

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA
CHARLESTON DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	)	CRIMINAL NO.: 2:22-cr-00454-DCN
	)	
vs.	)	
	)	
LORI HAMMOND	)	

FINAL ORDER OF FORFEITURE
AS TO LORI HAMMOND

This matter is before the court upon the United States' motion for a Final Order of Forfeiture as to Lori Hammond, ("Hammond"), who was convicted of conspiracy to commit wire fraud and wire fraud. The Preliminary Order of Forfeiture ("POF") was filed on June 29, 2022. The record in this case establishes the following:

1. On May 25, 2022, the U.S. Attorney's Office filed an Information charging Hammond with conspiracy to commit wire fraud and wire fraud.
2. The Information provided that upon Hammond's conviction, certain property enumerated therein, or equivalent substitute assets, would be subject to forfeiture to the United States pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(C) and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c).
3. On May 19, 2022, the Defendant signed a plea agreement, agreeing to forfeiture and entered a guilty plea on June 23, 2022 to conspiracy to commit wire fraud and wire fraud. in violation of 18 U.S.C. § § 371 ad 1343.
4. Based upon the Defendant's conviction, and other matters appearing in the record, the court issued a POF determining that the below-described property is subject to forfeiture, in that such property constituted, or was derived from, proceeds the Defendant obtained as a result

of her offense of conviction. The court further found that the Defendant had an interest in such property, and that the property is subject to forfeiture to the United States pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §981(a)(1)(C) and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c).

5. The court further found in the POF that the government established the requisite nexus between the said property subject to forfeiture and the offenses for which the Defendant was convicted, and that property is therefore forfeited to the United States pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §981(a)(1)(C) and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c), subject to the provisions of 21 U.S.C. § 853(n) governing third-party rights.

6. The court further found in the POF that the United States was entitled to a judgment of forfeiture and possession of the said property pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(g) and Rule 32.2 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

7. In the POF, the court ordered a forfeiture a judgment against Lori Hammond and in favor of the United States in the amount of \$4,721,638.50¹, along with appropriate costs and interest thereon at the rate provided for in 28 U.S.C. § 1961 as of the date of entry of judgment until paid in full.

8. On June 29, 2022, this court entered the POF as to Lori Hammond, forfeiting all of her right, title and interest in the property described below to the United States:

A. Bank Accounts:

- (1) \$24.59 in funds from BB&T Truist Bank account x7861 in the name of Lori Hammond and Coastal Document Services
Asset ID: 21-FBI-002262

¹ Defendant has paid \$1,998,706.00 of the ordered forfeiture judgment. The government is pursuing an amended forfeiture judgment against Defendant in the amount of \$2,722,932.50 representing the remaining loss amount attributed to Defendant.

- (2) \$1,850.40 in funds from BB&T Truist Bank account x5638 in the name of Lori Hammond and Coastal Document Services
Asset ID: 21-FBI-002261
- (3) \$1,191.39 in funds from BB&T Truist Bank account x5611 in the name of Lori Hammond dba High Voltage Retros
Asset ID: 21-FBI-002260
- (4) \$1,341,833.43 in funds from BB&T Truist Bank account x5603 in the name of Lori Hammond
Asset ID: 21-FBI-002259
- (5) \$76.00 in funds from BB&T Truist Bank account x5581 in the name of Lori Hammond
Asset ID: 21-FBI-002258
- (6) \$742.84 in funds from BB&T Truist Bank account x5573 in the name of Lori Hammond
Asset ID: 21-FBI-002257
- (7) \$12,603.52 in funds from BB&T / Truist Bank account x5565 in the name of Lori Hammond
Asset ID: 21-FBI-002256
- (8) \$414.58 in funds from BB&T / Truist Bank account x9125 in the name of Lori Hammond
Asset ID: 21-FBI-002255
- (9) \$408.90 in funds from BB&T / Truist Bank account x2850 in the name of Lori Hammond
Asset ID: 21-FBI-002254

B. Proceeds From Sale of Real Property:

\$627,274.80 from the the sale of 12 Plantation Drive Manning, South Carolina 29102 held in defense counsel's trust account.
Asset ID: 21-FBI-001801

C. Vehicle:²

2020 Ford Mustang
VIN: 1FA6P8SJ1L5502622

² Ms. Hammond sold the vehicle and the proceeds of \$111,000.00 were sent to the FBI.

Asset ID: 22-FBI-004550

8. The POF directed the United States to publish notice of the court's Order and the intent of the United States to dispose of the property in accordance with law. The POF also provided that following publication, and upon adjudication of all third-party interests in the said property, the court would enter a Final Order of Forfeiture pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n).

9. Beginning on July 1, 2022, and running at least 18 hours per day through July 30, 2022, as required by Rule G(4)(a)(iv)(c) of the Supplemental Rules of Admiralty or Maritime Claims and Asset Forfeiture Action, the United States published notice of the forfeiture on the government website "www.forfeiture.gov", a website of general circulation within the United States and the State of South Carolina, notifying any person, other than the Defendants in this case, claiming interest in the forfeited property that they must file a Petition within sixty (60) days of the notice for a hearing to adjudicate the validity of any alleged legal interest in the property seized. No petitions or other responsive pleadings have been filed by any persons based upon notice by publication, and the deadline for filing a claim based upon such notice expired on March 4, 2018, with no extensions having been requested, consented to, or granted by the court.

10. The United States has received no other claims or petitions as to the property described below, and the time to file such claims or petitions has passed as provided for by the provisions of 21 U.S.C. § 853(n); therefore, all claims to such property are forever foreclosed and barred.

11. The court has previously determined the Government has established the requisite nexus between the said property and the offense for which the Defendant has been convicted; therefore, the property shall be forfeited to the United States pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853.

NOW THEREFORE, upon motion of the United States, it is hereby ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED:

1. All right, title and interest in and to the following property, is hereby forfeited to the United States of America:

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2. Pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(7), clear title in and to the above-described property is vested in the United States of America, its successors and assigns, and no other right, title or interests exists therein. All claims to the above-described property are forever foreclosed and barred and the said property shall be disposed of by the United States in accordance with law.

3. The United States Marshals Service and/or their designees are hereby requested to seize the above-described property as directed by the United States Attorney's Office, to be held by the United States Marshals Service in its secure custody and control pending the disposal of the property.

4. The court shall retain jurisdiction to resolve disputes which may arise and to enforce and amend this Order as necessary, pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(e).

5. The Clerk, U.S. District Court for the District of South Carolina, shall provide one certified copy of this Order to the United States Attorney's Office Asset Forfeiture Unit for service on interested third parties and for other purposes.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



DAVID C. NORTON
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

November 7, 2023
Charleston, South Carolina