

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

ANTHONY ROMERO,

Defendant.

ORDER

04-CR-0071-C-03

Defendant Anthony Romero has moved for release for two hours on Friday, November 12, 2004, to attend the funeral of his father in the custody of his girlfriend, Olga L. Valdez. The request will be denied.

First, it is unclear whether this court has authority to release defendant under any conditions or for any purpose when he is subject to a cash bail of \$9,000 in connection with state charges. Second, defendant has offered no reason to believe that Ms. Valdez is in a position to insure that he returns to custody once the funeral is over. Third, defendant appears to be a serious danger to the community. He is charged in state court with nine felony counts, including one of substantial battery.

It is unfortunate that defendant's father has died and that defendant cannot attend

the funeral to pay his last respects. However, I cannot conclude that the community would be safe if defendant were released even for the short time that he has requested.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that defendant Anthony Romero's request for release to attend his father's funeral is DENIED.

Entered this 10th day of November, 2004.

BY THE COURT:

BARBARA B. CRABB
District Judge