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Marley money "went astray"

Kingston:

The Jamaican Supreme Court has dismissed Rita Marley, the widow of the reggae star Bob Marley, as an executor of his estate and ordered that she fully accounts for any assets which fell into her hands.

The court order was issued last week on an application by the two other executors of the Marley estates, Mutual Security Merchant Bank and Trust Company and businessman George Desnoes.

Mrs Marley, herself a well-known reggae artist, had tendered her resignation last September, but the matter still had to come before the court for approval.

The Jamaican press also reported that an international probe was underway to search for and restitute any diverted Marley assets.

Marley became a reggae superstar with his anti-establishment protest songs that were embraced by millions worldwide.

He died intestate of cancer in 1981, aged 36, and he left assets in Jamaica of J\$1.9 million and an estimated

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US\$30 million in the United States.

According to court order, any interest Mrs Marley had in the estate, was to be impounded until the accounting was complete. She was one of the beneficiaries.

Bob Marley had 11 children by eight mothers, including four with Rita Marley.

Mrs Marley was unavailable for comment last week.

According to *The Gleaner* newspaper she has said that she was misdirected by two Americans, Philadel-

phia lawyer David Steinberg and New York accountant, Marvin Zolt, to execute documents giving her ownership to some companies and investments belonging to the estate.

Both men had acted for Bob Marley and after he died they came to Jamaica and gave his widow particulars about foreign assets.

Litigation has started against Steinberg and Zolt in the New York Supreme Court to recover monies to the estate.

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