SUPREME COURT OF SEYCHELLES

Reportable
MC 08/2026

In the matter between:

THE REPUBLIC **Applicant**
(Represented by Ms D'offay standing in for Ms Ria Alcindor)

and

ARUNPRAKASH PILLAY **Respondent**
Of
Beau Vallon, Mahe, Seychelles
(Self-represented)

Neutral Citation:	*The Republic vs Arunprakash Pillay* (MC 08/2026) (24 July 2026)
Before:	Adeline J
Summary:	Authorisation for continued detention of cash seized – Section 74 (2), 74 (3) and 74 (4) of the AMLCFT Act.
Heard:	16 July 2026
Delivered:	24 July 2026

ORDER ON MOTION

Adeline, J

[1] By way of a Notice of Motion supported by an affidavit deposed by one Corporal ("CPL") Janice Jean-Baptiste of the Financial Crime Investigation Unit ("FCIU") of the Police Force, the Republic applies to this court for an order pursuant to Section 74 (3) read with Section 74 (4) of the Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism Act ("AMLCFTA") authorising continued detention of the total cash seized from the Respondent on the 28th June 2026 in SCR, GBP, AED, USD and EURO which when converted in Seychelles Rupees added up to a total sum of One Hundred and Seventy Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty one and Seventy One Cents (SCR 179,921.71).

[2] On the date appointed for the Applicant to move the court to grant the order sought for on the 16th July 2026, the Respondent who had been served with notice of the application, was in person, present in court to answer the same. After he was explained by the court what

the proceedings were all about, and that he has a right to legal representation if he chooses to, he informed the court that, he does not intend to contest the application, and that he agrees to the making of an order by this court for further detention of the cash seized from him.

[3] I have thoroughly perused the supporting affidavit to the application deposed by Cpl Jean-Baptiste, as well as the supporting documents exhibited therewith amid the Respondent's consent to the making of the appropriate order authorising further detention of the cash seized. I am satisfied that, the Applicant has made out a case for further detention of the cash seized, in that, I am equally satisfied that;

(i) There are reasonable grounds for the suspicion that the cash found on the Respondent represents the proceeds of crime or is intended by a person for use in connection with any criminal conduct, and

(ii) The detention of the cash seized by virtue of Section 74 (2) of the AMLCFT Act, beyond the 14 days is justified while its origin or derivation is further investigated or consideration is given to the institution of criminal proceedings against the Respondent for an offence with which the cash is connected.

[4] By reason of the foregoings, and pursuant to Section 74 (3) (a) and (b) as well as Section 74 (4) of the AMLCFT Act, by this order, I hereby authorise the continued detention of the cash seized from the Respondent on the 28th June 2026 in SCR 14,971.00, GBP equivalent to SCR 5,540.56, AED equivalent to SCR 2,218.10, USD equivalent SCR 128,887.22 and Euro equivalent SCR 28,304.83 totalling the sum of SCR 179,921.71 for a period of 30 days with retrospective effect from the 13th July 2026.

Signed, dated and delivered at Ile du Port 24th July 2026.

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Adeline J