

Tomas Yarrington / Pablo Zarate Juarez

Case ID:

ARW-233

Jurisdiction of Origin of Public Official or Entity Allegedly Involved:

Mexico

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

Yarrington: Former Mayor of Matamoros, Mexico (1992- 1995); Governor of Tamaulipas state (1999-2004); Presidential candidate (2005); Zarate: former political appointee Director of Instituto Tamaulipeco De Vivienda Y Urbanismo (ITAVU)

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.17

Art.23

Legal Basis for Asset Recovery:

Criminal Forfeiture; Non-Conviction Based Forfeiture

Status of Asset Recovery :

Ongoing

Stage in Asset Recovery Chain:

Before Court of First Instance

Case Summary:

The indictment filed in March 2015, in the US District Court for the Southern District of Texas, against Mr. Zarate contains forfeiture allegations: 1) 2005 Pilatus aircraft (Tail #N679PE) and a personal monetary judgment of US \$2 million which the US Government alleges are the proceeds of his corruption while he was the director of the Instituto Tamaulipeco De Vivienda Y Urbanismo (ITAVU) in the State of Tamaulipas, Mexico. ITAVU is the Tamaulipas Institute for Housing and Urban Development. Zarate Juarez was appointed to the position of director of ITAVU by former Tamaulipas Governor Tomas Yarrington Ruvalcaba. ITAVU is the department in Tamaulipas responsible for supporting lower income residents with housing programs and financing programs. The plane is also subject of civil forfeiture action filed in the case of former governor Tomas Yarrington. (Sources: United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Texas, "Former Mexican Governor's Political Appointee Indicted," March 12, 2015, at <http://www.fbi.gov/houston/press-releases/2015/former-mexican-governors-...> US v. Zarate, Case No. 2:15-cr-216 (S.D. Tex), Indictment filed March 11, 2015).

Disposition of Criminal Case(s):

Mr. Pablo Zarate Juarez is under indictment in the US on charges of money laundering, bank fraud and attempt and conspiracy to commit mail fraud. (Source: US v. Zarate, Case No. 2:15-

cr-216 (S.D. Tex), Indictment filed March 11, 2015).

Jurisdiction of Asset Recovery: Investigative Agency:

Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force investigation conducted in San Antonio, Brownsville, Houston and Corpus Christi by the Drug Enforcement Administration, Homeland Security Investigations, Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigation and the Texas Attorney General's Office

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:

US District Court for the Southern District of Texas

Documents:

Necolaicius_Arrest_West_Palm_Beach_Post_Jun_18_2009.pdf

Necolaicius_Extradition_Approved_Hotnews.com_Mar_2_2011.pdf



Necolaicius_Extradition_US_Embassy_Press_Release_Apr_20_2011.pdf

Necolaicius_ICE_Senate_Testimony_Feb_4_2010.pdf

Necolaicius_Interpol_Arrest_Press_Release_Jun_19_2009.pdf

Nicolaiciuc_MDFLA_Extradition_Certification_Mar_1_2011

Documents:

| Attachment | Size |
|---|-------------|
|  Zarate_US_Indictment_FBI_PR_Mar_12_2015.pdf | 183.46 KB |
|  Zarate_SDTex_Indictment_Mar_11_2015.pdf | 448.93 KB |

Other Sources:

United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Texas, "Former Mexican Governor's Political Appointee Indicted," March 12, 2015, at <http://www.fbi.gov/houston/press-releases/2015/former-mexican-governors-...>

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See related case, Tomas Yarrington.