



## McAuliffe recuses self from Browns' supporters' trials

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CONCORD, N.H. (AP) - Citing threats against him, a federal judge has pulled himself from the trials of 2 men accused of aiding a pair of convicted tax evaders.

In memos dated Monday, U.S. District Chief Judge Steven McAuliffe declared his confidence in maintaining impartiality, but said he was aware some may question his objectivity because of the threats.

He recused himself from the trials of Cirino Gonzalez and Daniel Riley, who face multiple counts of aiding Ed and Elaine Brown during their monthslong exile on their Plainfield estate.

The cases have been reassigned to Judge Paul Barbadoro, who is handling two other cases of arrested Brown supporters.

McAuliffe presided over the Browns' trial in January.

Ed Brown promised violence to anyone targeting his property. On one radio broadcast, Brown warned lawyers and specifically named McAuliffe and New Hampshire U.S. Attorney Thomas Colantuono.

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