

Court declared Saab a fugitive after he failed to appear post-indictment

United States v. Alex Nain Saab Morán · S.D. Fla. No. 1:19-cr-20450 (2019 case)
Judge Robert N. Scola Jr. · Docket entry #5 · Filed 2019-08-26 · Filed by: Court

What happened

On August 26, 2019, Judge Robert N. Scola Jr. ordered, on his own initiative, that the case against Alex Saab and Álvaro Pulido Vargas be transferred to fugitive status, since neither defendant had made an initial appearance since being formally indicted on July 25, 2019.

What it means

The 'fugitive status' designation is a court bookkeeping step [an administrative case classification] showing the defendants were not in custody and had not appeared before the court. Saab was outside the United States at the time and would not be arrested until nearly a year later, in June 2020, in Cape Verde.

What happens next

The next documented milestone in the case is his June 2020 arrest in Cape Verde and the extradition process that followed.

Key passages from the filing (verbatim)

"Since the defendants have not made an initial appearance, they are transferred to fugitive status."

Page 1 — Explains the formal reason for the order.

Docket text (official, in English)

ORDER Transferring to Fugitive Status as to Alex Nain Saab Moran, Alvaro Pulido Vargas. Signed by Judge Robert N. Scola, Jr on 8/26/2019. See attached document for full details. (lk) (Entered: 08/27/2019)

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