

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

v.

21-CR-168-WMS

ADAM D. ARENA,

Defendant.

PRELIMINARY ORDER OF FORFEITURE

WHEREAS, on November 17, 2021, the defendant, ADAM D. ARENA, pled guilty to a two-count Information, charging violations of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1349 (conspiracy to commit bank fraud) and Title 18, United States Code, Section 1957 (engaging in monetary transactions with criminally derived proceeds), and

WHEREAS, from the defendant's conviction on Counts 1 and 2 and from his admission in the written plea agreement that certain property is subject to forfeiture, the government has established the requisite nexus between the property and the offense committed by the defendant, and therefore the following property is subject to forfeiture:

MONETARY SUMS:

- a. \$15,616.32 United States currency from Bank-2, NA Business Choice Checking Account No. -5700, held in the name of ADA Auto Group, LLC, seized on or about November 10, 2020;
- b. \$7,245.64 United States currency from Bank-2, NA Business Choice Checking Account No. -5100, held in the name of GFS Auto Sales, LLC, seized on or about November 10, 2020;

- c. \$204,029.46 United States currency from Bank-4 Progress Checking Account No. -0519, held in the name of Adam D. Arena, seized on or about November 10, 2020;
- d. \$208,825.43 United States currency from Bank-5 Checking Account No. -0-55-1, held in the name of Adam D. Arena, seized on or about November 10, 2020;
- e. Bank-2, NA Cashier's Check No. -1560 in the amount of \$50,000 United States currency and made payable to M.C., seized on or about February 16, 2021;
- f. Bank-2, NA Cashier's Check No. -1561 in the amount of \$50,000 United States currency and made payable to C.A., seized on or about February 16, 2021;
- g. Bank-2, NA Cashier's Check No. -1564 in the amount of \$50,000 United States currency and made payable to C.A., seized on or about February 16, 2021;
- h. \$4,000 United States currency from Bank-4 E-Checking Account No. -0034, held in the name of C.A., seized on or about February 17, 2021;
- i. \$1,461.15 United States currency from Bank-6 Business Advantage Account No. -5466, held in the name of Software Buildworks Inc., seized on or about February 16, 2021;
- j. \$32,481.50 United States currency from Bank-6 Business Advantage Account No. -8141, held in the name of Robin's Trading LLC, seized on or about February 16, 2021; and
- k. \$22,629 United States currency from Bank-7 Account No. -0135, held in the name of C.A., seized on or about November 25, 2020.

VEHICLE:

One 2018 Chevrolet Colorado LT, Vehicle Identification No.1GCGTCEN8J1270486, titled and registered to C.A., seized on or about November 25, 2020.

OTHER PROPERTY:

One 2020 Polaris Industries Inc., ATV Model: SPMN45OHO UTLY, Vehicle Identification No. 4XASEG505LA277664, seized on or about February 17, 2021.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 32.2(b)(2), Title 18, United States Code, Sections 981(a)(1)(A), 981(a)(1)(C), 982(a)(1), 981(a)(2), and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), and the incorporated procedures of Title 21, United States Code, Section 853, it is hereby;

ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED that pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(c) and (e) through (p), the above listed property and/or any interest therein is hereby condemned and forfeited to the United States of America and shall be disposed of according to law; and it is further

ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED that this Order shall serve as a judgment in favor of the United States of America regarding any and all of the defendant's right, title, and interest in the above-described property. The property is hereby condemned and forfeited to the United States of America and shall be disposed of according to law, and the United States of America shall seize the aforementioned property, to protect the interests of the Government in the property ordered forfeited by

providing a copy of this Order to any person or entity which has possession of, or jurisdiction over the forfeited interests, and by taking all steps necessary and appropriate to protect the interests of the United States of America, including the taking of actual possession of the property; and it is further

ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED that pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(h), following the seizure of the property ordered forfeited, the Attorney General, through the United States Attorney's Office and/or any other duly authorized federal agency, shall direct the disposition of the property making due provision for the rights of any innocent persons; and it is further

ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED that pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(n)(1), the United States shall publish notice of this Order and of its intent to dispose of the property in such manner as the Attorney General, through the United States Attorney's Office and/or any other duly authorized federal agency, may direct, and provide notice that any person, other than the defendant, having or claiming a legal interest in the above forfeited property must file a petition with the court within thirty (30) days of the final publication of notice, or of receipt of actual notice, whichever is earlier.

This notice shall state that the petition: (1) shall be for request of a hearing to adjudicate the validity of the petitioner's alleged interest in the property; (2) shall be signed by the petitioner under penalty of perjury (3) shall set forth the nature and extent of the

petitioner's right, title or interest in the forfeited property; and (4) shall state any additional facts supporting the petitioner's claim and the relief sought.

The United States may also, to the extent practicable, provide direct written notice to any person known to have alleged an interest in any of the property that is the subject of the Order of Forfeiture, as a substitute for published notice as to those persons so notified, and it is further

ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED, that in the event that a Final Order of Forfeiture is issued concerning the subject property, the United States Marshals Service and/or any other duly authorized federal agency shall dispose of the forfeited property according to law; and it is further

ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED, that upon adjudication of all third-party interests, this Court will enter a Final Order of Forfeiture pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Sections 981(a)(1)(A), 981(a)(1)(C), 982(a)(1), 982(a)(2), and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c).

SO ORDERED.

Dated: November 30, 2021
Buffalo, New York.

s/William M. Skretny
WILLIAM M. SKRETNY
United States District Judge