

Tomas Yarrington

Case ID:

ARW-221

Jurisdiction of Origin of Public Official or Entity Allegedly Involved:

Mexico

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

Former Mayor of Matamoros, Mexico (1992- 1995); Governor of Tamaulipas state (1999-2004); Presidential candidate (2005)

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:

2012

Asset Recovery End:

Ongoing

UNCAC Offenses Implicated:

Art.16

Art.19

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:

Before Court of First Instance (in part)

Judgment by Court of First Instance

Assets Adjudicated, Not Yet Returned - Description:

\$640,000

Case Summary:

In December 2012, the US District Court for the Southern District of Texas issued a final agreed judgment in a civil asset forfeiture case filed by the US Government, forfeiting a condominium at 334 South Padre Boulevard, South Padre Island. The condominium, valued at \$640,000, had been alleged to be proceeds of corrupt payments received by Mr. Yarrington from the Gulf Cartel, headquartered in Tamaulipas state, Mexico where he had been governor, in exchange for no interference in their criminal enterprise by public officials and law enforcement. (Source: US v. Real Property Known as 334 South Padre Boulevard, South Padre Island, Case No. 12-cv-167 (S.D. Tex), Final Agreed Judgment filed December 10,

2012) In May 2012, the US Government had also filed a criminal indictment and a superseding indictment on May 22, 2013 against Mr. Yarrington which included extensive criminal asset forfeiture allegations, including: (1) 2005 Pilatus aircraft; (2) 46.175 acre tract of land in Bexar County, Texas; (3) residence on Windward Drive, Port Isabel, Texas; and (4) over \$183 million in joint and several liability with his co-defendant. Mr. Yarrington is alleged to have funnelled bribery and embezzlement funds through use of shell companies and nominees to real properties and other assets in Mexico and the U.S. As of June 2016 an arrest warrant had been issued and his case is pending. (Source: US v. Yarrington Ruvalcaba, et al, Case No. 1:12-cr-435 (S.D. Tex.), Superseding Indictment filed May 22, 2013; Court Docket Report as of June 27, 2016).

Disposition of Criminal Case(s):

As of June 27, 2016, Mr. Yarrington remained under indictment on Racketeering and Money Laundering conspiracy, bank fraud and other charges. (Source: US v. Yarrington Ruvalcaba, Case No. 1:12-cr-435 (S.D. Tex), Court Docket Report as of June 27, 2016.)

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

Prosecutor General of the Republic of Mexico

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:

Attachment	Size
 Yarrington_SDTEX_Civil_Asset_Forfeit_Complaint_May_22_2012.pdf	412.11 KB
 Yarrington_SDTEX_Civil_Asset_Final_Judgment_Dec_10_2012.pdf	294.55 KB
 Yarrington_SDTEX_Superseded_Indictment_May_22_2013.pdf	3.64 MB
 Yarrington_SDTEX_Civil_Asset_Forfeit_DOJ_PR_Dec_11_2012.pdf	204.48 KB

Other Sources:

US v. Real Property Known as 334 South Padre Boulevard, South Padre Island, Case No. 12-cv-167 (S.D. Tex), Final Agreed Judgment filed December 10, 2012 and Verified Complaint for Forfeiture in rem filed May 22, 2012; US v. Yarrington Ruvalcaba, et al, Case No. 1:12-cr-435 (S.D. Tex.), Superseding Indictment filed May 22, 2013 and Court Docket Report as of June 27, 2016.