

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA )  
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 Plaintiff, )  
 )  
 v. )  
 )  
 242,406,102 USDT IN FUNDS FROM )  
 TETHER LTD. VIRTUAL CURRENCY )  
 ADDRESS ENDING IN F544, ) 1:25-cv-399  
 235,680.00 USDT IN FUNDS FROM )  
 TETHER LTD. VIRTUAL CURRENCY )  
 ADDRESS ENDING IN 5ad0, )  
 223,743,002 USDT IN FUNDS FROM )  
 TETHER LTD. VIRTUAL CURRENCY )  
 ADDRESS ENDING IN 48D4, and )  
 220,000.00 USDT IN FUNDS FROM )  
 TETHER LTD. VIRTUAL CURRENCY )  
 ADDRESS ENDING IN 6cfC, )  
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 Defendants. )

**DECREE AND JUDGMENT OF FORFEITURE**

On May 20, 2025, a Verified Complaint of Forfeiture against the defendant properties was filed on behalf of Plaintiff, United States of America. On June 11, 2025, a Warrant for Arrest and Notice In Rem was entered.

It appearing that process was fully issued in this action and returned according to law:

The United States Marshals Service posted the defendant properties on August 13, 2025. (Doc. 5);

Notice of said forfeiture action and arrest was published from July 11, 2025, through August 9, 2025 on an official government internet site (www.forfeiture.gov). (Doc. 6);

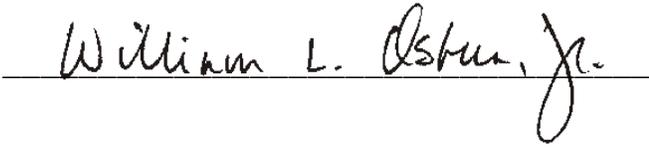
On July 14, 2025, Joseph Gerald Marotta, Jr. was served via certified mail with copies of the Verified Complaint of Forfeiture, Warrant for Arrest, and Legal Notice. (Doc. 4);

On October 6, 2025, all persons and entities were defaulted for failure to file a claim or answer or otherwise defend as provided for in Rule G of the Supplemental Rules for Admiralty or Maritime Claims and Asset Forfeiture Actions. (Doc. 8);

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of Plaintiff, the United States of America, for a Decree and Judgment of Forfeiture, (Doc. 9),

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED** that pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(A), 18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(C), and Rule 54, Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the defendant properties, shall be forfeited to the United States of America, and no right, title or interest in the properties shall exist in any other party.

This the 21st day of November, 2025.

  
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