

Mandate – National Treasure Case

12.09.2023

Description

Following an international arrest warrant, two individuals, Mr Francesco Sforza and Mr Tim Pressive, were arrested in Lausanne on 25 February 2019. They are suspected to be part of a criminal organization responsible for stealing the US Declaration of Independence.

Two phones were taken from the suspects: (1) a Samsung Galaxy S6 Edge from Mr Pressive, and (2) an iPhone 6 from Mr Sforza.

The phones were sent to the ESC for examination.

Transmitted items

The ESC received the items on 25 February. The case ESC-32-33-12 was created. The items were labelled as follows:

- > Samsung Galaxy S6 Edge (ESC-32-33-12_P001)
- > iPhone 6 (ESC-32-33-12 P002)

A logical extraction of the Samsung (item P001) was performed on 25 February (ESC-32-33-12_P001_R001). Because no operable data was obtained with this technique, the phone was rooted on 26 February and a physical extraction was performed (ESC-32-33-12_P001_R002).

A logical extraction of the iPhone (item P002) was performed on 1 March (ESC-32-33-12_P002_R001). After rooting the phone, a file system extraction was also performed on 5 April (ESC-32-33-12-P002_R002). Some messages from the Telegram application were also captured using the screen recording function of the phone (ESC-32-33-12_P002_R003).

For examination purposes, a mugshot of Tim Pressive is provided to the experts.



For unknown reasons, the mugshot of Francesco Sforza was corrupted, and the mandating services do not currently possess an image of Mr Sforza. Due to Mr. Sforza having been extradited to Iraq in March of 2020, a demand for international legal assistance had to be brought to the Iraqi Department of Justice and is currently under review.

As it is unlikely that the request can be fulfilled in time, the experts are asked to answer the questions stated in the mandate without a reference image of Mr. Sforza as far as possible.

Mandate

Using the information provided, we ask you to answer the following questions:

- i. Where was Mr Sforza in January and February 2019?
- ii. Where was Mr Pressive in January and February 2019?
- iii. Did Mr Sforza and Mr Pressive meet during this period?
- iv. Did Mr Sforza and/or Mr Pressive take part in any illegal activities during this period?
- v. In particular, are Mr Sforza and/or Mr Pressive implicated in the theft of the US Declaration of Independence?

We request that you answer these questions before the 12th of october 2023

Note: The person mandated is the investigator X