

Alex Saab makes first Miami court appearance after extradition

United States v. Alex Nain Saab Morán · S.D. Fla. No. 1:26-cr-20020

Judge Kathleen M. Williams · Docket entry #17 · Filed 2026-05-18 · Filed by: Court

What happened

On May 18, 2026, Alex Saab appeared for the first time before a federal judge in Miami following his arrival in the United States. The government sought pretrial detention (PTD), and the defense agreed to it through a stipulation (a formal agreement between the parties), with the right to revisit the issue later. Defense counsel filed a temporary notice of appearance and waived the right to a speedy trial to allow more preparation time.

What it means

This means Saab will remain in federal custody as the case continues, with no bond set. The speedy trial waiver gives the defense additional time to prepare, and the court found that this time should be excluded from the legal deadline for trial.

What happens next

The next hearing, for a report on counsel and arraignment, is set for June 24, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. in Miami.

Key passages from the filing (verbatim)

"The parties stipulated to PTD w/the right to revisit. Government ore tenus motion for PTD -GRANTED-. Pursuant to the stipulation. No hearing held. Defense counsel waived speedy trial for reasons stated on the record."

Page 1 — This shows the detention agreement and speedy trial waiver central to the entry.

Docket text (official, in English)

Minute Order for proceedings held before Magistrate Judge Marty Fulgueira Elfenbein: Initial Appearance as to Alex Nain Saab Moran held on 5/18/2026. Defense counsel filed a temporary notice of appearance. Government seeks PTD. Bond recommendation/set: Alex Nain Saab Moran (2) The parties stipulated to Pretrial Detention with the right to revisit. No hearing held. Date of Arrest or Surrender: 5/18/2026. Defense counsel waived speedy trial for reasons stated on the record, the time from today through the rescheduled date is excluded from the deadline for trial as computed under the Speedy Trial Act. The Court finds that the ends of justice served by granting this continuance outweigh the interests of the defendant and the public in a speedy trial. Time excluded from 5/18/2026 until 6/24/2026. Arraignment and Report Re: Counsel Hearing set for 6/24/2026 10:00 AM in Miami Division before MIA Duty Magistrate Judge. Spanish Interpreter present. Digital 14:16:57; 14:19:26) Signed by Magistrate Judge Marty Fulgueira Elfenbein on 5/18/2026. (kan) (Entered: 05/19/2026)

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