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FIFA official – no release from detention

On 2 October 2015, 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 decision by the Federal Office of Justice to reject his request for release on bail. 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. Further medical tests are currently being carried out to establish whether there is any medical reason why the appellant should not remain in detention.

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