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ILLINOIS COUSINS SENTENCED FOR CONSPIRING TO PROVIDE MATERIAL SUPPORT TO ISIL

WASHINGTON – Jonas Edmonds, 31, and Hasan Edmonds, 24, both of Aurora, Illinois, were sentenced to 21 years in prison and 30 years in prison, respectively, for conspiring to provide material support to a foreign terrorist organization.

The sentencings were announced by Assistant Attorney General for National Security John P. Carlin, U.S. Attorney Zachary T. Fardon of the Northern District of Illinois, and Special Agent in Charge Michael J. Anderson of the FBI’s Chicago Field Office.

“Hasan and Jonas Edmonds conspired to provide material support to ISIL,” said Assistant Attorney General Carlin. “They were sentenced to lengthy prison terms for planning to wage violence on behalf of ISIL in the Middle East and to conduct an attack on our soil. Thanks to the efforts of many prosecutors, agents and analysts, we were able to ensure these plotters did not attain their violent intentions. Counterterrorism is the department’s highest priority and we will continue use all available tools to combat ISIL, a foreign terrorist organization that rapes, murders and enslaves Muslims and non-Muslims alike.”

The pair pleaded guilty in December 2015 to conspiring to provide material support to the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), a designated foreign terrorist organization. Hasan Edmonds also pleaded guilty to one count of attempting to provide material support to a foreign terrorist organization, while Jonas Edmonds pleaded guilty to one count of making a materially false statement to a law enforcement officer regarding an international terrorism offense.

The cousins admitted in their plea agreements that they devised a plan for Jonas Edmonds to carry out an armed attack at the U.S. Army National Guard base in Joliet, Illinois. At the time

the attack was planned, Hasan Edmonds was a member of the Army National Guard and had been training at the Joliet installation. The plot called for Hasan Edmonds to provide military uniforms for Jonas Edmonds to wear during the attack, and to give Jonas Edmonds a list of officers to kill.

Members of the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) arrested the cousins in March 2015 before an attack could be carried out.

In addition to the proposed attack on the National Guard base, the conspiracy also called for Hasan Edmonds to travel to the Middle East for the purpose of waging violence on behalf of ISIL. Jonas Edmonds expressed his support and excitement for Hasan Edmonds' travel, believing that anyone who supported a mujahid (a fighter) was a mujahid himself, according to Jonas Edmonds' plea agreement.

The cases were investigated by members of the FBI-led JTTF which includes FBI special agents, as well as law enforcement officers from the Chicago Police Department; U.S. Customs and Border Protection; U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations; the Illinois State Police; the Aurora Police Department; and the Illinois National Guard.

The government was represented by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Barry Jonas and John Kness of the Northern District of Illinois, and Trial Attorney Lolita Lukose of the National Security Division's Counterterrorism Section.

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