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Federal grand jury indicts fourteen defendants in $370 million nationwide bank account takeover conspiracy

Ringleader attempted to flee U.S. before arrest at JFK airport gate

DALLAS — United States Attorney for the Northern District of Texas Ryan Raybould today announced that a federal grand jury indicted fourteen defendants, including allegedly corrupt insiders at major banking and telecommunication institutions, for allegedly orchestrating a sweeping nationwide bank-account-takeover conspiracy that targeted victims across the U.S.

Muhamed Dieye, 35, of Dallas, known to associates by several aliases including “MJ,” “JayJay,” “Medici,” and “Lambomotion Tony,” is the leader and chief architect of the alleged conspiracy. Dieye and the thirteen co-defendants are charged with conspiracy to commit wire fraud and bank fraud, bank fraud, wire fraud and aggravated identity theft.

A federal grand jury returned the 22-count indictment on Aug. 26. It was unsealed today after the arrest of Terrence Dudley a/k/a Willy Watkins, Brian Faceman in Florida, a key co-conspirator in the case.

In addition to Dieye and Dudley, the indictment also charges:

Maurice Rashad McDuffie, a/k/a Heavvvy Motion

Saad Nashat Botros, a/k/a Felix Saucedo , Wesley Swipes , Wesley Swipes

Sammed Kweku Okyne, a/k/a OKC , Paris Jawn

Renaldo Santez Gaines, a/k/a BlackMigo , OsamaCapone , OsamaBin57

Alphonso Brndon Seke-Horton, a/k/a The Wizard 302

Terry Leon Daniels Jr., a/k/a onedayrealsoon , Teazy Daniels

Jamel Allen Small, a/k/a Paypawerk

Kemar Fitzroy Needham, a/k/a Swap King Fx , kingzmanfx

Kevin Brandon Flores Cazares, a/k/a John First B , First B (Call)

Dylon Amari Ruby, a/k/a slimeyluhdude , AT&T

Courtney Jane Sutton

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“North Texas is the financial services hub of America, and protecting Main Street families and investors is a top priority of this office,” said U.S. Attorney Ryan Raybould. “These defendants are charged with targeting the life savings of thousands of Americans, and the ringleader was stopped at the gate before he could flee. Target Main Street and we will pursue you with every tool available."

A sophisticated, multi-state identity-theft ring

According to the indictment, Dieye possessed a spreadsheet that contained detailed personal and business information for nearly 3,000 individual victims who collectively held over $373,000,000 across their bank accounts.

From July 2023 through November 2024, the defendants allegedly conspired to obtain personal identifying information, produced and trafficked counterfeit identification documents, impersonated victims, manipulated victims’ phone lines by spoofing and SIM swapping, intercepted security codes and used corrupt insiders within banks and telecommunications companies to bypass authentication measures.

Among the plays detailed in the indictment, the conspirators allegedly:

Accessed or withdrew funds from victim accounts at Truist Bank, Bank of America, First Bank, Woodforest National Bank, JPMorgan Chase Bank, and Charles Schwab

Conducted or attempted numerous fraudulent financial transactions, including an attempted $2,000,000 wire to the Emirates Islamic Bank

Leveraged aliases referencing violent extremists and organized-crime figures—such as OsamaCapone and OsamaBin57 —while executing and coordinating complex fraud plays

Ringleader attempted to flee the United States

Federal law enforcement, working closely with the U.S. Attorney’s Office, arrested Dieye after he allegedly attempted to flee the country.

According to the government’s motion to revoke release:

Dieye and his family vacated his Dallas residence, shipped most of his possessions to Kenya and traveled with his family to New York to board a one-way flight to

Malaysia.

Within hours of his flight, the U.S. Attorney's Office and Diplomatic Security Service secured an arrest warrant.

After scanning his boarding pass, Dieye allegedly physically resisted arrest, attempted to destroy one of his cell phones containing evidence that he was researching how to buy a home in Malaysia, and had to be subdued by multiple federal agents.

While a Magistrate Court in the Eastern District of New York initially ordered Dieye released on bond, the United States immediately sought and obtained an emergency stay of his release. Dieye has since been transported to the Northern District of Texas, where he and several of his co-defendants remain in federal custody pending trial.

If convicted, the defendants face a maximum penalty of 30 years in federal prison on the bank fraud conspiracy charge and 20 years in federal prison on the wire fraud conspiracy charge. Aggravated identity theft carries a mandatory sentence of two years' imprisonment, consecutive to any other sentence imposed.

The Diplomatic Security Service conducted the investigation with substantial assistance from the U.S. Secret Service, U.S. Postal Inspection Service, Homeland Security Investigations, Drug Enforcement Administration, Customs and Border Protection, Social Security Administration Office of Inspector General, Federal Bureau of Investigation, National Insurance Crime Bureau, U.S. Embassy Dakar Senegal Office of Overseas Criminal Investigations, the Dallas Police Department, the Plano Police Department and the Collin County Sheriff's Office.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael J. Murtha from the Major Crimes Section is prosecuting the case.

An indictment is merely an allegation of criminal conduct, and all defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Documents

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