



## 2 Men to be Extradited to US to Face Double Murder Charges from 1988 Killing

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Two women were murdered in a downtown Nashua apartment on the night of Oct. 2, 1988. Two men who lived below the women were arrested for the brutal killings, but one went free after three hung juries in a row, and the other was never charged after a court threw out much of the evidence. Two decades later, both men were arrested again in Canada and charged with the killings.

A Canadian judge has ruled that two men charged in a decades-old double murder will be extradited to the United States to face charges.

A superior court judge in Montreal granted the extradition order following a hearing on Sept. 13. Anthony Barnaby and David Caplin have 30 days to appeal the decision, according to court records.

Barnaby, 43, and Caplin, 49, were arrested in April and charged, again, with murdering Charlene Ranstrom, 48, and Brenda Warner, 32, in their 7 Mason St. apartment on Oct. 2, 1988.

Three juries failed to either convict or acquit Barnaby during trials in the late 1980s and early 1990s. Charges against Caplin were dropped before he went to trial.

Judge Jerry Zigman ruled in his decision that Caplin and Barnaby's argument that they should not be extradited because of the previous court proceedings wasn't something he could rule on.

U.S. attorneys argued that there is new forensic evidence in the form of DNA analysis and new witnesses to set apart any future

trials from those held two decades ago, according to court records.

Barnaby lived on the floor beneath the two women. Caplin was staying with him at the time, having arrived from Canada a few days before the murders, police said.

Police found plenty of physical evidence inside the apartment almost 23 years ago following the brutal stabbing deaths. Barnaby confessed but later withdrew his confession. He was tried three times on charges of being an accomplice to murder in connection with the killings, but juries deadlocked each time.

Officials dropped first-degree murder charges against Caplin before his 1990 trial after courts threw out much of the evidence.

Now, police hope advances in DNA testing, along with further investigation and new information from new and old witnesses, will be enough to put the men behind bars.

Barnaby was arrested in Montreal, and Caplin was arrested at New Carlisle Jail in New Carlisle, Quebec, in April. Both men grew up on the Restigouche Indian Reservation in Quebec and are members of the Micmac Tribe, according to police.

Both men are charged with two counts of first-degree murder, Attorney General Michael Delaney said, which carries a sentence of life in prison without parole.

The investigation was reopened in October when Nashua police Detective Sgt. Frank Bourgeois contacted Assistant Attorney General Will Delker, who was head of the state Cold Case Unit at the

time. Bourgeois attended a Cold Case Investigation School in September 2010, according to his affidavit, and started talking with his bosses about Nashua's cold cases when he returned.

"It got the wheels turning, I guess," he said. "We don't forget about any of our cases, but in this case, there were two victims."

There was blood all over Ranstrom and Warner's apartment when police searched it following the Oct. 2, 1988, murder. Police found blood stains on two brown-handled steak knives, on a pair of socks, on a 4-foot length of two-by-four, a piece of terry cloth towel, and a piece of paper on a desk. There was blood in the living room and kitchen and, of course, the bedroom where the women were bound and stabbed repeatedly, according to a new affidavit Bourgeois filed in Hillsborough County Superior Court.

Police also found hairs in the women's apartment and a jean jacket with blood stains on them, according to the affidavit.

A number of those pieces of evidence were retested by three forensic laboratories after police reopened the investigation into the murders in October, according to the affidavit.

An independent lab, Bode Technologies, determined that the blood on the denim jacket was consistent with Warner's DNA and hair on the jacket was consistent with Caplin's DNA. It also determined that blood found on the white athletic socks had to have come from two men, according to Bourgeois' affidavit.

The FBI forensic lab tested a number of hairs recovered at the crime scene, five of which proved to be consistent with Caplin's DNA, according to the affidavit.

Bourgeois and Detective Robert Macleod visited the Restigouche Indian Reservation on Oct. 24 and spoke with Melissa Metallic at the Listuguj Police Department. She said that a week or two before the killings, Barnaby told her and her then-boyfriend Dion Methot that "he was going to kill two lesbians in Nashua that lived above him and cut them up with a chain saw," according to the affidavit.

Metallic said she didn't come forward after hearing about the murders because Barnaby and Caplin were already in jail, according to the affidavit.

Police also spoke with Michelle Gerling, who testified during Barnaby's trials as a 14-year-old. She said back then she didn't tell police that the day of the murder Barnaby told her "we are going to kill them," referring to Ranstrom and Warner. Gerling said she didn't offer that information during the trial because she was scared and told police she has felt guilty for not telling someone and maybe preventing the murders, according to the affidavit.

Police also spoke with Frank Metallic, who can corroborate Barnaby's disputed confession to police by testifying about details of the murder Barnaby revealed to him before talking to police, according to the affidavit.

Metallic didn't cooperate with police during the initial investigation because he didn't want to return to New Hampshire to testify. He told Bourgeois he is now willing to testify against both men, according to the affidavit.

Mark Sisti represented Barnaby at all three of his trials in the 1980s and early 1990s. He said he wasn't surprised at the new evidence police highlighted in the affidavit.

"I'm unimpressed so far," Sisti said. "This is the same case where they believed they had proof beyond a reasonable doubt three times before, and the jury disagreed with them."

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## Accused in Guatemalan Massacre Extradited to U.S.

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The former commander of an elite military unit accused of participating in the massacre of Guatemalan villagers was ordered Friday to be extradited to the U.S. to face perjury charges.

Jorge Vinicio Orantes Sosa, who was arrested while visiting family in Lethbridge, Alta., earlier this year, is sought by Guatemalan authorities who accuse him of war crimes.

The extradition hearing began Monday in a Calgary court.

Sosa will be granted 30 days in Canada as he is entitled to file an appeal of the ruling. The minister

of citizenship and immigration will have to sign an order before Sosa can be surrendered to American authorities.

Sosa was one of several commanding officers of a squad of "Kaibiles," an elite commando force accused of massacring the villagers of Dos Erres. A 60-person unit of fighters killed almost 200 people in 1982 in what is considered one of the bloodiest events of the 36-year Guatemalan civil war.

According to the U.S. extradition case, Guatemalan peasants were blindfolded, interrogated and killed by sledgehammer. Women and children were raped and villagers were thrown into a well.

Sosa was in his early 20s at the time of the killings.

According to the court, Sosa misled American authorities about his military service and participation in the crimes when he applied for citizenship there in 2008.

Sosa holds both American and Canadian citizenship, although defence lawyer Alain Hepner said he was unsure when the 53-year-old man applied for the latter.

Hepner said he was not surprised by the extradition ruling.

Sosa "knew it was coming," Hepner said after court had adjourned.

Hepner did not say whether Sosa would be filing an appeal. If not, he will be returned to California.

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## Al Qaeda Leader Mauritani May be Extradited to US

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Pakistan has decided to extradite recently captured senior Al Qaeda leader Yunis Al Mauritani along with two other high-ranking operatives of the terrorist organization to the US, a military official said on Thursday.

Mauritani who was believed to be Al Qaeda's external operations chief, and his two accomplices, Abdul Ghaffar Al Shami and Messara Al Shami, were arrested from the suburbs of Quetta on Monday by the country's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI).

Authorities confirmed that the US Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) had provided the technical assistance to track them down.

A military official told on condition of anonymity that the detained Al Qaeda operatives were likely to be handed over to the US.

"It is our stated policy that we extradite Al Qaeda members of foreign origin," the official said.

However, he did not give any timeframe for their extradition.

Meanwhile, Mauritani's arrest and Islamabad's decision on extraditing him is being viewed as a significant development to normalize relations between the ISI and CIA.

The level of co-operation between the two spy agencies had been strained ever since the US covert raid to kill Al Qaeda leader Osama Bin Laden in his compound in Abbottabad on May 2.

The arrest of Mauritani has been hailed by Washington as 'yet another blow to Al Qaeda.'

US Defense Secretary Leon Panetta on Tuesday said that Pakistan's capture of the senior Al Qaeda figure was an 'encouraging' sign that Islamabad was ready to bolster its cooperation with US counter-terrorism efforts.

He also reportedly said, "I assume that we will work with the Pakistanis to try to obtain access to the Al Qaeda militants."

Pakistan has handed over hundreds of Al Qaeda operatives to the US since the beginning of the global campaign against the militant organization following the 9/11 attacks in 2001.

But the policy has come under sharp criticism from some who believe that the government extradited many innocent people in return for dollars.

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## TV Producer Accused of

## Murdering his Wife Fights Extradition Order

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Attorneys for a former "Survivor" producer charged with killing his wife in Mexico argued in court papers filed Monday that a judge ignored conflicting evidence while permitting his extradition to stand trial in that country.

The motion filed by lawyers for Bruce Beresford-Redman contends the extradition ruling should be overturned because there is no physical evidence to support returning the reality television producer to Cancun.

The filing accuses U.S. Magistrate Judge Jacqueline Chooljian of "culling through the facts and selecting those most supportive of probable cause while rejecting those which were exculpatory or did not fit the government's theory of culpability."

The Emmy-nominated producer has been jailed in Los Angeles since November on a fugitive warrant. Chooljian ruled in late July there was probable cause to support his extradition.

Beresford-Redman is accused of killing his wife Monica on a family vacation in April 2010.

His attorneys filed a petition for writ of habeas corpus in August arguing that his detention was not supported by facts in the case. The filing offered no details, but Monday's document attacks the credibility of several pieces of evidence and witness statements.

U.S. District Judge Philip S. Gutierrez will consider Beresford-Redman's petition.

Both federal prosecutors and the sisters of Monica Beresford-Redman have said they expect

months of court and administrative proceedings before the producer is extradited. If he is convicted of aggravated homicide in Mexico, he faces 12 to 30 years in prison.

Prosecutors have presented statements from hotel guests who said they heard loud arguing and cries of distress coming from the couple's room on the night Monica Beresford-Redman went missing. Her body was found days later in a sewer cistern not far from the room the couple shared with their young children.

The producer's attorneys have claimed the noises came from Beresford-Redman and his children playing loud games throughout the night. They introduced statements from the couple's 6-year-old daughter to corroborate the claim, but the judge was not swayed.

The filing states Mexican authorities found no blood evidence in the couple's hotel room and argued that investigators, prosecutors and Chooljian used the fact that the couple was experiencing marital problems due to an affair by Bruce Beresford-Redman to support the theory that he killed his wife.

Chooljian stated in her July written ruling that she had considered all evidence, but the facts supported the case against the producer.

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## Woman Charged in 2007 Murder of Ex-Lover in DC To Be Extradited From Argentina Back To US

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Authorities in Argentina have agreed to extradite a woman wanted for a vicious murder in the District.

Blanca Ortiz has been locked up in Buenos Aires since last February on charges she killed her ex-lover in 2007. U.S. Marshals are expected to bring her back to the United States in the next two weeks.

Ortiz is accused of killing Gabriela Lopez in January of 2007 in what police describe as a crime of passion. The two had been lovers and detectives believe Ortiz stabbed Lopez to death in the bathroom of the victim's apartment.

In March of 2010, after the warrant was issued, but before Ortiz was in custody, the Commander of the D.C. Police Homicide Division, Captain Mike Farish said, "We have her on video, going in and out of the building itself."

But it wasn't enough to secure a warrant. In fact, it took detectives until September 2008 before prosecutors were convinced they

had enough to charge Ortiz with the crime.

But by then, Ortiz was in Argentina. And that is where she stayed until February of this year when Interpol took her into custody.

At the time of the murder, Lopez was 29 years old and Ortiz was 44.

Although Ortiz was a prime suspect in the days after the murder, police had no authority to keep her from leaving the country.

"To have a hold put on someone's passport status and ability to leave the country, you have to have more than a suspicion that they committed a crime," said Captain Farish. "And at that point, we didn't have more than a suspicion and by the time we had enough probable cause to show she did commit the crime, she had already left the states."

Law enforcement sources say Ortiz fought extradition every step of the way.

The murder warrant charges her with second-degree murder, but she has since been indicted on a more serious charge of first-degree murder while armed.

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