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Fwd: SUPERYACHT AMADEA - PIVOTAL HEARING TOMORROW

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As you may know, a pivotal hearing in the Superyacht Amadea forfeiture case starts tomorrow afternoon. Information below.

Please reach out for an update or to speak to lead counsel for the claimants.

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MEDIA ADVISORY**PIVOTAL HEARING TOMORROW IN SUPERYACHT AMADEA FORFEITURE CASE****EVIDENTIARY HEARING ON MOTION TO STRIKE MAY DETERMINE FUTURE OF CONTESTED ASSET THAT HAS COST AMERICAN TAXPAYERS OVER \$30 MILLION****CLAIMANTS PRODUCED OVER 1,100 EXHIBITS, 90 HOURS OF TESTIMONY FROM 19 WITNESSES; NOT A SINGLE WITNESS CORROBORATES DOJ ALLEGATIONS****AMADEA DISPUTE HIGHLIGHTS MULTIYEAR STRUGGLE OF BIDEN ADMINISTRATION'S OPERATION KLEPTOCAPTURE TO YIELD RESULTS**

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What: Evidentiary hearing on the government's motion to strike before the Honorable Judge Dale E. Ho, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York

When: January 21, 2025, 2PM ET

Where: Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse - 40 Foley Square, New York, NY - Courtroom 905

About: In April of 2022, the U.S. Department of Justice improperly and unconstitutionally seized the Motoryacht Amadea in a high-profile operation following President Biden's announcement of Operation KleptoCapture.

Over the past 33 months, attorneys for Eduard Khudainatov have presented incontrovertible evidence that, contrary to the government's claims, he has always been the rightful owner of the vessel. Claimants have produced over 1,100 exhibits and over 90 hours of testimony from nineteen witnesses. Not a single witness has testified to knowing or believing that Suleiman Kerimov ever purchased the Amadea. During that period, the U.S. government has spent over \$30 million in maintenance and related fees, as recently detailed by *The Washington Post*.

Beginning Tuesday January 21, attorneys for claimants Eduard Khudainatov and Millemarin Investments will present arguments in an evidentiary hearing on the U.S. Department of Justice's motion to strike, which will show that the claimants' have standing in the forfeiture proceedings. During that hearing claimants will present testimony from 19 witnesses that establishes:

1. Eduard Khudainatov commissioned and built the Amadea and has remained the ultimate beneficial owner of the boat at all times.
2. The Amadea was never sold to anyone, including Suleiman Kerimov or any of his relatives.
3. Contrary to government allegations, not a single witness has testified to knowing or believing that Suleiman Kerimov ever purchased the Amadea.
4. FBI agents made numerous false statements in sworn affidavits to secure the seizure warrant.

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Lead counsel for the claimants, Adam Ford of the firm Ford O'Brien Landy, will be available for comment on these proceedings in advance and following the hearings.

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