



Fiji Man Wanted in US for Fraud

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A FIJI man wanted by the United States of America for alleged fraud was ordered into custody after the High Court in Suva yesterday dismissed his application for stay on extradition.

Aneal Maharaj was declared a fugitive by the US authorities and is wanted for an alleged scam in the State of Nevada.

On April 5 this year, the Suva Magistrates Court ordered Maharaj into custody and agreed that the wanted man could be extradited to USA.

Maharaj's lawyer Anand then filed an appeal on the ruling and asked for a stay of proceedings on the extradition.

Maharaj was granted bail until the High Court determined the stay order.

Justice Daniel Goundar ordered yesterday for Maharaj to be taken into custody.

"Now that his appeal has been dismissed, the custody order has to be restored for this court to make a determination whether he should be surrendered to the United States of America," Justice Goundar said.

"The extradition treaties that existed before the commencement of the Extradition Act of 2003 remains in force and that they have not been revoked," he said.

"In my judgment, the learned magistrate was correct in law to rule that the United States of America is a treaty country and that there exists an extradition treaty between Fiji and the United States of America," he added.

He said not recognizing extradition treaties would defeat the purpose for having extradition laws

and Fiji could become a potential haven for fugitives from the USA.

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Ex-Catwalk Star's Shocking Death in South Africa

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High-flying former American catwalk model Laura Brown, who was facing extradition to the US with her lawyer husband, Steve van Rooyen, died in Cape Town two weeks ago under strange circumstances.

The couple fled to SA several years ago when they were indicted by the US authorities for an alleged scam to provide a stem cell "cure" for neurological diseases.

They allegedly offered the fake medicine to terminally ill and

paralysed people across the US and Europe.

Brown, 40, died the week before last after she complained of pain in her lower back. "She went to bed and never woke up again," a close friend, who asked not to be named, said yesterday.

Brown, who had been separated from Van Rooyen, is said to have been suffering from depression since she lost their plush Llandudno mansion due to financial problems.

The couple's lawyer, Rudi Krause, indicated to The New Age that Van Rooyen, 49, was deeply disturbed by her death and not prepared to talk to the media.

He confirmed that the extradition hearing was due to continue on February 6 next year in the Kempton Park Magistrate's Court.

While the couple was still fighting the US Federal Bureau of Investigations' (FBI's) request for their extradition, one doctor in the UK, Robert Trossel, was struck from the medical registry in September last year for his role in the alleged scam with Van Rooyen and Brown. He is one of several doctors in the US and Europe using the couple's stem cell product.

During his hearing, it was said that Trossel made outlandish and unsubstantiated claims about the effectiveness of injections of stem cells in the treatment of multiple sclerosis and other diseases.

The hearing panel found that Trossel also provided bizarre additional treatment, called Aqua Tilis therapy, involving so-called antioxidant steam and magnetic field generators. In at least four patients' treatment, the stem cells the British doctor injected them with included "material containing

bovine brain and spinal cord live cells”.

Van Rooyen and Brown operated a company, BioMark International, in Atlanta, Georgia. It was shut down by the FBI following a sting operation by the Food and Drug Agency (FDA).

Soon afterwards they fled to SA where they opened a business in Hout Bay for an offshore company, Advanced Cell Therapeutics, based in Rotterdam in The Netherlands, offering stem cell treatment when they were arrested by Interpol and released on R200000 bail.

The therapy offered by them was simple and advertised as: “An injection of 1.5 million stem cells in the abdomen.” Everybody got the same type of cells, regardless of their disease. “Once in the body, the cells migrate to the site of the disease and begin producing the needed cells,” the BioMark information brochure said. If the couple were to be charged in the US and found guilty of 26 counts of wire fraud and 25 counts of cross-border transportation of a misbranded drug, they could face 20 years in jail.

The FBI’s lengthy international investigation into Van Rooyen and Brown’s activities resulted in a 51-page indictment handed down by a federal grand jury in Atlanta in March 2006, but by that time they had fled to SA.

They have treated about 800 patients in the US and in Europe, charging up to \$26000 (about R184000) for each treatment. The cells cost about \$1000 per patient.

Van Rooyen moved from Cape Town to Malibu in the US during the late 1990s where he met Brown, an attractive former model and yoga teacher with an interest in healing and health.

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Phuket Marine Murder: Kickboxer to be Extradited, Says British Source

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Kickboxer Lee Aldhouse is to be extradited to Thailand to face trial for the murder on Phuket of former US Marine Dashawn Longellow, a British newspaper is reporting.

The Daily Mirror says a government source told them: "The only way he could have realistically avoided extradition is if he would have faced the death penalty if found guilty. But the Thai Government have assured us that he will not."

Aldhouse, 28, has 14 days in which to appeal.

The stabbing murder of Longellow, 23, became a notorious case on Phuket as a manhunt was launched for his suspected killer.

Aldhouse was arrested at London's Heathrow airport a few days after the mid-August murder, having made his escape via Cambodia and a flight from Singapore.

Prosecution authorities in Bangkok are likely to be delighted with the precedent-setting decision by British Home Secretary Theresa May.

Once it is officially confirmed, Longfellow's family and friends in the US and on Phuket will be vastly relieved.

Prison conditions in Thailand were believed to be what caused the decision to run past the normal two months for a Home Secretary to decide whether an extradition is appropriate.

Phuket Prison is overcrowded with conditions well below international standards.

Authorities in Thailand will be anxiously awaiting a decision on whether Aldhouse chooses to appeal, a move that could mean a delay in the process or worse, extradition being refused.

Aldhouse, known as the Pitbull, picked a fight with Longfellow at the Freedom Bar in Rawai, a southern beachside spot on Phuket. Having lost the fight, Phuket police believe, Aldhouse collected two knives from a nearby 7-Eleven store and ambushed the former Marine when he returned to his apartment.

Did Lee Aldhouse Do It?

Phuketwan has posted dramatic footage of a man who looks like Lee Aldhouse obtaining two knives from a 7-Eleven store shortly before Mr Longfellow was stabbed to death. View the [footage](#).

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Extradited FARC leader convicted in U.S. on drug charges

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A Colombian man who federal authorities say was a leader of the leftist Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) was convicted in U.S. federal court Thursday of conspiring to import thousands of kilograms of cocaine into the United States, according to prosecutors.

Ignacio Leal Garcia, who was extradited from Colombia to the United States in July 2010, will be sentenced on November 17 and could get 10 years to life in prison, according to a news release from the U.S. attorney for the Southern District of New York. "In connection with its request for extradition, the United States has assured the Government of Colombia that it will not seek a life sentence for Leal Garcia," the release said.

Leal Garcia, 41, is one of five alleged FARC leaders extradited by the United States on the same federal indictment, and the other four defendants already have been convicted, according to the U.S. attorney's office.

In the indictment and other court papers, prosecutors describe the FARC as being "a hierarchical organization comprised of twelve to eighteen thousand members" and as being a military-style organization responsible for production and shipment of more

than half of the world's supply of cocaine and nearly two-thirds of the cocaine imported into the United States.

Leal Garcia, who was captured in April 2009, was leader of a FARC section that controlled all cocaine production and trafficking in a 9,000-square-mile area near Colombia's border with Venezuela, prosecutors said.

"To exercise this control, Leal Garcia organized regular meetings in the various municipalities ... where he threatened death or exile for anyone who failed to cooperate with the FARC's control of coca farming, cocaine production and cocaine trafficking in the region," the release from U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara said.

Leal Garcia supervised production and distribution of "thousands of tons of cocaine" intended for the U.S. market, the statement said, with profits from drug sales going to fund the FARC.

"Recognizing that the FARC could not survive without its cocaine revenue, the indicted members of the FARC leadership directed its members to attack and disrupt coca eradication fumigation efforts," the news release added. "FARC leaders also ordered FARC members to kidnap and murder United States citizens in an effort to dissuade the United States from continuing to contribute to coca eradication."

The FARC has been at war with the Colombian government since the 1960s. While severely weakened in recent years, the leftist guerrilla group has continued to carry out kidnappings and attack security forces in the South American nation.

The United States and the European Union consider the FARC a terrorist organization.

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