

The \$6m man

Judge gives 'sex predator' IMF chief bail but he must wear an ankle tag and live with his wife

From **Tom Leonard** and **Daniel Bates** in New York

DOMINIQUE Strauss-Kahn was last night granted \$6million bail by a judge in New York.

The shamed former head of the International Monetary Fund will be electronically tagged with an ankle bracelet and will have to live under 'home detention' following his release.

The economist will have an armed security guard by his side at all times, cameras installed in the property and alarms installed on the doors under the terms of the order.

As part of the bail deal, he will also have to share a Manhattan house with his millionaire wife Anne Sinclair – who normally resides in Washington. It is thought they will rent a property when Strauss-Kahn is released from custody at the notorious Rikers Island prison today.

As he was told he would be freed on bail, the 62-year-old Frenchman was told he had been indicted on all charges relating to a sexual assault on a New York hotel chamber maid, after the Grand Jury said there was enough evidence for a trial to go ahead.

It was not specified what charges he will face. But he will have to return to court on June 6.

He was watched in court last night by his wife and daughter Camille, a university



His wife and daughter arrive at court

student based in New York. They looked tense but smiled as he was granted bail.

Strauss-Kahn has been held in solitary confinement since Monday, when he was refused an initial \$1million bail application as being a 'flight risk'. Prosecutors had argued that there was 'substantial incentive' for Strauss-Kahn, who is worth £1.2billion, to flee the U.S. if he was bailed.

A prosecutor told the court the evidence against him was 'growing by the day'.

His expensively assembled defence team argued he was not a flight risk – despite being arrested on a plane leaving New York at the weekend – and was an 'honourable man' who would not skip bail. They said the terms of his bail would be the 'most restrictive possible conditions' and it was a 'ludicrous' claim that he could flee to France.

Wearing a grey suit and blue shirt, Strauss-Kahn smiled at his wife and daughter, who were seated in the front row, as he walked into court.

As part of his bail application, his 24-hour house arrest will be monitored by a private security firm.

He has already surrendered his passport and lawyers have promised to hand over his 'laissez passer', an alternative travel document issued by the United Nations.

In a letter to the court, his lawyers noted he had no criminal record, is 'a loving husband and father', and is highly regarded as a diplomat,

politician, lawyer, economist and professor.

On Wednesday night, he gave in to growing international pressure and agreed to step down as the IMF's managing director.

In his resignation letter to his board, Strauss-Kahn denied the allegations and said he wanted 'to devote all my strength, all my time, and all my energy to proving my innocence'.

He said he felt 'compelled' to resign with 'infinite sadness' to protect both his family and the

IMF, adding: 'I think at this time first of my wife – whom I love more than anything – of my children, of my family, of my friends.'

Sources at the IMF, which oversees the global finance system, insisted his decision to resign had been his alone and he had not been 'strong-armed' into quitting the body, which he had run since 2007.

Insiders said he had been concerned that Europe's efforts to fight its escalating debt crisis would be damaged if the IMF, which has played a key role in rescue efforts,

remained rudderless. It is unclear whether he will receive his severance payment – equal to 70 per cent of his £260,000 salary.

Strauss-Kahn's arrest has also created huge ructions in French politics where he was regarded as the leading Left-wing challenger to Nicolas Sarkozy for the presidency.

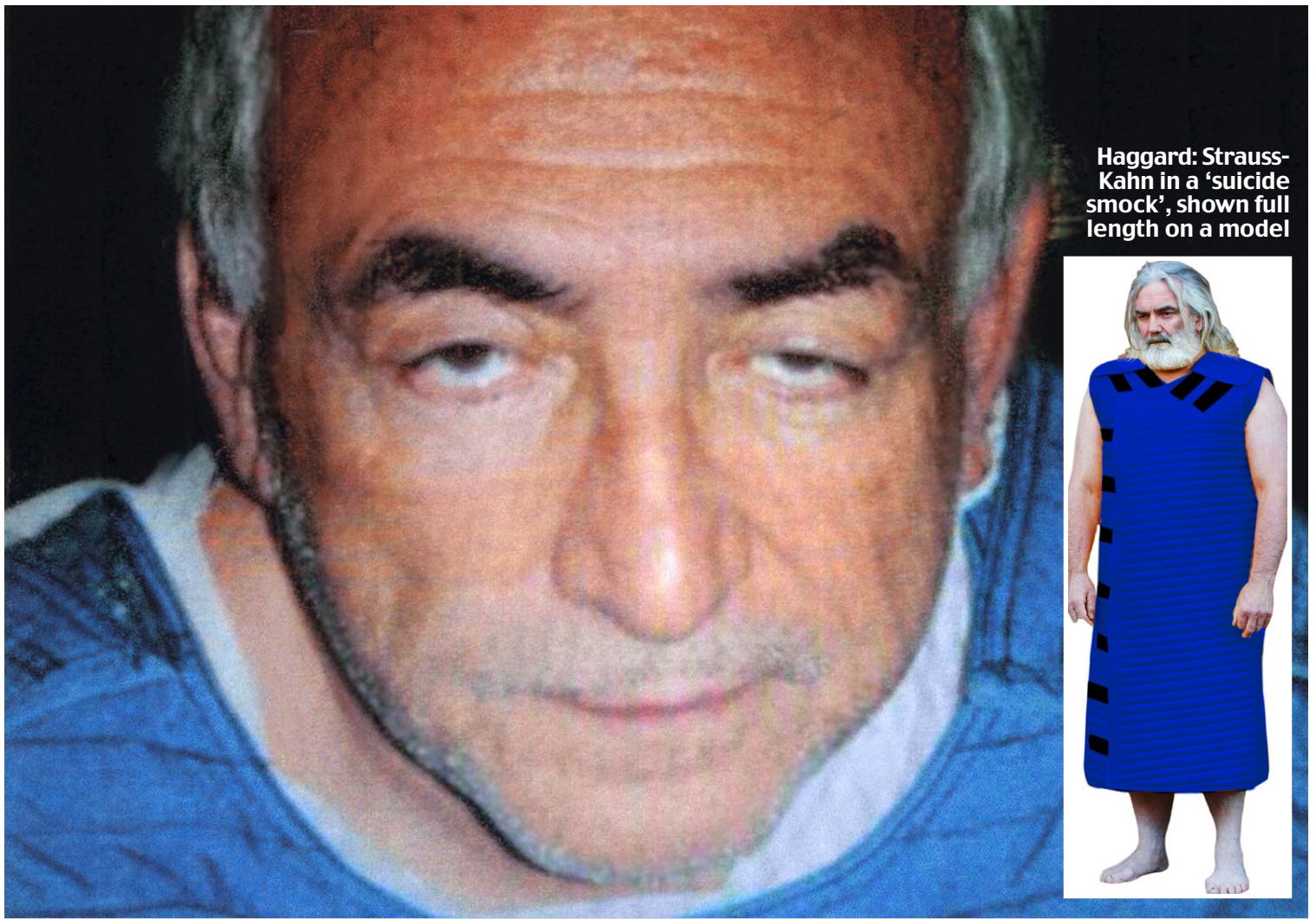
Court officials could not recall a bigger media throng outside the courthouse since Mark David Chapman was charged with shooting John Lennon in 1980.

Strauss-Kahn and his wife have

smocks – also worn by prisoners in Guantanamo Bay – are usually made from nylon Cordura, a hard-wearing synthetic material which is ten times tougher than a pair of Levi's jeans.

They are also fire-resistant so inmates who smuggle in a lighter or matches will not be able to burn themselves to death.

Manufacturers of the garment say blue and green are often chosen because the colours are considered to be 'soothing'.



Haggard: Strauss-Kahn in a 'suicide smock', shown full length on a model

A GHOSTLY FIGURE IN HIS ANTI-SUICIDE SUIT

BLEARY-EYED, unshaven and forced to wear a blue anti-suicide smock, this is Dominique Strauss-Kahn pictured in jail ahead of last night's bail hearing.

The former head of the International Monetary Fund had to give up his expensive suit for the unflattering one-piece during his stay in New York's notorious Rikers Island prison.

Inmates are put in the sleeveless garment,

called a 'suicide smock' because it is too bulky to make into a noose when whole and too tough to tear. Most prisoners who kill themselves while in jail do so using their bedding or clothes to hang themselves.

The expression on Strauss-Kahn's face also suggests he was finding Rikers Island, where he had been since May 16, increasingly hard to deal with.

Gone is the petulant scowl that he put on during his first court appearance. Suicide

He was an animal to my girls, claims madam

DOMINIQUE Strauss-Kahn paid for prostitutes, only for them to complain that he 'behaved like an animal', one of America's most infamous madams claims.

Kristin Davis, who claims to have had dozens of celebrities among the 10,000 clients on her books, said Strauss-Kahn used her Wicked Models escort agency twice in 2006.

She told the Daily Mail that he was introduced to her by Irma Nici, a Bosnian prostitute who said he had been one of her clients in Paris.

Nici has previously made headlines by claiming she had had an affair

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with David Beckham – allegations that the footballer denied.

Strauss-Kahn was running for the French presidency and had not yet taken over the IMF when he allegedly used Wicked Models' services.

Davis, nicknamed 'the Manhattan Madam', said her records showed he first called her in January 2006 to request a fresh-faced 'all-American' girl, and paid \$2,500 (£1,500) in cash for two hours with her in a hotel room.

But the girl came back complaining that he had been aggressive and

she did not want to see him again.

Davis sent him a second escort, a Brazilian girl, in September 2006 when Strauss-Kahn was in New York for a conference hosted by Bill Clinton.

The second prostitute echoed the first girl's complaints and 'told me not to send any more girls to him', Davis said, adding: 'Strauss-Kahn was rough and aggressive. However he maintained a certain level of decorum because he was dealing with an agency.'

The girls said he was pushy, overly grabby and forceful. He did not rape anyone. However, at \$1,000 or more an hour, we expected the clients to

behave like gentlemen, not animals.' She said she had spoken out about Strauss-Kahn because of allegations that he violently attacked a New York hotel maid, claims he denies.

'I have spent three years protecting the men on my client list. However, I will no longer protect those that abuse women,' she said.

In 2008, Davis was jailed after admitting running a prostitution business, and served four months at the Rikers Island prison where Strauss-Kahn has been held. After release she claimed to have quit the sex industry and ran for office in New York but failed to be elected.



Introduction: Irma Nici