## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE	§	
COMMISSION,	§	
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Plaintiff,	§	
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VS.	§	
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MAURICIO CHAVEZ, GIORGIO	§	CIVIL ACTION NO. 4:22-CV-03359
BENVENUTO and CryptoFX, LLC,	§	
	§	JUDGE ANDREW S. HANEN
Defendants.	§	
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CBT Group, LLC,	§	
	§	
Relief Defendant.	§	

#### RECEIVER'S SIXTH INTERIM STATUS REPORT

John Lewis, Jr. ("Receiver"), the court-appointed Receiver for Mauricio Chavez ("Chavez"), Giorgio Benvenuto ("Benvenuto"), CryptoFX, LLC ("CryptoFX") and CBT Group, LLC ("CBT"), pursuant to the Order Appointing Receiver ("Receivership Order") (Doc. No. 11) files his Sixth Interim Status Report ("Report"), showing the Court as follows:

#### I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. In the ninety days since the filing of the Fifth Interim Report, the Receiver and his team have continued to investigate the case, paying particular attention towards assessing and promptly liquidating known assets and assessing the prospects of efficiently recovering and disposing of additional assets. The Receivership Team is actively building a claims submission process and continues to remain in daily communication with alleged victims and other concerned stakeholders. All of the foregoing continues to involve the review of company records, including Salesforce data; forensic analysis of financial records, including cryptocurrency transactions, and

third-party records; analysis of receivership assets and sale of the same, both real and personal property; maintaining and updating the Receiver's website; and monitoring media coverage of this case.

- 2. It is clear from deposition testimony, interviews with former employees, leaders, investors, and from the company documents, financial records and cryptocurrency records analyzed by BlockTrace, that Defendants were operating a Ponzi scheme, where previous investors were paid with funds collected from newer investors. The Salesforce data obtained by the Receiver shows that CryptoFX raised over \$300 million from over 40,000 investors from around the country.
- 3. Additionally, while the majority of investments and payments of returns on CryptoFX contracts were made in cash, many investors paid and were paid in cryptocurrency. The current investigation of the available cryptocurrency transactions conducted by BlockTrace, the third party engaged by the Receiver to assist with cryptocurrency transaction tracing, has revealed that even though Defendants raised over \$300 million in investor funds, their profit from cryptocurrency trading was minimal and woefully insufficient to pay the promised 15% monthly returns as well as the commissions and bonuses to sponsors/leaders.
- 4. In addition to Ponzi payments, commissions and bonuses paid to sponsors, the records further show that investor funds were improperly diverted.

#### II. INTRODUCTION

5. The Receiver filed his First Interim Report on November 28, 2022 (Doc. No. 33), his Second Interim Status Report on January 31, 2023 (Doc No. 50), his Third Interim Status Report on May 1, 2023 (Doc. No. 72), his Fourth Interim Status Report on October 31, 2023 (Doc. No. 95) and his Fifth Interim Status Report on January 30, 2024 (Doc. No. 116). This Sixth Interim

Status Report is being submitted in accordance with the Receivership Order ¶ 52-53. The Receiver's First, Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Interim Status Reports and the exhibits thereto, are available for all investors on the Receiver's website at <a href="https://cryptofxreceiver.com/case-documents.aspx">https://cryptofxreceiver.com/case-documents.aspx</a>. This Report covers the period between January 1, 2024 to March 31, 2024.

- 6. This Report is based upon the continued investigation of the case conducted by the Receiver and his team, which has included motion practice; sale of receivership assets, both real and personal property; listing of additional personal property for sale; witness deposition and interviews; collection of documents from CryptoFX leaders and former employees; forensic analysis of financial records, including cryptocurrency records; review of CryptoFX documents maintained by the Defendants and obtained from investors, employees, sales agents, and third parties; inspection of Chavez's apartment and other residences; communications with investors; and monitoring of media coverage of this case.
- 7. This Report includes (a) a general summary of the work completed by the Receiver and his team since the Fifth Interim Report; (b) cash on hand and estimated accrued expenses as well as a schedule of receipts and disbursements; (c) description of all known receivership property; (d) description of liquidated and unliquidated claims; (e) list of all known creditors; and (f) Receiver's proposed plan for administering the Receivership.
- 8. The Receiver will provide further quarterly reports as provided for in the Receivership Order. *Id.* at ¶¶ 52-53.

#### III. SUMMARY OF RECEIVERSHIP OPERATIONS

9. During the period covered by this Report, the Receiver and his team continued to analyze CryptoFX business documents (both paper and electronically stored) as well as documents

produced by CryptoFX employees, sales agents, cryptocurrency platforms or exchanges, financial institutions, title companies, and other third parties.

- 10. As stated in the Receiver's First Status Report, the Receiver has uncovered forensic evidence indicating that the Defendants raised over \$300 million from over 40,000 investors from several states. *See* Analysis by Gregory Hays, attached as Exhibit A to Receiver First Interim Report (Doc. No. 33).
- 11. During the relevant time period, the Receiver has continued to monitor the subpoenas it has issued, responses to same and associated documents, as well as analyzing whether or not further pursuit of such records is warranted. As of the filing of this Report, the Receiver has issued 83 subpoenas.
- 12. Further, the Receiver previously obtained access to the CryptoFX Salesforce account, a customer management platform used by CryptoFX to record investor data, including amounts invested and paid out to investors. This information is critical in determining the amount of Ponzi payments made to investors and the commissions paid to sponsors.
- agents/sponsors/leaders were unlawfully obtained from investors by means of artifice and fraud. Therefore, sales commissions and bonuses paid to sponsors should be turned over to the Receiver. The Receiver has identified approximately 100 key sales agents/leaders for CryptoFX, located primarily in Texas, Illinois, Louisiana, California, and Florida. The Receiver sent demand letters to these individuals, requesting an accounting of all monies received from CryptoFX in the form of commissions, bonuses, and Ponzi payments so the Receiver could prepare an IRS W9 form, as well as a return of all CryptoFX documents and assets, including cash in their possession. Several leaders have responded to the Receiver's demand letter and turned over documents in their

possession, including CryptoFX accounting spreadsheets used by them to record new contracts, payments to sponsors, payments to earlier investors, and the balance sent to CryptoFX's main office in Houston.

- Requests for production of documents and information have also been sent to all known CryptoFX and CBT employees, several of whom have sent documents in their possession and agreed to interviews with the Receiver's counsel. Receiver is currently evaluating how best to follow up with non-cooperative former CryptoFX and CBT employees continuing to pursue receivership assets while balancing his obligation to be a good steward of receivership funds in his possession and control.
- 15. The Receiver was informed by investors that certain CryptoFX leaders were continuing to communicate with investors on behalf of CryptoFX, promising payments on investor contracts and also misleading investors about filing a complaint with the Receiver and SEC. The Receiver sent cease and desist letters to these leaders.
- 16. The Receivership Team continues to engage and interact with victims in the community regarding their losses and has tracked over 4,000 inquiries from various individuals to date.
- 17. In addition to some of the devices seized from the CryptoFX offices,<sup>1</sup> the Receiver has imaged an additional laptop turned over by a former CryptoFX employee. An updated list of the CryptoFX electronic devices the Receiver has seized was included as Exhibit A to its Third Interim Status Report (Doc. No. 72). The Receiver has also obtained the right to access information from the CFX Google Drive where documents and records were stored and Chavez's other electronic devices through the partial granting of its motion to compel.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See List of devices seized by the Receiver from the CryptoFX Blalock office attached as Exhibit C to Receiver's First Interim Report (Doc. No. 33).

- 18. On January 20, 2023, the Receiver filed his Liquidation Plan. (Doc. No. 47).
- 19. The Receiver had previously retained Mark Dimas Properties, a real estate broker, to assist with the marketing and sale of Receivership real estate assets. During the relevant period, the Receiver has relied on Mark Dimas Properties for the marketing and sale of a property consisting of 25.1320 acres located on Mack Washington Rd., Hempstead, Texas, 77445 ("Mack Washington Property"). The Receiver filed a Motion to Approve the Sale of the Mack Washington Property on November 3, 2023 (Doc. No 97), which was granted by the Court on November 8, 2023 (Doc. No. 98). Receiver's sale of the Mack Washington property netted \$1,027,280.34 to the receivership estate.
- 20. The Receiver employed Webster's Auctions, a professional appraiser/auctioneer, to conduct an inventory of the personal property at Defendant Chavez's residence and the sale of certain receivership personal property. On January 5, 2023, the Receiver, together with undersigned counsel, counsel for Chavez, and Webster Auctions, inspected Chavez's residence. An inventory of the items found at Chavez's residence was prepared by Webster's Auctions. Webster's Auction has liquidated the personal property items and is in the process of preparing an accounting for the Receivership Team.
- 21. On December 27, 2022, the Receiver filed a Motion to Show Cause why Defendant Mauricio Chavez should not be held in civil contempt for failing to comply with this Court's September 29, 2022 Receivership Order (Doc. No. 27). Chavez filed his Response on January 17, 2023 (Doc. No 45); the Receiver filed his Reply in support of the Motion on January 27, 2023 (Doc. No. 49); and Chavez filed a Sur-Reply in opposition of the Motion on February 6, 2023 (Doc. No. 51). Additionally, on March 15, 2023, Chavez filed a Motion for Attorney's fees (Doc. No. 61), which the Receiver opposed (Doc. No. 65). Oral argument on the Motion to Show Cause

and Chavez's Motion for Attorney's Fees was held on March 23, 2023. The Court denied the Motion to Show cause without prejudice to filing a motion to compel. (Doc. No. 67). The Court granted Chavez's Motion for Attorneys' fees. The Court also allowed the Receiver's first interim fee application. *Id*.

- 22. Additionally, Chavez, through counsel, served discovery requests on the Receiver, requesting access to all CryptoFX records in the Receiver's possession as well as records received in response to third-party subpoenas. The Receiver has produced all CryptoFX Salesforce data as well as other documents requested by Chavez.
- 23. Pursuant to the Receivership Order ¶ 56, the Receiver employed BlockTrace, LLC to serve as the Receiver's cryptocurrency consultants in this matter. The Court granted Receiver's Motion to Employ BlockTrace on January 6, 2023. (Doc. No. 43). Beginning in January 2023, BlockTrace began an extensive analysis of all the available cryptocurrency records. Currently, BlockTrace's analysis of these transactions shows that while CryoptoFX raised over \$300 million in investor funds, its profit from any cryptocurrency trading was only about \$2.6 million. BlockTrace's investigation of CryptoFX-related cryptocurrency transactions is ongoing and involves over 12,000 cryptocurrency transactions representing over \$130 million. This is a massive investigation involving over 6,800 cryptocurrency addresses and 70 different types of cryptocurrency. These addresses are cryptocurrency accounts held at different platforms or exchanges by Chavez, CryptoFX leaders, as well CryptoFX investors who received CryptoFX Ponzi payments in cryptocurrency. In its investigation, BlockTrace has also identified cryptocurrency accounts held at foreign exchanges (Binance and Switchain), which are not accessible from the United States and require a Virtual Private Network (VPN) to access. The investigation is further complicated by the fact that some of the accounts identified by BlockTrace

are self-custodial accounts (*i.e.* fully managed by the account holder) and for which the cryptocurrency platforms or exchanges are not able to provide any information or transaction data. The Receiver is determining the cost/benefit of pursuing these and the foreign accounts and if the additional tracing will lead to a substantial recovery. BlockTrace is also investigating specific accounts of key individuals to see if it can trace additional funds in those or related accounts through consistent transaction among similar accounts.

- 24. The Receiver and his team have continued to maintain and regularly update the Receiver's website (<a href="http://cryptofxreceiver.com/">http://cryptofxreceiver.com/</a>) with new court filings, media coverage, and other information pertinent to this case. The information, where possible, is provided in both English and Spanish. In addition, the website provides answers to frequently asked questions and access to the complete court docket with no PACER charges. The Receiver and his team are also working with KCC to optimize the website with key words for easier Google search by "investors" and others. The Receivership Team received notice of potential scams by individuals who are contacting victims and misleading the victims into spending more money to recover lost funds. The Receivership Team has included a warning on its website of such scams.
- 25. The Receiver's team also continues to monitor the Receiver's dedicated email and phone number, both of which are posted on the Receiver's website, for "investors"/victims to contact the Receiver and his team. As of the filing of this Report, the Receiver's team has received approximately 3,500 calls and emails from investors.
- 26. The Receiver's team continues to monitor the media coverage of this case, and links to news articles discussing this case have been posted on the Receiver's website as well. Currently, there are fourteen links to news articles and TV stories on the Receiver's website.

- 27. Additional work performed by the Receiver and his team since the filing of the Fifth Interim Report includes:
  - a. Continuing to build a claims submission process that accounts for unique aspects of this scheme and tracking data among victims and CryptoFX.
  - b. Continuing investigation into legal theories associated with pursuing potential defendants.
  - c. Continuing investigation into leaders and other key individuals for potential assets and recovery.
  - d. Administration related to closing accounts with prior counsel for defendants.
  - e. Coordination with reporter regarding potential news story related to on-going fraud.
  - f. Investigating new claims of fraud.
  - g. Limited and targeted analysis by BlockTrace in an effort to trace additional sources of funds for estate.
  - h. Regular interface with various authorities regarding their investigations of the fraudulent conduct that occurred here;
- 28. As a result of these and other activities, the Receiver and his team believe that they have gained a good understanding of the facts and issues that will be most critical to the efficient and effective administration of this Receivership.

#### IV. CASH ON HAND AND ESTIMATED ACCRUED ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

29. On March 31, 2024, the Receivership Estate had the following cash on hand: \$3,398,709 deposited in four trust accounts named for each of the Defendants as of the end of the Application Period (March 31, 2024). These funds were received by (i) taking possession of cash located at the Defendants' office located at 1124 Blalock, Houston, Texas 77055 (\$53,346); (ii) taking possession of safes located at the Defendants' office (\$392,765); (iii) taking possession of First Community Credit Union bank accounts owned by Benvenuto (\$451,448); (iv) taking possession of Bank of America bank accounts owned by Benvenuto (\$21,325); (v) taking

possession of a Simmons bank account owned by Benvenuto (\$80,764); (vi) taking possession of a Simmons bank account owned by CBT (\$247,916); (vii) taking possession of a Regions bank account owned by Chavez (\$782); (viii) proceeds from liquidating Coinbase, Inc. account (\$982,924); (ix) proceeds from liquidating Blockchain.com account (\$1,161,141); (x) taking possession of the balance of a retainer from Burford Perry LLC (\$155,631); (xx) taking possession of the balance of retainers from Gerger Hennessy & Martin LLP (\$214,488); (xxi) taking possession of the balance of retainers from Jones Walker LLP (\$102,229); (xxii) taking possession of CryptoFX funds turned over by Defendant Mauricio Chavez (\$55,000); (xxiii) proceeds from liquidating real property at 0 Hogan Lane (\$64,758); (xxiv) proceeds from liquidating televisions (\$3,040); (xxv) proceeds from liquidating bitcoin from an exodus wallet (\$86,915); (xxvi) net sale proceeds from sale of real property at 28 Lawrence Marshall Dr. (\$65,027); (xxvii) proceeds from liquidating 2020 Volkswagen Tiguan owned by Angelica Vargas (\$16,695); (xxix) proceeds from liquidating 2021 Mercedes-Benz GLE AMG owned by Angelica Vargas (\$63,568); (xxx) net auction proceeds from personal property turned over by Defendant Mauricio Chavez (\$9,267); (xl) proceeds from liquidating real property at 0 Mack Washington (\$1,027,280.34). See Schedule of Receipts and Disbursements, attached as Exhibit A.

30. All four Receivership trust accounts are held with Webster Bank, N.A., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Farrington Place Corporation, Webster Investment Services, Inc., Webster Mortgage Investment Corporation, MyWebster, Inc., Webster Community Development Corporation, Webster Capital Finance, Inc., Webster Business Credit Corporation, Webster Growth Capital Corporation, Webster Mortgage Company, and Webster Massachusetts Security Corporation. The four trust accounts were previously held with Flagstar Bank, N.A. All Receivership deposits are fully insured by the FDIC and the full faith and credit of the U.S.

government up to \$250,000 and are fully collateralized and insured by a separate surety bond through the Receiver's banking vendor for any amounts above \$250,000. Additionally, Webster continues to be an approved depository by the U.S. Trustee in bankruptcy cases.

31. Other Assets: In addition to the cash on hand listed above, the Receiver has on hand the following assets listed below. *See also* List of Receivership Liquidated and Unliquidated Assets, attached as **Exhibit B**.

Asset	Estimated Amount/Value	
Various Laptops and desktop computers	\$5,000	
2022 BMW X6 M501	\$64,600	
CFX furniture and fixtures	\$2,000	
Benvenuto Holdings frozen bank accounts at First	\$110,702	
Community Credit Union		

- 32. It is the Receiver's plan to prudently market real estate and other assets of the Receivership for the highest prices obtainable. The Court approved the Receiver's Motion to Approve the Sale of Chavez's BMW (Doc. No. 70). The BMW was financed through Santander Consumer USA and has a current payoff amount of approximately \$37,000. The Receiver anticipates to net approximately \$30,000 from the sale of the BMW.
- 33. The Receiver is continuing his investigation to locate additional assets of the Receivership Estate and will develop a distribution plan, subject to the Court's approval.
- 34. During the relevant period covered by this Report, the Receivership Estate has incurred administrative expenses in the amount of \$2,862.18 as a result of the efforts to marshal and preserve the assets of the Receivership.
- 35. The Receiver and the professionals working with him are well aware that the fees and expenses associated with the administration of the Receivership are paid from the assets of the Receivership Estate. The goal of all involved professionals is to conclude this Receivership as

quickly and efficiently as can be reasonably accomplished thereby maximizing recovery to victims.

- 36. For the period January 1, 2024 to March 31, 2024, the unbilled professional fees incurred are as follows: \$22,102.52 John Lewis, Jr.; \$54,378.68 Shook, Hardy & Bacon L.L.P. ("SHB"); \$4,719.60 Hays Financial Consulting, LLC; and \$25,848.00 BlockTrace, LLC. The Receiver's professional fees listed above have been reduced by \$787.48. Further, SHB's fees have been reduced by \$8,160.00.
- 36. As provided for in the Receivership Order, the Receiver and the professionals working with him will apply to the Court for approval to pay professional fees and expenses.

#### V. SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

37. As of the filing of this Report, no disbursements to "investors"/victims or creditors have taken place. For a more detailed description of Receivership receipts, *see* supra, Section IV, ¶ 29.

#### VI. DESCRIPTION OF ALL KNOWN RECEIVERSHIP PROPERTY

- 38. The Receiver estimates a total of \$11,601,537 in known liquidated and unliquidated Receivership assets. For a more detailed description of currently known Receivership property and corresponding approximate value, *see* supra, Section IV, ¶¶ 29, 30-32.
- 39. It is the Receiver's plan to prudently market and sell the real estate and other assets of the Receivership for the highest prices obtainable. All sales of real estate must be approved by the Court, following a motion to the Court and hearing, if necessary. *See* Receiver's Liquidation Plan (Doc. No. 47).
- 40. The Receiver and his team's investigation is continuing; however, the investigation shows additional Receivership property held by third parties. The Receiver plans to seek a

turnover of all of these assets and also move for the expansion of the Receivership Order to include other persons and/or entities known to hold Receivership assets.

41. Depending on the equity in each of the properties, appropriate action will be taken to either sell, hold, donate, or abandon properties in order to maximize the return of cash to the estate. It is too early to tell at this time what price the assets will sell for, the relative costs associated with the sales, or the potential recovery benefit to the Receivership estate.

#### VII. DESCRIPTION OF LIQUIDATED AND UNLIQUIDATED CLAIMS

- 42. This Ponzi scheme was primarily a cash-based scheme, and it is going to require significant resources to unravel the claims of the Receivership estate. A review of the available records indicates that the majority of the investments were paid in cash.
- 43. The Receiver will have substantial claims for bonuses and commissions for a large number of third parties and is evaluating collectability from these parties. The Receiver team continues to research additional claims against third parties.

#### VIII. LIST OF ALL KNOWN CREDITORS

- 44. The only known commercial creditor is BZO Custom Wheels, LLC, the landlord of the CryptoFX's offices on Blalock ("Landlord"). Landlord has an unliquidated claim for approximately \$20,239.18 against the Receivership estate, which includes rent and utility bills. The Receiver and his team negotiated the sale of certain Receivership personal property at Blalock to set off Landlord's claim, bringing the final settlement amount to \$17,209.18. The Receiver's team also negotiated and the Landlord agreed to terminate the lease on October 31, 2022, although the Receiver vacated the premises of the Blalock office on December 7, 2022.
  - 45. The Receiver is not aware of other commercial creditors at this stage.

## IX. RECEIVER'S PROPOSED PLAN FOR ADMINISTERING THE RECEIVERSHIP

- 46. The Receiver recommends the continuation of the Receivership.
- 47. The Receiver's key focus for the next 90 days will be on the following tasks:
  - Review documents continuously collected from CryptoFX employees, sponsors, and other third parties.
  - Trace funds to locate additional assets.
  - Continue determining value of commissions paid and if those will be pursued.
  - Develop electronic claim form for investors.
  - Establish claims submission and claims allowance processes.
  - Investigate real property held by third parties.
  - Continue communications with sales agents and "investors" and/or their counsel.
  - Continue efforts to identify additional relevant cryptocurrency wallets and trace distributions through cryptocurrency if the recovery of funds appears to be substantial.
  - Investigate issues on the purchase of hundreds of thousands of dollars of Money Orders.
  - Coordinate as necessary with government agencies.
- 48. In addition, the Receiver and his counsel will continue to determine whether there are claims against third parties that could result in meaningful recovery to the Receivership Estate.
- 49. Further, the Receiver and his team will continue to conduct a factual and legal analysis of issues that could affect whether tracing should be applied to certain investments. Based on the information and documents reviewed to date with an estimated 40,000 investors and over \$300 million in investments, the majority of which is in cash, some payments in cryptocurrency, and others in money orders, a complete tracing of investments may not be possible and/or practicable.
- 50. In addition to analyzing the sources and uses of cash, the Receiver and his team will continue to analyze transactions through the Defendants' cryptocurrency and bank accounts. The Receiver is in possession of transaction reports from Coinbase, Blockchain.com, Binance,

Exodus, and Block, Inc., which appear to be the primary cryptocurrency platforms used by the

Defendants and leaders, as well as the Defendants' bank account records.

51. To date, the Receiver has not located a set of books and records that tracked

CryptoFX's cash, banking, investments and investor activity. Upon information and belief,

Receiver is not convinced that any such books and records exist. Instead, the transactions are

scattered among various reports, which must be analyzed by the Receiver's team and compiled to

complete the Receiver's analysis. If the Receiver is unable to locate a set of books or transaction

ledgers, the funds tracing analysis may be a lengthy manual process.

52. At this early stage, it is difficult to predict how long it will take for the Receiver to

complete his work. As the Receivership moves forward, the Receiver and his team will continue

their efforts to most efficiently recover and realize the value of assets for the benefit of the

Receivership Estate while simultaneously continuing to position the case for claims and closing

procedures.

Dated: April 30, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this 30<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024, the above and foregoing document was filed electronically through the CM/ECF system, which sent notification of such filing to all known counsel of record, addressed as follows:

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# Exhibit A

SEC v. CryptoFX LLC et al Receipts and Disbursements

## **Receipts**

CBT purchased for \$2.05 million. Net sale proceeds from closing	\$1,027,280
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Net auction proceeds	\$9,267
Turned over to Receiver by Mauricio Chavez and liquidated	\$63,568
Turned over to Receiver by Angelica Vargas and liquidated	\$16,695
Net sale proceeds from sale of real property	\$65,027
BTC, Tether & Solana. Liquidated in April 2023	\$86,915
Net sale proceeds from sale of real property	\$64,758
Cash turned over to the Receiver by Chavez	\$55,000
Located at 1124 Blalock	\$3,040
Turned over to Receiver	\$102,229
Balance of retainer	\$214,488
Balance of retainer	\$155,631
Proceeds from liquidation of crypto account	\$1,161,141
Proceeds from liquidation of crypto account	\$982,924
Closed Chavez bank account	\$782
Closed CBT bank account	\$247,916
Closed Benvenuto bank account	\$80,764
Closed Benvenuto bank account	\$4,500
Closed Benvenuto bank account	\$16,825
Closed Benvenuto bank account	\$44,406
Closed Benvenuto bank account	\$407,042
Recovered from two safes at Blalock	\$392,765
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## **Disbursements**

Cash in Bank (3/31/2024)

Webster's Auction Palace, Inc.	Inspection of contents at 1616 Post Oak Blvd	\$2,000
Hays Financial Consulting, LLC	Professional Fees and Expenses awarded	\$353,425
John Lewis Jr., Receiver	Professional Fees and Expenses awarded	\$176,715
Shook Hardy & Bacon, LLP	Professional Fees and Expenses awarded	\$893,360
Pugh Accardo, LLC	Professional Fees and Expenses awarded	\$1,634
BlockTrace LLC	Professional Fees and Expenses awarded	\$149,724
Frank Jack Sodetz III	Fee for researching the on-going fraud in Chicago	\$700
Appraisal MC	Appraisal for Lot 1- Mack Washington, Hempstead TX	\$1,875
Plateau Land and Wildlife Management, Inc	Refile Wildlife Management Plan with Biologist Site Visit	\$1,295
Giorgio Benvenuto	Monthly Allowance - \$6,000 per month - Thru June 2023	\$90,000
Pratt & Flack LLP	Fees & Expenses paid per Court Order, Docket # 67	\$146,583
SalesForce	Prepayment for data hosting	\$3,838
Santander Consumer USA	BMW Lien payoff prior to sale of same	\$36,450
	Total Disbursements	\$1,857,599

\$3,398,709

## Exhibit B

SEC v. CryptoFX LLC et al

Asset	Description	Value
Liquidated Assets		
Cash	Cash located at 1124 Blalock Rd	\$53,346
Cash in Safe	Recovered from two safes at Blalock Rd	\$392,765
First Community Credit Union	Closed Benvenuto bank account	\$407,042
First Community Credit Union	Closed Benvenuto bank account	\$44,406
Bank of America	Closed Benvenuto bank account	\$16,825
Bank of America	Closed Benvenuto bank account	\$4,500
Simmons Bank	Closed Benvenuto bank account	\$80,764
Simmons Bank	Closed CBT bank account	\$247,916
Regions Bank	Closed Chavez bank account	\$782
Coinbase, Inc.	Proceeds from liquidation of crypto account	\$982,924
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Gerger Hennessy & Martin LLP	Balance of retainer	\$214,488
Jones Walker Retainer	Turned over to Receiver	\$102,229
Televisions	Located at 1124 Blalock	\$3,040
Pratt & Flack LLP	Cash turned over to the Receiver by Chavez	\$55,000
Hogan Lane, Hempstead TX	Net sale proceeds from sale of real property	\$64,758
Exodus Wallet	BTC, Tether & Solana. Liquidated in April 2023.	\$86,915
28 Lawrence Marshall Dr, Hemptstead, TX	Sale closed in April 2023.	\$65,027
2020 Volkswagen Tiguan	Turned over to Receiver by Angelica Vargas and liquidated	\$16,695
2021 Mercedes-Benz GLE AMG	Turned over to Receiver by Mauricio Chavez and liquidated	\$63,568
Chavez's personal property	Net auction proceeds	\$9,267
Mack Washington, Hempstead, TX	CBT purchased for \$2.05 million. Net sale proceeds from closing	\$1,027,280
Total Liquidated Assets		\$5,256,308
<b>Unliquidated Assets</b>		
Benvenuto Holdings Bank Accounts		
First Community Credit Union	Benvenuto Holdings frozen account	\$109,077
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Vehicles & Personal Property		
2022 BMW X6 M501	Offer received. Loan paid off by Receiver	\$64,600
CFX furniture and fixtures	Removed from 1124 Blalock to be sold	\$2,000
Computers	At Receiver's office. Will be preserved	\$5,000
Janette Gonzalez and related entities		
	JJ Trust via Luxury Real Estate LLC	\$750,000
	Aspire Living LLC via Gonzalez	\$607,700
	The JCA Trust via JM Monarchy	\$400,000
	JM Monarchy LLC via Chavez	\$478,700
Regions Bank Account	Frozen bank accounts - Luxury Real Estate & Hair News Color	\$61,045
2021 Lexus ES350 F Sport	Transferred to JM Monarchy.	\$30,000
Other Transfers	Receiver Determining	TBD
Angelica Vargas	_	
	Purchased with investor funds	\$630,000
2021 Mercedes-Benz GLS	Purchased for \$114,015.21	\$75,000
Cash and other payments from Defendants		\$433,233
Crypto Transfers	Over \$11 million in/out of crypto account	Finalizing Number

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	Asset	Description	Value
Ca	uses of Action		
	Transfers to Leaders	Motion pending for turnover of Google Drive to determine amounts	Unknown
			\$960,000
	Receiver Investigatng		\$950,249
			Unknown
	Recoveries Redacted		\$500,000
			\$149,500
			\$137,500
Total	Unliquidated Assets		\$6,345,229
Liqui	dated Plus Unliquidated Assets	=	\$11,601,537