

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA
CEDAR RAPIDS DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)

Plaintiff,)

vs.)

THIRTY-THREE THOUSAND SIX)
HUNDRED TWENTY-ONE)
DOLLARS (\$33,621.00) IN UNITED)
STATES CURRENCY, and)

TWO HUNDRED FORTY-EIGHT)
DOLLARS AND TWENTY CENTS)
(\$248.20) IN UNITED STATES)
CURRENCY (CONVERTED FROM)
LEBANESE CURRENCY),)

Defendants.)

Civil No. 15-CV-0134-EJM

**DEFAULT JUDGMENT
AGAINST BASSEM HERZ,
ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN
POTENTIAL CLAIMANTS,
AND AGAINST THE
DEFENDANT PROPERTY**

In accordance with Rule 55 and Rule 58, Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, default judgment is entered in favor of the United States of America, against Bassem Herz, any and all unknown potential claimants as to the defendant property, and against the defendant property itself, identified as Thirty-Three Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-One Dollars (\$33,621.00) in United States Currency, and Two Hundred Forty-Eight Dollars and Twenty Cents (\$248.20) in United States Currency (converted from Lebanese currency).

A Complaint for Forfeiture *in Rem* was filed on November 20, 2015. The United States sought forfeiture of the defendant property, Thirty-Three Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-One Dollars (\$33,621.00) in United States Currency, and Two Hundred Forty-Eight Dollars and Twenty Cents (\$248.20) in United States Currency (converted from Lebanese currency), pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)C) as property which constitutes or is derived from proceeds traceable to a violation of offenses constituting unlawful activity, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(a)(1) and 924(n), and Title 22, United States Code, Section 2778 (Arms Export Control Act); and also sought forfeiture pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(A) as property involved in transactions or attempted transactions, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1956 and or 1957, with proceeds of specified unlawful activity from violations of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(a)(1) and 924(n) and Title 22, United States Code, Section 2778 (Arms Export Control Act). (Clerk's DR at 1).

Bassem Herz has failed to answer or defend this action, after withdrawing his claim to the defendant property. No unknown potential claimants have come forward to file claims or answers against or on behalf of the defendant property.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED:

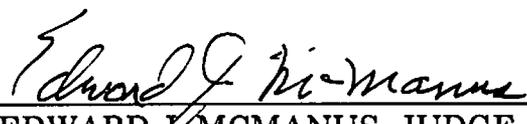
1. Plaintiff's Motion for Default Judgment against Bassem Herz, any and all unknown potential claimants as to the defendant property identified as

Thirty-Three Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-One Dollars (\$33,621.00) in United States Currency, and Two Hundred Forty-Eight Dollars and Twenty Cents (\$248.20) in United States Currency (converted from Lebanese currency), is hereby granted.

2. All right, title or interest in or to the defendant property held by Bassem Herz, and any unknown potential claimants is hereby forever barred and foreclosed.

3. The defendant property is hereby forfeited to the United States.

DATED this 29 day of July, 2016.


EDWARD J. MCMANUS, JUDGE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT