

Red Sox owner named in CIA trial

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MILAN, Italy - A part owner of the Boston Red Sox was one of 130 prosecution witnesses named Friday for an upcoming Milan kidnapping trial of U.S. and Italian agents.

Prosecutors said they will call Philip Morse, a minority owner of the Red Sox, and allege his Gulfstream jet was used to transport Egyptian cleric Hassan Mustafa Omar Hasr from Italy to Germany, ANSA reported.

U.S. Central Intelligence Agency and Italian agents are charged with kidnapping Hasr, who was suspected of terrorism, in Milan in 2003 in an effort to utilize the U.S. rendition policy and transport him to a country with weaker human rights laws for interrogation. Hasr was eventually interrogated in Egypt and jailed there.

The 26 CIA agents will be tried in absentia when the trial begins June 8.

ANSA said the trial could be disrupted by a government motion to the Constitutional Court accusing prosecutors of exposing agents to harm and overstepping their authority.

The prosecution witnesses named Friday also included the former security chief at Italy's largest phone company, leaders of Italy's Muslim community, police officers and journalists.

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