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By ECF

The Honorable Nina R. Morrison
United States District Court
Eastern District of New York
225 Cadman Plaza East
Brooklyn, New York 11201

Re: United States v. Iurii Gugin
Criminal Docket No. 25-191 (S-1) (NRM)

Dear Judge Morrison:

Enclosed please find a proposed Preliminary Order of Forfeiture (the "Preliminary Order") in the above-referenced case, the terms of which the defendant, Iurii Gugin, has agreed to in connection with his guilty plea before the Honorable Taryn A. Merkl on April 1, 2026, accepted by Your Honor on April 30, 2026. The government respectfully requests that the Court enter the enclosed Preliminary Order pursuant to Rule 32.2 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

Thank you for Your Honor's consideration of this submission.

Respectfully submitted,

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Encl.: Preliminary Order of Forfeiture
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

PRELIMINARY ORDER OF FORFEITURE

- against -

25-CR-191 (S-1) (NRM)

IURRI GUGNIN,
also known as “Iurii Mashukov”
and “George Goognin,”

Defendant.

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WHEREAS, on or about April 1, 2026, Iurri Gugin, also known as “Iurii Mashukov” and “George Goognin” (the “defendant”), entered a plea of guilty to the offenses charged in Counts One through Four of the above-captioned Superseding Information, charging violations of 18 U.S.C. §§ 371, 1349, and 1956(h), and 50 U.S.C. § 1705(a); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §§ 981(a)(1)(C) and 982(a)(1), and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c), the defendant has consented to the entry of a forfeiture money judgment in the amount of one million two hundred sixty-one thousand five hundred dollars and zero cents (\$1,261,500.00) (the “Forfeiture Money Judgment”), in addition to the forfeiture of all right, title, and interest in following assets (collectively, the “Subject Assets”):

- (i) approximately \$198,685.10 in Tether (“USDT”), seized on or about October 16, 2025 from a virtual currency wallet ending in iAVB, and all proceeds traceable thereto;
- (ii) approximately \$30,000.00 in USDT seized on or about October 16, 2025 from a virtual currency wallet ending in nnQW, and all proceeds traceable thereto;

- (iii) approximately \$124,055.94, seized on or about February 27, 2026 from Austin Capital Trust Company, LLC account number 1000001378, held in the name of Evita Pay Inc., and all proceeds traceable thereto;
- (iv) approximately \$100,000.00, seized on or about February 27, 2026 from Austin Capital Trust Company, LLC account number 1000002186, held in the name of Evita Pay Inc. (Reserve), and all proceeds traceable thereto; and
- (v) up to \$64,188 on deposit in an account held at Layer2 Financial and/or Fortress Trust LLC in the name of Evita.USD.001 or for the benefit of Evita Pay Inc., and all proceeds traceable thereto,

as: (a) any property, real or personal, which constitutes or is derived from proceeds traceable to the defendant's violations of 18 U.S.C. §§ 371, 1343, and 1349, and 50 U.S.C. § 1705(a);

(b) any property, real or personal, involved in the defendant's violation of 18 U.S.C.

§ 1956(h), or any property traceable to such property; and/or (c) substitute assets, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(p), as incorporated by 18 U.S.C. § 982(b)(1).

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED, on consent, by and between the United States and the defendant as follows:

1. Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §§ 981(a)(1)(C), 982(a)(1), and 982(b)(1), 21 U.S.C. § 853(p), and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c), the defendant shall forfeit to the United States the full amount of the Forfeiture Money Judgment and all right, title, and interest in the Subject Assets. The forfeiture of the Subject Assets shall be credited towards any outstanding balance of the Forfeiture Money Judgment.

2. All payments made towards the Forfeiture Money Judgment shall be made by a money order, or certified and/or official bank check, payable to the U.S. Marshals Service with the criminal docket number noted on the face of the instrument. The defendant shall cause said payment(s) to be sent by overnight mail delivery to the Asset Forfeiture

Section, United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of New York, 271-A Cadman Plaza East, Brooklyn, New York 11201. The Forfeiture Money Judgment shall be paid in full 30 business days before the date of sentencing (the "Due Date").

3. Upon entry of this Preliminary Order of Forfeiture ("Preliminary Order"), the United States Attorney General or his designee is authorized to seize the Subject Assets, to conduct any proper discovery, in accordance with Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(b)(3) and (c), and to commence any applicable proceedings to comply with statutes governing third-party rights, including giving notice of this Preliminary Order.

4. The United States shall publish notice of this Preliminary Order in accordance with the custom and practice in this district on the government website www.forfeiture.gov, of its intent to dispose of the Subject Assets in such a manner as the Attorney General or his designee may direct. The United States may, to the extent practicable, provide direct written notice to any person known or alleged to have an interest in the Subject Assets as a substitute for published notice as to those persons so notified.

5. Any person, other than the defendant, asserting a legal interest in the Subject Assets may, within thirty (30) days of the final publication of notice or receipt of notice or no later than sixty (60) days after the first day of publication on an official government website, whichever is earlier, petition the Court for a hearing without a jury to adjudicate the validity of his or her alleged interest in the Subject Assets, and for an amendment of the order of forfeiture, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(6). Any petition filed in response to the notice of forfeiture of the Subject Assets must be signed by the petitioner under penalty of perjury and shall set forth the nature and extent of the petitioner's right, title, or interest in the property, the time and circumstances of the petitioner's acquisition of

the right, title, or interest in the property, any additional facts supporting the petitioner's claim, and the relief sought.

6. The defendant shall not file or interpose any claim or petition seeking remission or contesting the forfeiture of the Subject Assets or any property against which the United States seeks to enforce the Forfeiture Money Judgment in any administrative or judicial (civil or criminal) proceeding. The defendant shall fully assist the government in effectuating the surrender and forfeiture of the Subject Assets and the payment of the Forfeiture Money Judgment to the United States. The defendant shall take whatever steps are necessary to ensure that clear title to the Subject Assets passes to the United States, including, but not limited to, the execution of any and all documents necessary to effectuate the surrender and forfeiture of the Subject Assets to the United States. Further, if any third party files a claim to the Subject Assets, the defendant will assist the government in defending such claims. If the Subject Assets or Forfeiture Money Judgment, or any portion thereof, are not forfeited to the United States, the United States may seek to enforce this Preliminary Order against any other assets of the defendant up to the value of the Subject Assets, and the outstanding balance of the Forfeiture Money Judgment, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(p), as incorporated by 18 U.S.C. § 982(b)(1). The defendant further agrees that the conditions of 21 U.S.C. § 853(p)(1)(A)-(E) have been met.

7. The defendant knowingly and voluntarily waives his right to any required notice concerning the forfeiture of the monies and/or properties forfeited hereunder, including notice set forth in an indictment or information or administrative notice. In addition, the defendant knowingly and voluntarily waives his right, if any, to a jury trial on the forfeiture of said monies and/or properties, and waives all constitutional, legal and

equitable defenses to the forfeiture of said monies and/or properties, including, but not limited to, any defenses based on principles of double jeopardy, the *Ex Post Facto* clause of the Constitution, any applicable statute of limitations, venue, or any defense under the Eighth Amendment, including a claim of excessive fines.

8. Pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(b)(4)(A) and (B), this Preliminary Order shall become final as to the defendant at the time of the defendant's sentencing and shall be made part of the defendant's sentence and included in his judgment of conviction. If no third party files a timely claim, this Preliminary Order, together with Supplemental Orders of Forfeiture, if any, shall become the Final Order of Forfeiture, as provided by Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(c)(2). At that time, the monies and/or properties forfeited herein shall be forfeited to the United States for disposition in accordance with the law.

9. The United States alone shall hold title to the monies paid by the defendant to satisfy the Forfeiture Money Judgment following the Court's entry of the judgment of conviction. The United States alone shall hold title to the Subject Assets following the Court's disposition of all third-party interests, or, if none, following the expiration of the period provided in 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(2).

10. The forfeiture of the Subject Assets and entry and payment of the Forfeiture Money Judgment shall not be considered a payment of a fine, penalty, restitution loss amount, or payment of any income taxes that may be due, and shall survive bankruptcy.

11. This Preliminary Order shall be binding upon the defendant and the successors, administrators, heirs, assigns and transferees of the defendant, and shall survive the bankruptcy of any of them.

12. This Preliminary Order shall be binding only upon the Court's "so ordering" of the order.

13. The Court shall retain jurisdiction over this action to enforce compliance with the terms of this Preliminary Order and to amend it as necessary, pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(e).

14. The Clerk of the Court is directed to send, by inter-office mail, three (3) certified copies of this executed Preliminary Order to the United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of New York, Attn: Jennifer Lai, FSA Senior Law Clerk, 271-A Cadman Plaza East, Brooklyn, New York 11201.

Dated: Brooklyn, New York
_____, 2026

SO ORDERED:

HONORABLE NINA R. MORRISON
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK