

Bosch firm on release condition

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Bosch, U.S. remain at deadlock

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Orlando Bosch remained in prison Wednesday, day three of a dispute with the U.S. Justice Department over its demand that Bosch keep a list of visitors after he is released under house arrest.

Bosch won't budge. Nor, publicly, will the government.

"We're not giving up hope yet" for an agreement, said George Yoss, a Bosch lawyer involved in the talks with Justice Department officials in Washington. "I'm still talking. They're still listening."

Bosch, who spent most of the past 14 years in prison in Venezuela, is on the brink of freedom for the first time since his arrival in the United States in February 1988. The Justice Department, in a surprise move, offered on Monday to place Bosch under house arrest if

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Orlando Bosch's wife, Adriana, tried to persuade him to accept the conditions for house arrest. He refused, and in the end she stood by his decision.

he would agree to 14 conditions. However, the Justice Department said it would continue its two-year effort to deport Bosch because of his ties to violent anti-Castro groups.

Bosch sent word through his lawyers Monday that he would accept 13 conditions — but not the requirement that he keep a log of who visits his home or whom he visits. Bosch said that would make him a government informant.

"He doesn't care if the government literally sits on his porch and records who comes to his house," Yoss said. "But he doesn't want to do their work for them. It's a matter of principle."

Dan Eramian, a Justice Department spokesman, said the agency was not "negotiating" with Bosch's lawyers, but was willing to listen to what they had to say.

Other conditions include a requirement that Bosch stay home 21 hours a day, that he seek permission from the government before leaving Dade County, and that he allow federal agents to search his home at will.

Bosch's wife, Adriana, said Wednesday that she respects her 63-year-old husband's intransigent stand. But after their long separa-

tion, Adriana Bosch said she would like to have her husband home.

Since news of Bosch's possible release, Adriana Bosch has spent her days waiting inside the modest two-bedroom house in Northwest Miami that she shares with daughter Karen, 14.

Inside a room filled with her husband's jailhouse paintings — palm-lined beaches and pastoral landscapes — Adriana spent her time on the phone lobbying on her husband's behalf, staying in touch with lawyers

and relatives or talking to reporters.

Shortly after noon Wednesday, Orlando Bosch called her collect from the Metropolitan Correctional Center in South Dade. Adriana Bosch suggested that he give in to the government's demand that he report all visits and telephone calls.

"You accept under protest, but you accept it," Adriana Bosch gently prodded.

The answer was no.

She tried again, reminding him that a fickle media, which has been keeping the spotlight on his case, would soon find other things to cover.

"They could leave you there and then other news will come along and they'll forget you again," she said. "I don't see any other way out. [The government] can just say 'We offer him freedom and he doesn't want it.'"

Bosch again said no.

In the end, she stood by her husband of 15 years.

"If that is his decision, I support him and I must accept his decision," she said.

Bosch returned to Miami in 1988 to be with his family, six months after his release from a Venezuelan prison. He was arrested immediately upon arrival for violating parole when he fled Miami in 1974. Bosch was on parole at the time after serving four years of a 10-year sentence for his role in the 1968 recoilless rifle attack on a Polish freighter docked at the Port of Miami.

Bosch's was in prison in Venezuela from 1976 to 1987 on charges that he masterminded the 1976 bombing of a Cuban jetliner that killed all 73 aboard. He was released after two Venezuelan courts acquitted him.

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