



Grand Chamber to examine case concerning extradition of a murder suspect to the USA

The Chamber of the European Court of Human Rights to which the case **McCallum v. Italy** (application no. 20863/21) had been allocated has **relinquished jurisdiction in favour of the Grand Chamber of the Court**¹.

The case concerns the applicant's potential extradition to the United States of America, where she is wanted as a suspect in the death of her then husband and the burning of his corpse.

McCallum v. Italy (application no. 20863/21)

Principal facts

The applicant, Beverly Ann McCallum, is an American national. She is currently in detention in Italy.

Ms McCallum is wanted in the State of Michigan in United States of America as a suspect, along with others, in the death of her then husband and the burning of his corpse. On 26 June 2020, the Court of Appeal of Rome granted an extradition request on the part of the US Government. That decision was confirmed by the Court of Cassation.

Complaints and procedure

The application was lodged with the European Court of Human Rights on 22 April 2021.

Relying on Article 3 (prohibition of inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment) of the European Convention of Human Rights, the applicant complains that if extradited to the United States, she faces a real risk of life imprisonment without parole.

Following a request by the applicant, on 22 April 2021 the Court decided to indicate to the Italian Government, under Rule 39 of the Rules of Court, that the applicant should not be extradited, ultimately deciding to prolong the measure for the duration of the proceedings before it. At the same time, the Court decided to grant the case priority under Rule 41 of the Rules of the Court.

On 28 May 2021 the President of the First Section decided to give [notice](#) of the application to the Government of Italy, with questions from the Court.

The Chamber to which the case had been allocated relinquished jurisdiction in favour of the Grand Chamber on 7 September 2021.

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