

## Judge: Kim Dotcom can review US case against him

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(AP) — A New Zealand judge has upheld a ruling that allows Kim Dotcom to review details of the U.S. federal case against him ahead of an extradition hearing.

Dotcom, the co-founder of file-sharing website <u>Megaupload</u>, is accused by U.S. prosecutors of racketeering and money laundering by facilitating millions of illegal downloads of copyrighted material on his site. Dotcom says he cannot be held responsible for those who chose to make illegal downloads on his site.

An extradition hearing has been scheduled for March.

Dotcom had sought to examine documents in the case against him, while U.S. prosecutors argued discovery should be narrowly limited at the hearing.

In upholding the ruling Thursday, <u>Judge</u> Helen Winklemann said disclosing the documents would help encourage a fair <u>hearing</u>, which she said could still remain focused.

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