

Judge spells out prosecutors' disclosure duties to Maduro and Cilia Flores in writing

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Judge Alvin K. Hellerstein · Docket entry #270 · Filed 2026-01-05 · Filed by: Court

What happened

On January 5, 2026, Judge Alvin K. Hellerstein issued an order, under Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 5(f) and the Due Process Protections Act, confirming the government's obligation to disclose to the defense all information favorable to the accused that bears on guilt or punishment (known as "Brady" material), and all information that could be used to impeach a government witness (known as "Giglio" material). The order applies to both Nicolás Maduro and Cilia Flores.

What it means

This is a standard, routine early order in federal criminal cases, but it puts in writing the consequences if prosecutors fail to comply: from sanctions to, in extreme cases, dismissal of charges. It reflects no new accusation and no ruling on the merits of the case.

What happens next

The docket does not tie a specific date to this order; the disclosure obligation continues throughout the case.

Key passages from the filing (verbatim)

"The Government must disclose to the defense all information "favorable to an accused" that is "material either to guilt or to punishment" and that is known to the Government."

Page 1 — States the central obligation the order imposes.

"the Court, in addition to ordering production of the information, may: (1) specify the terms and conditions of such production; (2) grant a continuance; (3) impose evidentiary sanctions"

Page 2 — Shows the consequences spelled out if prosecutors fail to comply.

Docket text (official, in English)

RULE 5(F) ORDER as to Nicolas Maduro Moros, Cilia Adela Flores De Maduro. (Signed by Judge Alvin K. Hellerstein on 1/5/26)(jw) (Entered: 01/05/2026)

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