



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

Cash and vehicles to be forfeited to the State

The Suva High Court has granted the Office of the Director of Public Prosecution's (ODPP) application for another non-conviction based forfeiture of properties suspected to be proceeds of crime.

The State had filed a non-conviction based civil forfeiture application pursuant to section 19C to 19E of the Proceeds of Crime Act in the case of State-v- Marc Winston Tjin Konkoen & others for a drug-related matter.

The Suva High Court ordered the forfeiture of \$39,947.65 cash and three vehicles which were used in the commission of the offence and were deemed as tainted properties.

With the newly established Civil Forfeiture Division, the ODPP will intensify efforts to pursue similar applications to ensure that offenders are deprived of benefits gained through illicit means and assets are lawfully recovered and returned to the State.

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