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THE FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE UNIT ANNOUNCES THE FILING OF ITS FIRST STRATEGIC LAWSUIT ABROAD, TO RECOVER ASSETS RELATED TO ACTS OF MONEY LAUNDERING FROM POLITICAL CORRUPTION BY FORMER SECRETARY OF PUBLIC SECURITY GENARO GARCÍA LUNA

Today, the Government of Mexico, through the Financial Intelligence Unit, led by Dr. Santiago Nieto Castillo, in coordination with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Security and Citizen Protection, announces the filing of the first civil lawsuit abroad to recover assets related to illegal financial operations carried out by **Genaro García Luna and others**.

As alleged in the lawsuit, the assets are derived from a large illegal contracting scheme in the national security and defense sector, related to the former Secretary of Public Security. This first lawsuit has been filed in the courts of Miami, Florida, in the United States, as it is the place where a significant number of the companies and properties associated with the acts of political corruption and money laundering outlined in the complaint are found.

The complaint filed covers 39 companies and trusts belonging to Genaro García Luna, his accomplices and/or relatives, which, according to the complaint, are located or have operations in Florida and are the owners of properties acquired with money derived from the illegal government contracting scheme.

The lawsuit is based on violations of the Florida Rico Law, conspiracy, and unjust enrichment, among others. In the litigation it is alleged that the defendants are the members of a large group of companies created and used by Garcia Luna and his co-conspirators to hide resources derived from acts of corruption.

With actions like this, the Financial Intelligence Unit reiterates its commitment to the fight to recover the economic benefits of criminal organizations, and impunity, to enforce the rights of the people of Mexico to recover the proceeds of money laundering schemes that originated in Mexico but were removed from Mexico and laundered in foreign jurisdictions. The foregoing makes it clear that the Mexican Government has zero tolerance for acts of corruption.

