

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

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
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LORI HAMMOND)

CRIMINAL NO.: 2:22-cr-00454-DCN

PRELIMINARY ORDER OF FORFEITURE
AS TO LORI HAMMOND

This matter is before the court on the motion of the United States for a Preliminary Order of Forfeiture as to Defendant Lori Hammond, (“Hammond”, “Defendant”), based upon the following:

1. On May 25, 2022, an Information (“Information”) was filed charging Hammond with:

Count 1: Conspiracy to commit wire fraud, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 371;

Count 2: Wire fraud, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §1343.

2. Pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(a), the Information contained a forfeiture allegation providing that, upon Hammond’s conviction, certain properties enumerated therein, or equivalent substitute assets, would be subject to forfeiture to the United States. As specified therein, such assets include, but are not limited to, the following:

A. Cash Proceeds/Forfeiture Judgment:¹

A sum of money equal to all property the Defendant obtained as a result of the wire fraud offenses charged in this Information, and

¹ The government is pursuing a forfeiture judgment against the defendant in the amount of \$4,721,638.50.

all interest and proceeds traceable thereto as a result for her violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 371 and 1343.

B. 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
- (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

C. Real Property:²

12 Plantation Drive
Manning, South Carolina 29102
Parcel ID: 162-00-01-034-00
Titled in the name of: Lori Hammond
Asset ID: 21-FBI-001801

D. Vehicle:

2020 Ford Mustang
VIN: 1FA6P8SJ1L5502622
Asset ID: 22-FBI-004550

3. On May 19, 2022, Hammond signed a plea agreement, agreeing to forfeiture, and on June 23, 2022 she entered into a plea of guilty as to Counts 1 and 2 of the Information.

4. Based upon Defendant's conviction, the court has determined that the government has established the requisite nexus between the amount of proceeds and the property involved in Defendant's offenses and the violations for which Hammond has been convicted; therefore, the United States is entitled to a preliminary order of forfeiture, subject to the provisions of 21 U.S.C. § 853 governing third party rights. The court has determined that the property described above is subject to forfeiture, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(C) and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c). Therefore, it is ORDERED that all property, real or personal, which constitutes or is derived from proceeds traceable to Defendant's violations of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 371 and 1343 are forfeited to the United States and that all property involved in Defendant's violations of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 371 and 1343 are forfeited to the United

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This property sold on June 27, 2022. The proceeds that will be wired to Ms. Hammond's attorney's trust account total \$627,274.80. Upon agreement of the parties, the government will be forfeiting these proceeds in lieu of the real property.

States.

5. The Court further finds that one or more of the conditions set forth in Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), exists.

6. It is, therefore, ORDERED that the United States is entitled to forfeit substitute assets equal to the value of the proceeds obtained by Defendant Hammond as a result of her violations of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 371 and 1343, and that such substitute assets shall not exceed the value of the proceeds Defendant Hammond obtained of \$4,721,638.50.

Accordingly, it is hereby **ORDERED**,

1. The below-described property, and all right, title, and interest of the Defendant, Lori Hammond, in and to such property, is hereby forfeited to the United States of America, for disposition in accordance with law, subject to the rights of third parties in such property under 21 U.S.C. § 853(n):

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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

C. 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.

D. Vehicle:

2020 Ford Mustang
VIN: 1FA6P8SJ1L5502622
Asset ID: 22-FBI-004550

2. FORFEITURE IS ENTERED against Lori Hammond and in favor of the United States in the amount of \$4,721,638.50, 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. The United States may at any time move pursuant to Rule 32.2(e) to amend this Order of Forfeiture to substitute property to satisfy the judgment.

3. The United States may sell or otherwise dispose of any substitute assets in accordance with law as required to satisfy the above imposed judgment.

4. Upon entry of this Order, the Government is further authorized to conduct discovery to identify, locate, or other substitute assets, in accordance with Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(b)(3); and to commence proceedings that comply with statutes governing third party rights, if applicable.

5. The government is not required to publish notice regarding the judgment against Defendant; however, the Order shall be recorded in the records of the County Clerk's Office in the County of the debtor's residence, place of business, and any and all other counties in which the debtor has either real or personal property, as a lien thereon.

6. The United States shall publish notice of this Order and its intent to dispose of the personal property in such manner as the Attorney General may direct. The United States may also, to the extent practicable, provide written notice to any person known to have an alleged interest in the said property.

7. Upon entry of this Order, the United States is authorized to seize the above-described property as directed by the United States Attorney's Office and to commence proceedings that comply with statutes governing third party rights.

8. Any person, other than the named Defendant, asserting a legal interest in the subject property may, within thirty days of the final publication of notice or receipt of notice, whichever is earlier, petition the court for a hearing without a jury to adjudicate the validity of his alleged interest in the subject property and for an amendment of the order of forfeiture, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(6) and Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(c).

9. Any petition filed by a third party asserting an interest in the above-described property shall be signed by the petitioner under penalty of perjury and shall set forth the nature and extent of the petitioner's right, title, or interest in the subject property, the time and

circumstances of the petitioner's acquisition of the right, title or interest in such property, and additional facts supporting the petitioner's claim and the relief sought.

10. After the disposition of any motion filed under Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(c)(1)(A) and before a hearing on the petition, discovery may be conducted in accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure upon a showing that such discovery is necessary or desirable to resolve factual issues.

11. The United States shall have clear title to the property following the court's determination of all third party interests, or, if no petitions are filed, following the expiration of the period provided in 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(2) for the filing of third party petitions.

12. 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).

13. Upon entry of the criminal judgment, this Order becomes final as to Defendant and shall be made a part of the sentence and included in the criminal judgment.

14. The Clerk, United States District Court, shall provide one (1) certified copy of this Order to the United States Attorney's Office.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.



DAVID C. NORTON
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

June 29, 2022
Charleston, South Carolina