

Defendant Pleads Guilty to Conspiring to Provide Material Support to al Qaeda, al Qaeda in Iraq/Al-Nusrah Front, and al Shabaab

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Wifredo A. Ferrer, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida, John P. Carlin, Assistant Attorney General for National Security, George L. Piro, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Miami Field Office, and the members of the South Florida Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF), announce that Gufran Ahmed Kauser Mohammed, 31, a naturalized United States citizen and resident of Dammam, Saudi Arabia, pled guilty to one count of conspiring to provide material support to designated Foreign Terrorist Organizations al-Qa'ida, al-Qa'ida in Iraq/al-Nusrah Front ("AQI/al-Nusrah Front"), and al-Shabaab. Sentencing for Mohammed is scheduled for October 24, 2014, before U.S. District Judge Ursula Ungaro.

Mohammed was charged along with Mohamed Hussein Said in a fifteen-count indictment with conspiring to provide, and attempting to provide, material support to three separately designated Foreign Terrorist Organizations, al-Qa'ida, AQI/al-Nusrah Front, and al-Shabaab. Mohammed faces a possible statutory maximum sentence of up to 15 years in prison.

The indictment alleges that Mohammed and Said conspired to provide money and recruits to al-Qa'ida, AQI/al-Nusrah Front in Syria, and al-Shabaab in Somalia. The charges allege that Mohammed sent a series of wire transfers to Said for the purpose of supporting al-Shabaab, and to an individual whom he believed was a fundraiser, recruiter, and supplier for al-Qa'ida and AQI/al-Nusrah Front for the purpose of supporting al-Qa'ida and AQI/al-Nusrah Front. In addition, Mohammed and Said agreed to support al-Qa'ida and AQI/al-Nusrah Front by recruiting and moving experienced al-Shabaab fighters to the conflict in Syria.

Mr. Ferrer commended the investigative efforts of the FBI and the South Florida Joint Terrorism Task Force. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Brian Frazier and Ricardo Del Toro and Trial Attorney Jolie Zimmerman from the Counterterrorism Section of the Justice Department's National Security Division.

A copy of this press release may be found on the website of the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Florida at www.usdoj.gov/usao/fls. Related court documents and information may be found on the website of the District Court for the Southern District of Florida at www.flsd.uscourts.gov or on <http://pacer.flsd.uscourts.gov>.