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Judge to rule on hacker extradition

A HIGH Court judge will rule on whether Home Secretary Alan Johnson was wrong to allow the extradition of computer hacker Gary McKinnon.

Mr McKinnon's lawyers have been granted permission for judicial review of Mr Johnson's decision that sending him to the US for trial would not breach his human rights.

His lawyer, Karen Todner, said she was "delighted" by the decision. A hearing is likely to take place in April or May.

But she warned that Mr McKinnon, who suffers from Asperger's syndrome, was in a "very poor mental state" because of stress.

She appealed to Mr Johnson to reverse his decision and asked US President Barack Obama to withdraw the request for extradition.

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