

The IAP is pleased to present a Special Achievement Award to Mr. Sean Moody, from the Crown Prosecution Service of England and Wales. Mr. Moody successfully used account freezing and forfeiture provisions, in the absence of a prosecution, to forfeit 29 million pounds (approximately \$35 million US dollars), the largest amount forfeited in England and Wales.

Mr Moody made novel use of powers available to the DPP of England and Wales, in circumstances where a prosecution could not be commenced in country as the evidence did not disclose an offence committed in England.

Mr. Moody and the police were able to use civil forfeiture provisions, after extensive tracking of funds flowing in and out of two accounts. Those accounts were frozen, and a complex web of money laundering operations in more than 10 countries was uncovered. Mr Moody was able to negotiate a settlement with the holder of the accounts for the forfeiture of 90% of the funds that were previously frozen.

His work required legal assistance from a number of countries where funds flowed to and from the account to gather evidence that could be presented to the court, and tested the limits of Great Britain's new agreement in terms of legal assistance with the European Union. Enthused by the results, the CPS and the police intend to use this model going forward where an offence cannot be made out in England and Wales but where funds can be located that are used for the commission of offences elsewhere.

Mr Moody is to be commended for the important disruption of money laundering networks, for using a novel approach to deal with an issue of serious criminality, and for his determination in arriving at a result when the usual prosecutor's tools were unavailable.