



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

High Court grants forfeiture application

The Suva High Court in its civil jurisdiction this morning (15.08.22) granted a conviction based forfeiture order for the sum of \$203,011.00 to the State.

The Director of Public Prosecutions filed a convicted based forfeiture application on 11 November 2021 following the conviction of the two Cyprus nationals, Liozos Petridis and Cleanthis Petridis for the offence of being in possession of property suspected of being proceeds of crime contrary to section 70(1) of the Proceeds of Crime Act 1997.

The Court in convicting the Respondents found that the money in possession was reasonably suspected to be proceeds of some illegal activity or activities and therefore were proceeds of crime.

The two brothers had appealed their conviction which was dismissed on Friday (12.08.22).

The Suva High Court has ordered that sum of \$203,011.00 which is currently being held with the Bank of South Pacific is forfeited to the State.

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