

# Florida Death Row inmate says he was 'kidnapped' from Ecuador

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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. -- A businessman with dual U.S.-Ecuadorean citizenship is appealing his death sentence and four murder convictions to the Florida Supreme Court.

A lawyer hired by Ecuador's government Tuesday argued Nelson Serrano's conviction should be reversed on several grounds but focused on alleged prosecutorial misconduct.

Two Ecuadorean officials were on hand. Serrano also claims he was illegally "kidnapped" from the South American nation in 2002.

Ecuador does not allow the extradition of fugitives facing the death penalty. The state contends his return to Florida was legal because he is a U.S. citizen.

Serrano was convicted of killing four people at a Bartow factory in 1997 over a business relationship that went sour.