

LOCKHART Elliott Branville

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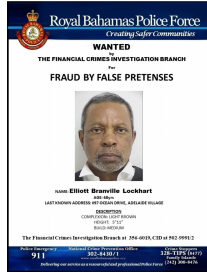
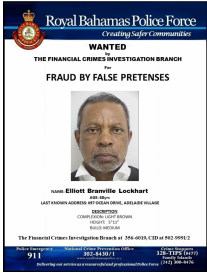


FUGITIVE WANTED FOR PROSECUTION

CAUTION: Escape Risk

Circulation to the media (including Internet) of the extract of the notice as published on INTERPOL's public website: No

1. IDENTITY PARTICULARS



Family name: LOCKHART
Forename(s): Elliott Branville
Sex: Male
Date and place of birth: 30 March 1955 - Ragged Island - Bahamas
Nationality: Bahamas (confirmed)
Languages spoken: English
Regions/Countries likely to be visited: United States

Identity documents

	Nationality	Type	Number	Date of issue	Expiry date	Place	Country
1.	Bahamas	Passport	AA194785	17 February 2022	17 February 2032	Nassau	Bahamas

Physical description

Height (cm): 180 **Build:** Medium

Addresses

	Number	Street	City/Town	Country	Region/State
1.	97	Ocean Drive, Adelaide Village,	Nassau	Bahamas	New Providence

2. CASE

Facts of the case

Country	Date
Bahamas	From 15 December 2021 to 11 August 2023

Summary of facts of the case

On 18th August 2023, the complainant Mr. Daniel Clay Smith Jr., reported to the Financial Crimes Investigation Branch that between May 2002 and November 2022, he paid a total of three million two hundred and five thousand dollars (\$3,205,000.00) to Elliot LOCKHART d.o.b 30/3/1955, who was retained to provide legal work for crown land in Staniel Cay, Exuma for commercial use. In addition, some of the funds were to assist in applying to The Bahamas Immigration Department for citizenship for Mr. Smith and his family. By November 2022, nothing had materialized and Mr. Smith requested his monies to be returned. Mr. Smith requested a wire transfer and Elliot LOCKHART sent a document that appeared to be transfer details from CIBC First Caribbean International Bank to Cross Creek Group LLC dated 22nd December 2022. However, the document was fraudulent and the funds have not been received to date. Investigations by Detectives indicated that CIBC First Caribbean International Bank confirmed that three million one hundred and seventy five dollars (\$3,175,000.00) was deposited to Elliot LOCKHART's Account on 6th March 2023. However, that transaction was reversed moments later. It is suspected that the receipt generated from the transaction was given to Mr. Smith to deceive him in thinking that the funds were on the account to cover to wire transfer.

As a result a wanted poster bulletin was posted for LOCKHART.

Additional facts of the case:

Another complainant Dr. Paul Fuchs, reported to the Financial Crimes Investigation Branch that in May 2023 he retained legal services at the law firm of Lockhart & Company to purchase several properties on the Exuma Cays and Paradise Island. He communicated with Elliott LOCKHART d.o.b 30/3/1955 and subsequently transferred a total of three million thirty three thousand four hundred and fifty four dollars and eight cents (\$3,033,454.80) to CIBC First Caribbean International Bank of Lockhart & company over a period of several months. The law firm failed to provide any documentation of the properties and produced several other inconsistencies. As a result, Dr. Fuchs requested that the funds be returned on the 27th April 2023. On the 7th June 2023, Elliot LOCKHART sent a copy of a fraudulent wire transfer to Dr. Fuchs in the amount of \$3,033,454.87 from his CIBC First Caribbean account. The monies were never sent and Dr. Fuchs received no funds. Two (2) demand letters were sent to Elliott LOCKHART to return the funds, with negative results. On 8th September 2023, Dr. Fuchs commenced proceedings in the Supreme Court seeking a freezing injunction against Lockhart & Company and Elliot LOCKHART, seeking the return of his monies. On the 13th September 2023, the court granted the freezing injunction which was severed to Lockhart & Company and Elliot LOCKHART. Documents attained from the freezing order indicated that no monies were on the Lockhart & Company account. Dr. Fuchs made a complaint to the Police that that he believed that Elliott LOCKHART fraudulently stole his monies under false pretenses. Police action was requested.

NCB Nassau received both requests from the Financial Crimes Investigation Branch, to create a Red Notice for Elliott LOCKHART. He is wanted for two (2) counts of STEALING BY REASON OF SERVICE and two (2) counts of PROCEEDS OF A CRIMINAL CONDUCT.

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ARREST WARRANT OR JUDICIAL DECISION 1/1

Charge(s): Two (2) Charges of Stealing by Reason of Service;
Two (2) Charges of Proceeds of a Criminal Conduct.

Law covering the offence(s): 1. Section 340(4) of The Penal Code, Chapter 84;
2. Section 9(1)(d) and Section 15(1)(a) of The Proceeds of Crime Act 2018.

Maximum penalty possible: Years: 34
Details: 1. Stealing by Reason of Service- 20 years (10 years per count);
2. Proceeds of a Criminal conduct- 14 years (7 years per count).

Time limit for prosecution or expiry date of arrest warrant: No time-limit

Arrest warrant or judicial decision having the same effect

Number	Date of issue	Issued or handed down by	Country
3a and 3b	10 April 2024	Magistrate Court	Bahamas

Copy of arrest warrant available at the General Secretariat in the language used by the requesting country: Yes

3. ACTION TO BE TAKEN IF TRACED

LOCATE AND ARREST WITH A VIEW TO EXTRADITION:

Assurances are given that extradition will be sought upon arrest of the person, in conformity with national laws and/or the applicable bilateral and multilateral treaties.

PROVISIONAL ARREST:

This request is to be treated as a formal request for provisional arrest, in conformity with national laws and/or the applicable bilateral and multilateral treaties.

Immediately inform NCB NASSAU Bahamas (NCB reference: POL/35/NCB/2A/24-6 of 10 May 2024) and the ICPO-INTERPOL General Secretariat that the fugitive has been found.