

Lansana Conte / Mamadie Toure

Case ID:

ARW-231

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

President (Conte: 1984-2008, deceased), First Lady (Toure: 2000-2008)

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:

2014

Asset Recovery End:

Ongoing

UNCAC Offenses Implicated:

Art.16

Art.18

Art.23

Legal Basis for Asset Recovery:

Non-Conviction Based Confiscation

Intl.Cooperation: MLAT/Letter of Request?:

Unknown

Contributing Factors in Asset Recovery:

Ongoing Case

Status of Asset Recovery :

Ongoing

Stage in Asset Recovery Chain:

Before Court of First Instance

Assets Adjudicated, Not Yet Returned - Description:

Unknown amount

Case Summary:

In February 2016, Ms. Toure and the US authorities entered into a settlement agreement whereby Ms. Toure acknowledged that the defendant properties were proceeds of criminal conduct, namely bribery, as alleged in the forfeiture complaint. Ms. Toure agreed to forfeit the Pierce Arrow and Fern Hammock properties and the restaurant equipment while the US dismissed without prejudice its claim against the Yacht Basin Property. A Consent Order of Forfeiture was filed in April 2016. (Source: US v. Real Property located at 4866 Yacht Basin Drive, et al, Case No. 3:14-cv-01428 (M.D. Fla), Settlement Agreement filed February 1, 2016 and Consent Order for Judgment of Forfeiture filed April 4, 2016.)

In May 2015, an order for interlocutory sale of substitute property and judgment of forfeiture was granted for the restaurant located at 132 Everest Lane, Suite 1, St. Johns, St. Johns

County, Florida, 32259, and an adjacent restaurant, located at 164 Everest Lane, Suite 5, St. Johns, St. Johns County, Florida, 32259 and related equipment. The government requested the sale, in part because the restaurant's "value is fast depreciating. The Verified Complaint alleges that the Defendant Restaurant and Market Equipment was purchased for approximately \$278,000 in 2013. The United States? appraisal valued the property at less than one-third that amount ? approximately \$87,000 ? in January, 2015. Waiting to sell the property will only result in further deterioration of its value." (Sources: Order for Interlocutory Sale and Judgment of Forfeiture filed May 7, 2015 and Consent Motion filed May 4, 2015, in US v. Real Property located at 4866 Yacht Basin Drive, et al, Case No. 3:14-cv-01428 (M.D. Fla).

According to the Complaint in US v. Real Property located at 4866 Yacht Basin Drive, et al, the US is seeking to forfeit three real properties and restaurant and market equipment located in Jacksonville, Florida. The US Department of Justice Complaint states that Ms. Toure admitted to receiving at least \$5.3 million in bribery payments from a foreign mining corporation to influence her husband's decision as to the granting of Simandou project mining rights. The complaint alleges that the properties that are being sought to be forfeited were paid with the bribery proceeds and are being held by or for the benefit of Ms. Toure, including through Florida incorporated entities. (Source: US v. Real Property located at 4866 Yacht Basin Drive, et al, Case No. 3:14-cv-01428 (M.D. Fla), Verified Complaint filed November 21, 2014; Amended Verified Complaint filed March 18, 2015.)

Disposition of Criminal Case(s):

Mr. Conte passed away in 2008. There appears to be no criminal proceedings against Ms. Toure.

Jurisdiction of Asset Recovery: Investigative Agency:

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

Department of Justice Asset Forfeiture and Money Laundering Section

Jurisdiction of Asset Recovery: Courts Involved:

US District Court for the Middle District of Florida

Documents:

Attachment	Size
 Toure_US_Asset_Forfeit_Complaint_Nov_21_2014.pdf	1.82 MB
 Toure_MDFLA_Amended Complaint_Mar2015.pdf	182.68 KB
 Toure_Consent Motion_May4 2015.pdf	87.07 KB
 Toure_MDFLA_Order Interlocutory Sale and Judgment_May2015.pdf	97.81 KB
 Toure_US_MDFLA_Status Report_Jul30_2015.pdf	38.48 KB
 Toure_MDFLA_Settlement Agreement_02012016.pdf	142.93 KB
 Toure_MDFLA_Consent Order Forfeiture_April2016.pdf	1.43 MB

Other Sources:

US v. Real Property located at 4866 Yacht Basin Drive, et al, Case No. 3:14-cv-01428 (M.D. Fla), Verified Complaint filed November 21, 2014; Amended Verified Complaint filed March

18, 2015; Order for Interlocutory Sale and Judgment of Forfeiture filed May 7, 2015; Settlement Agreement filed February 1, 2016 and Consent Order for Judgment of Forfeiture filed April 4, 2016; Court Docket Report as of June 27, 2016.