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FIFA officials – no release from detention pending extradition proceedings

Today the Appeals Chamber of the Federal Criminal Court rejected an appeal filed by one of the FIFA officials currently in detention pending extradition proceedings against the detention order issued by the Federal Office of Justice. The court held that there was a risk that the appellant would abscond if released. The arguments put forward in support of his release, such as his advanced age and poor state of health, were not regarded as sufficient to counter the risk of absconding. The court took into account that appellant has no close ties to Switzerland and is more than capable of travelling long distances. Measures such as money bail, electronic monitoring, etc. would not adequately reduce the risk of flight. The court also held, based on a report from the Zurich prison medical services, that there is no medical reason why the appellant should not remain in detention.

Enquiries will not be answered.

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