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RE: Goodwin's SA court bid fails

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Steven William Goodwin's efforts to avoid extradition from the United States of America (USA/US) have failed in South Africa. Following his detention and arrest in the US in April 2008, Goodwin tried and failed to persuade the American Courts that attempts to have him extradited from the United States were unlawful. Goodwin then turned to the South African courts.

In a bid to stop and/or to frustrate efforts to have him extradited from the US, he brought an application through his attorneys at the Pretoria High Court where he sought to have the court review and set aside the decision to make a request to the American authorities for his provisional arrest; an order declaring conduct of the South African authorities to be unlawful and inconsistent with the constitution; and an interdict prohibiting the South African authorities from applying to the United States for the surrender in extradition of Goodwin or taking any action of whatever nature pursuant to the extradition treaty between the United State and South Africa pending the finalization of the cases before South African courts on the validity of the US/South Africa extradition treaty.

Attempts to evade justice have failed on two occasions. The ruling today by the Pretoria High Court in favour of the Scorpions clears the path and allows the NPA to continue to interact with the American authorities in order to ensure that the extradition process is concluded expeditiously.

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