

Legal problems for WikiLeaks founder

Julian Assange, founder of the whistle-blowing website Wikileaks, is facing growing legal problems around the world, with the U.S. announcing that it is investigating whether he has violated its espionage laws

Wanted

ASSANGE, Julian Paul



Legal Status	
Present family name:	ASSANGE
Forename:	JULIAN PAUL
Sex:	MALE
Date of birth:	3 July 1971 (39 years old)
Place of birth:	TOWNSVILLE, Australia
Language spoken:	English
Nationality:	Australia



Offences

Categories of Offences: SEX CRIMES

■ **Interpol:** Has issued **Red Notice** for Assange over alleged sex crimes

■ **Sweden:** Turned down Assange's application for residency in October. **European arrest warrant (EAW)** issued by International Public Prosecution Office in Gothenburg in connection with rape allegations. Warrant upheld by Swedish appeal court. Assange has denied all charges

■ **United Kingdom:** Assange believed to be in or near London – Metropolitan Police will enforce EAW if his location becomes known

■ **Australia:** Investigating whether Assange has broken laws

■ **Ecuador:** Offer of asylum blocked by President **Rafael Correa**

■ **United States:** Has opened criminal investigation into whether Assange can be charged under U.S. **Espionage Act** for releasing secret diplomatic documents

Julian Assange
Founded WikiLeaks
in 2006 to expose
government
and corporate
corruption