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Fidentia's fugitive from justice has been detained. Steven William Goodwin, one of the masterminds in the Fidentia saga was arrested by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in the United States of America (USA) following a request by the Directorate of Special Operations (Scorpions).

On Saturday, 05 April 2008 Goodwin arrived in Los Angeles from Australia and was detained at the airport by the United States (US) authorities, including Customs and Immigration Department. Their intervention followed an alert issued by Interpol, that Goodwin was en route to the USA and that a warrant for his arrest had been issued in South Africa in July 2007.

Goodwin left South Africa for Australia in early February 2007, following the appointment of a curator to manage the Fidentia group of companies and before the Scorpions investigation was authorized on 16 February 2007.

Following his initial detention by the US authorities, Goodwin was formally detained in Los Angeles on 07 April 2008 based on a warrant for his provisional arrest, issued by the US District Court for the Central District of California.

The National Prosecuting Authority now has 60 days within which to apply for Goodwin's extradition and is preparing its papers to launch such an application.

The Scorpions are currently working with the US Department of Justice to ensure the matter is resolved speedily and successfully.

Once on South African soil Goodwin will face charges that include theft, fraud and corruption running into millions of rands.

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