

Qiao Jian Jun / Zhao Shilan

Case ID:

ARW-236

Jurisdiction of Origin of Public Official or Entity Allegedly Involved:

China

Position of Public Official(s) (yrs in office):

Qiao: Director of government grain storage facility in Central China; Zhao: Ex-wife of Qiao

Jurisdiction of Asset Recovery:

United States

Jurisdiction of Asset Recovery ? Description:

Undertaking Recovery Effort; Location of Recovery Effort; Asset Location / Alleged Asset Location

Asset Recovery Start:

2015

Asset Recovery End:

Ongoing

UNCAC Offenses Implicated:

Art.17

Art.23

Legal Basis for Asset Recovery:

Criminal Forfeiture

Contributing Factors in Asset Recovery:

US "Investigators also acknowledge the assistance provided by the Supreme People's Procuratorate and Ministry of Public Security of the People's Republic of China." (Source: US Attorney's Office for the Central District of California, "Fugitive Chinese Official And Former Wife Named In Grand Jury Indictment Charging Immigration Fraud And Money Laundering," March 17, 2015)

Status of Asset Recovery :

Ongoing

Stage in Asset Recovery Chain:

Before Court of First Instance

Case Summary:

According to a press release by the United States Attorney's Office for the Central District of California, "the indictment also alleges that Qiao engaged in fraudulent grain transactions while serving as the grain storehouse director, and Qiao and Zhao had money transferred out of China, with approximately \$500,000 being used to purchase the [Seattle suburb] Newcastle property." Ms. Zhao was arrested in March 2015 in the U.S. Mr. Qiao is a fugitive. (Source: US Department of Justice, "Fugitive Chinese Official And Former Wife Named In Grand Jury Indictment Charging Immigration Fraud And Money Laundering," March 17, 2015)

Disposition of Criminal Case(s):

According to a press release by the United States Attorney's Office for the Central District of California, Mr. Qiao and Ms. Zhao are "charged in a federal grand jury indictment unsealed today with conspiracy to commit immigration fraud and international transport of stolen funds, as well as conspiracy to commit money laundering. Zhao is additionally charged with one

count of immigration fraud." (Source: US Department of Justice, "Fugitive Chinese Official And Former Wife Named In Grand Jury Indictment Charging Immigration Fraud And Money Laundering," March 17, 2015)

Jurisdiction of Asset Recovery: Investigative Agency:

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) and Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigation, which received assistance from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Jurisdiction of Asset Recovery: Prosecuting Authority/Civil Attorney(s):

United States Attorney's Office for the Central District of California

Jurisdiction of Asset Recovery: Courts Involved:

U.S. District Court for the Central District of California

Documents:



Aleman_Nicaragua_SCt_Overturn_Conviction_Jurist_Jan_19_2009.pdf

Aleman_Nuevo_Diario_July_23_2010.pdf

Aleman_Panama_SCt_Canal15_Dec_23_2010.pdf

Aleman_Panama_World-check_Jul_23_2010.pdf

Documents:

Attachment	Size
 Qiao_Zhao_US_Indictment_DOJ_PR_Mar_17_2015.pdf	333.01 KB
 Qiao_Zhao_US_Indictment_The Seattle Times_Mar_17_2015.pdf	1.12 MB

Other Sources:

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Sanjay Bhatt, "Newcastle woman charged with fraud in immigrant-investor visas," The Seattle Times, March 17, 2015, at <http://www.seattletimes.com/business/real-estate/newcastle-woman-charged....>