UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

CASE NO. 25-20014-CR-ALTONAGA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

ANGELO STEPHEN,

Defendant.
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ORDER

THIS MATTER is before the Court upon the United States of America's Unopposed Motion for Preliminary Order of Forfeiture [ECF No. 26]. The Court has considered the Motion and finds as follows:

On January 16, 2025, the United States filed a one-count Information [ECF No. 1] charging Defendant with wire fraud, in violation of 18 U.S.C. section 1343. The Information also alleges that, upon conviction of a violation of section 1343, Defendant shall forfeit to the United States any property, real or personal, which constitutes or is derived from proceeds traceable to such offense, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. section 981(a)(1)(C); and, upon a conviction of a violation of section 1343, relating to any fraud affecting a financial institution, Defendant shall forfeit to the United States property constituting, or derived from, proceeds obtained as the result of such offense, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. section 982(a)(2)(A). (*See id.* 9–10).

On March 4, 2025, the Court accepted Defendant's guilty plea to the Information. (*See* Minute Entry [ECF No. 13]; Plea Agreement ¶ 1 [ECF No. 14]). As part of the guilty plea, Defendant agreed to a forfeiture money judgment in the amount of $71,166 in U.S. currency. (*See* Plea Agreement ¶ 10). In support of the guilty plea, Defendant executed a Stipulated Factual Basis,

and the Court found there was a factual basis to support Defendant's conviction. (*See* Stipulated Factual Basis [ECF No. 15]). The Stipulated Factual Basis is incorporated herein.

Based on the record in this case, the total value of the proceeds traceable to the offense of conviction is $71,166, which sum may be sought as a forfeiture money judgment under Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 32.2. Accordingly, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. sections 981(a)(1)(C) and 982(a)(2)(A), 21 U.S.C. section 853(p), and Rule 32.2, the Motion is **GRANTED**, and it is **ORDERED** that:

1. A forfeiture money judgment in the amount of $71,166 is entered against the Defendant.

2. The United States is authorized to conduct any discovery that may be necessary to identify, locate, or dispose of forfeited property, and to resolve any third-party petition, pursuant to Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure 32.2(b)(3) and (c)(1)(B) and 21 U.S.C. section 853(m).

3. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 32.2(b)(4), this Order is final as to the Defendant.

4. The Court retains jurisdiction for the purpose of enforcing this Order, and pursuant to Rule 32.2(e)(1), may amend this Order, or enter other orders as necessary, to forfeit additional specific property when identified.

DONE AND ORDERED in Miami, Florida, this 22nd day of May, 2025.

Cecilia M. Altonaga

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CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

cc: counsel of record