

## Carlos Perla

**Case ID:**

ARW-32

**Jurisdiction of Origin of Public Official or Entity Allegedly Involved:**

El Salvador

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

Former head of the Salvadoran water authority, ANDA (Administracion Nacional de Acueductos y Alcantarillados) (1994-2002)

**Jurisdiction of Asset Recovery:**

Panama

**Jurisdiction of Asset Recovery ? Description:**

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

**Asset Recovery Start:**

2004

**Asset Recovery End:**

Ongoing

**UNCAC Offenses Implicated:**

Art.15

Art.17

**Money laundering Implicated:**

No

**Legal Basis for Asset Recovery:**

Actions Initiated by Foreign Jurisdiction

**Intl.Cooperation: MLAT/Letter of Request?:**

Unknown

**Basis for Intl Cooperation:**

Unknown

**Contributing Factors in Asset Recovery:**

Ongoing Case

**Status of Asset Recovery :**

Ongoing

**Stage in Asset Recovery Chain:**

Investigation/Asset Tracing/Asset Restraint

**Assets Frozen or Seized (USD):**

\$2,200,000 (Secondary Source)

**Agreement for Returned Assets:**

Ongoing

**Agreement for Returned Assets - Description:**

N/A

**Case Summary:**

According to a November 4, 2010 article by elsalvador.com, El Salvador was seeking to have returned the \$2.2 million frozen in the Panamanian bank accounts of Carlos Perla, the former head of the Salvadoran water authority, ANDA (Administracion Nacional de Acueductos y Alcantarillados). El Salvador had made the request to have the funds frozen in 2004. (Source:

elsalvador.com, "FGR busca recuperar dinero de Carlos Perla," November 4, 2010, posted at [http://www.elsalvador.com/mwedh/nota/nota\\_completa.asp?idCat=6358&idArt=...](http://www.elsalvador.com/mwedh/nota/nota_completa.asp?idCat=6358&idArt=...)) In 2006, the U.S. Department of State had written in a report to Congress that "[i]n El Salvador, the new Court of Accounts (Corte de Cuentas) conducted regular audits of public officials and employees with a view to preventing and sanctioning acts of corruption. As a result, El Salvador's attorney general has started numerous corruption-related prosecutions. The highest profile case is that of Carlos Perla, ex-president of the Salvadoran Water Authority (ANDA), who was accused of misappropriating \$31 million during his tenure." (Source: U.S. Department of State, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, "Sixth Annual Report to Congress on the Inter-American Convention Against Corruption," April 1, 2006.)

**Disposition of Criminal Case(s):**

According to La Prensa, in July 2007 in El Salvador, Mr. Perla was sentenced to fifteen years' imprisonment, following his conviction on embezzlement charges. (Source: Suchit Chavez and Jessica Avalos, "Carlos Perla y Mario Orellana. candidatos a quedar en libertad," La Prensa Grafica, February 10, 2011, accessed at <http://www.laprensagrafica.com/el-salvador/judicial/170762-carlos-perla-...>)

**Jurisdiction of Origin: Investigative Agency:**

Unknown

**Jurisdiction of Origin: Prosecuting Authority/Civil Attorney(s):**

Attorney General

**Jurisdiction of Origin: Courts Involved:**

Court of Accounts (Corte de Cuentas) [secondary source]

**Jurisdiction of Asset Recovery: Investigative Agency:**

Unknown

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

Prosecutor General

**Jurisdiction of Asset Recovery: Courts Involved:**

Unknown

**Documents:**

[Perla\\_Elsalvadorcom\\_Nov\\_4\\_2010.pdf](#)

[Perla\\_Laprensagrafica\\_Feb\\_10\\_2011.pdf](#)

[Perla\\_US\\_State\\_Dept\\_Apr\\_1\\_2006.pdf](#)

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