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## PAKISTANI MAN CHARGED WITH IMMIGRATION FRAUD AND FALSE STATEMENTS

BOSTON, Mass. - In a criminal complaint filed in U.S. District Court in Boston today, **AFTAB ALI**, a/k/a Aftab Ali Khan, 28, formerly of Watertown, Mass., was charged with immigration fraud and making false statements. The complaint alleges that **Ali**, a Pakistani citizen, entered the country in August 2009 to marry his then-fiancé and began working at a Brookline gas station despite lacking a work permit. It is alleged that approximately three months later, after marrying a different woman, **Ali** defrauded the government by filing documents to adjust his immigration status in which he knowingly omitted his unauthorized employment.

The complaint further alleges that following the Times Square attempted bombing on May 1, 2010, investigators obtained evidence that **Ali** had provided \$4,900 to Faisal Shahazad, who was later convicted of carrying out the bombing attempt. The complaint alleges that **Ali** borrowed the \$4,900 from the manager of the Brookline gas station where he was employed and transferred it to Shahazad in February 2010 as part of a "hawala" transaction in which **Ali**'s family received an equivalent amount of money in Pakistan. The complaint alleges that as part of the investigation into the Times Square bombing attempt, agents searched **Ali**'s apartment, and agents interviewed **Ali** to determine his immigration status. It is alleged that during the course of the interview **Ali** again knowingly concealed his employment at the Brookline gas station and made other false statements. The complaint does not allege that **Ali** was aware of the intended use of the \$4,900 that he allegedly provided to Shahazad.

If convicted, **Ali** faces up to 10 years imprisonment, to be followed by three-year term of supervised release and a \$250,000 fine on the charge of immigration document fraud and up to five years imprisonment to be followed by a three-year term of supervised release and a \$250,000 fine on the charge of making false statements.

United States Attorney Carmen M. Ortiz, Richard DesLauriers, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation - Boston Field Office and Bruce M. Foucart, Special Agent in Charge of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Office of Homeland Security Investigations in Boston made the announcement today. The investigation was also assisted by members of the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force which consists of various local, state and federal agencies. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney William D. Weinreb in Ortiz's Antiterrorism and National Security Unit.

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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