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## Judge Denies Bail Again for Sean 'Diddy' Combs, Citing Flight Risk Concerns

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Music producer and businessman Sean 'Diddy' Combs has been refused bail for the fifth time after a federal judge ruled that he continues to pose a risk of fleeing or endangering the public, despite efforts by his legal team to secure his temporary release.

The 55-year-old, who has been held at the Brooklyn Metropolitan Detention Center since his arrest in September 2024, was denied bail again following his application ahead of sentencing on two counts of transporting individuals across state lines for the purpose of engaging in prostitution, scheduled for October 3.

According to court documents obtained by People magazine, U.S. District Judge Arun Subramanian ruled that Combs did not meet the legal threshold for release under the Bail Reform Act. The judge wrote that the law requires courts to find “by clear and convincing evidence that the person is not likely to flee or pose a danger to the safety of any other person or the community if released.”

Judge Subramanian said the court could only consider release under “exceptional reasons”, which might include severe medical conditions or old age, neither of which applied to Combs. He concluded that the former music mogul “fails to satisfy his burden to demonstrate an entitlement to release.”

The founder of Bad Boy Records, who rose to fame in the 1990s and built a media empire, had requested to be released on a \$50 million bond. His legal team argued that he had shown cooperation throughout the investigation, had no previous criminal record, and posed no threat to the community.

His former partner, Virginia ‘Gina’ Huynh, who testified as “victim number three” during the trial, supported Combs’ latest bid for bail. In a letter submitted to the court, she stated, “I am writing because I do not view Mr. Combs as a danger to me or to the community. This is his first criminal case. Throughout the investigation and proceedings, he has been cooperative, respectful, and compliant.”

She added, “He has substantial ties to his family and community, including children who depend on him for emotional and financial support. Granting him bond would allow him to continue caring for his family and fulfilling his responsibilities while still subject to the Court’s supervision.”

Huynh also claimed that Combs had made efforts to grow and change over time. “Over the years that followed, he made visible efforts to become a better person and to address the harm he had caused,” she wrote. “By the time our relationship ended, he embodied an energy of love, patience, and gentleness that was markedly different from his past behaviour.”

Despite her remarks and his lawyers’ arguments, the court was unconvinced that Combs no longer posed a danger. Judge Subramanian maintained that the legal bar had not been met to justify release, especially given the serious nature of the charges and the possibility of a lengthy prison term.

Although Combs was acquitted of the more serious charges of sex trafficking and racketeering, he still faces up to 20 years behind bars if convicted at sentencing. The outcome of this case marks a significant downfall for one of the most recognisable figures in the entertainment industry, once hailed as a symbol of success and entrepreneurial ambition.

For now, Combs will remain in federal custody until his next court appearance.