

DKR 51/2013 – VARIATION OF A FREEZING ORDER

IT IS BEING NOTIFIED that by a decree dated 30th March, 2026 given by the Court of Magistrates (Malta) as a Court of Criminal Judicature – (Magistrate Dr. Kevan Azzopardi LL.D.) following an application filed by Francis Portelli on the 18th March 2026 and following the decree given on the 16th March 2026, Compilation Number 175/2013, in the case in the names:-

The Police
(Inspector Rennie Stivala)

versus

ANTHONY CASSAR

And

FRANCIS PORTELLI, 76 years, son of John Joseph Andrew and Maria Dolores nee' Camilleri, born in Sliema Malta on the 04th December 1949, residing at number 14, 'Aidengrove', Sir Augustus Bartolo Street, Ta' Xbiex Malta and holder of Maltese Identity Card bearing number 986249(M).

The Court acceded to the request of the defendant Francis Portelli in the sense that:-

1. Orders that the Seizure and Freezing Order of this Court as differently presided of the 21st of February 2013 concerning the defendant Francis Portelli will be limited on the bank account with Lombard Bank Plc bearing number 01172108434 in the name of the said Francis Portelli up to the amount of two million four hundred thirty thousand and one hundred thirty-eight euros and seventy-eight cents (€2,430,138.78).
2. In terms of Article 36(11), the other property of Francis Portelli which is not included in the Seizure and Freezing Order as varied by this decree shall not be considered subject to the Seizure and Freezing Order and must be released.

The Court finally orders the immediate service to the Registrar of Criminal Court and Tribunal and the Director of the Asset Recovery Bureau who shall ensure that this Order which varies the Seizure and Freezing Order of this Court as otherwise presided of the 21st February 2013 is published in the Government Gazette without delay, and shall ensure that a copy of this Order is registered in the Public Registry, the Land Registry and any other registry established by law for the registration of property of whatever nature. A copy of this Order shall also be served to any person whom the prosecution or the Director may indicate.

This variation was made in terms of Section 5 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, Chapter 373 of the Laws of Malta and Section 23A of the Criminal Code, Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta following a freezing order dated 21st February, 2013 which was duly published in the Government Gazette of the 26th February, 2013 whereas the Court ordered the attachment in the hands of third parties in a general manner, all monies and other movable property which may be due to or belonging to **Francis Portelli and Anthony Cassar**.

Today, 08th May, 2026
Registry of the Courts of Criminal Judicature (Malta)

Marvic Psaila
Deputy Registrar
Criminal Courts and Criminal Tribunals

IKUN JAF KULHADD illi b'digriet mogħti fit-30 ta' Marzu, 2026 mill-Qorti tal-Maġistrati (Malta) bħala Qorti ta' Ġudikatura Kriminali - (Maġistrat Dr. Kevan Azzopardi LL.D) wara rikors ippreżentat minn Francis Portelli fit-18 ta' Marzu 2026 u in segwitu tad-digriet mogħti fis-16 ta' Marzu 2026, Kumpilazzjoni Numru 175/2013, fil-kawża fl-ismijiet:-

Il-Pulizija
(Spettur Rennie Stivala)

Kontra

ANTHONY CASSAR

u

FRANCIS PORTELLI, ta' 76 sena, iben John Joseph Andrew u Maria Dolores xebba Camilleri, imwieled Sliema Malta fl-04 ta' Diċembru 1949, residenti fil-fond bin-numru 14, 'Aidengrove', Triq Sir Augustus Bartolo, Ta' Xbiex Malta u detentur tal-Karta ta' l-Identita' Maltija bin-numru 986249(M).

Il-Qorti tilqa' t-talbiet tar-rikorrenti Francis Portelli fis-sens illi:-

1. Tordna li l-Ordni ta' Qbid u Ffriżar ta' din il-Qorti kif diversament presjeduta tal-21 ta' Frar 2013 għal dak li għandu x'jaqsam Francis Portelli tkun limitata għal kont bankarju mal-Lombard Bank Plc bin-numru 01172108434 intestat f'isem l-imsemmi Francis Portelli sal-ammont ta' żewg miljuni erba' mija u tletin elf u mija u tmienja u tletin ewro u tmienja u sebghin ċenteżmu (€2,430,138.78).
2. Ai termini tal-Artikolu 36(11) il-proprjeta' l-oħra ta' Francis Portelli li m'hijiex inkluża fl-Ordni ta' Qbid u Ffriżar kif limitata b'dan id-digriet m'għandhiex titqies bħala soġġetta għal Qbid u Ffriżar u għandha tiġi rilaxxata.

Il-Qorti finalment tordna n-notifika minnufih lir-Registratur tal-Qrati u Tribunali Kriminali u lid-Direttur tal-Uffiċċju għall-Irkupru tal-Assi li għandhom jaċċertaw li din l-Ordni li tvarja l-Ordni ta' Qbid u Ffriżar ta' din il-Qorti kif diversament presjeduta tal-21 ta' Frar 2013 tiġi ppubblikata fil-Gazzetta tal-Gvern mingħajr dewmien, u għandhom jaċċertaw li kopja tal-Ordni tiġi registrata fir-Registru Pubbliku, fir-Registru tal-Artijiet u fi kwalunkwe registru ieħor imwaqqaf b'liġi għar-registrazzjoni ta' proprjeta' tkun ta' liema xorta tkun. Kopja ta' din l-Ordni għandha tiġi notifikata wkoll lil kull persuna li l-prosekuzzjoni jew id-Direttur jistgħu jindikaw.

Din il-varjazzjoni saret ai termini ta' l-Artikolu 5 ta' l-Att kontra l-*Money Laundering*, Kap 373 tal-Liġijiet ta' Malta u tal- Artikolu 23A tal-Kodiċi Kriminali, Kap 9 tal-Liġijiet ta' Malta wara digriet tal-ordni tal-iffriżar datat 21 ta' Frar, 2013 li kien ġie ppubblikat fil-Gazzetta tal-Gvern tas-26 ta' Frar, 2013 fejn il-Qorti ssekwestrat f'idejn terzi persuni b'mod generali tal-flejjes u l-proprjeta' mobbli kollha li jkunu dovuti lill-imsemmi **Anthony Cassar u Francis Portelli**.

Illum, 08 ta' Mejju, 2026
Registru tal-Qrati ta' Ġurisdizzjoni Kriminali (Malta)

Marvic Psaila
Deputat Registratur
Qrati Kriminali u Tribunali