



# AUSTRALIAN CRIME COMMISSION MEDIA RELEASE



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## **Man to front Sydney court on money laundering charges**

A 59-year-old man from Vietnam will appear in Sydney's Central Local Court today after being charged with 40 money laundering offences.

About 9am yesterday, the man was detained by Customs officers as he arrived at Sydney airport from Vietnam. It is alleged that he is wanted on an outstanding warrant for money laundering offences committed between June 2005 and June 2006. It is alleged that the amount of money laundered totals \$3.7 million Australian dollars (AUD).

The arrest follows investigations from the Australian Crime Commission (ACC) led Task Force Gordian, which has delivered 24 current money laundering prosecutions and seized narcotics with a street value in excess of \$1.5 billion AUD.

Task Force Gordian is made up of the ACC, Australian Federal Police, AUSTRAC, Australian Taxation Office, Customs, Victoria Police, New South Wales Police Force and the New South Wales Crime Commission.

The ACC Board established Task Force Gordian in May 2005, to investigate the key structures and networks used by organised crime to finance criminal enterprises, launder the proceeds of crime and evade tax. It seeks to disrupt these established criminal networks by targeting accountants, money remitters and the financial service providers who assist them to commit criminal offences.

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