

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

CASE NO. 21-60125-CR-ALTMAN

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

DEVONTE DEMOND THAMES,

Defendant.

PRELIMINARY ORDER OF FORFEITURE

The Government has filed a motion for a preliminary order of forfeiture (the “Motion”) [ECF No. 42]. Having reviewed the Motion, the record, and the applicable law, the Court finds as follows with respect to forfeiture and the Defendant, DEVONTE DEMOND THAMES:

On May 12, 2021, the United States charged the Defendant in a one-count Information. Count 1 of the Information charged the Defendant with conspiracy to commit wire fraud, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371.

With respect to Count 1, the Information sought forfeiture of any property constituting, or derived from, any proceeds the defendant obtained, directly or indirectly, as the result of such violation pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 982(a)(2)(A).

On July 22, 2021, the Defendant pled guilty to Count 1 of the Information. On page six of the Plea Agreement [ECF No. 38], the Defendant agreed to the entry of a forfeiture money judgment against him in the amount of \$864,007.00, which sum represents the value of the property subject to forfeiture. In support of the guilty plea, the Defendant executed a Factual Proffer, which provides a factual basis for the entry of a forfeiture money judgment in the amount of \$864,007.00.

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Therefore, based on the foregoing, the Court hereby

ORDERS and ADJUDGES that:

1. The Motion [ECF No. 42] is **GRANTED**.
2. A forfeiture money judgment in the amount of \$864,007.00 shall be entered against the Defendant, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 982(a)(2)(A), and Rule 32.2 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.
3. The United States is authorized to conduct any discovery that might be necessary to identify, locate, or dispose 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 Title 21, United States Code, Section 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 Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 23rd day of August 2021.



ROY K. ALTMAN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

cc: counsel of record