

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA**

CASE NO. 22-20290-CR-BLOOM

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

vs.

ERIC DEAN SHEPPARD,

Defendant.

NOTICE OF FILING PROPOSED PRELIMINARY ORDER OF FORFEITURE

The United States of America, by and through the undersigned Assistant United States Attorney, hereby files this notice of filing a preliminary order of forfeiture.

On June 3, 2024, the United States filed a Motion for Preliminary Order of Forfeiture seeking a forfeiture money judgment in the amount of \$893,575 against the Defendant, and on June 5, 2024, filed an amended motion for preliminary order of forfeiture.¹ *See* Gov't Mot. for Preliminary Order of Forfeiture, ECF No. 252; Gov't Amended Mot. for Preliminary Order of Forfeiture, ECF No. 255.

On June 5, 2024, the Defendant filed a motion to continue the sentencing hearing or, in the alternative, continue the restitution and forfeiture aspects of sentencing. *See* Def.'s Mot. to Continue, ECF No. 257. The Court granted the Defendant's motion to continue the restitution and forfeiture aspects of sentencing, but denied continuing the sentencing hearing scheduled for June 7, 2024. *See* Paperless Order, ECF 259.

¹ Because the Defendant's wire fraud scheme affected a financial institution, 18 U.S.C. § 982(a)(2)(A) is another basis for the Defendant to forfeit his proceeds. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 982(a)(2)(A). Under either 981(a)(1)(C) or 982(a)(2)(A), the Defendant must forfeit proceeds of his fraud scheme. The amended motion notified the Court that a reference to 18 U.S.C. § 982(a)(2)(A) was mistakenly left off the Indictment and Superseding Indictment.

The Court scheduled the hearing on the Government's Amended Motion for Preliminary Order of Forfeiture for August 23, 2024. *See* Paperless Order, ECF No. 263.

On June 7, 2024, the Court sentenced the Defendant. At the sentencing hearing, the Court imposed a general preliminary order of forfeiture against the Defendant. The Court further ordered the United States to file a proposed forfeiture within three days of the sentencing hearing.²

A proposed order is filed along with this notice.

Respectfully submitted,

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² Over the Government's objection, the Court ordered the Government not to include 18 U.S.C. 982(a)(2)(A) as a basis for forfeiture in the proposed general preliminary order of forfeiture.