UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff, v. ABDIAZIZ SHAFII FARAH (1), Defendant.	Case No. 22-CR-124 (NEB/DTS) PRELIMINARY ORDER OF FORFEITURE

Based on the United States' Amended Motion for a Preliminary Order of Forfeiture, (ECF No. 657); on the Superseding Indictment, (ECF No. 57); on the evidence admitted at trial in this matter; on the Jury's verdict of Guilty on Counts 1, 5–7, 9–11, 13, 14, 17, 20, 22–26, 29, 32, 33, 37, 39, 42, and 43 of the Superseding Indictment, (ECF No. 557); on the Declaration of Lacramioara Blackwell, (ECF No. 658); and on the Court having found that certain property is subject to forfeiture pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 981(a)(1)(C) in conjunction with 28 U.S.C. Section 2461(c), and 18 U.S.C. Section 982(a)(1), the United States has established the requisite nexus between such property and the offenses to which Defendant Abdiaziz Shafii Farah has been found guilty, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. The United States' Amended Motion for a Preliminary Order of Forfeiture (ECF No. 657) is GRANTED;

2. The following property is forfeited to the United States pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 981(a)(1)(C) in conjunction with 28 U.S.C. Section 2461(c):

a. $418,532.30 seized from US Bank account No. 104786619932, held in the name of Empire Cuisine and Market LLC;
b. $4,000,422.57 seized from JP Morgan Chase Bank account No. 761580833, held in the name of Empire Cuisine and Market LLC;
c. $1,286,805.76 seized from JP Morgan Chase Bank account No. 736875953, held in the name of Empire Enterprises LLC;
d. $1,249,912.71 seized from 1st United Bank account No. 011707940100 held in the name of Johnson-Reiland Builders and Remodelers Inc.;
e. $460,319.56 seized from JP Morgan Chase Bank account No. 736929651, held in the name of Abdiaziz Farah;
f. $132,449.90 seized from Stock Yards Bank and Trust account No. 420000534, held in the name of BBI, LLC;
g. 15418 Hampshire Lane in Savage, Minnesota;
h. 3847 Cane Run Road, Louisville, Kentucky;
i. 438 Stonewood Lane, Burnsville, Minnesota;
j. The real property located at 5594 Candy Cove Trail SE, Prior Lake, Minnesota;
k. The real property located at 5604 Candy Cove Trail SE, Prior Lake, Minnesota;
l. The real property located at 6200 South 3rd Street, Louisville, Kentucky;
m. A 2021 GMC Sierra PK, VIN 3GTU9DED8MG424943;
n. A 2021 Porsche Macan S, VIN WP1AB2A50MLB35910;
o. A 2021 Nissan Murano, VIN: 5N1AZ2CS8MC145760;
p. 2022 Tesla Model Y, VIN: 7SAYGDEF6NF340638;
q. $60,350.00 in United States Currency seized from a 2021 GMC Sierra PK, VIN 3GTU9DED8MG424943 on January 20, 2022;
r. $5,954.55 in United States Currency seized from 15418 Hampshire Lane, Savage, Minnesota on January 20, 2022; and
s. Miscellaneous jewelry, clothing and electrical devices seized from 15418 Hampshire Lane, Savage, Minnesota on January 20, 2022.[1]

[1] The miscellaneous jewelry, clothing and electrical devices seized from 15418 Hampshire Lane, Savage, Minnesota on January 20, 2022, are more fully described in the Appendix attached to this Order.

3. The following property is forfeited to the United States pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 982(a)(1):

a. $424,695.03 seized from US Bank account No. 104786619932, held in the name of Empire Cuisine and Market LLC
b. $4,000,422.57 seized from JP Morgan Chase Bank account No. 761580833, held in the name of Empire Cuisine and Market LLC;
c. $1,286,805.76 seized from JP Morgan Chase Bank account No. 736875953, held in the name of Empire Enterprises LLC;
d. $1,249,912.71 seized from 1st United Bank account No. 011707940100 held in the name of Johnson-Reiland Builders and Remodelers Inc.;
e. $460,319.56 seized from JP Morgan Chase Bank account No. 736929651, held in the name of Abdiaziz Farah;
f. $132,449.90 seized from Stock Yards Bank and Trust account No. 420000534, held in the name of BBI, LLC;
g. 15418 Hampshire Lane in Savage, Minnesota;
h. 3847 Cane Run Road, Louisville, Kentucky;
i. 438 Stonewood Lane, Burnsville, Minnesota;
j. The real property located at 5594 Candy Cove Trail SE, Prior Lake, Minnesota;
k. The real property located at 5604 Candy Cove Trail SE, Prior Lake, Minnesota;
l. The real property located at 6200 South 3rd Street, Louisville, Kentucky;
m. A 2021 GMC Sierra PK, VIN 3GTU9DED8MG424943;
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o. A 2021 Nissan Murano, VIN: 5N1AZ2CS8MC145760;
p. 2022 Tesla Model Y, VIN: 7SAYGDEF6NF340638;
q. $60,350.00 in United States Currency seized from a 2021 GMC Sierra PK, VIN 3GTU9DED8MG424943 on January 20, 2022;
r. $5,954.55 in United States Currency seized from 15418 Hampshire Lane, Savage, Minnesota on January 20, 2022; and
s. Miscellaneous jewelry, clothing and electrical devices seized from 15418 Hampshire Lane, Savage, Minnesota on January 20, 2022.

4. A money judgment forfeiture is ENTERED against Defendant Abdiaziz Farah pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 981(a)(1)(C) and 28 U.S.C. Section 2461(c), and 18 U.S.C. Section 982(a)(1) in the amount $19,074,336.02;

5. Defendant Farah shall receive a credit against the money judgment forfeiture for the net forfeited value of each asset that is forfeited from him in connection with this case;

6. Defendant Farah is ORDERED to forfeit, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(C), 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c), and Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(b)(2)(C), any property, real or personal, constituting or derived from, any proceeds obtained, directly or indirectly, as a result of the fraud scheme and conspiracy alleged in Counts 1, 5–7, and 9–11 of the Superseding Indictment;

7. Defendant Farah is ORDERED to forfeit, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 982(a)(1) and Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(b)(2)(C), any property, real or personal, involved in the Conspiracy to Commit Money Laundering charged in Count 20 of the Superseding Indictment, and any property traceable to such property;

8. Pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(b)(3) and (c)(1)(B), and 21 U.S.C. Section 853(m), the United States may conduct discovery as to Defendant Farah to identify property subject to forfeiture under the terms of this order and to address any factual issues raised by a third-party petition filed pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(c);

9. Pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(b)(4)(A) and (B), this Preliminary Order of Forfeiture shall become final as to Defendant Farah at the time of sentencing, and shall be made a part of the sentence and included in the judgment; and

10. This Court shall retain jurisdiction to enforce this Order, and to amend it as necessary pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(e).

Dated: September 27, 2024

BY THE COURT:

s/Nancy E. Brasel
Nancy E. Brasel
United States District Judge