

EMBASSY OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

No. 2015/1542

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Royal Thai Government and wishes to request the provisional arrest for the purpose of extradition of Roger Thomas CLARK from Thailand, pursuant to the Treaty between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Thailand relating to Extradition (Treaty), which was signed on December 14, 1983 and entered into force on May 17, 1991. CLARK is believed to be currently residing on Koh Chang Island, Thailand.

CLARK is wanted to stand trial in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. On April 21, 2015, a Complaint, number 15 Mag. 1335, was issued charging CLARK with conspiracy to distribute narcotics, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 846, and money laundering conspiracy, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1956(h).

Based on the charges in the Complaint, on April 21, 2015, a warrant for the arrest of CLARK was issued by the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

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In accordance with Article 7 of the Treaty, the applicable statute of limitation does not bar prosecution for the offenses for which extradition is sought.

Roger Thomas CLARK, who is believed to reside on Koh Chang Island, Thailand, was involved in the operation of Silk Road (described in more detail below), a large scale underground Internet website that was responsible for the sale of hundreds of millions of dollars of illegal narcotics and other contraband.

The Silk Road was a website that hosted a large, international marketplace for a wide variety of illegal drugs, including cocaine, heroin, LSD, methamphetamine, marijuana, ecstasy, and many others. It operated from January 2011 until October 2013, when it was shut down by U.S. law enforcement. The site was used by thousands of drug dealers and over a hundred thousand users worldwide, and was used to sell approximately \$200 million USD worth of illegal drugs during its lifetime in the United States and elsewhere. Through their investigation, U.S. authorities were able to identify Ross William Ulbricht, a U.S. citizen, as the owner and operator of Silk Road. Ulbricht went by the username "Dread Pirate Roberts" on the site. On October 1, 2013, Ulbricht was arrested in San Francisco, California. On February 4, 2015, Ulbricht was convicted of narcotics trafficking, money laundering, and other offenses following a three-week jury trial.

Evidence recovered from Ulbricht's laptop included logs of online chats with various co-conspirators, including extensive chats with a user referred to in the chats as "Variety Jones," or "VJ," and who later changed his online name to "cimon" (hereinafter collectively referred to as "VJ"). The chats reflect that "VJ" was a trusted advisor and

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confidant of Ulbricht and became involved with Silk Road starting in late 2011. Among other things, "VJ" assisted Ulbricht with hiring and managing a computer programmer, who assisted in developing computer code and maintaining Silk Road's technical infrastructure. VJ also advised Ulbricht about managing and operating Silk Road, maintaining security for the site, and setting the rules and policies for the use of Silk Road.

VJ worked and conspired with Ulbricht to promote sales on the Silk Road website in several ways, including the coordination of a large-scale promotion for the sale of narcotics and other contraband on Silk Road. He also conducted research and collected intelligence on the efforts of law enforcement to investigate Silk Road. Ulbricht paid VJ a lucrative salary and bonuses, which were paid in the form of Bitcoins, a form of online digital currency. Ulbricht and his co-conspirators used Bitcoin to conceal the source of the funds from law enforcement.

Other evidence recovered from Ulbricht's laptop reflected that VJ's true identity was Roger Thomas CLARK, a Canadian citizen. This evidence included a scanned copy of CLARK's passport. Evidence found on the computer shows that CLARK gave a copy of his passport to Ulbricht as a condition of being employed to work on Silk Road. This fact was corroborated by other evidence, including statements made by a cooperating witness. This cooperating witness admitted his own involvement with Silk Road and is seeking leniency at sentencing. Publicly available records about a corporation registered in the United Kingdom further support that CLARK is VJ.

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A cooperating witness has indicated that CLARK currently resides on Koh Chang Island, Thailand. This information is corroborated by chats recovered from Ulbricht's laptop. These chats indicate that CLARK started residing in Thailand as of at least late 2012.

Provisional arrest is covered under Article 10 of the Treaty. The offense with which the fugitive is charged is punishable under the laws of the United States by deprivation of liberty for a period of more than one year and are covered under Article 2 of the Treaty.

In accordance with Article 16 of the Treaty, the United States requests the seizure of all articles which may be required as evidence relating to the offense charged for surrender with the fugitive if extradition to the United States is granted.

Roger Thomas CLARK, also known as Variety Jones, VJ, Cimon, Plural of Mongoose, was born on 13 September 1961 in Edmonton, Canada. He is a citizen of Canada. He is described as a white male, approximately 5 feet, 8 inches tall, with greying brown hair and hazel eyes. He possesses a passport, numbered BA804925 from Canada, issued on March 22, 2012, in London, England. Photographs of CLARK are enclosed.

Please be assured that, if CLARK is provisionally arrested, the United States will submit a full extradition request with the supporting documents required within the time provided by the Treaty.

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The Embassy of the United States of America avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Royal Thai Government the assurances of its highest consideration.

Embassy of the United States of America  
Bangkok, May 4, 2015.



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