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EVENT: Guilty Verdict

Defendant: Sadeq Naji Ahmed

**FORMER TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION
SCREENER FOUND GUILTY FOR MAKING FALSE STATEMENTS**

A 26 year old resident of Dearborn, Michigan was found guilty today by a federal jury in Detroit on charges of making false statements to the Office of Personnel Management, an agency of the executive branch of government of the United States, announced United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy. Mr. Murphy was joined in the announcement by Robert Ball, Federal Security Director at Detroit Metropolitan Airport, and Special Agent in Charge Daniel D. Roberts, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Detroit Division.

Found guilty was Sadeq Naji Ahmed, a former screener at the Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

The verdict was delivered after the jury had deliberated for approximately four hours, concluding a two day trial held before United States District Judge Bernard A. Friedman.

The evidence presented at the two day trial showed that on October 3, 2002, while a TSA screener at the Detroit Metro airport, Mr. Ahmed made false statements on a security background investigation form. The evidence demonstrated that he falsely stated that he had never had a security clearance suspended when in fact he had his security clearance and access to classified information suspended in 2001 while he was a member of the United States Air Force at Eglin Air Force Base in Florida. He was also found guilty of falsely stating that he had not left a job under unfavorable conditions when, in fact, he left the Air Force because, among other things, he made statements in support of Usama bin Laden; that he

was neither for nor against the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center; that the United States deserved the September 11, 2001 attacks; that he would not fight with the U.S. military if the U.S. took action in Iraq; and that U.S. aircraft flying over Iraq should crash. When these false statements were discovered, defendant's employment with TSA was terminated.

"This case clearly demonstrates my office's commitment to aggressively prosecute any individuals who knowingly makes false statements in conjunction with their federal employment" stated United States Attorney Murphy. "Every traveler through Detroit Metro Airport should feel confident that the government is taking steps to ensure that all federal employees in charge of security are held to higher standards."

Special Agent Roberts praised the work of the investigators of the Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) for putting this case together.

Sentencing of Mr. Ahmed is scheduled for August 22, 2005.

The case was investigated by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Transportation Security Administration.