

## Steve Ferguson / Piarco Airport case (Bahamas)

**Case ID:**

ARW-178

**Jurisdiction of Origin of Public Official or Entity Allegedly Involved:**

Trinidad and Tobago

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

Former Chairman of the National Gas Company (1998- unspecified)

**Jurisdiction of Asset Recovery:**

Bahamas

**Jurisdiction of Asset Recovery ? Description:**

Location of Recovery Effort

**Asset Recovery End:**

Unknown

**UNCAC Offenses Implicated:**

Art.19

Art.23

**Money laundering Implicated:**

Yes

**Legal Basis for Asset Recovery:**

Unspecified

**Intl.Cooperation: MLAT/Letter of Request?:**

Unknown

**Basis for Intl Cooperation:**

Unknown

**Contributing Factors in Asset Recovery:**

Ongoing Case

**Status of Asset Recovery :**

Ongoing

**Stage in Asset Recovery Chain:**

Unknown

**Agreement for Returned Assets:**

Ongoing

**Agreement for Returned Assets - Description:**

N/A

**Case Summary:**

In June 2009, Assistant Director Janice Ayala of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement testified before a U.S. Senate Committee that the case involved accounts of shell companies which were held in the Bahamas, and that the restitution ordered by U.S. courts had yet to be paid. (Source: Statement of Janice Ayala, Deputy Assistant Director, Office of Investigations, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, regarding a Hearing on "Examining State Business Incorporation Practices: A Discussion of the Incorporation Transparency and Law Enforcement Assistance Act (S. 569)," Before the U.S. Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, June 18, 2009.)

**Disposition of Criminal Case(s):**

According to official documents filed in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida, Mr. Ferguson is under indictment on multiple counts of fraud and money laundering charges. Mr. Ferguson is challenging his extradition from Trinidad and Tobago to the U.S. (Sources: US v. Gutierrez, et al, Case no: 1:05-cr-20859-PCH (S.D. Fla), Superseding indictment filed on March 29, 2006; Court Docket Report as of August 21, 2014.

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

Attorney General

**Jurisdiction of Origin: Courts Involved:**

High Court, Court of Appeals

**Jurisdiction of Asset Recovery: Courts Involved:**

Unspecified

**Documents:**

Ferguson\_Bahamas\_Ayala\_Testimony\_Jun\_18\_2009.pdf

Steve\_Ferguson\_US\_SDFLA\_Status\_Rept\_Extradition\_Apr\_27\_2011.pdf

Steve\_Ferguson\_US\_SDFLA\_Superseding\_Indictment\_2006.pdf





Steve\_Ferguson\_Trinidad\_Appeals\_Court\_Civil\_Appeal\_108\_2009\_Judgment\_May\_3\_2010

Ferguson\_Galbaransingh\_SDFLA\_Updated\_Status\_Report\_Sep\_7\_2011

Ferguson\_Trinidad\_High\_Court\_Extradition\_Denied\_Trinidad\_Express\_Nov\_7\_2011

**Documents:**

**Attachment**

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 Ferguson_Bahamas_Ayala_Testimony_Jun_18_2009.pdf	58.3 KB
 Steve_Ferguson_US_SDFLA_Status_Rept_Extradition_Apr_27_2011.pdf	9.6 KB
 Steve_Ferguson_Trinidad_Appeals_Court_Civil_Appeal_108_2009_Judgment_May_3_2010.pdf	250. KB
 Steve_Ferguson_Extradition_Refused_Trinidad_Express_Nov_7_2011.pdf	75.4 KB

**Documents Links:**

**Other Sources:**

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