



Drug Charged Dad May Wait 2 Years to be Heard by Supreme Court

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A Father-of-six facing extradition to the United States for allegedly exporting chemicals to make drugs today claimed he faces up to two years on remand in Saughton Prison until his appeal is heard by the Supreme Court.

Brian Howes and his wife, Kerry Anne, last week won the right to take their case to the UK's highest court in London in the latest round of their legal battle.

Mrs. Howes, 33, was released on bail to go home and care for the couple's children, including an 18-week-old baby son, but her 47-year-old husband was remanded in custody.

Speaking to the Evening News from jail, Mr. Howes said his lawyers had told him they were confident the pair would win their case at the Supreme Court.

He hit out at the appeal court's ruling that it was not satisfied Mr. Howes would make himself available for extradition and ordered him to stay behind bars.

Mr. Howes also revealed the couple are facing the threat of losing their home as mortgage arrears to mount up.

He said: "We expect that the case against us will be thrown out by the Supreme Court, but my lawyers have told me that it could be two years before a decision comes out. I believe I'm being punished for dragging this case out for so long over the last four years, which we've done because we're innocent.

"I've been on remand throughout our children's summer holidays and now they're going back to school and I'm facing two more years in

Saughton. My children are all distraught and my two-year-old is not sleeping at night at the moment.

"I don't have a passport and I have a red card notice against me which flags up any attempt to travel abroad so I'm not a flight risk. I also volunteered to surrender myself to the authorities again before the Supreme Court decision comes out and sign in at a police station every day.

"I can't get a bail appeal unless there's a change in my circumstances. The way it's working out, I've already spent a year on remand and this could be another two years. That would be the equivalent of a six-year sentence with good behaviour and I've never been charged with anything."

The Howes lost a bid last month at the Court of Criminal Appeal in Edinburgh to stop them being sent to Arizona to face trial, but the same court last week gave them leave to go to the Supreme Court.

The Bo'ness couple, who are accused of exporting chemicals to illegal drug labs producing highly addictive crystal meth, were arrested in January 2007 by police on behalf of the US Drug Enforcement Agency

Mr. Howes added: "We're a year-and-a-half behind on our mortgage, so my wife is terrified we are going to lose the house.

"It's a bungalow worth £135,000, and I don't know where the children would go if it was repossessed."

During last week's appeal hearing, Lord Mackay said the judges would allow leave for the Howes to appeal on issues relating to Article 8 of the European Convention on Human

Rights, governing the right to family life, which had arisen during the proceedings.

The US authorities allege the couple sold chemicals to customers through the internet knowing that they would be used to make crystal meth.

The Howes maintain they ran a legitimate chemical business.

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Australia Hoax Collar Bomb Suspect Arrested in US

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The New South Wales police commissioner says he's in awe of the work conducted by his team that led to today's arrest of a man in the United States, over the collar bomb hoax on a Sydney schoolgirl.

The bomb threat was made against 18-year-old Madeleine

Pulver on Sydney's north shore 2 weeks ago.

This morning the FBI swooped on a suspect in Louisville, Kentucky.

New South Wales Police are now seeking the extradition of the 50-year-old man.

The man alleged to be behind the horrific act has been named as 50-year-old Paul "Doug" Peters.

After a 2 week long investigation, New South Wales Police, the FBI have arrested him at his ex-wife's home in Louisville Kentucky in America's south.

It was the news the Pulver family has been waiting for.

Two weeks ago their lives were turned upside down when a balaclava-clad (masked) man entered their Mosman home on Sydney's north shore and strapped a device around the neck of 18-year-old school student, Madeleine Pulver.

They endured 10 hours of torment, before police could remove the device and confirm it wasn't a bomb.

Madeleine Pulver's father, Bill Pulver, addressed the media today, "On behalf of Maddie and the entire family, we are enormously relieved that an arrest has been made in the United States overnight. These past two weeks have been a very difficult time for us and we are hopeful that this development marks the beginning of the end of this traumatic ordeal for our family."

This morning, Australian time, an FBI SWAT team swooped on a Louisville property and took Paul Peters in to custody.

The commander of State Crime Command for New South Wales Police is Dave Hudson who reported that the suspect was surprised.

Police say Mr. Peters left Australia for the US on August 8th, five days after the hoax, but it was only after that, last week, that he became a suspect.

Immediately New South Wales Police contacted the FBI and two New South Wales police officers arrived in Louisville last night.

One is the superintendent commander of the Robbery and Serious Crimes Unit Luke Moore, who briefed the media in Louisville. Moore reported that it was a fairly normal arrest. "Obviously the FBI people affected the arrest and I believe Mr. Peters was the only person in the house at the time and the arrest was done fairly swiftly and safely, there was no incident surrounding it."

Mr. Peters is believed to commute between Australia and the US. He has family in both countries and has done business in both.

Madeleine Pulver's father Bill runs a software company. Police have declined to comment on whether the suspect is involved in the IT industry, but the State Crime Command's Dave Hudson says they are still investigating connections between Bill Pulver's business and the suspect. "There are some links between the two, between the suspect and the family however no direct links and that's still a matter of investigation. The actual ins and outs of motive and everything else are yet to be determined and that's part of our ongoing investigation."

Police are yet to charge Mr. Peters but they're treating the incident as an extortion attempt and have indicated that he could face aggravated break and enter and kidnapping charges, which carry lengthy jail terms.

But first Mr. Peters has to be extradited to Australia, which could take some time.

"It's all dependent up on whether extradition is defended and that's one of the key points in how long it will take. We will be given a certain amount of time once he appears at court to prepare a brief of evidence and serve that brief if extradition is contested from the

United States and we'll be in a position to do that," Hudson said.

New South Wales' police commissioner Andrew Scipione praised the investigators involved, "Their efforts have brought us to the point where today there has been an arrest. A brilliant investigation, they are to be commended."

At this stage, police allege Mr. Peters acted alone. He is expected to appear in a Louisville Court at 9.30 tomorrow morning local time - that's late tonight Australian time.

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Nigerian Accused of Defrauding US Law Firms Extradited to US

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Justice Department: Man targeted Midstate law firms in collection scam

A Nigerian man has been extradited to the U.S. and will stand trial for his accused involvement in a collection scam that targeted law

firms in the U.S. and Canada including some in the Midstate, authorities said.

Emmanuel Ekhaton worked with Yvette Mathurin of Canada to scam law firms into wiring money overseas, according to the Justice Department.

He faces charges that include wire fraud, money laundering and mail fraud.

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