

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

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Mohamed Hussein Said, 27, of Nairobi, Kenya, pled guilty to one count of conspiring to provide material support to three designated Foreign Terrorist Organizations al-Qaeda, al-Qaeda in Iraq/al-Nusra Front ("AQI/al-Nusra Front"), and al-Shabaab, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2339B. Said faces a maximum statutory sentence of fifteen years in prison.

Sentencing for Said is scheduled for August 14, 2015, before U.S. District Court Judge Ursula Ungaro.

Wifredo A. Ferrer, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida, John P. Carlin, Assistant Attorney General for National Security, George 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), made the announcement.

Said was charged along with Gufran Ahmed Mohammed in a fifteen-count indictment with conspiring to provide, and attempting to provide, material support to the Foreign Terrorist Organizations.

Said pled guilty to count 1 of the indictment, filed in Case No. 20364-CR-Ungaro, charging that Said conspired with Mohammed and other individuals to provide money and recruits to al-Qaeda, AQI/al-Nusra Front in Syria, and al-Shabaab in Somalia. Mohammed sent a series of wire transfers to Said for the purpose of supporting al-Shabaab, and to an individual whom they believed was a fundraiser, recruiter, and supplier for al-Qaeda and AQI/al-Nusra Front for the purpose of supporting al-Qaeda and AQI/al-Nusra Front. Said also served as a contact and recruiter of foreign fighters from the United Kingdom and elsewhere traveling to Somalia to join al-Shabaab. In addition, Said and Mohammed agreed to support al-Qaeda and AQI/al-Nusra Front by recruiting and moving experienced al-Qaeda and 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>.