

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION

ADMINISTRATIVE COURT

**IN THE MATTER OF AN APPEAL UNDER SECTION 105 OF THE EXTRADITION
ACT 2003**

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Applicant

-v-

JULIAN ASSANGE

Respondent

**Respondent's Amplified Chronology Surrounding Disclosure of Mr Assange's
Family Situation and the Service of Professor
Kopelman's Reports**

- 11 April 2019** **Julian Assange arrested** at the Ecuadorian Embassy.
Arrested on US extradition request dated **December 22nd**
2017.
- 20 May 2019** **Contact made by Witness 1 to Spanish law firm** Aitor
Martinez Jiménez "AMJ" (AMJ Second Statement 18th
December 2019.)
- 14 June 2019** **Case management hearing:** (District Judge Baraitser)
Extradition hearing listed for **24 – 28 February 2020.**
Directions set leading up to the February hearing including
defence evidence to be served by **18 October 2019.**
- 29 July 2019** **Criminal complaint filed by Mr Assange with Spanish**
Central Investigative Court (Audiencia Nacional)
(Assange legal teams in Spain and UK party to the potential
witness testimony outlining discussions of kidnap/poisoning
of JA/capture of baby's DNA/targeting of Stella
Moris/proposed theft from lawyers of contents of electronic
devices. (AMJ Second Statement as above) (GP Fifth
Statement comments upon higher level of anxiety caused for
defence preparation as a consequence.)

- 7 August 2019** **Audiencia Nacional** admits criminal complaint and directs secrecy of case. (AMJ Second Statement as above and AMJ Third Statement 21st February 2020.)
- 7 August 2019** **Professor Kopelman interviews Stella Moris** (MK First Report 17th December 2019).
- 14 August 2019** **Spanish Court orders David Morales Guillen’s mobile phone to be tapped** He is on yacht owned by Sheldon Adelson, major funder of Donald Trump campaign (Third Statement of Bridget Prince 12th February 2020, AMJ Fourth Witness Statement /updated chronology of Spanish proceedings 1st October 2020).
- 3 September 2019** **Spanish witnesses granted protected status by the Court (including police protection if required).** (AMJ Third witness statement as above).
- 17 September 2019** **Morales Guillen’s house searched, two weapons with numbers erased (one loaded) seized together with substantial electronic data.** (Police investigation conducted by Central Unit of Specialised and Violent Crime, Kidnapping and Extortion Section). (AMJ Second Statement as above)
- 2 October 2019** **Spanish witnesses testify to Spanish Court** (AMJ Fourth Statement as above /Chronology).
- 4 October 2019** **Spanish Court lifts secrecy of case.** (AMJ Fourth Statement as above/Chronology).
- 18 October 2019** **Defence evidence served** but unable to serve majority anticipated. Submissions on political offence served.
- (Seven expert reports and statements included with two volumes documentary exhibits Re: Trial/prison issues; Re: Espionage Act; Re: Grand Juries/Chelsea Manning; Re: Introduction to Spanish Criminal Complaint).

- 21 October 2019** **Case management hearing:**
Defence application to extend directions for service of evidence to **18 December 2019**. Granted in light of difficulties including legal contact with Mr Assange.
- 20 November 2019** **Metropolitan Police inform Mr Assange he is to give evidence to Spanish Court** via Westminster videolink (document served summarised facts of case sent by Spanish Court) *“Morales Guillen carried out acts which impinged on Julian Paul Assange’s privacy and on the privacy of Julian Paul Assange’s lawyers, by placing bugging devices and other means inside the Embassy of the Republic of Ecuador in London without the consent of those affected. The information thus obtained was handed over to third parties or institutions, among whom are authorities of the Republic of Ecuador as well as US Agents”*. (AMJ Fourth Statement as above/Chronology).
- December 2019** Defence made aware informally of difficulties with hearing dates in February; unlikely case will proceed to final hearing in February 2020.
- 17 December 2019** Professor Kopelman’s Report and Exhibits sent to defence solicitors (23:51pm).
- 17/18 December 2019** **Defence solicitors receive eleven further reports and/or statements in addition to above** Re: Jury composition; Re: Alexandria Detention Centre; Re: Trial issues; including five volumes of documentary exhibits. Detailed witness evidence (Spanish witness statements served anonymised) regarding discussions re kidnap and/or poisoning at behest of US intelligence agency, hostile surveillance of Mr Assange and visitors including lawyers in the Ecuadorian embassy, and including surveillance of Ms Moris and attempts to establish her identity and obtain DNA from her child’s nappy.
- 18 December 2019** **Defence solicitors serve the above on Court and CPS and provide to defence legal team.** (As requested by the Court, a list of all witnesses defence intend to rely on and a summary of the issues to which their evidence goes and the likely time estimated for each witness in which evidence will be provided to the Court to comply with Directions).

- 19 December 2019** **Case management hearing:**
 Court extends deadline for service of outstanding defence evidence until 10 January 2020.
 Estimated length of hearing extended to 3-4 weeks.
 US government formally indicates to the Court leading counsel not available except for first week (24 – 29 February 2020), and are directed to put any application to move the hearing date in writing.
- Court extends deadline for service of outstanding defence evidence until 10th January 2020. Estimated length of hearing extended to three to four weeks.
- 8 January 2020** Correspondence between defence and prosecution team regarding potential alternative hearing dates in May 2020.
- 10 - 17 January 2020** **Defence serve further evidence.** Eleven further expert reports and/or witness statements included ten volumes of documentary evidence:
 Re: Computer forensic analysis; Re: Journalism; Re: Fair trial issues; Re: Prison medical care; Re: Seizure of legally privileged material; Re: Espionage Act First Amendment political motivation; Re: US constitution; Re: Asylum; Re: History and content of publications.
- 17 January 2020** Defence psychiatrist Dr Deeley (and colleague Emma Woodhouse) visit Mr Assange at HMP Belmarsh for interview and assessment.
- 18 January 2020** US government apply to Court for a split hearing, with first two weeks proceeding in February 2020 and the second two weeks at a later date. (No psychiatric evidence due to be heard until the later date).
- 4th Week January** Professor Kopelman returns from Australia. (No conferences now proposed until after February hearing).
- 23 January 2020** **Case management hearing**
 4 week listing vacated in favour of a bifurcated hearing, with week 1 on **24 – 28 February 2020**, and weeks 2 – 4 on **18 May – 5 June 2020**. Week 1 is to deal with opening the case on both sides, and legal argument on political offence submission and abuse of process. No evidence to be heard.

Later hearing to deal with all other matters including psychiatric evidence.

- 12 - 21 February 2020 Further Defence Evidence Served.** Fifteen further statements and Expert Opinion served Re: Publication/Political offence, Re: Passage of time; Re: Analysis of publication of Cables (Further volumes of documentary exhibits).
- 24 February 2020** First week of hearing dealing with opening and legal argument proceeds at Woolwich Crown Court. Question of how to deal with anonymity of Spanish witnesses (anonymised by Spanish Court) raised. Parties indicate intention to reach agreement on best approach.
- 1st Week March** **Stella Moris moves to address of a family friend from address leased under her own name** (as in SM statement in bail proceedings/ amplified reference made during bail application).
- 8 March 2020** Communications between parties working out confidentiality ring within US team to be informed of identity of Spanish witnesses. (Following suggestions in February hearing of possibility of resolution of anonymity application).
- 10 March 2020** First conference post February preliminary hearing – Counsel, solicitors and Mr Assange.
- 10 March 2020** Covid-19 beginning to impact on work/offices/meeting places.
- 11/18 March 2020** Prosecution psychiatrist Dr Blackwood visits Mr Assange at HMP Belmarsh. His relationship with (unnamed) current partner discussed and established that while he was in the Ecuadorian Embassy he had two children within that relationship (Dr Blackwood Report).
- 16 March 2020** Prosecution psychiatrist Professor Fazel visits Mr Assange at HMP Belmarsh for first interview.
- 20 March 2020** Bail application lodged.

- 23 March 2020** **Three medical opinions served** (dealing only with transfer of pandemic and Mr Assange's pre-existing vulnerability to lung infections: commissioned by defence during preceding week served in support of bail). (No psychiatric evidence put forward or reference made to any).
- 24 March 2020** Witness Statement of Ms Stella Moris served on Court and CPS (providing full name Stella Moris-Smith Robinson – changed previously by deed poll) confirming her identity as Mr Assange's partner and mother of his two youngest children as one aspect of the bail application.
- 25 March 2020** **Bail application** made to Westminster Magistrates' Court. Defence application to keep the identity of Stella Moris and her two children anonymous on Article 8 grounds, and in light of safety fears. Prosecution oppose bail but support anonymity application on Article 8 grounds.
- Application for bail refused by District Judge.
Application for anonymity also refused.**
- (The question of disclosure of the statement of Stella Moris relied upon in Court proceedings, deferred by the Court at the request of the defence for further written submissions to be made to the Court.)
- 6 April 2020** **Defence written submissions on Anonymity served.**
- 7 April 2020** **Decision of District Judge Baraitser refusing Defence anonymity application** (on the basis of principles of open justice outweighing Article 8 considerations). (District Judge invites any members of the press to consider whether repetition of name of Mr Assange's partner is in fact necessary and to refrain from doing so if not necessary).
- District Judge agrees to allow defence opportunity to consider judicial review of the decision.
- After learning that the details might be published outside the UK and on social media Stella Moris does not continue consideration of a judicial review. Her decision notified to Westminster Court.

11/12 April 2020	Publication of interview with Stella Moris
27 April 2020	Report of Prosecution psychiatrist Dr Blackwood served.
27 April 2020	<p>Case management hearing Defence apply to adjourn hearing date proposed for May due to difficulties caused by Covid-19. Prosecution support application. Application to adjourn granted.</p> <p>(September dates for four-week hearing and directions timetable set down subsequently).</p>
29 June 2020	Second interview of Prosecution psychiatrist Dr Fazel (by telephone due to Covid-19 restrictions).
9 July 2020	Second interview of defence psychiatrist Dr Deeley with Mr Assange (by telephone due to Covid-19 restrictions).
18 July 2020	<p>Defence serve further evidence. 26 further statements (and exhibits included in further volumes of published material), Re: Records of publications; Re: Dates of publications; Re: Impact of publications; Re: Further evidence re witnesses already served in response to prosecution, including Re: Prisons; Re: Journalism/Impact.</p>
31 July 2020	Report of Prosecution psychiatrist Professor Fazel served on Defence
14 August 2020	Report served of defence psychiatrist Dr Deeley
14 August 2020	Second report served of defence psychiatrist Professor Kopelman.
September 2020	Final extradition hearing takes place over 4 weeks at the Central Criminal Court.