



Lockerbie Bomber Found in Libya; Won't Be Extradited to US

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There seems to be little chance now that the only person tried and convicted for the 1988 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Scotland will be turned over to the U.S. for prosecution.

While the rebel-run Transitional National Council in Libya says it knows the whereabouts of so-called "Lockerbie bomber" Abdel Basset al-Megrahi, a representative for the group made it clear Sunday that "We will not give any Libyan citizen to the West."

Al-Megrahi was tried in Scotland for the terrorist bombing that killed 270 people, most of them Americans returning home for the Christmas holidays. Two years ago, al-Megrahi was freed on compassionate grounds because his physician said he was dying of terminal cancer and only had a short time to live.

His release alone outraged the U.S. State Department and victims' families, but the most upsetting aspect of al-Megrahi's return to Libya was the hero's welcome he received from thousands upon arriving in Tripoli.

Two years later, al-Megrahi, who has always maintained his innocence, is still alive but said to be gravely ill. CNN reports that he is in a coma and residing at his villa in Tripoli under the care of his family members, who say he is near death.

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State Department to Decide Extradition Case of Accused Collar Bomb Hoax Suspect

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The U.S. State Department will ultimately decide if a man arrested in Oldham County on international terrorism charges will be extradited to Australia.

50-year old Paul Peters was arrested by federal agents and Australian authorities at the home of his ex-wife in Buckner on August 13. Peters is accused of strapping a fake bomb to the neck of an 18-year-old girl, the daughter of an Australian businessman, and leaving a ransom note.

An extradition hearing is set for October 14 in Louisville. U.S. prosecutors said they expect Australian authorities to submit a formal request for Peters' arrest, extradition and surrender to the U.S. State Department before that date.

Peters' attorney says he'll fight the charges.

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Accused Guatemalan War Criminal Fights Extradition to U.S.

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Canadian officials on Monday began an extradition hearing to determine whether a Moreno Valley martial arts instructor and

accused Guatemalan war criminal should be returned to the United States for alleged immigration offenses.

Jorge Vinicio Orantes Sosa is accused by U.S. prosecutors of concealing his foreign military service and lying under oath when he applied for U.S. citizenship in March 2008 and said he hadn't committed any crime.

U.S. authorities say Sosa was a commander in a Guatemalan special forces unit that killed more than 150 civilians, including children, in the so-called Dos Erres massacre in 1982. Members of the unit allegedly beat villagers to death with a sledgehammer.

Cynthia Dickens, a U.S. Justice Department lawyer, told the Canadian hearing that witnesses would testify that Sosa participated in the killings, the Calgary Herald reported.

U.S. officials have asked Canadian authorities to send Sosa back to the U.S. to face immigration charges. If convicted, Sosa could be sentenced to as much as 15 years in federal prison. He also could be stripped of his U.S. citizenship and deported.

After Canadian police took Sosa into custody in January, his daughter, Christina Sosa, accused the U.S. government of using her father as a political scapegoat for the atrocity. She said the man who allegedly ordered the killings -- Gen. Efraim Rios Montt, a former president known for his "scorched earth" campaign against the rebels -- still was serving in Guatemala's Congress.

A court in Spain also has issued arrest warrants for Sosa.

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Mexico Extradites Suspected Drug Trafficker to U.S.

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A Mexican citizen wanted by a federal court in Texas on criminal conspiracy and drug charges has been extradited to the United States, the Attorney General's Office said.

Hambler Marquez Castro was handed over "to members of the U.S. Marshals Service of the United States government" last Friday at the Mexico City international airport, the AG's office said.

The suspected drug trafficker was turned over to U.S. authorities under the terms of the bilateral extradition treaty, the AG's office said.

Marquez was wanted by the U.S. Federal District Court for the Western District of Texas on charges that he belonged to a criminal organization involved in drug trafficking from 2006 to 2009.

The suspect allegedly "was in charge of transporting large quantities of cocaine, heroin and marijuana" to El Paso, Texas, and New York, the Attorney General's Office said.

Marquez, who was arrested by federal agents on March 12, 2010, was being held at a prison in Aldama, a city in the Gulf state of Veracruz.

The suspect was extradited after he exhausted all his appeals in the Mexican court system, the AG's office said.

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Kidnapped Pompano Beach Toddler's Mom Detained in UAE

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Pompano Beach dad has been embroiled in international custody battle since baby was taken overseas in August of 2010.

A mom accused of abducting her toddler from Pompano Beach and fleeing to the United Arab Emirates was detained with her parents as they attempted to leave that country Friday, said the girl's father.

"The FBI told me to be on standby for the next flight out," said Christopher Dahm, "but they also told me not get my hopes up."

Dahm has been working to get his now two-year-old daughter Gabby back since August 2010, when his ex-wife Leslie Delbecq failed to drop their daughter off at his house as per a joint custody arraignment.

Federal investigators shortly discovered three one-way plane tickets for Delbecq, her mother, and Gabby Dahm to Abu Dhabi, where Delbecq's father works as chief training pilot for national airline Etihad.

After a federal indictment took the unprecedented step of including Delbecq's parents in charges of international parental kidnapping, Interpol issued an arrest warrant this month for all three Delbecqs that prevented them from international travel.

The family were detained and arrested at the Abu Dhabi airport as they attempted to leave the Emirates, Dahm was told by state department officials.

However, the UAE does not have an extradition agreement with the United States, and for now the Delbecqs remain out on bond and in custody of Gabby.

"The FBI...confirmed that they were arrested and quickly bonded out," Dahm said. "The [U.S.] government has been seeking extradition, but it's really in the hands of the Abu Dhabi judge, and we don't know when he'll make that determination."

"I do think that what happened this weekend is going to help me get my daughter back faster...I'm just taking it on a day-by-day basis."

Earlier this month, the desperate father described his emotional state on the one-year anniversary of Gabby's abduction.

"I've been reflecting a lot," he said. "I think about 'what does she look like? How tall is she? What does she like to do? What does she like to eat? Are they taking care of her?' That scares me."

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Guatemala to Extradite former President Portillo to U.S. to Face Money Laundering Charges

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Guatemala's Constitutional Court Friday ratified the extradition of former President Alfonso Portillo to the United States, where he faces money laundering charges.

Portillo, who was president from 2000 to 2004, is accused of laundering \$70 million through U.S. banks.

"This court has voted unanimously to deny the appeal by Alfonso Antonio Portillo Cabrera and consequently the extradition order to the United States holds firm," said Alejandro Maldonado Aguirre, president of the court.

No date has been set for the extradition, which also must be

approved by President Alvaro Colom.

The court recommended that Portillo, currently under house arrest, be moved to a detention center until Colom makes a decision on the case.

A federal grand jury in New York requested Portillo's extradition in January, claiming he and a team of co-conspirators embezzled Guatemalan public funds and hid the money in offshore accounts.

The U.S. grand jury's indictment claims Portillo, 59, also laundered money through European accounts and French prosecutors are investigating the allegations.

In May, a Guatemalan court dismissed charges from the country's Public Ministry that the former head of state stole \$15 million from the military in 2001.

Portillo, who took office promising to redistribute wealth in the poverty-plagued Central American country, fled Guatemala for Mexico shortly after completing his term in 2004. He was extradited from Mexico to Guatemala in 2008 to stand trial.

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