

Prosecutors oppose Cilia Flores's bid for house arrest release

United States v. Maduro Moros et al. · S.D.N.Y. No. 1:11-cr-00205

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What happened

Federal prosecutors in New York asked the judge to deny Cilia Flores de Maduro's motion for pretrial release, arguing she poses an extreme flight risk and danger to the community. They contend she has not overcome the legal presumption favoring detention given the charges, and that her proposed bail package—private security, a residence, and a 'third-party custodian'—would violate the federal Bail Reform Act under Second Circuit precedent. The government also argues her heart condition has been properly treated by the Bureau of Prisons and that she herself has for months refused a recommended diagnostic heart catheterization.

What it means

This filing is the government's formal response to Flores's release request filed in September; it is not a ruling by the judge. Prosecutors argue she faces a mandatory minimum 40-year sentence and, as a citizen of a country that does not extradite its own nationals with financial and family ties abroad, no bail conditions could reasonably assure her appearance or public safety.

What happens next

Flores's defense must file a reply by September 30, 2026, and the judge will hold a hearing on the bail motion on October 8, 2026.

Key passages from the filing (verbatim)

"THE GOVERNMENT'S MEMORANDUM OF LAW IN OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANT CILIA FLORES DE MADURO'S MOTION FOR PRETRIAL RELEASE"

Page 1 — Establishes the nature of the filing.

"The defendant poses an extreme risk of flight and danger to the public and has not—and cannot—rebut the statutory presumption that no conditions or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the appearance of the defendant and the safety of persons and the community"

Page 6 — States the government's core argument for detention.

"the Bail Reform Act does not permit a two-tiered bail system in which defendants of lesser means are detained pending trial while wealthy defendants are released to self-funded private jails."

Page 17 — Explains the legal basis for rejecting the proposed private security arrangement.

"the defendant has repeatedly refused for months—against medical advice—to undergo a routine diagnostic procedure"

Page 11 — Supports the government's rebuttal of the medical basis for release.

Docket text (official, in English)

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NICOLÁS MADURO MOROS, and,
CILIA FLORES DE MADURO,

Defendants.

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