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Central District of California
Santa Ana
Mark Houle, Presiding
Courtroom 6C Calendar**

Wednesday, June 10, 2026

Hearing Room 6C

10:00 AM

8:26-11157 Christopher Joseph Paniagua and Lillian Rose Paniagua

Chapter 7

#1.00 Pro se Reaffirmation Agreement Between Debtor and Nissan Motor Acceptance Corp. RE 2023 Nissan Frontier

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Docket 14

Tentative Ruling:

- NONE LISTED -

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Christopher Joseph Paniagua

Represented By
Raymond Perez

Joint Debtor(s):

Lillian Rose Paniagua

Represented By
Raymond Perez

Trustee(s):

Thomas H Casey (TR)

Pro Se

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**#2.00 Pro se Reaffirmation Agreement Between Debtor and Hyundai Capital America
DBA Hyundai Motor Finance RE 2022 Hyundai Ioniq Hybrid**

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Docket 18

Tentative Ruling:

- NONE LISTED -

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Christopher Joseph Paniagua

Represented By
Raymond Perez

Joint Debtor(s):

Lillian Rose Paniagua

Represented By
Raymond Perez

Trustee(s):

Thomas H Casey (TR)

Pro Se

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8:25-12551 Veronica J. Gastelum

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#3.00 Chapter 7 Trustee's Final Report, Application for Compensation and Application(s) for Compensation of Professionals

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[Tele. appr. Karen Sue Naylor, Ch. 7 Trustee]

Docket 33

Tentative Ruling:

TENTATIVE RULING

06/10/2026

Service: Proper
Opposition: None

The application for compensation of the Trustee has been set for hearing on the notice required by LBR 2016-1. Pursuant to the Trustee's Final Report, the Court is inclined to APPROVE the following administrative expenses:

Trustee's Fees:	\$ <u>1,409.12</u>
Trustee's Expenses:	\$ <u>156.60</u>

APPEARANCES WAIVED. Movant to lodge order within seven days. If oral or written opposition is presented at the hearing, the hearing may be continued.

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Veronica J. Gastelum

Represented By
Michael F Chekian

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Trustee(s):

Karen S Naylor (TR)

Pro Se

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8:25-13001 James J Lee

Chapter 7

#4.00 Motion To Extend The Bar Date For Filing A Complaint Objecting To Debtors Discharge Pursuant To 11 U.S.C. § 727

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[Tele. appr. Kenneth Miskin, rep. The United States Trustee]

[Tele. appr. Kevin Tang, rep. Debtor]

Docket 24

Tentative Ruling:

06/10/2026

BACKGROUND

On October 26, 2025, James J. Lee ("Debtor") filed a voluntary Chapter 7 petition. Debtor filed his Schedules and Statement of Financial Affairs ("SOFA") with the petition. In SOFA Part 2, paragraph 5, the Debtor disclosed that he did not receive any gambling winnings during "this year or the two previous calendar years." In SOFA Part 6, however, the Debtor disclosed gambling losses totaling \$400,000 between October 2024 and October 2025.

The Section 341(a) Meeting of Creditors was conducted on December 3, 2025, at which the Debtor testified regarding his gambling losses.

On January 27, 2026, prior to the expiration of the deadline to object to discharge, the United States Trustee ("UST") filed a Motion to Extend the Bar Date for Filing a Complaint Objecting to Debtor's Discharge Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 727.

On March 5, 2026, the Court granted the UST's first motion and extended the deadline to May 1, 2026.

On April 29, 2026, two days before the extension was set to end, the UST filed a

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second extension through July 2, 2026, based on the same need to investigate the Debtor's gambling transactions.

DISCUSSION

FED. R. BANKR. P. Rule 4004(a) states:

- (1) In a chapter 7 case, a complaint, or a motion under § 727(a)(8) or (9) of the Code, objecting to the debtor's discharge shall be filed no later than 60 days after the first date set for the meeting of creditors under § 341(a). In a chapter 11 case, the complaint shall be filed no later than the first date set for the hearing on confirmation. In a chapter 13 case, a motion objecting to the debtor's discharge under § 1328(f) shall be filed no later than 60 days after the first date set for the meeting of creditors under § 341(a). At least 28 days' notice of the time so fixed shall be given to the United States trustee and all creditors as provided in Rule 2002(f) and (k) and to the trustee and the trustee's attorney.

And FED. R. BANKR. P. Rule 4004(b) states:

- (1) On motion of any party in interest, after notice and hearing, the court may for cause extend the time to object to discharge. Except as provided in subdivision (b)(2), the motion shall be filed before the time has expired.
- (2) A motion to extent the time to object to discharge may be filed after the time for objection has expired and before discharge is granted if (A) the objection is based on facts that, if learned after the discharge, would provide a basis for revocation under § 727(d) of the Code, and (B) the movant did not have knowledge of those facts in time to permit an objection. The motion shall be filed promptly after the movant discovers the facts on which the objection is based.

As a matter of practice what constitutes "cause" rests within the discretion of the bankruptcy court. *See In re James*, 187 B.R. 395, 397 (Bankr. N.D. Ga. 1995). Also, Courts are generally unified in the view that the term "for cause" should receive a liberal construction. *Id.* Notwithstanding that fact, however, a creditor must exhibit some minimum degree of due diligence prior to seeking such an extension, and the Court should not allow the motion to serve as license for a baseless "fishing expedition." *Id.*; *See also In re Leary*, 185 B.R. 405, 406 (Bankr. D. Mass. 1995). To establish cause movant must (1) show that he had, with reasonable diligence,

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attempted to investigate the facts and circumstances, and (2) offer a reasonable explanation of why that investigation could not be completed within the allotted time. *See Bomarito*, 448 B.R. at 251.

Here, the UST has sufficiently established cause in that it needs additional time to investigate Debtor's affairs, and Debtor has not opposed.

TENTATIVE RULING

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Service: Proper

Opposition: None

Based on the foregoing, the Court will GRANT the Motion to Extend.

APPEARANCES WAIVED. Movant to lodge order within 7 days.

Party Information

Debtor(s):

James J Lee

Represented By
Kevin Tang

Trustee(s):

Karen S Naylor (TR)

Pro Se

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8:25-13633 Rancho Colton Group, LLC

Chapter 7

#5.00 Motion for Order Authorizing Chapter 7 Trustee: (1) To Operate the Estate's Commercial Real Property Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. Section 721; (2) Use Property of the Estate Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. Sections 363(b)(1) and (c)(1); and (3) Approve Cash Collateral Stipulation to Pay Necessary Expenses

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[Tele. appr. Todd C. Ringstad, rep. Trustee: Thomas H. Casey]

[Tele. appr. Dora Duru, rep. Creditor: Nano Banc]

Docket 57

Tentative Ruling:

- NONE LISTED -

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Rancho Colton Group, LLC

Represented By
William J Wall

Trustee(s):

Thomas H Casey (TR)

Represented By
Todd C. Ringstad

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8:25-12167 Horacio Lee Chan

Chapter 7

#5.10 Trustee's Motion for Authority to Sever the Estate's Joint Tenancy Interest In the Property
(Set Per OSC on 6/1/26)

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Docket 51

Tentative Ruling:

- NONE LISTED -

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Horacio Lee Chan

Pro Se

Trustee(s):

Richard A Marshack (TR)

Represented By
D Edward Hays
Devan De los Reyes
Tinho Mang

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8:26-10269 Chase Albert Kalter

Chapter 7

Adv#: 8:26-01045 NEWPORT CAPITAL PARTNERS, LLC v. Kalter

#6.00 Status Conference re: Complaint by NEWPORT CAPITAL PARTNERS, LLC against Chase Albert Kalter. false pretenses, false representation, actual fraud)),(67 (Dischargeability - 523(a)(4), fraud as fiduciary, embezzlement, larceny)),(68 (Dischargeability - 523(a)(6), willful and malicious injury))

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[Tele. appr. Leslie A. Cohen, rep. Defendant: Chase Albert Kalter]

[Tele. appr. David W. Kani, rep. Plaintiff Newport Capital Partners, LLC]

Docket 1

Tentative Ruling:

- NONE LISTED -

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Chase Albert Kalter

Represented By
Leslie A Cohen

Defendant(s):

Chase Albert Kalter

Pro Se

Plaintiff(s):

NEWPORT CAPITAL PARTNERS,

Represented By
David W Kani

Trustee(s):

Thomas H Casey (TR)

Pro Se

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8:25-13163 Sharon Liane Blank

Chapter 7

Adv#: 8:26-01017 Fine v. Blank

#7.00 CONT. Status Conference re: Complaint by Plaintiff Martin Fine against Defendant Sharon Liane Blank. false pretenses, false representation, actual fraud)), (67 (Dischargeability - 523(a)(4), fraud as fiduciary, embezzlement, larceny)), (68 (Dischargeability - 523(a)(6), willful and malicious injury))

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From: 4-15-26

Docket 1

***** VACATED *** REASON: CONTINUED TO AUGUST 26, 2026 AT
2:00 PM**

Tentative Ruling:

- NONE LISTED -

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Sharon Liane Blank

Represented By
Arlene Marie Tokarz

Defendant(s):

Sharon Liane Blank

Pro Se

Plaintiff(s):

Martin Fine

Pro Se

Trustee(s):

Richard A Marshack (TR)

Pro Se