <u>91325</u> Telephone No. () <u>818-310-5073</u> Other No. () _____

To expedite the settlement of your claim, sign your name three (3) times below for handwriting comparison.

Payee's Signature	2nd Payee's Signature
1. <u>Steven A. Schultz</u>	1. _____
2. <u>Steven A. Schultz</u>	2. _____
3. <u>Steven A. Schultz</u>	3. _____

Be sure to detach and retain the payee instruction page 1 for your records. If you move before your claim is settled, send your new address along with the check and symbol numbers to the agency given on the instruction page, and advise the Post Office of your forwarding address. COMPLETE BOTH PAGES OF THIS CLAIM FORM. You must return the check copy or we will be unable to process your claim.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 10 minutes, including the time to review instructions, search existing data resources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Comments concerning the accuracy of the time estimate and suggestions for reducing this burden should be directed to the Department of the Treasury, Bureau of the Fiscal Service, Parkersburg, WV 26106

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United States Treasury

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STEVEN SCHULTZ
17051 PLUMMER ST APT 221
NORTHRIDGE CA 91325 2552

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VOID AFTER ONE YEAR

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VA COMPENSATION - 09/01/25-09/30/25
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FOR DEPOSIT ONLY CHECK WITHOUT
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WARRANTY
HOLD TO PAY TO VERIFY WATERMARK
FORGE OR REPRODUCTION ON Treasury Check is a Federal
Offense. Call 1-877-438-7575 for more information.

Steven Schultz

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

AUTHORITY: 31 U.S.C. 321 3321, 3325, 3327, 3343; 31 CFR Parts 235 and 245; and Executive Orders 9397 and 13478 authorize the collection of this information.

PURPOSE: These records are collected to allow the Department of the Treasury to process a payee's claim for the proceeds of a government check.

ROUTINE USES: These records may be disclosed to the endorsers on the government check that is subject to your claim, including the banking industry for payment verification. This information may also be disclosed pursuant to the Department of the Treasury System of Records Notices (SORNs) FMS .002 and FMS .003; including to Federal agencies, State and local law enforcement agencies, congressional offices and media assistance offices on behalf of payee claimants, and agencies responsible for investigating or prosecuting violations or potential violations of a civil or criminal law or regulation, or for enforcing or implementing a statute, rule, regulation or order; and courts, magistrates or congressional offices, as authorized or required by law. The Executive Orders listed above authorize the use of your Social Security Number (SSN). Your SSN may be used to ensure the accurate identification and retention of records pertaining to you and to distinguish you from other claimants.

DISCLOSURE: Furnishing this information (including your SSN) is voluntary; however, failure to provide the requested information may result in a claim against the United States for the proceeds of a government check to be delayed or unable to be processed.

DECLARATION OF REV. STEPHEN FRANK ROBINSON

I, Rev. Stephen Frank Robinson, declare as follows:

1. I am an adult resident of Los Angeles County, California. I have personal knowledge of the facts stated in this declaration and, if called to testify, could and would competently testify thereto. I hold to POA's, both durable, one Medical and one general.
2. Steven Schultz was admitted to the West LA VA Hospital on the morning of 10 October 2025 and is undergoing treatment for multiple medical conditions, including dementia. Steven, a U.S. Navy veteran, was diagnosed with dementia in the fall of 2022 by Kaiser.
3. Josefina Aquino was aware of this diagnosis. Despite that knowledge, there was no long-term care placement, financial safeguards, or protective oversight implemented on Steven's behalf for the approximately three years following the diagnosis.
4. During that period, Josefina Aquino acted as Steven's friend and part-time caregiver, assisting him intermittently. She was not employed under a formal written contract and did not hold financial power of attorney. She did, however, maintain ongoing access to Steven's residence and mail.
5. In May 2025, Steven was again forced to close his bank account at Citi Bank due to check fraud by a neighbor. This

was not the first time Steven had been required to close a bank account for similar reasons.

6. Following the May 2025 account change, Steven did not receive his VA disability benefit payments for June, July, and August 2025, and no corresponding deposits appear in his bank records. During this period, Josefina Aquino possessed a mailbox key that had been issued to her by a prior apartment manager, providing her access to Steven's mail.
7. During the same period, Steven also did not receive his SSI payments for June, July, August, and September 2025. Steven and I later learned that Josefina Aquino had declared herself his SSI beneficiary, without Steven's full understanding or informed consent, resulting in diversion of those SSI payments.
8. Steven reported that when he questioned the missing VA and SSI payments, Josefina Aquino told him the delays were due to bank or government processing issues. Relying on those representations, Steven did not immediately report the missing payments.
9. In August 2025, I became actively involved in assisting Steven after observing his deteriorating condition and learning of the missing benefit payments and financial irregularities. Steven was sitting in the mail room waiting for the mail to be delivered. This is where Steven told me he believed Josefina had stolen the prior checks.
10. On September 10th, 2025 Josefina Aquino took Steven to the his bank and cashed his September check, along with a cashiers check that was for his rent, but had not been

accepted as Steven was being evicted due to non-payment of rent. Steven told me Josie only gave him \$600 and took the rest. This deposit and subsequent withdrawal are shown on his bank statement.

11. On September 11, 2025, following repeated police responses to the property, Sergeant Reyes of the Devonshire Division of the Los Angeles Police Department responded to an incident involving Steven and Josefina Aquino. During that response, Sergeant Reyes requested that Josefina Aquino produce proof of guardianship or financial authority. She was unable to do so. As a result, Sergeant Reyes escorted Josefina Aquino off the property, and her keys were removed.
12. On September 12, 2025, Steven executed a Medical Power of Attorney, naming me as his agent at the Sepulveda VA Medical Center. On the same date, a Durable General Power of Attorney was prepared and dated September 12, 2025, but was not signed until September 20, 2025. I have acted under these authorities since that time.
13. On October 4, 2025, as per the Northridge manager of the USPS, Josefina Aquino submitted a mail forwarding request, redirecting Steven's mail to her home address. At that time, Josefina Aquino held no financial power of attorney for Steven. No authorization or prior consent was provided.
14. Steven's October 2025 VA disability check was not received by him as it is dated for the 5th of each month, usually arriving on the 9th of the month. In conjunction with this statement, I received correspondence from the U.S.

Department of the Treasury confirming that the check was indeed cashed and that an investigation was opened related to the October 2025 stolen check.

15. On October 10th, 2025, Steven was admitted to the West LA VA hospital for treatment more diagnosis. He will remain there until a Long-term care placement can be procured.
16. This declaration is made to accurately document the sequence of events described above.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on Dec 26, 2025, at Northridge, California.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Stephen Frank Robinson", is written over a solid horizontal line.

Rev. Stephen Frank Robinson

818-310-5073

Power of Attorney for Steven A. Schultz

Exhibit I:

Email Correspondence – Ms. Barnett



Frank Robinson <rwpinv@gmail.com>

Steven Schultz

4 messages

Frank Robinson <rwpinv@gmail.com>

To: leslie@lesliebarnett.com

Sun, Mar 29, 2026 at 3:39 PM

Dear Ms. Barnett,

I am writing to provide additional context and documentation regarding my assistance with Steven's affairs.

During my phone call with Steven this past Friday, he mentioned your recent meeting. He expressed concern about his previous statement regarding his trust in me, which he attributed to feeling overwhelmed during your conversation. While he initially wanted to contact you to retract that statement, I advised him against it to avoid any appearance of undue influence. During our visit on Saturday, Steven was worried about his money, he was hoping he could transfer all his money to me, something he has suggested on more than one occasion.

Regarding the history of my involvement, I have attached "Exhibit C." It was the apartment manager, Nancy Ramirez, who requested my help in late August during Steven's eviction proceedings. At that time, Steven was having significant conflicts with his previous caregiver, Josefina Aquino. On September 8th, Steven asked me to take him to the Sepulveda VA; this was my first time seeing the condition of his apartment, which I have documented at www.stevenaschultz.com.

The reason I, as well as everyone else in the building, did not have any relationship with Steven for well over three years was due to his constant anger. He would yell at everyone, cursing them and claiming they had no money, that he had big money. Josefina covered his rantings by stating that Steven had dementia, which went untreated for over three years. She took Steven to Kaiser around September of 2022 in which she was told of Steven's diagnosis, but chose to ignore, not taking him to any follow-up appointments. His doctors were actually surprised to see him when I took him around Sept 23, 2025.

By Thursday, Sept 11th, including 6 visits from the LAPD in just four days, Josefina was removed from the premises and told Steven wanted nothing more to do with her. The next day, Friday, Sept 12th, on another visit to the VA, this time with Lauren Rios, Steven's social worker, she asked me if I wanted to sign Steven's Advance Directive, which I did. We drafted and signed the General POA on the same day, notarizing it a week later, to give Steven time to reconsider. We did this as Steven did not know if he had signed one with Josefina earlier. I have used the POA three times, once at the USPS to forward Steven's mail in late October 2025, and at his two financial institutions in January of 2026, only after Dr. Manesh gave me the letter on Dec. 30th, 2025.

I want to clarify that I had no knowledge of Steven's financial situation when I began helping him. In fact, I personally paid for his new television and a chair from Goodwill. My primary goal has been to protect Steven from further exploitation. Attached are bank statements showing deposits made on September 22nd (\$900) and October 14th (\$580) to secure cash he was carrying. Furthermore, I have filed a report with the LAPD and a check theft claim with the Treasury regarding Steven's October VA check.

I am fully aware Ms. Barnett that any perceived mismanagement of Steven's finances could jeopardize my ability to remain his friend. To maintain transparency, I review Steven's bank balance with him during every visit to ensure he feels his funds are secure. If you are not aware, Michi and I visit Steven twice a week, every week, usually for around 3 hours, on Tuesdays and Saturdays. We hope he can be moved to a place in the valley to avoid the drive.

Steven does remain somewhat confused about his options; he thought you were a third option and he liked the way you talked. Could you please clarify to myself and Steven as to what his current options are, as well as how his finances would be managed under county conservatorship, specifically regarding two investments that carry prepayment penalties.


Sincerely,


Frank Robinson

4 attachments

 **Gmail - 17051 Plummer #221 - Steven Schultz.pdf**
597K

 **Bank Statements.zip**
3017K

 **Steven A Schultz - Treasury Statement.pdf**
3719K

 **Steven Schultz - VA Treasury.pdf**
3632K

Leslie Barnett <Leslie@lesliebarnett.com>
To: Frank Robinson <rwpinv@gmail.com>

Tue, Mar 31, 2026 at 2:49 PM

Mr. Robinson thank you for the bank statements. I am having difficulty opening them. Where are all the other ones that you keep telling Mr. Schultz that there are fantastically large balances? I would really like to see those statements, if they exist.

Please understand that I am the attorney for Mr. Schultz and it is my role to advocate for him. I will certainly do that.

You may not use his Power of Attorney for Finances as no one including the VA has said anything about its authenticity. If you continue to take money from his account for gas and whatever, you will most likely have to pay it back.

Leslie Barnett, M.S.W., J.D

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Frank Robinson <rwpinv@gmail.com>
To: Leslie Barnett <Leslie@lesliebarnett.com>

Tue, Mar 31, 2026 at 10:24 PM

Dear Ms. Barnett,

I believe it is necessary to reset our communication and address several misunderstandings regarding my role in Steven Schultz's affairs.

Regarding the "fantastically large balances" you mentioned, it appears there was a misunderstanding during your interview with Steven. He did mention to me that he was having one of his "off" days, and was moody. It appears you came out of the interview with a serious misunderstanding. Steven often boasts about "secret money" as a defense mechanism and I can understand you thinking I was promising Steven big money later as part of a scam. What he was referring to are his two annuities at US Bank, one for \$50,000 and one for \$225,000, now totaling approximately

\$281,000 with interest. While I do not receive these statements, his Wealth Management Advisor, Ricardo Garcia, can be reached at 818-282-9115 / 818-632-7995 at the Van Nuys branch to verify these balances.

I also must address your comments regarding the Power of Attorney (POA). The General POA was executed alongside the Advance Directive, which the VA has recognized. The County of LA validated it when I renewed Steven's Medical as well as both US Bank and Citibank validated the document in January after I provided the required letter from Dr. Manesh.

Furthermore, I find the suggestion that I have used Steven's funds for personal expenses like gas to be entirely unsubstantiated. I have never spent his money for my own benefit; on the contrary, I have personally paid for items he needed, such as a television and furniture. For a reference regarding my character, I encourage you to contact the apartment manager, Nancy Ramirez, at 818-398-0104 or 310-735-2798.

When you speak with her, you can get the names of the two detectives who came to her office last week. They were gathering information on Steven's rental payment history, or lack thereof, which is why he was in eviction. They are part of the team working on the senior abuse report I filed in August (#26182024). You can contact the lead - Detective Luke Bennet at 38384@lapd.online. The LAPD has been investigating the disappearance of funds and the neglect Steven suffered prior to my involvement.

Per Nancy, one of the detectives said something like "someone is going to jail" while reviewing the ledger.

I have re-attached his bank statements as PDFs for your review. You will see that the only deductions are for his cell phone bill. I regularly show Steven his Citibank balance to reassure him that his funds are secure, as protecting him from exploitation remains my primary goal. If Steven had seen any withdrawals, he would have called the police.

Also note the two deposits of cash in September and October. We found out Steven was carrying \$1500 when he left his wallet in our apartment. We came to an agreement to deposit \$900 of it, which we did the next day. The remaining \$580 I deposited after he was admitted to the VA. (Steven spent \$20 at Ralphs for food, soda and chips)

Finally, I have two questions regarding the proposed conservatorship:

1. Given that the VA has validated the medical POA and provides regular social worker visits, what is the specific necessity for a conservatorship of the person?
2. Will Steven still be able to check his own balances if the county conserves his estate?

I am committed to transparency and am happy to provide any further information to demonstrate that I am acting solely in Steven's best interests.

Sincerely,

Frank Robinson
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9 attachments

 **August 29.pdf**
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 **December 31.pdf**
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 **July 31.pdf**
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 **February 27.pdf**
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 **January 30.pdf**
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 **November 28.pdf**
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 **June 30.pdf**
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 **October 31.pdf**
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 **September 30.pdf**
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Frank Robinson <rwpinv@gmail.com>

Mon, Apr 6, 2026 at 10:50 AM

To: Leslie Barnett <Leslie@lesliebarnett.com>, Selina Thomasian <sthomasian@counsel.lacounty.gov>

Ms. Barnett,

I spent Saturday visiting Steven and he still has questions he needs answered:

1. What need is there for the County to conserve Steven, the person? He is, and will remain, in a controlled facility. I am more than willing to take Steven to any appointments and the VA has said they will send a social worker to check up on Steven once a month when he moves to a facility here in the Valley.
2. If the County conserves Steven, will he stay at the VA or will he be transferred to another facility?
3. As you are aware, the VA is looking to put a fiduciary in place. If I agree not to be the fiduciary, would that assure the courts Steve is no longer being financially exploited and that protection is in place?
4. If the County does conserve Steven's finances, will he be able to still check his balances?
5. How will the three investments be handled as they all have a penalty for early withdrawal and do not come due until the fall.

I know you are aware time is short, his first hearing is scheduled for Monday. Please answer these questions in a reply to this email so I can discuss this with Steven.

Frank Robinson

On Tue, Mar 31, 2026 at 2:49 PM Leslie Barnett <Leslie@lesliebarnett.com> wrote:

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Exhibit J:

Email - LAPD



Frank Robinson <rwpinv@gmail.com>

Case #25182024

LUKE BENNETT <38384@lapd.online>
To: Frank Robinson <rwpinv@gmail.com>

Mon, Apr 20, 2026 at 6:25 AM

Good morning,

I am working on getting all of his financial and medical records. I wrote a couple warrants a few weeks ago, still waiting on a few banks.

Thanks for checking. I will keep you posted. Feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

Detective II Luke Bennett #38384
Los Angeles Police Department
Commercial Crimes Division
Valley Financial Section
(818) 374-9420 (office)

From: Frank Robinson <rwpinv@gmail.com>

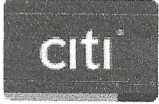
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2026 2:22 PM

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Exhibit K:

Citibank Account Printout.



Checking-3155

Available Now

\$18,612.48

On Deposit

\$18,612.48

Average Monthly Balance: \$18,571.83

Account Information

Account Number:
*****3155

Routing Number: 322271724

Information For: California

Transactions

Results for: Apr 12, 2025 to Apr 12, 2026

Date	Description	Amount	Available Balance
Apr 07, 2026	Spectrum Mobile SAINT LOUIS MO 26096 : Mobile Purchase Sign Based 04/06 03:17a #3006	-\$25.55	\$18,612.48

Mar 10, 2026	Spectrum Mobile 855-707-7328 MO 26068 : Mobile Purchase Sign Based 03/09 03:47a #3006	-\$55.55	\$18,638.03
Mar 03, 2026	XXSOCIAL SECURITY FOR STEVEN SCHULTZ : ACH Electronic Credit	\$1,276.00	\$18,693.58
Feb 27, 2026	XXVACP TREAS 310 VA BENEF : ACH Electronic Credit	\$1,435.02	\$17,417.58
Feb 09, 2026	Spectrum Mobile 855-707-7328 MO 26037 : Mobile Purchase Sign Based 02/06 02:57a #3006	-\$55.55	\$15,982.56
Feb 03, 2026	XXSOCIAL SECURITY FOR STEVEN SCHULTZ : ACH Electronic Credit	\$888.10	\$16,038.11
Jan 30, 2026	XXVACP TREAS 310 VA BENEF : ACH Electronic Credit	\$1,435.02	\$15,150.01
Jan 23, 2026	XXVACP TREAS 310 VA BENEF : ACH Electronic Credit	\$1,435.02	\$13,714.99
Jan 07, 2026	Spectrum Mobile 855-707-7328 MO 26006 : Mobile Purchase Sign Based 01/06 02:57a #3006	-\$45.55	\$12,279.97
Jan 02, 2026	XXSOCIAL SECURITY FOR STEVEN SCHULTZ : ACH Electronic Credit	\$1,479.00	\$12,325.52
Dec 23, 2025	Deposit Teller	\$2,791.86	\$10,846.52
Dec 18, 2025	Spectrum 855-707-7328 MO 25351 : Mobile Purchase Sign Based 12/16 10:46a #3006	-\$35.40	\$8,054.66

Dec 11, 2025	Spectrum Mobile 855-707-7328 MO 25344 : Mobile Purchase Sign Based 12/10 04:41a #3006	-\$5.55	\$8,090.06
Dec 03, 2025	XXSOCIAL SECURITY FOR STEVEN SCHULTZ : ACH Electronic Credit	\$1,439.00	\$8,095.61
Nov 18, 2025	Spectrum 855-707-7328 MO 25321 : Mobile Purchase Sign Based 11/16 11:31a #3006	-\$172.38	\$6,656.61
Nov 12, 2025	Spectrum Mobile 855-707-7328 MO 25313 : Mobile Purchase Sign Based 11/09 03:58a #3006	-\$5.55	\$6,828.99
Nov 03, 2025	XXSOCIAL SECURITY FOR STEVEN SCHULTZ : ACH Electronic Credit	\$1,439.00	\$6,834.54
Oct 30, 2025	VETERANS CANTEEN #196 LOS ANGELES CA 25302 : Debit Card Purchase 10/28 02:34p #3006	-\$3.00	\$5,395.54
Oct 14, 2025	Deposit 10/11 02:47p #3006 Citibank ATM 16800 DVNSHR ST, GRNDA HL, CA	\$580.00	\$5,398.54
Oct 07, 2025	SPECTRUM SANTA CLARITA CA 25278 : Debit Card Purchase 10/03 06:08p #3006	-\$226.84	\$4,818.54
Oct 06, 2025	USPS CHANGE OF ADDRESS 800-2383150 TN 25276 : Debit Card Purchase 10/02 05:06p #3006	-\$1.25	\$5,045.38
Oct 01, 2025	SOCIAL SECURITY FOR : ACH Electronic Credit	\$0.00	\$5,046.63
Sep 30, 2025	Cash Withdrawal 09/30 05:14p #3006 Teller	-\$600.00	\$5,046.63

Sep 30, 2025	Deposit Teller	\$1,395.93	\$5,646.63
Sep 30, 2025	LADWP WEB PAY 5840131000 : ACH Electronic Debit	-\$188.94	\$4,250.70
Sep 23, 2025	CVS/PHARMACY #09 09605-Northridge CAUS05159 : Debit PIN Purchase	-\$33.54	\$4,439.64
Sep 23, 2025	Spectrum Mobile 855-707-7328 MO 25264 : Mobile Purchase Sign Based 09/20 05:16p #3006	-\$25.05	\$4,473.18
Sep 22, 2025	Deposit Teller	\$900.00	\$4,498.23
Sep 10, 2025	Cash Withdrawal 09/10 02:31p #3006 Teller	-\$2,253.00	\$3,598.23
Sep 10, 2025	Deposit Teller	\$2,253.93	\$5,851.23
Aug 22, 2025	Spectrum 855-707-7328 MO 25233 : Debit Card Purchase 08/20 09:59p #3006	-\$30.01	\$3,597.30
Aug 20, 2025	Cash Withdrawal 08/20 02:01p #3006 Teller	-\$858.00	\$3,627.31
Aug 05, 2025	Cash Withdrawal 08/05 05:03p #3006 Teller	-\$2,574.00	\$4,485.31
Aug 05, 2025	Deposit Teller	\$2,574.00	\$7,059.31
Jul 29, 2025	Cash Withdrawal 07/29 02:58p #3006 Teller	-\$2,574.00	\$4,485.31
Jul 28, 2025	Other Debit	-\$1,500.00	\$7,059.31
Jul 25, 2025	Other Debit	-\$700.00	\$8,559.31

Jul 16, 2025	Cash Withdrawal 07/16 04:10p Teller	-\$1,000.00	\$9,259.31
Jul 03, 2025	Credit Adj for Inq # R- 1503122507030000405305	\$1,500.00	\$10,259.31
Jul 03, 2025	Credit Adj for Inq # R- 1503122507030000405306	\$700.00	\$8,759.31
Jun 24, 2025	985 MAIL ORDER PHARMAC DOWNEY CA 25172 : Debit Card Purchase 06/18 06:37p #3008	-\$4.80	\$8,059.31
Jun 13, 2025	Spectrum 855-707-7328 MO 25163 : Debit Card Purchase 06/11 09:02p #3008	-\$112.89	\$8,064.11
Jun 11, 2025	Cash Withdrawal 06/11 02:43p #3008 Teller	-\$1,500.00	\$8,177.00
Jun 06, 2025	Cash Withdrawal 06/06 01:59p Teller	-\$700.00	\$9,677.00
Jun 06, 2025	Deposit Teller	\$10,377.00	\$10,377.00
End of Results			

Notice: Account activity is provided for your information only and is subject to revisions. It is not a substitute for your periodic statement, which is the official record of your account.

Exhibit L:

Email communications with Ricardo

Garcia.



Frank Robinson <rwpinv@gmail.com>

Steven Schultz

4 messages

Frank Robinson <rwpinv@gmail.com>

Mon, Nov 3, 2025 at 9:47 AM

To: ricardo.garcia@usbank.com

Mr. Garcia,

As you heard from Steven on Friday, he is not doing well. Most likely he will be confined to a ward for patients with dementia for the rest of his life. It is my intent not to access his account unless it is deemed necessary and requested by Steven's doctors at the VA.

As for Josefina, you may be contacted by a Detective Luke Bennett, the police report number is 25182024.

Thank You

Frank Robinson
818-310-5073

Frank Robinson <rwpinv@gmail.com>

Thu, Jan 1, 2026 at 4:54 PM

To: ricardo.garcia@usbank.com

Mr. Garcia,



Unfortunately Steven is not doing well; his dementia has progressed, now including bouts of delusion. I have attached a statement from his doctor at the VA requesting that Steven be placed into a LTC facility. As I hold both a General DPOE as well as an Advance Directive from the VA, it is my responsibility to make arrangements to help find him a place as well as cover any costs from Steven's assets.

What steps do I need to take for you to be able to disclose Steven's balance as I will need this on his Medi-Cal LTC application. I will also need to know if Steven's account can be structured to send a monthly payment to the facility.

Thank You,

Frank Robinson

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2 attachments **Steven Schultz - VA LTC Letter.pdf**
1214K **POA - Medical and General.pdf**
14797K

Frank Robinson <rwpinv@gmail.com>

Tue, Jan 6, 2026 at 4:19 PM

To: ricardo.garcia@usbank.com

Mr. Garcia,

If you could please make Steven happy and call him. His phone was stolen so you will need to call the VA at 310-478-3111. When the recording starts you can press 40661 and you will be connected to his ward

Thanks,

Frank

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Frank Robinson <rwpinv@gmail.com>

Fri, Jan 16, 2026 at 10:24 AM

To: ricardo.garcia@usbank.com

Ricardo,

As you could tell from yesterday's conversation Steven's condition is getting worse. I have attached a Notice of Action from the county where they list Steven as having only \$101,000. This is from his old Wells Fargo account that he closed when he moved over to Citibank in 2022. How far along are you on the POA as they are looking at placing Steven in the next several weeks and I will need to disclose this information.

Thanks,

Frank

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Steven-Schultz-Notice_Of_Action.pdf

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Exhibit M:

Internal pictures of Steven's
apartment.

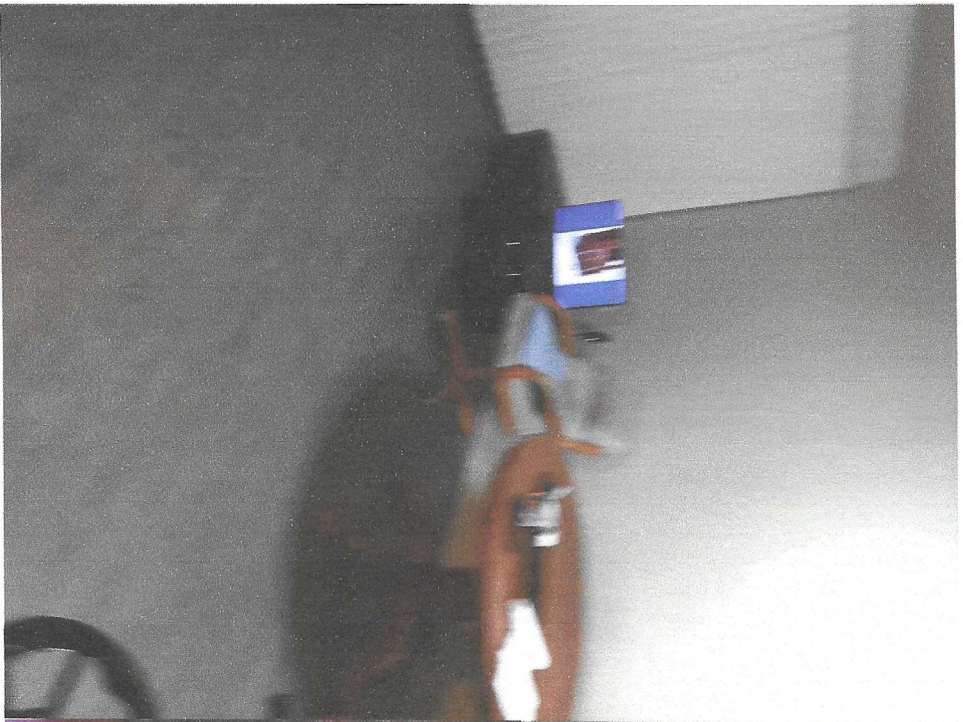
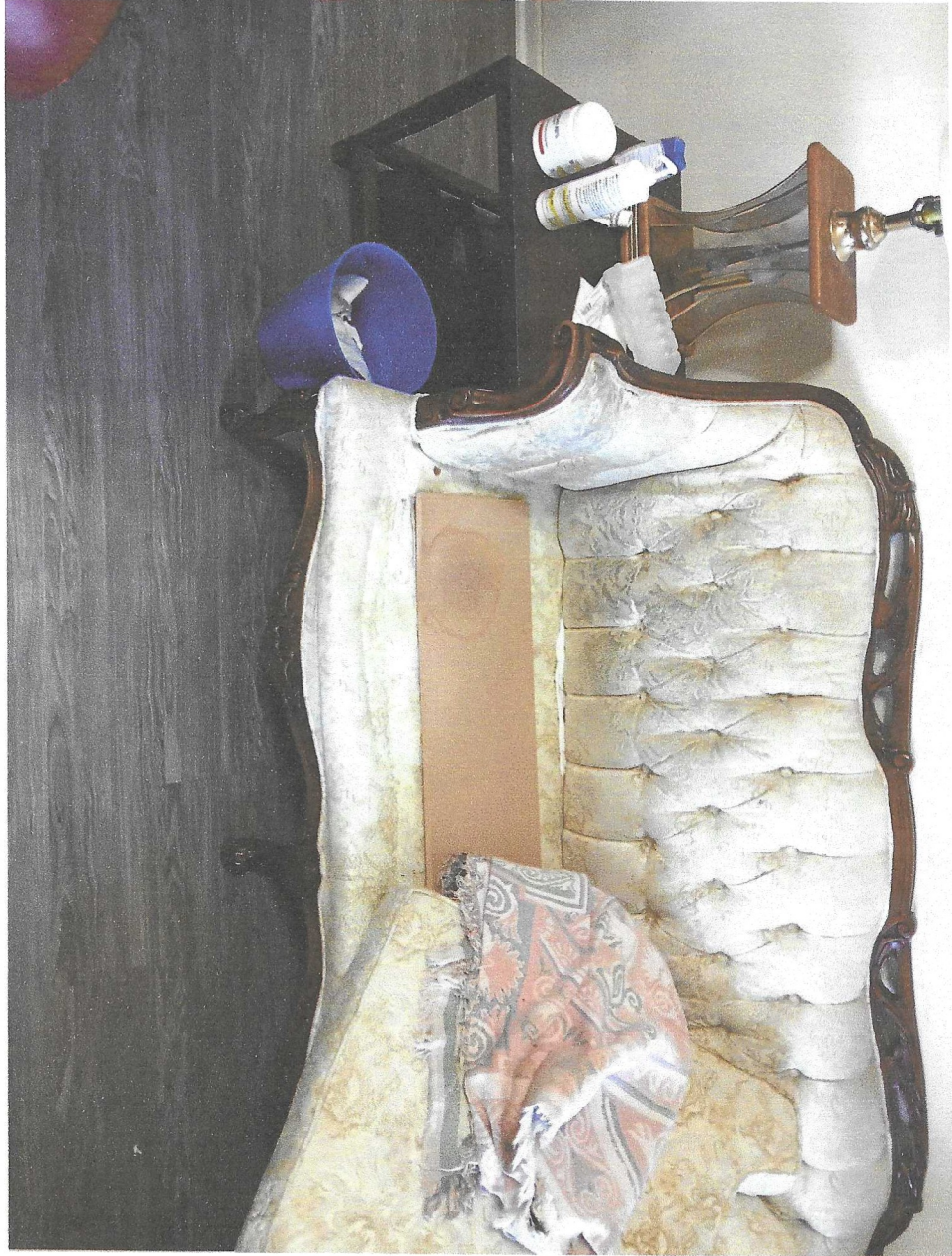




Exhibit N:

Eviction Notice and SSA Benefits

letter

NOTICE TO PAY RENT OR QUIT

To: Steven Schultz

and all other in possession of the premises located at:

17051 Plummer Street #221, Northridge, CA 91325

1 bedroom

WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS, or August 25, 2025, whichever is later after the service on you of this notice you are hereby required to do one of the following:

- (1) Pay the delinquent rent of the premises described herein, of which you now hold possession, as follows:

February 2025	\$858
March 2025	\$858
April 2025	\$943
June 2025	\$843
July 2025	\$843

Total Delinquent Rent Due: \$4,345

Landlord reserves the right to pursue any amounts not included in this notice in accordance with the law.

Payment must be delivered as follows (*check all that apply and fill in the appropriate blanks for the checked sections only*):

- By mail to: 2225 Faraday Avenue, Suite A, Carlsbad, CA 92008
- By delivering in person to: Nancy Ramirez or any available personnel at 17051 Plummer Street, Northridge, CA 91325 between the hours of 8 am to 5 pm on the following days of the week Monday through Friday. The above-mentioned employee may be reached by telephone at (818) 398 - 0104.
- To the 24-hour drop box located at the on-site rental office
- By electronic funds transfer procedure previously established

Name of an Agent for Landlord: Nancy Ramirez

Telephone Number: (818) 398 - 0104

- (2) Or **WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS** deliver up possession of the premises described herein to Management, who/which is authorized to receive the same.

If you fail to perform or otherwise comply with this Notice, the Owner/Agent does hereby elect to declare the forfeiture of your Rental Agreement under which you hold possession of the above-described premises and will institute legal proceedings against you to recover possession of said premises and to recover all delinquent rent demanded herein, court costs and attorneys' fees as permitted by law.

EXHIBIT

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Date: September 26, 2025
BNC#: 25BC110J34597
REF: A

JOSEFINA AQUINO FOR
STEVEN A SCHULTZ
7044 VASSAR AVE
UNIT 3
CANOGA PARK CA 91303-3544

877.ASK
LAPD

You asked us for information from your record. The information that you requested is shown below. If you want anyone else to have this information, you may send them this letter.

Information About Current Social Security Benefits

Beginning December 2024, the full monthly Social Security benefit before any deductions is.....\$ 1439.50

We deduct \$0.00 for medical insurance premiums each month.

The regular monthly Social Security payment is.....\$ 1439.00
(We must round down to the whole dollar.)

Social Security benefits for a given month are paid the following month. (For example, Social Security benefits for March are paid in April.)

Your Social Security benefits are paid on or about the third of each month.

Type of Social Security Benefit Information

You are entitled to monthly retirement benefits.

SUSPECT SOCIAL SECURITY FRAUD?

Please visit <http://oig.ssa.gov/r> or call the Inspector General's Fraud Hotline at 1-800-269-0271 (TTY 1-866-501-2101).

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS

Need more help?

1. Visit www.ssa.gov for fast, simple, and secure online service.
2. Call us at 1-800-772-1213, weekdays from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm. If you are deaf or hard of hearing, call TTY 1-800-325-0778. Please mention this letter when you call.

DET. GARCIA

Exhibit O:

Pictures inside Frank's apartment

