

Cases of Historical Interest In the Southern District of New York

United States v. Muse (Somali Pirate)

Chief Judge Loretta A. Preska

In 2009, Somali pirates hijacked the container ship Maersk Alabama and held hostage the captain, Richard Phillips, for five days. Somali pirate Abduwali Muse was taken into custody after U.S. Navy snipers shot and killed his three accomplices. Muse pled guilty to two counts of hijacking a maritime vessel and two counts each of kidnapping and hostage taking. He was sentenced to 33 years, 9 months in prison.



Artist: Elizabeth Williams



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