

Fla. judge expected to rule on sealed tapes

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Sean Casey fled to Chile while awaiting trial for killing an elderly woman in a 2001 drunk driving accident. He says he left only because his lawyer and psychologist advised him to, and that he has recordings to prove it.

On Tuesday, a Miami-Dade Circuit judge will rule on whether to allow the transcripts as evidence as Casey tries to overturn his 12-year sentence.

Casey says his family spent nearly \$100,000 hiring attorney Milton Hirsch, who is now running for judge.

Casey says Hirsch told him he wished he could make Casey disappear. He also says a legal psychologist who worked with Hirsch suggested no one would look for him if he fled.

Hirsch has denied the allegations.

Prosecutors have called the recordings contraband that were made illegally.