

U.S. judge orders deportation of Pakistani detained after Sept. 11 attacks

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A federal judge ordered the deportation of an illegal Pakistani immigrant arrested on firearms charges after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Prosecutors said they did not have any evidence linking Raza Nasir Khan, 30, to terrorism, but federal agents discovered he had overstayed his work visa while questioning him.

Khan was arrested Sept. 24 after federal agents searched his apartment and found three firearms.

Authorities were alerted after a wildlife agent reported that Khan requested maps of a hunting area across the Delaware River from a nuclear power plant in Salem, New Jersey eight days after hijacked airliners crashed into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

A federal affidavit also stated that Khan took video footage of the World Trade Center towers in the days before the Sept. 11 attacks.

U.S. District Court Judge Joseph J. Farnan Jr. sentenced Khan on Wednesday to 177 days, the time he has already served.

He will be transferred to immigration officials to begin deportation proceedings, said Khan's lawyer, John Malik.

Khan also was barred from re-entering the United States, said Assistant U.S. Attorney Edmond Falgowski.