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Canada to Extradite 5 Fugitives Accused in Mass Marketing Scheme to US

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Five Canadian fugitives wanted in connection with a mass-marketing fraud were arrested on Wednesday and are in custody for extradition to the United States.

The five – three men and two women – were arrested by the Toronto Police Fugitive Squad assisted by the Provincial ROPE Squad.

They are: Stanley Akubueze,54, and Christopher Ozurus,43, both of Vaughan; Joanna Ferensowicz,43, of Woodbridge; Earnestine Dunkley,34, of Mississauga; and Philip Utomi,56, of Toronto.

The five are accused of defrauding 419 persons in the United States at a total sum of CAD3.36 million.

A sixth person Dan Agbasi,45, of Mississauga is also wanted on an extradition warrant. He is described as 5'8", tall, weighs 161 lbs, with black hair and brown eyes. Persons with information are asked to contact police at 416-808-5930.

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Alleged Drug Kingpin's Extradition Case Postponements Set Record

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The hearings for the U.S. extradition request of alleged drugs kingpin Ramon Antonio del Rosario Puente (Toño Leña) has set a record in postponements, surpassing the milestone cases of ex Army captain Quirino Paulino and his associate Ernesto Bienvenido Guevara Diaz (Maconi).

Until now the Supreme Court's 2nd Penal Chamber has rescheduled the hearings seven times, without explanations by the authorities on the extradition request for the man wanted in Puerto Rico, where he faces several charges of conspiracy to introduce large amounts of cocaine to the U.S.

Yesterday's hearing was postponed for October 26, a date that will take the length of the case to around 10 months, since it began January 19, 2011, to that.

The argument this time was that del Rosario's defense hadn't been notified (in 10 months) of the evidence contained in Puerto Rico's request.

Paulino and Guevara

Del Rosario's extradition case has taken more time than those of Paulino and Guevara, since the former took one month and the latter around three months.

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Fugitive denied stay In extradition from Fiji to US

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The High Court in Suva has ruled that Aneal Maharaj be extradited to face 15 charges ranging from fraud to money laundering in the US.

And Judge Justice Daniel Goundar refused a stay order on extradition proceedings yesterday.

He said Mr. Maharaj was a citizen of Fiji but his identity was not an issue.

At the time he allegedly committed the offences, Justice Goundar said Mr. Maharaj was a legitimate resident of the US.

In his ruling, Justice Goundar said as far as the extradition proceeding was concerned, there was no evidence of abuse of process by the authorities in Fiji or the United States, to justify a stay.

"As far as the extradition proceeding is concerned, there is no evidence of abuse of process by the authorities in Fiji or the US, to justify a stay," he said.

"Stay is refused," he ruled.

"Taking all these matters into account and Fiji's obligation towards international co-operation to combat crime, I conclude that Mr. Maharaj be surrendered to the United States for trial on counts 1-7, 9 and 11-18 contained in the Second Superseding Indictment filed on 15 October 2008 in the United States District Court, Nevada.

"Accordingly, I issue a surrender warrant for Mr. Maharaj pursuant to section 19 of the Extradition Act of 2003." Mr. Maharaj is charged with one count of mail fraud, three counts of wire fraud, one count of structuring transactions to avoid reporting requirements, five counts of money laundering, one count of tax evasion, six counts of bank fraud, and one count of false declaration in relation to a bankruptcy petition.

Justice Goundar said Mr. Maharaj's trial would be held in the US

"The court has no jurisdiction to stay the trial that is to be held in the United States," he said.

"Mr. Maharaj in his affidavit refers to various matters to support his grounds for a stay. The issues raised in the affidavit are argumentative and relates to his trial in the United States."

Justice Goundar said given all those safeguards that were available to the defendants in the US, there was no basis to conclude that Mr. Maharaj's trial would be oppressive or unfair.

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U.S. Marshals Announce the Extradition of Lionel Scott Harris

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Don O'Keefe, the United States Marshal for the District of Northern California announced the extradition of Lionel Scott Harris from Venezuela.

U.S. State Department Agents in San Francisco, working with Deputy United States Marshals, located and arrested Harris in Venezuela earlier this year. Harris was convicted of importing marijuana into the United States in excess of 1,000 Kilograms in 1990. Harris failed to appear for sentencing and is thought to have fled to Venezuela at that time.

Harris was extradited to the United States, September 19, 2011, and is in the custody of the United State Marshals Service in Miami. Harris is expected to return to the Northern District of California where he will be sentenced on the criminal conviction from 1990, as well as face possible new charges for failure to appear.

The U.S. Marshals Service is the primary federal agency conducting both domestic and international fugitive investigations.

The U.S. Marshals Service regularly works in concert with other federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies to seek out and arrest violent fugitives and sex offenders and has established task forces throughout the nation to facilitate the apprehension of fugitives.

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