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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : Hon. Michael A. Shipp, U.S.D.J.
v. : Crim. No. 15-161
MICHAEL LIEBERMAN, : FINAL ORDER
Defendant. : OF FORFEITURE

WHEREAS, on or about April 15, 2015, defendant Michael Lieberman (the “defendant”) pleaded guilty, pursuant to a plea agreement with the United States, to an Information, which charged the defendant with wire fraud, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1343;

WHEREAS, as part of his plea agreement, the defendant agreed to forfeit to the United States, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(C) and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c): (1) a sum of money equal to \$1,541,565, representing the amount of proceeds traceable to the wire fraud offense charged in the Information, and (2) all of the defendant’s right, title, and interest in the real property and appurtenances known as 9333 Standerwick Lane, Huntersville, North Carolina 28078 (the “Specific Property”), which the defendant admitted had the requisite nexus to the wire fraud offense charged in the Information;

WHEREAS, on or about April 17, 2015, the Court entered a Consent Judgment of Forfeiture (Money Judgment) and Preliminary Order of Forfeiture as to Specific Property (Final as to the Defendant) (the “Preliminary Order”) (ECF No. 16) that imposed a money judgment in the amount of \$1,541,565 on the defendant (the “Money

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Judgment”); and, pursuant to Rule 32.2(b)(2), forfeited to the United States all of the defendant’s right, title, and interest in the Specific Property, for disposition according to law, subject to the provisions of 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(1), as incorporated by 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c);

WHEREAS, the provisions of 21 U.S.C. § 853(n) and Rule 32.2(b) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure require publication and notice to third parties known to have alleged an interest in forfeited property and the disposition of any petitions filed under Section 853(n) before the United States may have clear title to such property;

WHEREAS, a Notice of Forfeiture was filed with the Court on April 11, 2017 (ECF No. 23), which explained the procedures for asserting a legal right, title, or interest in the Specific Property pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n) and Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 32.2(b);

WHEREAS, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(1), a Notice of Forfeiture with respect to the Specific Property was posted on an official government internet site, namely www.forfeiture.gov, beginning on May 10, 2015, and running for 30 consecutive days through June 8, 2015, as permitted by Rule G(4)(a)(iv)(C) of the Supplemental Rules for Admiralty or Maritime Claims and Asset Forfeiture Actions. Proof of publication was filed with the Court on or about September 25, 2015 (ECF No. 21);

WHEREAS, the published notice explained that any person asserting a legal interest in the Specific Property was required to file a petition with the Court within 60 days from the first day of publication of the notice on the government internet site, and that if no such petitions were filed, following the expiration of the period for the

filing of such petitions, the United States would have clear title to the Specific Property, in accordance with Supplemental Rule G(5)(a)(ii)(B);

WHEREAS, on or about April 26, 2017, Dalana Lieberman (“Petitioner”) filed a petition asserting an interest in the Specific Property as an “innocent owner” and requesting a hearing to adjudicate the validity of her asserted interest in the Specific Property (ECF No. 27, hereinafter the “Petition”);

WHEREAS, on or about June 17, 2024, the Court held a bench trial regarding Lieberman’s asserted interest in the Specific Property (ECF No. 145, Minutes of Proceedings);

WHEREAS, on or about July 9, 2024, after the parties submitted post-hearing briefing, the Court denied the Petition (ECF No. 153, Order), finding that Petitioner “has failed to show that she falls within either category under [21 U.S.C.] § 853(n)(6)(A) or § 853(n)(6)(B) by the preponderance of the evidence, and the Court is unable to grant her the relief she seeks” with respect to the Specific Property (ECF No. 152, Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, at 16-17); and

WHEREAS, no other claims were filed or made in this action, no parties have appeared to contest the action to date, and the statutory time periods in which to do so have expired. Pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(7), the United States is therefore entitled to have clear title to the Specific Property and to warrant good title to any subsequent purchaser or transferee,

NOW, THEREFORE, on the application of the Government (Peter A. Laserna, Assistant United States Attorney, appearing),

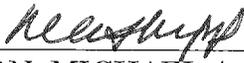
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED THAT:

1. All right, title, and interest in the real property and appurtenances known as 9333 Standerwick Lane, Huntersville, North Carolina 28078, is hereby forfeited to the United States of America for disposition according to law.

2. Any forfeited money shall be applied to the Money Judgment imposed upon the defendant, in partial satisfaction thereof.

3. The Court retains jurisdiction to take additional action, enter further orders, and amend this and any future orders as necessary to implement and enforce this Order.

ORDERED this *22nd* day of *September*, 2025.



HON. MICHAEL A. SHIPP
United States District Judge