

Case	FIFA provision	Sanction
Party: Keyeno Thomas Position: Player Affiliation: Trinidad and Tobago Football Association	Art. 69 par. 1 FDC (2017)	Sanction by the FIFA Disciplinary Committee Ban for life: 24 April 2019

The case of Keyeno Thomas, former player, Trinidad and Tobago Football Association

Matches: preliminary competition for the 2010 FIFA World Cup South Africa™ / several international matches played by the Trinidad and Tobago U-20 national team

FIFA proceedings

Mr Thomas engaged in several email exchanges with the convicted match-fixer Mr Wilson Raj Perumal between April 2009 and April 2011, which came to the attention of FIFA and led to the opening of a preliminary investigation into the matter by FIFA Integrity.

The investigation found that Mr Thomas had agreed to commit himself, as well as several other players of the Trinidad and Tobago national team, to manipulate the results of a series of international and regional matches in return for financial compensation for himself and those players involved.

Mr Thomas also agreed to commit himself and several unidentified Trinidad and Tobago national team players to listen to and follow orders in order to manipulate the results of several international matches; and to approach and recruit several unidentified Trinidad and Tobago U-20 national team players for match manipulation purposes.

Furthermore, Mr Thomas accepted money from Mr Perumal in exchange for influencing and/or manipulating the results of international matches. In addition, Mr Thomas proactively contacted Mr Perumal, suggesting to approach unidentified Trinidad and Tobago senior and U-20 national team players in order to manipulate international matches and to act as Mr Perumal's intermediary in those schemes.

Conclusion

The conclusion of the preliminary investigation resulted in the opening of disciplinary proceedings against Mr Thomas. On 24 April 2019, the FIFA Disciplinary Committee imposed a lifetime ban on Mr Thomas for having breached art. 69 par. 1 of the FDC (2017) by conspiring with Mr Perumal to manipulate the results of international matches.