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Court grants State's Civil Forfeiture Order

The Lautoka High Court has granted a forfeiture order over approximately \$320,304.16 after an application for civil forfeiture was sought by the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) claiming that the money was proceeds of crime.

The sum was being held in a Westpac Banking Corporation Limited Account of one Abinesh Ajeet Singh who is currently being prosecuted by the DPP on money laundering charges.

The application was made in the Lautoka High Court in its civil jurisdiction under the Proceeds of Crime Act seeking a forfeiture order on the basis that the said sum was the proceeds of a serious offence.

Abinesh Ajeet Singh, whilst being employed by Sunflower Aviation Ltd, is alleged to have directed the clients of Sunflower Aviation Ltd to pay a total of \$320,304.16 into his personal account.

In its ruling on Friday (27.7.18), Justice Anare Tuilevuka was satisfied on the balance of probabilities that the monies were proceeds of crime and therefore granted that the total sum be forfeited to the State.

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