

Joshua Dariye / Joyce Oyebanjo

Case ID:

ARW-94

Jurisdiction of Origin of Public Official or Entity Allegedly Involved:

Nigeria

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

Governor (Dariye, 1999-2006) / Associate (Oyebanjo)

Jurisdiction of Asset Recovery:

United Kingdom

Jurisdiction of Asset Recovery ? Description:

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

Asset Recovery Start:

2004

Asset Recovery End:

2007

UNCAC Offenses Implicated:

Art.17

Art.20

Art.23

Money laundering Implicated:

Yes

Legal Basis for Asset Recovery:

Criminal Prosecution and Forfeiture; Private Civil Action

Intl.Cooperation: MLAT/Letter of Request?:

Unknown

Basis for Intl Cooperation:

Unspecified

Contributing Factors in Asset Recovery:

The UK's Foreign & Commonwealth Office stated that the "The return of [Dariye/Oyebanjo - related] assets fulfils the UK's commitments under Chapter V of the United Nations Convention Against Corruption and is the result of continued co-operation with the Nigerian authorities." (Source: UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office Press Release, "UK Returns Stolen Funds to Nigeria," April 24, 2009.)

Status of Asset Recovery :

Completed

Stage in Asset Recovery Chain:

Assets Returned to Victim or Requesting Jurisdiction

Assets Returned (USD) - Description:

\$422,000

Agreement for Returned Assets:

No

Agreement for Returned Assets - Description:

N/A

Case Summary:

According to evidence presented to the United Kingdom Parliament's International Development Committee by the UK Department for International Development, GBP 115,000 in the Joshua Dariye case and GBP 185,000 in Mr. Dariye's associate Joyce Oyebanjo's case have been returned to Nigeria. (Source: UK Parliament, International Development Committee, "Supplementary written evidence submitted by The Department for International Development (DFID)," June 2012.) Ms. Oyebanjo had been arrested by the London Metropolitan Police in 2004 and subsequently convicted of assisting Chief Dariye to retain the benefits of criminal conduct contrary to section 93A(1)(a) of the Criminal Justice Act 1988. (Sources: Nigeria v. Dariye, Claim no. HC 07-C00169 filed January 25, 2007 in the UK High Court of Justice Chancery Division; UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office Press Release, "UK Returns Stolen Funds to Nigeria," April 24, 2009; Transparency International UK, "Combating Money Laundering and Recovering Looted Gains: Raising the UK's Game," Appendix 1: Summaries of Recent Criminal and Civil Cases against Politically Exposed Persons in the UK, June 2009.)

Disposition of Criminal Case(s):

According to the website of Nigeria's Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, Mr. Dariye's trial in Nigeria was continued to October 2010. (Source: Economic & Financial Crimes Commission, "EFCC On-Going High Profile Cases," 2007-2010, posted at http://www.efccnigeria.org/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_view&gid...). According to the January 25, 2007 Particulars of Claim filed by the Government of Nigeria in its UK civil claim against Mr. Dariye, on September 2, 2004, Mr. Dariye was arrested and interviewed by the Metropolitan Police in London. After he failed to answer Police bail on December 14, 2004 and returned to Nigeria, a warrant was issued for his arrest on charges of money laundering and obtaining services by deception. (Source: Nigeria v. Dariye, Claim No. HC07-00169, High Court of Justice (Chancery Division).

Jurisdiction of Origin: Investigative Agency:

Economic and Financial Crimes Commission

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

Economic and Financial Crimes Commission

Jurisdiction of Origin: Courts Involved:

FTC Hgh Court - Gudu

Jurisdiction of Asset Recovery: Investigative Agency:

Metropolitan Police

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

Crown Prosecution Service

Jurisdiction of Asset Recovery: Courts Involved:

Southwark Crown Court

Documents:

Dariye_UK_FCO_Return_Apr_24_2009.pdf

Dariye_UK_FRN v Dariye&Dariye_Approved Judgment_Mar_12_2007.pdf


Dariye_UK_FRN v Dariye_and Dariye_2007_EWHC_0169_Jan_25_2007.pdf

Transparency_Intl_UK_Recovering_Looted_Gains_June_2009.pdf

Documents:

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 Dariye_UK_FRN v Dariye&Dariye_Approved Judgment_Mar_12_2007.pdf

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Other Sources:

UK Parliament, International Development Committee, "Supplementary written evidence submitted by The Department for International Development (DFID)," June 2012, accessed at [http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmselect/cmintdev/130/...](http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmselect/cmintdev/130/) UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office Press Release, "UK Returns Stolen Funds to Nigeria," April 24, 2009, accessed at <http://ukinnigeria.fco.gov.uk/en/news/?view=PressR&id=17622693> 10/; Nigeria v. Joshua Chibi Dariye and Valentina Dariye, Claim No: HC 07 C00169, filed January 25, 2007 in the High Court of Justice, Chancery Division; Transparency International UK, "Combating Money Laundering and Recovering Looted Gains: Raising the UK's Game," Appendix 1: Summaries of Recent Criminal and Civil Cases against Politically Exposed Persons in the UK (June 2009).