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COMMISSION

**From:** Steve Roberts  
**To:** CELA  
**Subject:** RE: RR 18L-32  
**Date:** Friday, May 24, 2019 4:31:33 PM  
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CELA

Dear Ms. Dennis –

Thank you for speaking with me on the phone today regarding RR 18L-32, Black Americans for a Better Future (“BAFBF”). As we discussed, BAFBF has received a judgment from the Virginia Circuit Court for a return of the \$25,000 outstanding and referenced in the Commission’s letter to BAFBF. That signed order is attached. BAFBF has not yet received those funds while they are awaiting the legal process to resolve, but we will note the return of the funds accordingly in reports to the Commission.

Please don’t hesitate to contact me directly with further questions.

Thanks, Steve Roberts

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VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA

IN RE:

FIFTH THIRD BANK ACCOUNT AND/OR UNDER ACCOUNT NAMES  
"JOHN APPIAH MENSAH" AND/OR "MENSAH REAL ESTATE PROPERTY, LLC"

CL18001663

TO: CHRISTOPHER MARSTON, TREASURER  
BLACK AMERICANS FOR A BETTER FUTURE (BAFBF)  
2422 SOUTH LOWELL STREET  
ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA 22206,  
*Defendant.*

TO: JOHN APPIAH MENSAH  
5070 BEVERLY GLEN VILLAGE LANE, APT. D  
NORCROSS, GA 30092,  
*Defendant.*

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FINAL ORDER

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The Court finds that:

1. The Commonwealth filed this action on March 30, 2018.
2. The defendants were properly served.
3. John Appiah Mensah has not filed an answer.
4. The property at issue is subject to forfeiture, but partially rightfully belongs to the victim in the criminal case, Black Americans for a Better Future (BAFBF).

As such, it is ordered that the above-named FIFTH THIRD BANK ACCOUNT AND/OR UNDER ACCOUNT NAMES "JOHN APPIAH MENSAH" AND/OR "MENSAH REAL ESTATE PROPERTY, LLC" (held by the City of Alexandria in a holding account) shall be disposed of as follows:

1. \$915.20 shall be remitted to the Commonwealth for the cost of service by publication, pursuant to Va. Code §§ 8.01-316(B) and 17.1-601, as follows:

Payable to: Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney  
Mailed to: c/o Donald Harrison-Wright  
520 King Street, Suite 301  
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

2. \$25,000.00, or any lesser amount remaining in the account, to include any interest posted to the account, shall be remitted to BAFBF, the victim in the criminal case, to the following address:

Payable to: Black Americans for a Better Future  
Mailed to: c/o Steve Roberts  
45 North Hill Drive, Suite 100  
Warrenton, Virginia 20186

3. Any funds remaining in the account, to include any interest accrued, after the disbursement of the above amounts shall be forfeited to the Commonwealth, as follows:

Payable to: Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney  
 Mailed to: c/o Donald Harrison-Wright  
 520 King Street, Suite 301  
 Alexandria, Virginia 22314

And this matter is ended.

*It is so ordered.*

Jessica Best Smith  
 JUDGE

Entered April 2  
March 18, 2019.

I ask for this:

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JOHN APPIAH MENSAH