



WANTED BY THE FBI

FREDERICK ARIAS

Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution - Conspiracy; Fraudulent Schemes and Artifices; Money Laundering in the First Degree; Theft (10 Counts); Illegal Control of an Enterprise (Two Counts); Forgery; Fraudulent Schemes and Practices; Failure to Appear



Photograph taken in 2019



Photograph taken in 2009

DESCRIPTION

Aliases: Fred Arias, Frederick M. Arias	
Date(s) of Birth Used: September 13, 1966	Place of Birth: New York
Hair: Brown	Eyes: Hazel
Height: 5'8" to 5'10"	Weight: 209 to 210 pounds
Sex: Male	Race: White
Nationality: American	Languages: Spanish, English

REMARKS

Arias has ties to, or may visit, Canada, Norway, Australia, the Czech Republic, and the Dominican Republic. He is a former law enforcement officer.

Arias has previously resided in Kirkland, Washington.

CAUTION

Frederick Arias is wanted for his alleged involvement in a fraud scheme, primarily aimed at Christians, in which victim investors lost over \$9 million dollars.

From about December of 2015 to October of 2017, Arias allegedly made representations about his faith in an attempt to entice other like-minded individuals to invest in The Joseph Project. Arias allegedly told investors that The Joseph Project was a safe and secure investment that earned guaranteed profits of up to 10% monthly on banking transactions; that invested funds would be returned to investors after one year; that the funds would not leave the bank; and that profits earned beyond the 10% would fund charitable and humanitarian for-profit projects.

From December of 2015 to September of 2016, Arias allegedly convinced victims to invest over \$9 million in The Joseph Project. The funds were allegedly never invested, and therefore no earnings were ever used towards humanitarian projects or to produce profit for investors. Arias allegedly withdrew funds instead and used them to pay personal expenses or wired them to overseas bank accounts. When victims inquired about the status of their investments, they were allegedly ignored and/or calmed about delays in the investments maturing. To date, investors have not received their funds.

On June 6, 2019, Arias was charged with conspiracy; fraudulent schemes and artifices; money laundering in the first degree; ten counts of theft; two counts of illegal control of an enterprise; forgery; and fraudulent schemes by the Superior Court of the State of Arizona in and for the County of Maricopa, and a warrant was issued for his arrest. On June 10, 2019, Arias was arrested in Kirkland, Washington. On June 13, 2019, Arias was released from custody on bond, and subsequently failed to appear for an extradition hearing. On June 17, 2019, Arias was indicted on the above 17 charges related to the fraud scheme. On June 26, 2019, the King County District Court in King County, Washington, charged Arias with failure to appear, and a warrant was issued for his arrest. On March 19, 2020, Arias was charged federally with unlawful flight to avoid prosecution in the United States District Court for the District of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona, and a warrant was issued for his arrest.

SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AN ESCAPE RISK

If you have any information concerning this person, please contact your local FBI office or the nearest American Embassy or Consulate.

Field Office: Phoenix