

ARB/C120/2025 – SEIZING AND FREEZING ORDER

IT IS BEING NOTIFIED that by a decree dated 23rd October, 2025 given by the Court of Magistrates (Malta) as a Court of Criminal Inquiry – (Magistrate Dr. Joseph Gatt LL.D.), with Compilation Number 935/2025, in the case:

The Republic of Malta

Versus

JUAN ANDRES BETANCUR MENESES, 29 years, born in Colombia, on the 11th February, 1996, residing at 135, Triq Guze' Howard, Sliema and holder of a Maltese Identification Document bearing number 0256665A.

The Court ORDERED the attachment in the hands of third parties in general of all moneys and other movable property due to or pertaining or belonging to **JUAN ANDRES BETANCUR MENESES** and prohibits the said accused from transferring, pledging, hypothecating or otherwise disposing of any movable or immovable property, and this in terms of Article 36 of the Proceeds of Crime Act, Chapter 621 of the Laws of Malta.

The Court AUTHORIZED the said accused to receive the amount established by the Minister by order in the Government Gazette of Malta No. 21,191 through Legal Notice 31 of 2024 – *Establishment of Maximum Amount which may be Released to Persons who are Subject to Attachment Orders or to Seizing and Freezing Orders under the Proceeds of Crime Act Order, 2024*, of twenty-one thousand, nine hundred and forty-five Euro (€21,945) annually as the maximum amount, after the accused indicates with a note from where he is perceiving this money, including the source, method and other modalities of payments including salary, wages, pension and/or social security benefits.

Any person who acts in contravention of the Court order mentioned in Article 36, referred to above shall be guilty of an offence and shall on conviction be liable to a fine (*multa*) not exceeding twelve thousand Euro (€12,000), or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding twelve (12) months, or to both such fine and imprisonment.

Any transfer or other disposal of any property made in contravention of the said Court order shall be null and without effect at law.

Today, 04th November, 2025

Ms Eunice Grech Fiorini
Director, Asset Recovery Bureau

ARB/C120/2025 – ORDNI TA' QBID U IFFRIŻAR

IKUN JAF KULHADD illi b'digriet mogħti fit-23 ta' Ottubru, 2025 mill-Qorti tal-Maġistrati (Malta) bħala Qorti Istruttoria – (Maġistrat Dr. Joseph Gatt LL.D.), Kumpilazzjoni Numru 935/2025, fil-kawża fl-ismijiet:

Ir-Repubblika ta' Malta

Kontra

JUAN ANDRES BETANCUR MENESES, ta' 29 sena, imwieled ġewwa il-Kolombja, fil-11 ta' Frar, 1996 u residenti ġewwa 135, Triq Guze' Howard, Sliema u detentur ta' Karta tal-Identifikazzjoni Maltija bin-numru 0256665A.

Il-Qorti ORD NAT is-sekwestru f'idejn partijiet terzi b'mod ġenerali l-flus u kull proprjetà mobbli oħra dovuta jew li tappartjeni jew li hija ta' **JUAN ANDRES BETANCUR MENESES** u pprojbiethu milli jittrasferixxi, jagħti b'rahan, jipoteka jew xort'oħra jiddisponi minn xi proprjetà mobbli jew immobbli, u dan ai termini tal-Artikolu 36 tal-Att dwar ir-Rikavat mill-Kriminalità, Kapitolu 621 tal-Liġijiet ta' Malta.

Il-Qorti AWTORIŻŻAT lill-imputat li jirċievi l-ammont stabbilit mill-Ministru b'ordni fil-Gazzetta tal-Gvern ta' Malta Nru. 21,191 permezz tal-Avviż Legali 31 tal-2024 – *Ordni tal-2024 li Jistabbilixxi l-Ammont Massimu Rilaxxjabbli lil Persuni li jkunu Sogġetti għal Ordnijiet ta' Sekwestru jew għal Ordnijiet ta' Qbid u Iffriżar taħt l-Att dwar ir-Rikavat mill-Kriminalità*, ta' wieħed u għoxrin elf, disa' mija u ħamsa u erbghin Euro (€21,945) kull sena bħala l-ammont massimu, wara li l-imputat jindika b'nota minn fejn ha jipperċepixxi dawn il-flejjes, ossia is-sors, il-mod u il-modalitajiet l-oħra tal-ħlas inklużi salarju, paga, pensjoni u/jew benefiċċji tas-sigurtà soċjali.

Kull persuna li tagħmel xi haġa bi ksur tal-ordni tal-Qorti msemmi fl-Artikolu 36 tkun ħatja ta' reat u tehel meta tinstab ħatja multa ta' mhux iżjed minn tnax il-elf Euro (€12,000), jew priġunerija għal żmien ta' mhux iżjed minn tnax-il (12) xahar, jew dik il-multu u priġunerija flimkien.

Kull trasferiment ieħor jew tneħħija oħra ta' proprjetà li jsiru bi ksur ta' dik l-ordni tal-Qorti jkunu nulli u ma jkollhom ebda effett fil-liġi.

Illum, 04 ta' Novembru, 2025

Is-Sinjura Eunice Grech Fiorini
Direttur, Ufficju għall-Irkupru tal-Assi