



Judges Block Extradition of Accused Mexican Drug Trafficker

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A Mexican federal court panel says an accused drug cartel "queen" can't be extradited to the U.S. on a charge for which she was acquitted in Mexico.

The appeals court also has upheld a judge who acquitted Sandra Avila Beltran on drug-trafficking, money-laundering and organized-crime charges in December, citing lack of evidence.

Both rulings made public Tuesday deal a blow to U.S. and Mexican efforts to prosecute Avila, who is known as the "Queen of the Pacific." She was arrested in 2007 and has remained in prison because of the U.S. extradition request.

It isn't clear if she will now be released. She still faces an unrelated money-laundering charge.

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Belize Businessman

Accused of Murder Faces Possible Extradition to US

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Belizean businessman Rhett Fuller is bracing for a possible arrest in Belize followed by potential extradition to the United States.

News came down on Tuesday that his appeal was dismissed by the Privy Council.

As has been widely reported, Fuller is wanted in the U.S. for first degree Murder in connection with the fatal shooting of an American National Larry Miller which occurred in 1990.

Fuller had appealed on the grounds that it was an abuse of power and that the Supreme Court and the Chief Magistrate had jurisdiction in an application for habeas corpus in an extradition case.

The ruling was that the court really has no jurisdiction in the matter, only the Minister of Foreign Affairs has the discretion to discharge a person committed in an extradition proceeding, on the grounds of abuse of process. So, now, Foreign Minister Wilfred Elrington has to decide if he will hand over Citizen Fuller.

As we understand it, He can refuse based on a number of issues, including ill health, fairness,

adequacy of evidence, delay of process, and if the extradition has become barred by lapse of time.

Fuller's attorney Eamon Courtenay told us that they have written to Elrington and asked what procedure he will adopt.

The solicitor general has replied and told them that the Minister of Foreign Affairs is reviewing the judgment and will be in touch with them.

Courtenay says they still have legal options here in Belize and they intend to pursue them.

Fuller told us he expects that his bail will be withdrawn any minute and that he needs to apply again for bail. Via email he said, "Any minute the police will arrest me and send me to jail. You can guess my state of mind at this point in time, I am depressed, frustrated and angry, the only thing left to give them is my blood."

And while Fuller reaches another low, we expect that the US will cling to its demand for extradition.

Miller was shot and killed on March 22, 1990 in Miami Dade County, Florida. A warrant was issued for Fuller's arrest the following day but before Fuller could have been apprehended, he left the U.S. for Belize.

On August 17, 1998, the U.S. Embassy in Belize made a formal request for Fuller's extradition to the U.S.

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Thai Court Reconsiders Bout's Extradition

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The Thai court in Bangkok has started the reconsideration of the decision on extradition of Russian businessman Viktor Bout to the US. Bout's lawyer filed the relevant demand back in 2010.

Bout was arrested in Thailand in 2008 following the request from the US authorities.

In 2010 he was extradited to New York. His lawyers claim this was done with the violation of the local legislation.

The US accuses Bout of illegal weapon trade but he denied the accusations. The jury court on Bout's case was slated on October 11.

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