

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA**

CASE NO. 19-CR-20580-CR-WILLIAMS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

ROBERTO BARRERA,

Defendant.

PRELIMINARY ORDER OF FORFEITURE

THIS CAUSE is before the Court upon motion of the United States of America (the “United States”) for entry of a Preliminary Order of Forfeiture (“Motion”) against Defendant, ROBERTO BARRERA (the “Defendant”). The Court has considered the Motion, is otherwise advised in the premises, and finds as follows:

On September 12, 2019, Defendant was charged by Information with conspiracy to commit money laundering in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1956(h). Information, ECF No. 26. The Information also contained forfeiture allegations, which alleged that upon conviction of a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1956, the Defendant shall forfeit “any property, real or personal, that is involved in such offense, or any property traceable to such property pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 982(a)(1). *See id.*

On or about October 8, 2019, Defendant entered a guilty plea to the Information and acknowledged the facts in the Factual Proffer. Plea Agreement, ECF No. 44; Factual Proffer in Support of Guilty Plea, ECF No.455. The Court accepted Defendant’s guilty plea. As part of Defendant’s Plea Agreement, Defendant agreed to the entry of a forfeiture money judgment in the amount of \$150,000 which sum represents the value of the property subject to forfeiture.” Plea Agreement, ECF No. 44, p. 8, ¶12.

Accordingly, based on the foregoing, the evidence in the record, and for good cause shown, the Motion is **GRANTED**, and it is hereby **ORDERED** that:

1. Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 982(a)(1), 21 U.S.C. § 853, and Rule 32.2 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, a forfeiture money judgment in the amount of \$150,000 is hereby entered against the Defendant.

2. Any duly authorized law enforcement agency may seize and take possession of the forfeited property according to law.

3. The United States is authorized to conduct any discovery necessary in identifying, locating, or disposing of forfeited property, and to resolve any third-party petition, pursuant to Rule 32.2(b)(3), (c)(1)(B) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure and 21 U.S.C. § 853(m).

4. Pursuant to Rule 32.2(b)(4) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, this Order is final as to the Defendant.

5. The Court shall retain jurisdiction in this matter for the purpose of enforcing this Order, and pursuant to Rule 32.2(e)(1) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, shall amend this Order, or enter other orders as necessary, to forfeit additional specific property when identified.

DONE AND ORDERED in Miami Florida, this 27th day of February, 2020.


KATHLEEN M. WILLIAMS
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE