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PRESS RELEASE

**CANADIAN NATIONAL ARRESTED BY CANADIAN AUTHORITIES FOR EXTRADITION  
TO THE UNITED STATES TO FACE CHARGES  
RELATED TO THE PROCUREMENT OF MUNITIONS FOR AL QAEDA**

Boston, MA... A Canadian national has been arrested in Canada on a provisional arrest warrant for extradition to the United States to face charges related to his alleged procurement of munitions for Al Qaeda.

United States Attorney Michael J. Sullivan; Kenneth W. Kaiser, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in New England; James P. Ennis, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Diplomatic Security, U.S. Department of State in New England; and Keith Johnston, Special Agent in Charge of the Department of Defense's Defense Criminal Investigative Service, announced today that ABDULLAH KHADR, age 24, a Canadian national, was arrested yesterday in Toronto, Canada, based on a warrant requested by the United States for his extradition in connection with a criminal Complaint filed in U.S. District Court in Boston. The Complaint charges KHADR with Possessing a Destructive Device in Furtherance of a Crime of Violence and with Conspiracy to Possess a Destructive Device in Furtherance of a Crime of Violence.

According to an affidavit filed in support of the Complaint, KHADR procured munitions for Al Qaeda to use against United States and Coalition Forces in Afghanistan. The affidavit alleges that, over a six-month period in 2003, KHADR purchased approximately \$20,000 worth of AK-47 ammunition rounds, PK rounds (for use in Russian PK machine guns), rocket propelled grenades ("RPGs"), rockets, and 82 mm and 120 mm mortar rounds. Also according to the Complaint, KHADR told FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force agents that he was asked to undertake those activities by his father, Ahmed Said Khadr, allegedly a colleague of Usama Bin Laden. After purchasing the munitions, KHADR is alleged to have taken them to a third party, whom KHADR identified as a munitions procurer and high level member of Al Qaeda, who then distributed the munitions to Al Qaeda forces. It is alleged that KHADR estimated that about half of the ammunition was used for training and the other half was used in the fighting against United States and Coalition Forces in Afghanistan.

The Complaint further alleges that in addition to purchasing ammunition, KHADR told investigators

that he provided explosives components, specifically, hydrogen peroxide, to make mines for distribution to Al Qaeda. On two separate occasions, KHADR is alleged to have transported 25 containers of hydrogen peroxide and 20 containers of hydrogen peroxide to the same Al Qaeda operative to whom he delivered the ammunition. KHADR allegedly said that the mines were to be used against United States and Coalition Forces in the Burmil region of Afghanistan.

The Complaint further alleges that KHADR told investigators that he was born in Canada, but at three and one half years old, he and his family moved to Pakistan. Over the course of the next thirteen years, the KHADR family moved back and forth between Canada and Pakistan several times until finally moving to Pakistan in 1997. KHADR said he attended a training camp in Afghanistan known as Khalden in the mid-1990s for four months, where he received training in the use of RPGs, AK-47s, anti-aircraft weapons, detonators and explosives, specifically TNT and dynamite. The Complaint further alleges that KHADR said that he was experienced in purchasing these types of munitions. In 2000, KHADR allegedly spent time procuring AK-47s, C-4 explosive compound, surface-to-air missiles, anti-tank missiles, as well as 82 mm and 120 mm mortar rounds for use in fighting against the Northern Alliance forces in Afghanistan and for a training camp.

According to the Complaint, KHADR's father was killed by Pakistani forces in or about October 2003. According to the Complaint, after his father's death and up until October 2004, KHADR continued his efforts to procure munitions for eventual use by Al Qaeda forces against United States and Coalition Forces.

If convicted of Possessing a Destructive Device in Furtherance of a Crime of Violence, KHADR faces a mandatory minimum sentence of 30 years in prison up to a maximum of life and a fine of \$250,000. If convicted of Conspiracy to Possess a Destructive Device in Furtherance of a Crime of Violence, KHADR faces a maximum sentence of life in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

The investigation is continuing.

The case is being investigated by the Joint Terrorism Task Force, and has included Special Agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Diplomatic Security Service, and the Defense Criminal Investigative Service. It is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys James Farmer, Gregory Moffatt and Kimberly West in Sullivan's Anti-Terrorism and National Security Section and John Gibbs of the Counterterrorism Section of the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice.

The details contained in the Complaint are allegations. The defendant is presumed to be innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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