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- Recipient name, Halberd's street address and the delivery method are not in the sources. Our Dec. 8, 2025 notice went by email to compliance@halberd.example; confirm the correct address and method for this letter.
- Halberd's link to the deposit address is the tracing analyst's opinion, based on on-chain behavior. The report says exchange records are needed to confirm it. The letter says this, so confirm the wording.
- The 23.67 ETH pro rata figure is quoted as stated in the report. A rough check using the report's own numbers (25.75 of 87.05 ETH received, applied to 80.00 and 79.98 ETH) gives about 23.66 ETH. Confirm the figure and method with the analyst.
- The tracing report is dated December 4, 2025 and found no outgoing withdrawal as of that date. The funds may have moved since, so consider an updated trace before sending.
- The on-chain sending address for the Ironmesa withdrawals is not in the records. The table has a placeholder.
- Addresses and transaction hashes are long strings copied from the records. Check each against the originals.
- Amounts are quoted as read from the Ironmesa statement: 25.7500 ETH and $69,886.65 at time of withdrawal. Check the total. The statement also shows bank deposits of $70,150.00 including purchase fees, which the letter does not use.
- Ironmesa times are UTC. The chat says the 4 ETH "arrived" on September 17, 2025, while Ironmesa shows the withdrawal on September 16, 2025. The letter uses the Ironmesa date.
- This is a freeze and preservation request, so no demand amount is stated. The response deadline is a placeholder.
- Confirm the [VERIFY] items on New Mexico law and on whether Halberd will need a court order or law enforcement request before freezing funds.

Alarid Fenn LLC
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[ADD: city, state ZIP]
[ADD: phone] · [ADD: email]

[ADD: date]

VIA [ADD: delivery method]

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Legal and Compliance
Halberd Digital Exchange
[ADD: street address]
[ADD: city, state ZIP]

Re: Request to freeze traced digital assets and preserve account records. Our client: Eduardo Salcedo. Your ticket: HDX-55190. Transfers between September 16, 2025 and October 14, 2025

Dear [ADD: recipient name]:

Introduction

We represent Eduardo Salcedo, a New Mexico resident [exchange_withdrawal_history.pdf p.1] [firm notes]. Between September 16, 2025 and October 14, 2025, Mr. Salcedo transferred 25.7500 ETH from his account at Ironmesa Exchange to an address held out to him as a deposit wallet for an online platform called "VaultPeak Markets" [exchange_withdrawal_history.pdf p.1]. He reports that he was induced to do so by an investment scam [police_report_and_complaint.pdf p.1]. A blockchain analyst has traced a portion of those funds to a deposit address that, in the analyst's opinion, belongs to Halberd Digital Exchange [tracing_report.pdf p.1]. We write to ask that Halberd freeze the identifiable funds, preserve the related account records, and confirm in writing that it has done so.

The assets and the loss

Mr. Salcedo held ETH in an account at Ironmesa Exchange, which he funded by bank transfers from his checking account [exchange_withdrawal_history.pdf p.1]. On September 9, 2025, a contact named "Celine" of "VaultPeak Markets" messaged him through a chat app. Celine described an "AI arbitrage desk" that earned 1.8% per week on ETH [chat_messages.pdf p.1]. On September 12, 2025, Celine told him to fund his VaultPeak account by sending ETH to a "personal deposit wallet," 0x39b8f78bbb3a1671228fccce0749b3986c616c17 (the "VaultPeak Address") [chat_messages.pdf p.1].

Mr. Salcedo then sent three transfers to the VaultPeak Address: 4.0000 ETH on September 16, 2025, 9.5000 ETH on September 29, 2025, and 12.2500 ETH on October 14, 2025, for a total of 25.7500 ETH [exchange_withdrawal_history.pdf p.1]. Ironmesa's records value these transfers at $11,312.40, $25,707.50 and $32,866.75 at the time of withdrawal, for a total of $69,886.65 [exchange_withdrawal_history.pdf p.1]. On September 28, 2025, Celine told him a "VIP pool" required a minimum of 9.5 ETH and closed the next day [chat_messages.pdf p.1].

On October 15, 2025, Mr. Salcedo asked to withdraw 10 ETH. On October 16, 2025, Celine said he must first pay a "15% tax clearance fee," 4.8 ETH, to the same wallet [chat_messages.pdf p.1]. On October 18, 2025, he refused and asked for his deposits to be returned. On October 19, 2025, Celine replied that his account was "frozen for compliance" until he paid the fee [chat_messages.pdf p.1]. By October 21, 2025, the VaultPeak Markets website had stopped loading and Celine's messages showed as not delivered [chat_messages.pdf p.1].

Mr. Salcedo states that he has never received any ETH back from VaultPeak Markets and that he never shared his seed phrase or exchange password [chat_messages.pdf p.1]. On October 22, 2025, he asked Ironmesa to stop or reverse the transfers. Ironmesa replied on October 23, 2025 that blockchain withdrawals cannot be reversed and recommended contacting law enforcement and the receiving exchange, if known [exchange_withdrawal_history.pdf p.1]. He reported the matter to the Pinon Arroyo Police Department on October 24, 2025 (Case Report No. 25-PA-07716), and the case was referred to the detective unit. He submitted a federal internet crime complaint on October 25, 2025 [police_report_and_complaint.pdf p.1].

The transactions

The transactions identified in the records are:

Date	Asset	Amount	From address	To address	Transaction hash
September 16, 2025	ETH	4.0000	[ADD: Ironmesa sending address]	0x39b8f78bbb3a1671228fccce0749b3986c616c17	0x3920fd56e2c7b83e98e0
September 29, 2025	ETH	9.5000	[ADD: Ironmesa sending address]	0x39b8f78bbb3a1671228fccce0749b3986c616c17	0xa63cd7a86e8996b4ffa2
October 14, 2025	ETH	12.2500	[ADD: Ironmesa sending address]	0x39b8f78bbb3a1671228fccce0749b3986c616c17	0x7e458fbac45213755d83
October 20, 2025	ETH	80.00	0x39b8f78bbb3a1671228fccce0749b3986c616c17	0x8ec176d386fb085a6da189cfa878641132878652	0xd6472c78f7fab7d7fee2a
October 21, 2025	ETH	79.98	0x8ec176d386fb085a6da189cfa878641132878652	0x87beefa8d4484e57e0606340a9a4f02c98792736	0xde53dceaa82897803a8a

The first three rows show Mr. Salcedo's transfers. **Total withdrawn (as read from the Ironmesa statement): 25.7500 ETH** [exchange_withdrawal_history.pdf p.1]. The last two rows are the onward transfers identified by Santa Rita Chain Analytics LLC.

Funds at the recipient

Santa Rita Chain Analytics LLC, through Kara Benally, Certified Digital Forensics Examiner, prepared a tracing report dated December 4, 2025 for this firm on Mr. Salcedo's behalf [tracing_report.pdf p.1]. As stated in the report:

- The VaultPeak Address received 25.75 ETH from Mr. Salcedo and 61.3 ETH from 14 other sources between September 2 and October 20, 2025 [tracing_report.pdf p.1].
- On October 20, 2025, the VaultPeak Address sent 80.00 ETH to an intermediate address, 0x8ec176d386fb085a6da189cfa878641132878652. On October 21, 2025, that address sent 79.98 ETH to 0x87beefa8d4484e57e0606340a9a4f02c98792736 (the "Halberd Deposit Address") [tracing_report.pdf p.1].
- In the analyst's opinion, the Halberd Deposit Address is a customer deposit address at Halberd Digital Exchange. The opinion rests on its pattern of sweeping funds to a known Halberd hot wallet, 0x3c37b22f0bb17b58efb7553c9d4737d49dfa822a [tracing_report.pdf p.1].
- Using a pro rata method, the analyst attributes 23.67 ETH of the deposit at Halberd to Mr. Salcedo's transfers [tracing_report.pdf p.1].
- As of the report date, the analyst found no outgoing withdrawal from the Halberd customer account linked to this deposit. The analyst cannot see balances inside the exchange [tracing_report.pdf p.1].

The report notes that attribution of the Halberd Deposit Address to Halberd is an inference from on-chain behavior and that confirmation requires the exchange's records [tracing_report.pdf p.1]. Halberd is the party that can confirm it.

On December 8, 2025, this firm emailed Halberd at compliance@halberd.example, identified the Halberd Deposit Address, and asked Halberd to preserve all records for the linked account. We received an automated reply referencing ticket HDX-55190 and have received no further response as of January 6, 2026 [police_report_and_complaint.pdf p.1].

Request

On behalf of Mr. Salcedo, we ask that Halberd Digital Exchange:

- Freeze the account associated with the Halberd Deposit Address, and in any event the identifiable funds traced to Mr. Salcedo's transfers, which the analyst attributes at 23.67 ETH [tracing_report.pdf p.1], so that they cannot be withdrawn or transferred while this matter is resolved.
- Preserve all records for that account and any related accounts. These include identity and verification records, login and device data, deposit and withdrawal records, and all communications.
- Confirm in writing by [ADD: response deadline] that the funds have been frozen and the records preserved. If Halberd cannot freeze the funds, please state why in writing by the same date.
- Identify the person or department to whom a court order or law enforcement request should be directed.

We understand that Halberd may require a court order or a law enforcement request before freezing funds or releasing account information `[VERIFY]`. Mr. Salcedo's matter has been reported to the Pinon Arroyo Police Department and referred to its detective unit, and a federal internet crime complaint has been submitted [police_report_and_complaint.pdf p.1]. We are prepared to work with Halberd and with law enforcement on any process Halberd requires. Nothing in this letter is a promise or prediction that any funds will be recovered.

State rules

Mr. Salcedo resides in New Mexico [exchange_withdrawal_history.pdf p.1], and we are evaluating his rights and remedies under New Mexico law `[VERIFY: New Mexico rule on conversion of digital assets]`. He reserves all rights and remedies available to him, including the right to seek relief from a court. This letter is not a complete statement of the facts or of his rights, and nothing in it waives any of them.

Please direct all communications about this matter to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Sofia R. Alarid
Alarid Fenn LLC