

Jorge Juan Torres / United States

Case ID:

ARW-213

Jurisdiction of Origin of Public Official or Entity Allegedly Involved:

Mexico

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

General Director of the Promotion and Development, the Secretary of Finance of Coahuila state, Municipal President of Saltillo state and interim Governor of Coahuila state (1994-2011)

Jurisdiction of Asset Recovery:

United States

Jurisdiction of Asset Recovery ? Description:

Undertaking Recovery Effort, Location of Recovery Effort

Asset Recovery Start:

2013

Asset Recovery End:

Ongoing

UNCAC Offenses Implicated:

Art.17

Art.19

Art.20

Art.23

Legal Basis for Asset Recovery:

Non-Conviction Based Asset Forfeiture; Criminal Prosecution and Forfeiture

Intl.Cooperation: MLAT/Letter of Request?:

MLAT

Basis for Intl Cooperation:

Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty (US-Mexico)

Contributing Factors in Asset Recovery:

Ongoing Case

Status of Asset Recovery :

Ongoing

Stage in Asset Recovery Chain:

Judgment by Court of First Instance

Case Summary:

See also related case, Hector Javier Villarreal Hernandez (United States and Bermuda). In September 2013, the US Government filed a civil asset forfeiture complaint against Old Mutual of Bermuda, Ltd. Contract Number CX4011696 in Bermuda which it alleged constituted proceeds of corruption while Mr. Torres was serving in various government posts including as interim Governor of Coahuila state, Mexico. In October 2013, the warrant for arrest in rem was executed by the Bermuda Police Service. In March 2014, Mr. Torres and his wife filed an Answer to the complaint, not denying his government employment but denying allegations including that his government positions as sole source of income. On August 3, an Order of Default Judgment was granted in the case in favor of the United States. (Sources: US v. All Funds on Deposit at Old Mutual of Bermuda, Ltd. Contract

Number CX4011696 in Bermuda, Case No. 13-cv-00294 (S.D. Tex), Verified Complaint for Civil Forfeiture in Rem filed September 24, 2013; Executed Warrant of Arrest in Rem filed October 29, 2013; Answer (by Torres) filed March 28, 2014 and Court Docket Report as of October 28, 2015.)

In the criminal case against Mr. Torres, in November 2014, the US Government filed a Supplemental Notice of Forfeiture of two properties located in Montgomery, Texas at 160 Hermitage Drive and 53 Southwind Drive, as having allegedly been acquired with proceeds of crime. As of October 28, 2015, the criminal case against Mr. Torres is ongoing. (Source: US v. Torres, Case No. 2:13-cr-1075-2 (S.D. Tex), Indictment filed November 20, 2013 and Supplemental Notice of Forfeiture filed November 17, 2014.)

Disposition of Criminal Case(s):

Mr. Torres is under indictment in the US Federal Court for the District of Southern Texas on a charge of money laundering conspiracy. (Source: US v. Hernandez Villarreal and Torres, Case No. 2:13-cr-1075 (SD Tex), Indictment filed November 20, 2013 and Court Docket Report as of May 22, 2016.

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

Unknown

Jurisdiction of Origin: Courts Involved:

Unknown

Jurisdiction of Asset Recovery: Investigative Agency:

Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigations

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

United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Texas

Jurisdiction of Asset Recovery: Courts Involved:

United States District Court - Southern District of Texas






Documents:

Ibori_Nigeria_EFCC_High_Profile_Cases.pdf

Ibori_UK_Charges_Saharareporters_Apr_19_2011.pdf

Ibori_UK_Remanded_Custody_BBC_Apr_16_2011.pdf

Documents:

Attachment	Size
 Torres_SDTEX_Old_Mutual_Bermuda_Acct_Forfeiture_Complaint_Sep_24_2013.pdf	547.51 KB
 Torres_SDTEX_Old_Mutual_Bermuda_Account_Exec_Arrest_in_Rem_Oct_29_2013.pdf	74.57 KB
 Torres_SDTEX_Old_Mutual_Bermuda_Acct_Answer_Mar_28_2014.pdf	254.42 KB
 Torres_SDTex_Suppl_Forfeit_Notice_Nov_17_2014.pdf	23.32 KB
 Torres_SDTEX_Bermuda_Acct_Default_Judgment_Aug3_2015.pdf	111.63 KB

Other Sources:

Civil Asset Forfeiture Case: US v. All Funds on Deposit at Old Mutual of Bermuda, Ltd.

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