

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE | OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

MEMORANDUM OF INVESTIGATION

Case Number: 2021-009252	Reporting Office: Cyber Investigations Office
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Execution of Search Warrant and Arrest of Adedayo ILORI on October 8, 2021

Background

On October 7, 2021, at approximately 9:30 PM, Department of Justice, Office of the Inspector General (OIG), Cyber Investigations Office Assistant Special Agent in Charge Harry Lidsky and Special Agent Kerwin John obtained a warrant from the District Court for the Eastern District of New York to search the person of Adedayo ILORI, for the seizure of certain evidentiary items related to an ongoing OIG investigation into bank and loan fraud involving identity theft (Attachment 1).

Prior to the issuance of the warrant, the OIG observed ILORI operating a White 2021 Mercedes Sedan bearing New York registration KMT-9862. At approximately 9:30 PM on October 7, 2021, ILORI was observed entering the Mercedes in the area of Purves Street in Long Island City, New York. The OIG was not able to execute the warrant before 10 PM on October 7.

On the morning of October 8, at approximately 8:30 AM, Lidsky, along with OIG Senior Special Agent Gary Popadowski and Special Agent Damjan Hezir established surveillance on the parked Mercedes which was located on Hannibal Street at Elmira Avenue in the Saint Albans area of Queens, New York.

Evidence Recovery

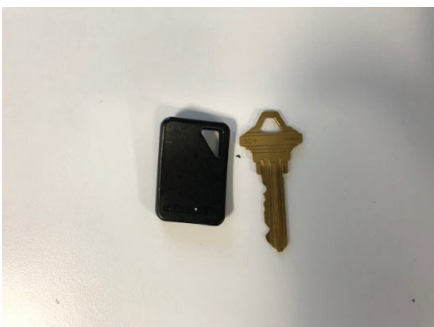
At approximately 10:15 AM, ILORI was observed approaching and entering the Mercedes. At that time, marked law enforcement agents approached ILORI in an unmarked vehicle and made contact and detained him without incident. ILORI complied with commands and exited the driver's seat of the Mercedes. Lidsky informed ILORI that he was not under arrest but that the OIG had a search warrant for his person and effects. ILORI complied and agents performed a check of his person for weapons. ILORI was not handcuffed.

Lidsky photographed ILORI's state issued identification card and returned it to him along with other items deemed non-responsive to the warrant.

From the search of ILORI's person, Lidsky seized the following items:

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Damjan S. Hezir	Special Agent	Harry A. Lidsky	Assistant Special Agent in Charge
Signature:	Signature:		
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1. Key and key fob believed to be associated with an apartment on Purves Street in Long Island City:



2. Debit cards in multiple names, FedEx card, New York State debit card, business card, storage unit card, claim tickets:



3. Three phones (2 iPhones and 1 Motorola):



From the search of the Mercedes passenger compartment, Hezir located and seized the following items:

1. Samsung cell phone and parking receipt:

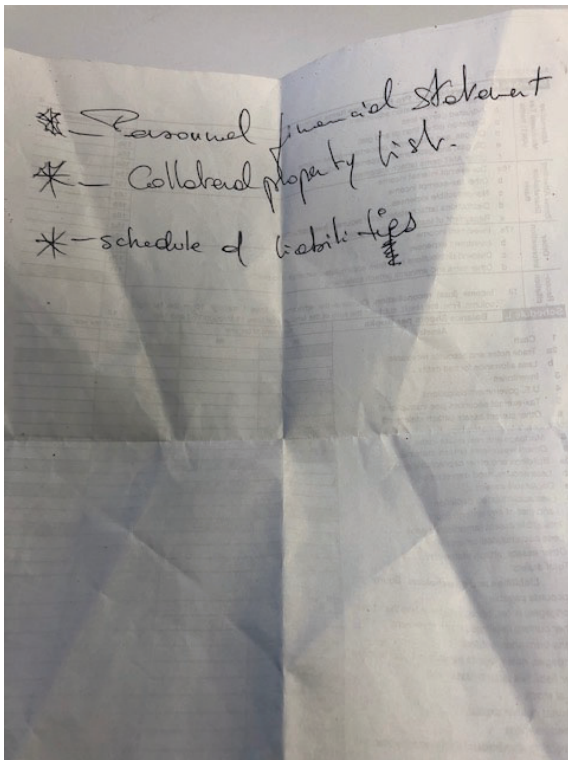


From the search of the Mercedes trunk, Hezir located and seized the following items:

1. LG cell phone:



2. Tax form with handwritten note on back:



3. Paper bag containing two Pennsylvania driver's licenses bearing the same photo but different names, corresponding debit cards in different names, Nordstrom gift cards, and a business card:





ILORI was provided with a copy of the search warrant with the return section completed serving as an inventory of all items seized.

The phones located during the search were evaluated by OIG Senior Digital Investigative Analyst Nathan Wiery and Brian O'Neil. Pursuant to the warrant, Wiery and O'Neil attempted to unlock the seized cell phones using ILORI's face. ILORI complied during the process.

Arrest and Transport

Following the completion of the search and after reporting cursory findings to Assistant United States Attorney Daniel Nessim, Lidsky was instructed to arrest ILORI based on probable cause to believe he had violated the conditions of release from his existing case in the Southern District of New York (SDNY). ILORI was taken into custody without incident, was placed into an OIG vehicle, advised of his Miranda rights and was transported without questioning. ILORI was offered the opportunity to make phone calls to advise his family or attorney about his arrest and he opted to do so. ILORI was reminded to advise the callee(s) he was on speaker phone and in the presence of government agents and that he should not discuss legal or private matters. A copy of the arrest warrant is included as Attachment 2 and a copy of the phone calls ILORI requested to make as Attachment 3.

Agents retained possession of the key for the Mercedes to secure the vehicle due to the arrest and transport of ILORI. ILORI's personal property was kept separate from the items seized during the execution of the warrant.

All law enforcement personnel departed the area of the search at approximately 11:17 AM and arrived at the SDNY Courthouse at approximately 12:15 PM. After waiting in the parking garage for over an hour, agents were instructed by Nessim to transport ILORI to the Metropolitan Detention Center (MDC) in Brooklyn, New York. Agents arrived with ILORI at MDC at approximately 2:30 PM. Agents were subsequently instructed by Nessim to

refrain from lodging ILORI at MDC pending a potential hearing at SDNY. Agents waited with ILORI outside of the MDC and afforded him the opportunity to make additional calls, which he did, with the same caveats as before. Agents were instructed by Nessim to return ILORI to SDNY and did so, arriving at approximately 3:30 PM. A listing of the calls placed on ILORI's behalf while at MDC is included as Attachment 4.

ILORI's personal property was provided to his Attorney, Brook Cucinella following completion of ILORI's bond revocation hearing.

Attachments

1. Copy of Search Warrant
2. Copy of Arrest Warrant
3. Copy of Calls ILORI Requested to Make During Transport to SDNY
4. Copy of Calls ILORI Requested to Make While at MDC