

UNITED STATES v. JACK CABASSO, FRANCES CABASSO, JONATHAN LASKER, CHRISTINE LAVONNE LAZARUS, WAYNE MARINO, EDUARD MATULIK, ALAN SCHWARTZ, AVENTURA TECHNOLOGIES, INC.
CRIMINAL DOCKET #CR-19-0582, USAO #2018R01047

Before the Honorable Joan M. Azrack, United States District Judge, Eastern District of New York, 100 Federal Plaza, Central Islip, New York

In 2019, surveillance and security equipment company Aventura Technologies, Inc. (Aventura), located in Commack, New York, was charged with selling security and high-tech equipment to government and private customers while falsely representing that the equipment was made in the United States and concealing that the products were in fact manufactured in the People's Republic of China (PRC). In addition to Aventura, the government charged individual defendants Jack Cabasso, Aventura's Managing Director and de facto owner and operator, and Frances Cabasso, his wife and Aventura's purported owner and Chief Executive Officer, as well as five other senior employees.

Aventura, Jack Cabasso and Frances Cabasso were also charged with committing fraud by falsely claiming that Frances Cabasso was the owner and operator of the company in order to obtain access to valuable government contracts reserved for women-owned businesses when, in fact, Aventura was actually controlled by her husband, Jack Cabasso. The Cabassos are also charged with laundering the monetary proceeds of these fraudulent schemes.

Jack Cabasso and Frances Cabasso pled guilty in December 2023. Aventura Technologies pled guilty in March 2024. On October 29, 2024, defendant Frances Cabasso was sentenced to two years' supervised release. Jack Cabasso and Aventura Technologies are scheduled to be sentenced on January 21, 2025 at 2:30pm.

For further information, please see: <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edny/pr/aventura-technologies-inc-and-its-senior-management-charged-fraud-money-laundering-and>

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Rights under the Crime Victims' Right Act

- (1) The right to be reasonably protected from the accused;
- (2) The right to reasonable, accurate, and timely notice of any public court proceeding, involving the crime, or of any release or escape of the accused;
- (3) The right not to be excluded from any such public court proceeding, unless the court, after receiving clear and convincing evidence, determines that testimony by the victim would be materially altered if the victim heard other testimony at that proceeding;

(4) The right to be reasonably heard at any public proceeding in the district court involving release, plea, or sentencing;

(5) The reasonable right to confer with the attorney for the Government in the case;

(6) The right to full and timely restitution as provided by law;

(7) The right to proceedings free from unreasonable delay;

(8) The right to be treated with fairness and with respect for the victim's dignity and privacy;

(9) The right to be informed in a timely manner of any plea bargain or deferred prosecution agreement; and

(10) The right to be informed of the rights under this section and the services described in section 503(c) of the Victims' Rights and Restitution Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 10607(c)) and provided contact information for the Office of the Victims' Rights Ombudsman of the Department of Justice.