

Maduro and Flores withdraw motions to dismiss after amended OFAC licenses

United States v. Maduro Moros et al. · S.D.N.Y. No. 1:11-cr-00205

Judge Alvin K. Hellerstein · Docket entry #306 · Filed 2026-04-24 · Filed by: Government

What happened

Prosecutors and the defense told the court in a joint letter that OFAC (the U.S. Treasury office that administers sanctions) issued amended licenses to counsel for Nicolás Maduro and Cilia Flores. According to the letter, the licenses authorize defense counsel to receive payments from the Government of Venezuela under certain conditions, including that the funds became available after March 5, 2026. The defendants therefore withdraw their motions to dismiss.

What it means

The motions to dismiss rested on issues tied to paying the defense, which the government says the amended licenses resolved. The withdrawal is "without prejudice," so the defense could refile if similar issues arise. The parties also ask to exclude time under the Speedy Trial Act so the government can produce discovery and the defense can review it.

What happens next

The parties ask the judge for a status conference in about 60 days; the letter sets no date.

Key passages from the filing (verbatim)

"The amended licenses authorize defense counsel to receive payments from the Government of Venezuela under certain conditions"

Page 1 — Explains what the OFAC licenses now allow.

"The defendants therefore withdraw their motions as moot, without prejudice to refiling them should similar issues arise in the future."

Page 1 — Confirms the withdrawal and that the motions could be refiled.

Docket text (official, in English)

JOINT LETTER MOTION addressed to Judge Alvin K. Hellerstein from USA dated 04/24/2026 re: OFAC Licenses . Document filed by USA as to Nicolas Maduro Moros, Cilia Adela Flores De Maduro. (Lasky, Kaylan) (Entered: 04/24/2026)

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