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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff, v. CURTIS PHILLIPS, Defendant.	Case Number: 2:17-CR-0023 TLN **DEFENDANT CURTIS PHILLIPS' WAIVER OF PERSONAL APPEARANCE and ORDER**

Pursuant to Rule 43 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, defendant, CURTIS PHILLIPS, hereby waives the right to be present in person in open court upon the hearing of any motion or other proceeding in this case, including, but not limited to, when the case is set for trial, when a continuance is ordered, and when any other action is taken by the court before or after trial, except upon arraignment, plea, empanelment of jury and imposition of sentence. Defendant hereby requests the Court to proceed during every absence of his which the Court may permit pursuant to this waiver; agrees that his interests will be deemed represented at all times by the presence of his attorney, the same as if the defendant were personally present; and

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further agrees to be present in court ready for trial any day and hour the Court may fix in his absence.

The defendant further acknowledges that he has been informed of his rights under Title 18 U.S.C. §§ 3161-3174 (The Speedy Trial Act) and authorizes his attorney to set times and dates under that Act without his personal presence. The original signed copy of this waiver is being preserved by the attorney undersigned.

Dated: March 24, 2017

/s/ *Curtis Phillips*
Curtis Phillips
(Original retained by attorney)

I agree and consent to my client's waiver of appearance.

Dated: March 24, 2017

/s/ Olaf W. Hedberg
Olaf W. Hedberg
Attorney for Sequoia Valverde

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: March 28, 2017

Troy L. Nunley
United States District Judge