SUPREME COURT OF SEYCHELLES HELD AT VICTORIA

Reportable
[2026]
MC09 of 2026

In the matter between:

THE REPUBLIC **Prosecution**
(Rep. by Ms. R. Alcindor)

and

ZHU ZHONG LIANG **Accused**
(unrepresented)

Before:	Esparon J
Heard:	27 July 2026
Delivered:	27 July 2026

ORDER

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1. This is an ex-parte application under Section 74 (3) of the Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism Act which the Applicant being the Republic is seeking for an order from this Court authorizing the continued detention of cash of which the details is set in the table attached to the Notice of Motion in the application.

2. The application is supported by the affidavit of Annie William-Fondemiere of the Financial Crime Investigation Unit, Seychelles Police. In her affidavit, the deponent avers that the Respondent, Zhu Zhong Liang a citizen of Seychelles was exiting the Seychelles International Airport and at that time certain amount of cash was seized from the

Respondent namely USD 10,300 (Ten Thousand and three Hundred USD) and Euros 3,120 (Three Thousand and One Hundred and Twenty Euros).

3. It appears from her Affidavit that upon the Respondent being questioned by the officers of customs, the Respondent had shown a smaller amount of cash in his purse and further in other compartments, customs officers found further cash in foreign currency. Upon searching the backpack, they found more cash. It is evident from the affidavit that the Respondent had failed to declare cash upon or about to exit the Republic at the Seychelles International Airport. When the customs officers asked the Respondent as to why he did not declare the said cash, the Respondent stated that he believed it was not necessary because he intended to use the money to pay a supplier.

4. Further, it is evident from the affidavit of Annie William-Fondemiere that when asked for supporting documents as proof of source of funds, he stated that he did not have it with him but showed a bank transfer on his mobile and that bank transfer was processed through Double Click and he collected the cash from the company and hence the Respondent was unable to provide sufficient satisfactory documentary evidence of the source of funds at that point in time.

5. The deponent avers at paragraph 15 of her Affidavit that she has reasonable grounds for suspecting that the said cash which amounts in Seychelles Rupees to the sum of Two Hundred and Four Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty Three and Seventy Five cents

which was seized in foreign currency from the Respondent represents proceeds of crime or is intended to be used in connection with criminal conduct namely money-laundering.

6. As result of the above, this Court is of the view that the Republic and the Police needs more time to investigate the provenance of the said cash and also allow the opportunity to the Respondent for him to prove that it is not the proceeds of crime.

7. As a result I will make the following orders;

i. I hereby order and authorize the continued detention of the said cash seized from the Respondent on the 14th of July 2026, pursuant to Section 74 (2) , 74 (3) and 74 (4) of the AML/CFT Act, namely USD 10,300 (Ten Thousand and three Hundred USD) and Euros 3,120 (Three Thousand and One Hundred and Twenty Euros). which in total of all the cash seized from the Respondent amounts to Two Hundred and Four Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty Three and Seventy Five cents in Seychelles Rupees.

ii. I therefore authorize the continued detention of the said cash for a period of 60 days from the date of this Order.

iii. I shall thereby order the Registrar of the Supreme Court to serve a copy of this order on the Respondent of Ma Constance, De Quincy Road, Mahe, Seychelles and should do so after one month from today in view that the Respondent is out of the

Jurisdiction of Seychelles for the moment and hence that should be before the expiry of 60 days

Signed, dated and delivered at Ile du Port on 27 July 2026

D. Esparon J