

Julian Assange back in court to fight for bail

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Members of the media report from outside Ellingham Hall, near Bungay, England, the home of journalist and Frontline Club founding member Vaughan Smith, Wednesday Dec. 15, 2010. WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange will reportedly stay at the house, located in it's 650-acre grounds, as part of his bail conditions if an appeal by Swedish authorities against bail fails in Britain's High Court. Assange has spent a week in prison following his surrender to British police over a Swedish sex-crimes warrant. He denies any wrongdoing but has refused to voluntarily surrender to Sweden's request to extradite him for questioning. (AP Photo/Matt Dunham)

(AP) -- A judge is set to decide whether WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange will be freed or remain in prison, as authorities appeal a court's decision to grant him bail.

The hearing is taking place at the High Court on [London](#) on Thursday.

Assange has been in prison since Dec. 7, following his surrender to

British police over a Swedish sex-crimes warrant. He denies wrongdoing but is refusing to surrender to Sweden's request to extradite him for questioning.

Assange was granted a conditional release on 200,000 pounds (\$316,000) bail Tuesday, but British [prosecutors](#) acting for Sweden are trying to keep him behind bars until his extradition hearing.

Last month WikiLeaks deeply angered U.S. officials by beginning to publish its trove of 250,000 secret U.S. diplomatic cables.

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