

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,**

**Plaintiff,**

**vs.**

**CARTEZ R. BEARD,**

**Defendant.**

**No. 12-cr-30144-DRH**

**ORDER OF FINDING OF NO THIRD-PARTY INTERESTS**  
**(FINAL ORDER OF FORFEITURE)**

**HERNDON, Chief Judge:**

On October 29, 2012, this court entered an order for forfeiture against defendant Cartez R. Beard for the following property which had been seized from the defendant:

**One Smith & Wesson, model SW40VE, .40 caliber semi-automatic pistol, bearing serial number RBE3399, and any and all ammunition contained therein or seized therewith.**

The Order further provided that the government would provide an opportunity for persons to claim a legal interest in the property pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(1).

The Court notes that notice was published by the government on an official government website, [www.forfeiture.gov](http://www.forfeiture.gov), for 30 consecutive days beginning December 8, 2012, and ending January 6, 2013, and that no third party filed a petition within 30 days after the last date of the publication to allege an interest in

the property.

Consequently, the Court hereby finds, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(7), that no third-party petitions were filed and that the United States of America has clear title to the above-described property that is the subject of the Order of Forfeiture filed on October 29, 2012, namely:

**One Smith & Wesson, model SW40VE, .40 caliber semi-automatic pistol, bearing serial number RBE3399, and any and all ammunition contained therein or seized therewith.**

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives or the United States Marshal shall dispose of the property according to law. The disposal may, at the discretion of the United States, include the destruction of the property. The destruction may be done at such time and location and by such persons as designated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives or the United States Marshal.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Signed this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2013.

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**Chief Judge  
United States District Court**