

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
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 v.) No. 02 CR 200-1
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 TROY LAWRENCE) Judge Wayne R. Andersen
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FINAL ORDER OF FORFEITURE

This cause comes before the Court on motion of the United States for entry of a final order of forfeiture as to specific property pursuant to the provisions of Title 21, United States Code Section 853 and Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2, the Court being fully informed hereby finds as follows:

(a) On July 16, 2002, an indictment was returned charging defendant TROY LAWRENCE and others with violations of the Controlled Substances Act pursuant to the provisions of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1), among other violations;

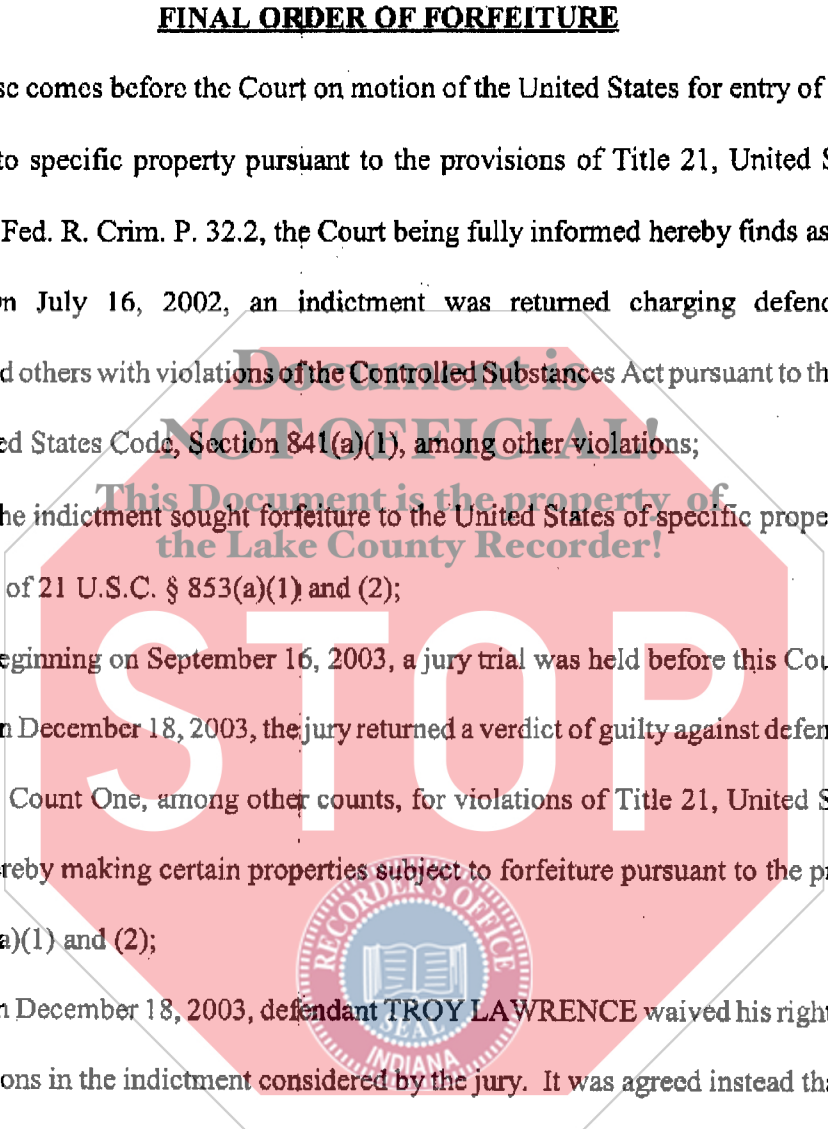
(b) The indictment sought forfeiture to the United States of specific property pursuant to the provisions of 21 U.S.C. § 853(a)(1) and (2);

(c) Beginning on September 16, 2003, a jury trial was held before this Court;

(d) On December 18, 2003, the jury returned a verdict of guilty against defendant TROY LAWRENCE on Count One, among other counts, for violations of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 846, thereby making certain properties subject to forfeiture pursuant to the provisions of 21 U.S.C. § 853(a)(1) and (2);

(e) On December 18, 2003, defendant TROY LAWRENCE waived his right to have the forfeiture allegations in the indictment considered by the jury. It was agreed instead that this court would consider the issues relating to the forfeiture;

(f) Because of the defendant's conviction of the above violation, the United States



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submitted that certain property is subject to forfeiture pursuant to the provisions of 21 U.S.C. § 853(a)(1) and (2). 21 U.S.C. § 853(a)(1) and (2) state in part:

Any person convicted of a violation of...21 U.S.C. § 846... shall forfeit to the United States, irrespective of any provision of State Law—

any property constituting, or derived from, any proceeds the person obtained, directly or indirectly, as a result of such violation;

any of the person's property used, or intended to be used, in any manner of part, to commit or to facilitate the commission of, such violation . . .

(g) On August 2, 2006, this Court entered a forfeiture judgment against defendant TROY LAWRENCE, jointly and severally with his convicted co-defendants, in the amount of \$10,000,000. On August 2, 2006, this Court entered a preliminary order of forfeiture forfeiting all right, title, and interest of defendant TROY LAWRENCE in the following property for disposition according to law. The Court directed the United States Marshals Service, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(g), to seize and take custody of the following property for disposition as the Attorney General may direct. Further, pursuant to the provisions of 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(1), the United States was ordered to publish notice of its intention to dispose of the following property:

1. The real property commonly known as 7438 Beech, Hammond, Indiana ("Hammond property"), and legally described as follows:

LOT 19, BLOCK 1, OAK GROVE IN THE CITY OF HAMMOND, AS SHOWN IN FLAT BOOK 20, PAGE 7, IN LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA;
2. The contents of the real property commonly known as 7438 Beech, Hammond, Indiana, and legally described above, including, but not limited to the following items seized from the property on March 5, 2002:

\$171,980.71 in United States Currency; Assorted Jewelry valued at \$14,320.00; Assorted Electronic equipment valued at \$5,020; one AMT 9mm Kurz, serial number DA144898; one Glock model 26, serial number CCV678; one firearm flash suppressor; and various firearm ammunition

3. \$10,100.26 from Mutual Bank savings account number 352411;
4. \$60,105.90 from Mutual Bank checking account number 654876;
5. \$8,783.26 from Mutual Bank checking account number 136980; and
6. Miscellaneous jewelry seized from defendant TROY LAWRENCE on March 4, 2002, valued at \$7,150.00;

(h) Pursuant to the provisions of 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(1), beginning on April 19, 2007, and continuing for three consecutive weeks ending on May 3, 2007, the *Chicago Tribune* published notice of the United States' intention to dispose of the foregoing property as it pertains to defendant TROY LAWRENCE;

(i) The following potential third parties were duly served with copies of the Notice of Forfeiture and the Preliminary Order of Forfeiture in this matter: Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation/Chase Home Finance LLC, as mortgage lender on the Hammond property; Farra Lawrence; Kent R. Carlson, as attorney for TROY LAWRENCE; Josie Jones; John Petalas, as Treasurer of Lake County, Indiana; co-defendant Levert Griffin; John A. Meyer, as attorney for co-defendant Cameron Wilson; Michael John Petro, as attorney for co-defendant Green Sallis; Ralph Eugene Meczyk, as attorney for co-defendant Paris Lawrence; Robert A. Loeb, as attorney for co-defendant Andre Seymour; Anita Rivkin-Carothers, as attorney for co-defendant Montel Goings; co-defendant Ninja Palms; Susan A. Shatz, as attorney for co-defendant Tasha Deere; Robert Andrew Willis, as attorney for co-defendant Mark Conner; James Anthony Shapiro, as attorney for co-defendant Kent Clark; James Andrew Graham, as attorney for co-defendant Clarence Irons; Michael J. Summerhill, as attorney for co-defendant Stacia Smith; Charles G. Murphy, as attorney for co-defendant Tondelya Hollins; James Clifford Greene, Jr., as attorney for co-defendant Darren Stewart;

Gerardo Solon Gutierrez, as attorney for co-defendant Marchello Duncan; Franklin C. Cook, as attorney for co-defendant Artrez Nyroby Seymour; Donna Ann Hickstein-Foley, as attorney for co-defendant Jemel Young; Gary Jay Ravitz, as attorney for co-defendant William Kelly; Ellen R. Dompf, as attorney for co-defendant Horance White; Daniel P. Alpers, as attorney for co-defendant Andre Lawrence; Jeffrey B. Steinback, as attorney for co-defendant Rogers Jordan; Michael David Robbins, as attorney for co-defendant Kenneth Blair; Michael B. Mann, as attorney for co-defendant Deandre Steele; Nathan Diamond Falk, as attorney for co-defendant Artrez Nyroby Seymour; Eric J. Bell, as attorney for co-defendant Antwon Williams; co-defendant John Tomaszewski; and Richard Mottweiler as attorney for co-defendant John Tomaszewski. Service of copies of the Notice of Forfeiture and the Preliminary Order of Forfeiture was attempted but returned as unexecuted as to the following potential third parties: Charles E. Small, Jr.; TL's Off the Hook; Richard L. Zaffiro, as attorney for co-defendant Andre Seymour; Mark Herbert Kusatzky, as attorney for Andre Lawrence; and Gregory Schlesinger, as attorney for co-defendant John Tomaszewski. Pursuant to the provisions of 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(1), no other parties are known to have an interest in the property and accordingly, no other parties were personally served with a copy of the notice of publication and preliminary order of forfeiture;

(j) On May 30, 2007, Lake County, Indiana, submitted a claim for the accrued property taxes with respect to the Hammond property. The United States does not contest the validity of the petition filed by Lake County, Indiana;

(k) To date, no additional petitions have been filed requesting a hearing to adjudicate any interest in the foregoing property, and the time in which to do so has expired.

Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED:

1. That, pursuant to the provisions of 21 U.S.C. § 853(a)(1) and (2) and Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2, all right, title, and interest of defendant TROY LAWRENCE and any third party in the following property is hereby forfeit to the United States of America for disposition according to law:

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It is further ordered,

2. That, pursuant to the provisions of 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(7), following entry of this order, the United States shall have clear title to the foregoing property. Furthermore, the United States Marshals Service shall arrange for the sale of the foregoing property and shall be permitted to deduct any reasonable and necessary costs incurred to effectuate and maintain the property pending sale, and shall dispose of the property according to law. Specifically as it relates to the Hammond property, proceeds from the sale shall be used to pay the following expenses: any state,

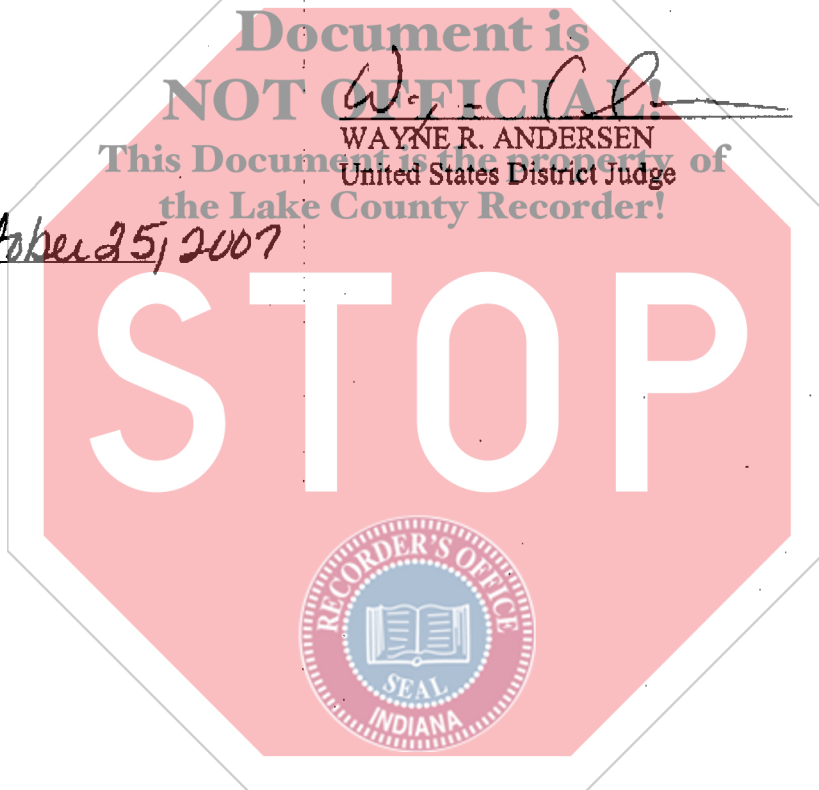
county, city, real estate or school taxes due as documented at the date of sale; Chase Home Finance, LLC, shall receive the unpaid principal balance of the mortgage and interest due at the note rate; any funds due and owing to a Homeowners Association, if any, shall be paid upon verification and authenticity; and the remaining proceeds from the sale of the Hammond property shall be forfeit to the United States of America and disposed of according to law. It is further ordered,

3. That, the proceeds from the sales of the foregoing forfeited properties shall be credited to reduce the outstanding forfeiture judgment entered against defendant TROY LAWRENCE. It is further ordered,

4. That, this Court shall retain jurisdiction in this matter to take additional action and enter further orders as necessary to implement and enforce this forfeiture order.

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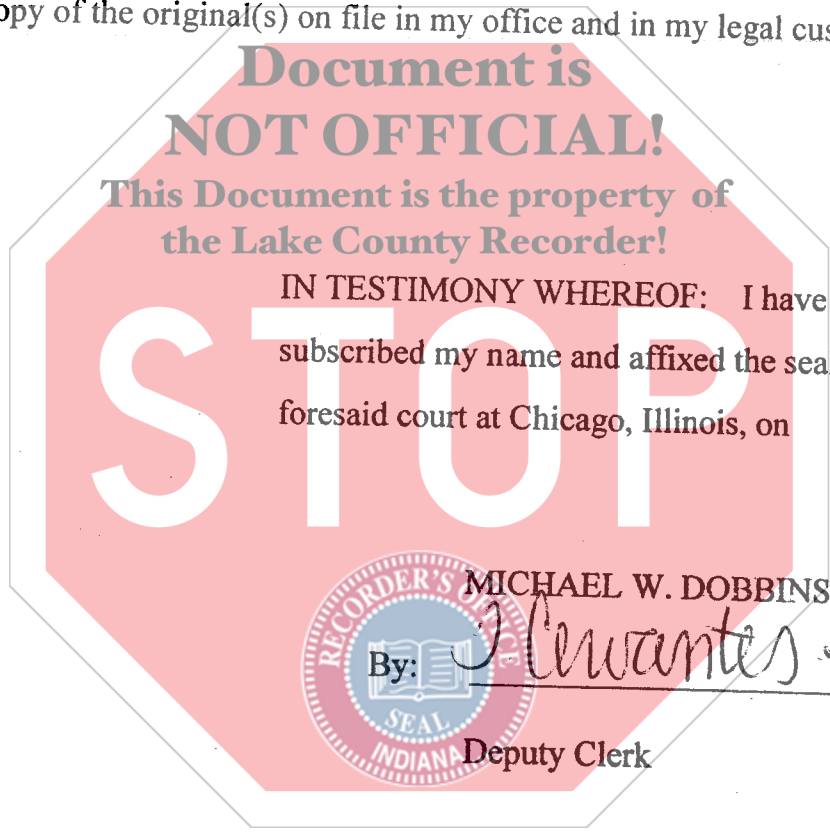
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I, Michael W. Dobbins, Clerk of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, do hereby attest and certify that the annexed document(s) is(are) a full, true, and correct copy of the original(s) on file in my office and in my legal custody.



MICHAEL W. DOBBINS, CLERK

By:

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