

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
TAMPA DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

CASE NO. **8:24-cr-66-KKM-NHA**
31 U.S.C. § 5332
(Bulk Cash Smuggling)

MIRTZA OCANA

INDICTMENT

The Grand Jury charges:

COUNT ONE
(Conspiracy to Commit Bulk Cash Smuggling)

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From an unknown date and continuing through on or about February 5, 2024,
in the Middle District of Florida, and elsewhere, the defendant,

MIRTZA OCANA

did knowingly, intentionally, and willfully combine, conspire, and agree with other persons, both known and unknown to the Grand Jury, to conceal more than \$10,000 in United States currency on one or more persons and to transport and transfer, and attempt to transport and transfer, such currency from a place outside the United States to a place within the United States, contrary to the provisions of 31 U.S.C. § 5332(a) and (b).

Manner and Means

1. The manner and means by which the defendant, MIRTZA OCANA, sought to accomplish the objectives of the conspiracy included, among other things, the following:

a. It was part of the conspiracy that conspirators would and did travel from the Middle District of Florida and elsewhere to the Republic of Cuba;

b. It was further part of the conspiracy that conspirators would and did travel from the Republic of Cuba to the Middle District of Florida while concealing more than \$10,000 in United States currency on their persons;

c. It was further part of the conspiracy that conspirators would and did fail to report this currency subject to the reporting requirements of 31 U.S.C. § 6316.

Overt Acts

In furtherance of the conspiracy and to effectuate the objects thereof, the following overt acts, among others, were committed within the Middle District of Florida, and elsewhere:

- a. Ocana flying from the United States to the Republic of Cuba;
- b. Ocana flying from the Republic of Cuba to the United States;
- c. Ocana concealing United States currency in her luggage; and
- d. Ocana representing to agents that she did not have over \$10,000 in United States currency to declare.

All in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 371.

COUNT TWO
(Bulk Cash Smuggling)

On or about February 5, 2024, in the Middle District of Florida, the
defendant,

MIRTZA OCANA

with the intent to evade a currency reporting requirement under 31 U.S.C. § 5316, did knowingly conceal more than \$10,000 in United States currency on her person and did transport and transfer and attempt to transport and transfer such currency from a place outside the United States to a place inside of the United States.

In violation of 31 U.S.C. § 5332.

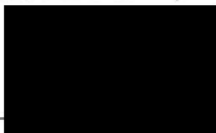
FORFEITURE

1. The allegations contained in Counts One and Two are incorporated by reference for the purpose of alleging forfeitures pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 5332(b)(2).
2. Upon conviction of a violation of 31 U.S.C. § 5332, or a conspiracy to violate 31 U.S.C. § 5223 (18 U.S.C. § 371), the defendant shall forfeit to the United States, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 5332(b)(2), any property, real or personal, involved in the offense and any property traceable to such property.
3. The property to be forfeited includes, but is not limited to, approximately \$102,709 in U.S. currency, which was involved in the offenses.

4. If any of the property described above, as a result of any act or omission of the defendant:
- a. cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
 - b. has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third party;
 - c. has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the court;
 - d. has been substantially diminished in value; or
 - e. has been commingled with other property which cannot be divided without difficulty,


the United States shall be entitled to forfeiture of substitute property pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(p), as incorporated by 31 U.S.C. § 5332(b)(3).

A TRUE BILL,



Foreperson

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Clerk

Bail \$ _____
