

FILED: June 18, 2002

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

No. 02-6895
(CA-02-439-2)

YASER ESAM HAMDI; ESAM FOUAD HAMDI, as next
friend of Yaser Esam Hamdi,

Petitioners - Appellees,

versus

DONALD RUMSFELD; W. R. PAULETTE, Commander,

Respondents - Appellants.

O R D E R

Appellants filed a motion for stay pending appeal of the district court's order of June 11, 2002 requiring appellants to provide the Public Defender with unmonitored access to the detainee. Appellees have filed a response to the motion.

The Court grants a stay of the district court's June 11 order in this case. The Court further stays all proceedings before the district court in connection with this detainee until resolution of this appeal and appeal No. 02-6827. All stays shall remain in effect pending further order of this Court.

The parties are directed to brief the merits of appeal No. 02-6895. The briefs may be up to 60 pages in length. Appellants' brief shall be served and filed in the Office of the Clerk no later than 12:00 noon on Wednesday, June 19, 2002. Appellees' brief shall be served and filed in the Office of the Clerk no later than 12:00 noon on Thursday, June 20, 2002. The parties shall each make plain what action they are requesting that the Court take in this appeal and the reasons for their requests.

Entered at the direction of Chief Judge Wilkinson with the concurrence of Judge Wilkins and Judge Traxler.

For the Court

/s/ Patricia S. Connor

Clerk