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11 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

12 FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

13 IN THE MATTER OF ) No.  
EXTRADITION OF )  
14 FUGITIVE FROM MEXICO ) COMPLAINT FOR PROVISIONAL ARREST  
15 ) WITH A VIEW TOWARDS EXTRADITION  
(18 U.S.C. § 3184)  
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17 ) **[UNDER SEAL]**  
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18 I, the undersigned Assistant United States Attorney, being  
19 duly sworn, state on information and belief that the following is  
20 true and correct:

21 1. In this matter, I act for and on behalf of the  
22 Government of Mexico.

23 2. There is an extradition treaty in force between the  
24 United States and Mexico, 31 U.S.T. 5059; TIAS 9656.

25 3. The extradition treaty between the United States and  
26 Mexico provides in Article 11 for the provisional arrest of  
27 alleged fugitives pending the submission of a formal request and  
28 supporting documents.

1           4.     In accordance with Article 11 of the Extradition  
2 Treaty, the Government of Mexico has asked the United States  
3 through diplomatic channels for the provisional arrest of BRUCE  
4 AINSLEY BERESFORD REDMAN, with a view towards his extradition.

5           5.     According to the information provided by authorities in  
6 Mexico in the form authorized by the Extradition Treaty, BRUCE  
7 AINSLEY BERESFORD REDMAN is charged in the State of Quintana Roo,  
8 Mexico, with aggravated homicide, as described by articles 86,  
9 106(I) and 14, and punishable under article 89 of The Penal Code  
10 of the State of Quintana Roo. On May 29, 2010, the Second Judge  
11 of First Instance of the Judicial District of Cancun, Quintana  
12 Roo, issued an arrest warrant for BRUCE AINSLEY BERESFORD REDMAN  
13 as part of criminal case number 216/2010.

14           6.     As set forth in Diplomatic Note 03748 dated June 21,  
15 2010, as supplemented by information provided to the United  
16 States Department of Justice by authorities in the Procuraduría  
17 General de la República (Attorney General's Office) of the United  
18 States of Mexico, and as collected by United States law  
19 enforcement authorities providing legal assistance to Mexico, the  
20 facts of the case for which extradition is sought are as follows:

21               a.     On April 5, 2010, at the Hotel Moon Palace Nizuc,  
22 in Cancun, Quintana Roo, Mexico, BRUCE AINSLEY BERESFORD REDMAN  
23 ("BERESFORD") killed his wife Monica Burgos Beresford Redman  
24 ("Monica Burgos") by asphyxiating her.

25               b.     BERESFORD and Monica Burgos had been having  
26 marital troubles for some time before her murder. According to a  
27 sworn statement made to Mexican authorities by Monica Burgos'  
28 sister, Jeane Ferreira Burgos ("Ferreira Burgos"), about a month

1 and a half before Monica Burgos was killed, Monica Burgos told  
2 Ferreira Burgos that BERESFORD was having an affair with another  
3 woman. Monica Burgos confronted her husband about his  
4 infidelity, which he acknowledged and asked for her forgiveness.  
5 Monica Burgos then withdrew assets from their joint bank account  
6 and moved them to a new account. When Monica Burgos discovered  
7 that BERESFORD still had contact with his mistress, she demanded  
8 a divorce and told BERESFORD that, if he agreed to the divorce,  
9 she would give him half the money she had transferred to the new  
10 account. She told him that, if he did not agree to the divorce,  
11 she would keep all the money.

12 c. According to a statement made by Ferreira Burgos  
13 to United States law enforcement authorities, prior to BERESFORD  
14 and Monica Burgos' trip to Mexico, Monica Burgos had changed the  
15 locks on their residence in Palos Verdes and told BERESFORD to  
16 stay away. Monica Burgos further notified the schools that their  
17 children attended that BERESFORD should not be allowed to pick  
18 the children up from school. In the weeks before the trip to  
19 Cancun, Monica Burgos took the children on a trip to Hawaii and  
20 refused to allow BERESFORD accompany them.

21 d. The fact of BERESFORD's affair was confirmed  
22 through emails obtained by the Mexican authorities in which  
23 BERESFORD admitted to his wife that he had been unfaithful.

24 e. In a sworn statement to Mexican authorities,  
25 Ferreira Burgos said that she learned from Monica Burgos that  
26 BERESFORD had proposed a family trip to Mexico at the end of  
27 March 2010, and Monica Burgos accepted. Monica Burgos told  
28 Ferreira Burgos that BERESFORD paid for the travel.

1 f. Maria Beatriz Oaxaca ("Oaxaca"), the nanny for  
2 Monica Burgos' two small children (ages 3 and 5), was interviewed  
3 by United States law enforcement and stated that BERESFORD and  
4 Monica Burgos had a big fight the night before they departed for  
5 Cancun. Oaxaca stated that the fight concerned the affair that  
6 BERESFORD was having. Oaxaca also stated that a day or two  
7 before the trip, she learned that BERESFORD wanted to buy life  
8 insurance for Monica Burgos and himself. Oaxaca does not know if  
9 BERESFORD actually purchased the insurance.

10 g. BERESFORD, Monica Burgos, and their two small  
11 children traveled to Cancun, arriving on March 31, 2010. They  
12 all shared room number 7816 at the Hotel Moon Palace.

13 h. The marital problems continued in Cancun. In a  
14 conversation from Cancun on April 4, 2010, Monica Burgos told her  
15 sister, Ferreira Burgos, that she had found evidence that  
16 BERESFORD was still in contact with the woman with whom he was  
17 having the affair.

18 i. Erick Uriel Gonzalez Reyes ("Gonzalez Reyes"), an  
19 employee at the Hotel Moon Palace, provided a sworn statement to  
20 Mexican authorities. Gonzalez Reyes stated that, around 8:30  
21 P.M. on April 4, 2010, he saw a man and a woman arguing in front  
22 of the Los Tacos restaurant at the hotel. Gonzalez Reyes  
23 observed the interaction of the two people for several minutes  
24 and noticed that the woman was crying. Gonzalez Reyes said that,  
25 as he continued to watch the argument, he saw the man twice  
26 attempt to physically assault the woman, but the man stopped when  
27 he realized that Gonzalez Reyes was watching. Gonzalez Reyes  
28 later identified a photograph of Monica Burgos as the woman he

1 saw outside the restaurant, and said that a photograph of  
2 BERESFORD looked like the man who was arguing with her the  
3 evening of April 4, 2010.

4 j. According to a handwritten statement provided to  
5 hotel security officers, around 6:00 A.M. the next morning (April  
6 5, 2010), two English teenagers from the Cook family who were  
7 staying at the hotel were awakened by "screams, crying for help  
8 and extremely loud banging from the room above [theirs]. . . . It  
9 sounded like a wom[a]n in extreme distress." When the noises  
10 continued for about 15 minutes, the teenagers went to their  
11 parents' room to tell them what they had heard.

12 k. Hotel concierge Angelica Arroyo Ramirez ("Arroyo  
13 Ramirez") provided a sworn statement to Mexican authorities and  
14 said that on April 5, 2010, around 8:30 A.M., the Cook family  
15 approached Arroyo Ramirez and asked to file a complaint about the  
16 noise they had heard earlier that morning. Arroyo Ramirez  
17 determined that BERESFORD, Monica Burgos, and their two small  
18 children were staying in the room from which the screams, crying  
19 and banging had come, which was located directly above the room  
20 occupied by the Cook teenagers. The Cook family stated that the  
21 noises the teenagers had heard sounded like a woman crying and  
22 things being dragged across the floor.

23 l. The morning of April 5, 2010, Arroyo Ramirez  
24 telephoned BERESFORD's hotel room to make sure that everyone was  
25 all right. BERESFORD answered the phone and, when asked about  
26 the disturbance, replied that it was true that noises had come  
27 from his room and said that they were related to a fight he was  
28 having with his wife regarding the behavior of their children.

1 BERESFORD stated to Arroyo Ramirez that it would not happen  
2 again. Arroyo Ramirez did not speak to Monica Burgos.

3 m. In a subsequent statement given to Mexican  
4 authorities after his wife disappeared, BERESFORD denied making  
5 the statement to Arroyo Ramirez regarding having an argument with  
6 his wife, and instead claimed that the noise was caused by a game  
7 that he and his wife were playing with their three year-old son  
8 which involved colliding with the bed or the wall. BERESFORD  
9 stated that it was his son who was making the most noise.

10 n. Carlos Mario Vazquez Olan ("Vazquez Olan"), a  
11 cleaning employee of the hotel, made a sworn statement in which  
12 he told Mexican authorities that he was assigned to clean rooms  
13 including number 7816, which was occupied by BERESFORD. On April  
14 3, 2010, Vazquez Olan cleaned room 7816 and did not notice  
15 anything out of the ordinary. On April 5, 2010, Vazquez Olan  
16 arrived to clean room 7816 and noticed the "Do Not Disturb" sign  
17 hanging on the door all morning. When he returned around 3:00  
18 P.M., the "Do Not Disturb" sign was still on the door. At one  
19 point that afternoon, Vazquez Olan encountered BERESFORD coming  
20 out of room 7816. When Vazquez Olan asked if BERESFORD wanted  
21 his room cleaned or new towels, BERESFORD declined and said that  
22 everything was fine. Vazquez Olan stated that the "Do Not  
23 Disturb" sign was still on the door to room 7816 at 5:00 P.M.  
24 that evening. Vazquez Olan did not enter room 7816 that day.

25 o. According to an April 7, 2010 sworn statement made  
26 to Mexican authorities, BERESFORD said that the last time he saw  
27 his wife was on April 5, 2010, at approximately 8:30 or 9:00 A.M.  
28 in their room. He said that she left to go shopping and he did

1 not expect her to return until around 10:00 P.M. that night.  
2 BERESFORD also said that his wife left the hotel for the day and  
3 did not take her cell phone with her. In an April 12, 2010  
4 interview with United States law enforcement, Ferreira Burgos  
5 stated that Monica Burgos never traveled anywhere without her  
6 cell phone and certainly would not have left her cell phone at  
7 the hotel if she was traveling without her children.

8 p. In his sworn statement, BERESFORD said that his  
9 wife did not return in the evening of April 5, 2010 and that,  
10 around 10:00 P.M., he went to bed. He further stated that around  
11 11:00 P.M., he awoke to find that she still had not returned.  
12 BERESFORD claimed that this worried him, and so he walked around  
13 the hotel to look for her. He said he went in and out of the  
14 room several times but never spoke to anyone at the hotel or  
15 reported his wife missing that night. BERESFORD said he then  
16 returned to his room and eventually fell back asleep. This  
17 statement conflicted with a telephone call that BERESFORD had  
18 with Ferreira Burgos. In her sworn statement to Mexican  
19 authorities, Ferreira Burgos said that she spoke with BERESFORD  
20 by telephone on April 6, 2010, at which time BERESFORD told her  
21 he had fallen asleep the night of April 5, 2010, but did not  
22 notice his wife's absence until he woke up the next morning.

23 q. At about 7:00 A.M. on Tuesday, April 6, 2010,  
24 BERESFORD told hotel employees that his wife was missing. He was  
25 told that he should report that information to the local  
26 prosecutor, but, instead, he went to the U.S. Consulate. At the  
27 Consulate, he was again told to report his wife's disappearance  
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1 to the local prosecutor, which he did at around 5:45 P.M. on  
2 April 6, 2010.

3 r. Hotel security guard Rodolfo Mogo Almeida ("Mogo  
4 Almeida") was interviewed by Mexican authorities and provided a  
5 sworn statement that the hotel keeps very detailed records of  
6 persons entering and exiting the hotel property, including  
7 checking names against a list of hotel guests, and that every  
8 hotel guest leaving the property is identified. Mogo Almeida's  
9 shift is from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Monday through Saturday.  
10 He stated that he had not seen Monica Burgos until being shown a  
11 video of her as the search party was organized.

12 s. After the hotel created a search team to look for  
13 Monica Burgos, her body was found by a hotel employee on April 8,  
14 2010, at approximately 9:20 A.M., in a sewage tank on the hotel  
15 grounds. The tank was approximately 25 meters from the building  
16 where BERESFORD's hotel room was located. The tank had an  
17 opening at the top and one of the two covers was not properly  
18 closed.

19 t. An autopsy revealed that the cause of Monica  
20 Burgos' death was asphyxia by suffocation. The autopsy report  
21 also reported the presence of bruising to the victim's face and a  
22 blunt head wound that the examiner stated was related to the time  
23 and date of death.

24 u. On April 9, 2010, a forensic expert examined  
25 BERESFORD's hotel room. He found stains on a pillar in the room,  
26 on the sheets on the bed, and on a railing on the balcony of the  
27 room. The stains tested presumptively positive for the presence  
28 of blood.



1           v.     The hotel room in which BERESFORD and his family  
2 were staying has a view of the sewage tank in which the victim's  
3 body was found. There was a footprint and damaged plants leading  
4 to the sewage tank, indicating that the body may have been moved  
5 from another location and deposited there.

6           w.     The hotel room in which BERESFORD and his family  
7 were staying has a door which is opened by an electronic card  
8 key. Records from the hotel indicate that one of the keys issued  
9 to BERESFORD and his family was used to open the door to their  
10 room, number 7816, at least nine times between midnight and 7:00  
11 A.M., in the early morning hours of April 6, 2010. At least four  
12 of these entries are recorded as occurring during a fifteen-  
13 minute period between 4:00 A.M. and 4:15 A.M.

14           x.     A purse was found with Monica Burgos' body in the  
15 sewage tank. The contents of the purse included identification  
16 documents for Monica Burgos and other personal items. The purse  
17 did not contain a hotel key card.

18           y.     During the April 7, 2010 interview of BERESFORD  
19 conducted by Mexican authorities after the disappearance of his  
20 wife, law enforcement officers observed scratches or abrasions on  
21 both of BERESFORD's hands, behind his ear, on his left shin, and  
22 on his right ankle. BERESFORD said the scratches on his hands  
23 and legs came from climbing a slippery wall during an excursion  
24 earlier on the trip. He stated that the scratches behind his ear  
25 were caused when he surfaced too quickly while swimming and hit a  
26 rope connected to the boat.

27           z.     A colleague of BERESFORD, Tim Blixseth  
28 ("Blixseth"), gave a statement to United States law enforcement

1 following the murder of Monica Burgos. Blixseth stated that he  
2 had not heard from BERESFORD in a year when he received an e-mail  
3 from BERESFORD on April 7, 2010, indicating that BERESFORD's wife  
4 was missing. Blixseth asked BERESFORD to call him. That  
5 evening, BERESFORD called Blixseth at approximately 6:30 P.M. and  
6 said, "I lost my wife." Blixseth stated that it was as if  
7 BEREFORD was reading from a script. There was no emotion.  
8 BERESFORD and Blixseth spoke again and BERESFORD said that Monica  
9 Burgos had left to go shopping on April 5, 2010, but there was no  
10 record of Monica Burgos ever leaving the resort even though each  
11 guest was checked in and out of the resort by hotel employees.  
12 Blixseth stated that BERESFORD was very calm and it was as if he  
13 had just lost his dog.

14 7. Aggravated Homicide is an extraditable offense under  
15 Article 2, Paragraph 1, of the Extradition Treaty between the  
16 United States and Mexico, and Item 1 of its Appendix.

17 8. Copies of the photographs identified by witnesses as  
18 being BERESFORD have been provided by Mexico.

19 9. BERESFORD is at large and believed to be in the Central  
20 District of California. The United States Marshals Service has  
21 detailed location information.

22 WHEREFORE, the undersigned complainant requests that a  
23 warrant for the arrest of BRUCE AINSLEY BERESFORD REDMAN be  
24 issued in accordance with 18 U.S.C. § 3184, and the Extradition  
25 Treaty between the United States and Mexico; and that, upon such  
26 hearing as is required by federal law, if the Court deems the  
27 evidence sufficient under the provisions of the treaty to sustain  
28 the charges for which extradition is sought, the Court certify

1 the same to the Secretary of State so that a warrant may be  
2 issued for the surrender of BRUCE AINSLEY BERESFORD REDMAN, to  
3 the appropriate authorities of Mexico. The United States also  
4 requests that the Court take such other actions as may be  
5 required under the provisions of the treaty and the laws of the  
6 United States.

7 I swear under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true  
8 and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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11 Justin R. Rhoades  
Assistant United States Attorney

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13 Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence this \_\_\_\_ day  
14 of November, 2010, at Los Angeles, California.

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16 HON. SUZANNE H. SEGAL  
United States Magistrate Judge  
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