

Charles Taylor / Two Unnamed Associates

Case ID:

ARW-36

Jurisdiction of Origin of Public Official or Entity Allegedly Involved:

Liberia

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

President (Taylor, 1997-2003) / Unknown (Two Unnamed Associates)

Jurisdiction of Asset Recovery:

Switzerland

Jurisdiction of Asset Recovery ? Description:

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

Asset Recovery Start:

2003

Asset Recovery End:

Unknown

UNCAC Offenses Implicated:

Art.17

Art.23

Money laundering Implicated:

Yes

Legal Basis for Asset Recovery:

Actions Initiated by Foreign Jurisdiction

Intl.Cooperation: MLAT/Letter of Request?:

Letter of Request

Basis for Intl Cooperation:

Unknown

Contributing Factors in Asset Recovery:

[Unknown Status of Recovery]

Status of Asset Recovery :

Ongoing

Stage in Asset Recovery Chain:

Investigation/Asset Tracing/Asset Restraint

Assets Frozen or Seized (USD):

\$1,468,320

Agreement for Returned Assets:

Ongoing

Agreement for Returned Assets - Description:

NA

Case Summary:

According to a July 23, 2003 press release by the Swiss Federal Department of Justice, "Around 2 million Swiss francs has been frozen in accounts held by two persons associated with the Liberian president Charles Taylor. No accounts held directly by President Taylor have been found, however." The press release also noted that "The Federal Office of Justice (FOJ) has delegated enactment of the legal assistance application from the Special Court for Sierra

Leone to the Office of the Attorney General of Switzerland." The Federal Office of Justice had issued a prior statement stating that acting on a June 19, 2003 request by the Special Court for Sierra Leone, that it had ordered that any accounts of Liberian President Charles Taylor and further persons be blocked as a provisional measure. (Source: Federal Department of Justice and Police, "2 million frozen in Taylor case," press release dated July 23, 2003, posted at <http://www.bj.admin.ch/bj/en/home/dokumentation/medieninformationen/2003...>).

Disposition of Criminal Case(s):

According to the Special Court for the Sierra Leone, in September 2013, Mr. Taylor's appeal was denied. (Source: Special Court for the Sierra Leone, In the Appeals Chamber, Judgment of September 23, 2013, accessed at <http://www.sc-sl.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=t14fjFP4jJ8%3D&tabid=5>). Unknown as to the unnamed associates.

Jurisdiction of Origin: Investigative Agency:

United Nations Special Court for the Sierra Leone

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

United Nations Special Court for the Sierra Leone

Jurisdiction of Origin: Courts Involved:

United Nations Special Court for the Sierra Leone

Jurisdiction of Asset Recovery: Investigative Agency:

Federal Office of Justice

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

Office of the Attorney General

Jurisdiction of Asset Recovery: Courts Involved:

Unknown


Documents:

Taylor_Special_Court_Sierra_Leone_May_3_2011.pdf

Taylor_Switzerland_EJPD_PR_Jul_23_2003.pdf

Taylor_Switzerland_EJPD_PR_Jun_23_2003.pdf

Documents:

Attachment	Size
 Taylor_Appeal_Judgment_Sep_23_2013.pdf	2.52 MB

Documents Links:

Other Sources:

Swiss Federal Office of Justice, "2 million frozen in Taylor case," Press Release dated July 23, 2003, posted at

http://www.ejpd.admin.ch/content/ejpd/en/home/dokumentation/mi/2003/ref_... Swiss Federal Office of Justice, "Taylor's accounts blocked as provisional measure," Press Release dated June 23, 2003, at

http://www.ejpd.admin.ch/content/ejpd/en/home/dokumentation/mi/2003/ref_.... The Special Court for the Sierra Leone Website Homepage, accessed on May 3, 2011, at <http://www.sc-sl.org/>; Judgment, Chamber of Appeals, September 23, 2013, accessed at <http://www.sc-sl.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=t14fjFP4jJ8%3D&tabid=53>