

# Assange could face “temporary surrender”

A bilateral treaty between the U.S. and Sweden – which allows “temporary surrender” – could see WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange sent to America for prosecution, without going through traditional extradition proceedings



## Wanted

ASSANGE, Julian Paul



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

## Offences

Categories of Offences: **SEX CRIMES**



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■ **Apr 2010:** WikiLeaks releases classified video showing alleged indiscriminate killing during U.S. helicopter attack in Baghdad

■ **Jul-Oct:** WikiLeaks releases almost 500,000 secret U.S. reports about war in Iraq and Afghanistan

■ **Nov:** Sweden authorises Interpol to issue **Red Notice** for arrest of Australian-born Assange for alleged sex crimes, also issues **European Arrest Warrant (EAW)**. WikiLeaks releases thousands of embarrassing U.S. diplomatic cables

■ **Dec 7:** Assange is arrested by British police on EAW. Granted bail of £200,000 (€232,000), 39-year-old Assange is placed under effective house arrest on estate near London

■ **MasterCard, Visa and PayPal** cease taking donations to WikiLeaks – cyber activists **Anonymous** mount attack on credit card websites

■ **Dec 2010:** Secret U.S. grand jury set up to assemble charges against Assange under **Espionage Act**

■ **Feb 2011:** British judge approves Swedish request to extradite Assange to face accusations of sex crimes. Assange appeals to **High Court**

■ **Aug:** WikiLeaks releases more U.S. diplomatic cables

■ **Nov 2:** Britain's High Court upholds previous ruling in favour of extradition. Assange's lawyers have 14 days to appeal on grounds that case raises issues of general public importance

■ **Nov 16:** If High Court appeal fails then Assange will be extradited to Sweden within 10 days. If appeal is upheld then lawyers can seek leave to take case to **Supreme Court** – Britain's highest court



■ **Late November:** Washington could invoke **temporary surrender** clause, under bilateral 1984 U.S.-Sweden treaty

**Assange could face death penalty under U.S. Espionage Act**