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October 19, 2024

Nathan Ochsner, Clerk

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA §
v. § **CRIMINAL NO. 4:17-CR-515**
FERNANDO ARDILA-RUEDA §
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ORDER IMPOSING MONEY JUDGMENT

Defendant Fernando Ardila Rueda pleaded guilty to Counts One and Two of the Information. Count One charges Defendant with conspiracy to violate the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, Title 15, United States Code, Section 78dd-2 (FCPA), in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371. Count Two charges Defendant with a violation of the FCPA, in violation of Title 15, United States Code, Section 78dd-2.

The United States provided notice to the Defendant in the Information that pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C), the United States would seek to forfeit all property, real or personal, that constitutes or is derived from proceeds traceable to Counts One and Two. The United States also provided notice that it would seek a money judgment equal to the total value of the property subject to forfeiture.

In his Plea Agreement, Defendant stipulated and agreed that the factual basis for his guilty plea supported the forfeiture of proceeds from PDVSA contracts

associated with bribe payments made by Defendant and his co-conspirators. Defendant also consented to the imposition of a personal money judgment against him and acknowledged that one or more of the conditions set forth in Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p) exists. Defendant and the United States have agreed that the amount of the personal money judgment should be \$4,469,756.04. They also agreed that Defendant should receive a credit of \$71,195.58 for his interest in yacht sales proceeds previously forfeited in a related case and already received by the United States.

Having considered the Plea Agreement, the record and the applicable law, the Court ORDERS:

1. That Defendant Fernando Ardila Rueda shall forfeit \$4,469,756.04 to the United States, and that a personal money judgment is hereby awarded in favor of the United States and against the Defendant in the amount of \$4,469,756.04.

2. That a credit of \$71,195.58 should be applied against the personal money judgment amount, leaving a balance of \$4,398,560.46 to be satisfied by the Defendant.

3. That pursuant to Rule 32.2(e) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the United States may move to amend this Order at any time to substitute property to satisfy the money judgment in whole or in part.

This Order will be made part of the Defendant's sentence and included in the judgment against him.

Signed in Houston, Texas, on the 15th day of October 2022.
~~31st day of May~~



GRAY H. MILLER
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE