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BEFORE: THE HONORABLE KEVIN N. FOX
United States Magistrate Judge
Southern District of New York

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA :

- v - : SEALED COMPLAINT

OUMAR ISSA, : Violations of
HAROUNA TOURÉ, and : 21 U.S.C. § 960a,
IDRISS ABELRAHMAN, : 18 U.S.C. §§ 2339B
 : & 3238.
Defendants. :

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, ss.:

DARIA LUPACCHINO, being duly sworn, deposes and says that she is a Special Agent of the Drug Enforcement Administration ("DEA"), and charges as follows:

COUNT ONE: NARCO-TERRORISM CONSPIRACY

1. From at least in or about September 2009, up to and including the present, in an offense occurring in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce, begun and committed outside of the jurisdiction of any particular State or district of the United States, OUMAR ISSA, HAROUNA TOURÉ, and IDRISS ABELRAHMAN, the defendants, at least one of whom will be first brought to and arrested in the Southern District of New York, and others known and unknown, unlawfully, intentionally and knowingly did combine, conspire, confederate and agree together and with each other to violate the laws of the United States.

2. It was a part and an object of said conspiracy that OUMAR ISSA, HAROUNA TOURÉ, and IDRISS ABELRAHMAN, the defendants, and others known and unknown, would and did engage in conduct that would be punishable under Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a) if committed within the jurisdiction of the United States, to wit, the distribution, and possession with the intent to distribute, of five kilograms and more of mixtures and substances containing a detectable amount of cocaine, knowing and intending to provide, directly and indirectly, something of pecuniary value to a person and organization that has engaged and engages in terrorist activity and terrorism, to wit, the Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia ("FARC"), which was

designated by the United States Secretary of State as a foreign terrorist organization in October 1997, pursuant to Section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, and was re-designated as such on October 2, 2003, and October 11, 2005, and is currently designated as such as of the date of the filing of this Complaint, and its members, operatives and associates, in violation of Section 960a of Title 21, United States Code.

3. It was further a part and an object of said conspiracy that OUMAR ISSA, HAROUNA TOURÉ, and IDRIS ABELRAHMAN, the defendants, and others known and unknown, would and did engage in conduct that would be punishable under Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a) if committed within the jurisdiction of the United States, to wit, the distribution, and possession with the intent to distribute, of five kilograms and more of mixtures and substances containing a detectable amount of cocaine, knowing and intending to provide, directly and indirectly, something of pecuniary value to a person and organization that has engaged and engages in terrorist activity and terrorism, to wit, (a) Al Qaeda, which was designated by the United States Secretary of State as a foreign terrorist organization on October 8, 1999, pursuant to Section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, and was re-designated as such on October 5, 2001, October 2, 2003, and April 28, 2006, and is currently designated as such as of the date of the filing of this Complaint, and its members, operatives and associates, in violation of Section 960a of Title 21, United States Code; and (b) Al Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (or "AQIM"), which was designated by the United States Secretary of State as a foreign terrorist organization in February 2008, pursuant to Section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, and is currently designated as such as of the date of the filing of this Complaint, and its members, operatives and associates, in violation of Section 960a of Title 21, United States Code.

(Title 21, United States Code, Section 960a, and Title 18, United States Code, Section 3238.)

**COUNT TWO: CONSPIRACY TO PROVIDE
MATERIAL SUPPORT TO A FOREIGN TERRORIST ORGANIZATION**

4. From at least in or about September 2009, up to and including the present, in an offense occurring in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce, begun and committed outside of the jurisdiction of any particular State or district of the United States, OUMAR ISSA, HAROUNA TOURÉ, and IDRIS ABELRAHMAN, the defendants, at least one of whom will be first brought to and arrested in the Southern District of New York, and others known and unknown, unlawfully and knowingly did combine, conspire, confederate and agree together and with each other to provide "material support or resources," as that term is defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 2339A(b), to the FARC,

Al Qaeda, and AQIM, each of which has been designated by the United States Secretary of State as a foreign terrorist organization, as set forth above.

5. It was a part and an object of the conspiracy that OUMAR ISSA, HAROUNA TOURÉ, and IDRIS ABELRAHMAN, the defendants, and others known and unknown, would and did agree to provide the FARC with, among other things, logistical assistance and secure transport for a shipment of cocaine across Africa, and other support and resources, knowing that the FARC had engaged and was engaging in terrorist activity (as defined in section 212(a)(3)(B) of the Immigration and Nationality Act), and that the FARC had engaged and was engaging in terrorism (as defined in section 140(d)(2) of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1988 and 1989), in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2339B.

6. It was further a part and an object of the conspiracy that OUMAR ISSA, HAROUNA TOURÉ, and IDRIS ABELRAHMAN, the defendants, would and did agree to provide support and resources (including themselves) to Al Qaeda and AQIM, knowing that Al Qaeda and AQIM had engaged and were engaging in terrorist activity (as defined in section 212(a)(3)(B) of the Immigration and Nationality Act), and that Al Qaeda and AQIM had engaged and were engaging in terrorism (as defined in section 140(d)(2) of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1988 and 1989), in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2339B.

(Title 18, United States Code,
Sections 2339B(a)(1), (d)(1)(C), (d)(1)(E) and 3238.)

The bases for my knowledge and the foregoing charges are as follows:

7. I am a DEA agent with 10 years' experience. I have participated in the investigation of this matter, and have spoken with other individuals, including federal agents, other law enforcement officials, and other witnesses. When I rely on statements made by others, such statements are related in sum and substance unless otherwise indicated. Moreover, because this affidavit is submitted for the limited purpose of establishing probable cause supporting the arrests of the defendants, I have not set forth each and every fact learned during the course of this investigation. Indeed, I have omitted mention of some of the facts known about the defendants in order to protect sensitive sources of information.

Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia (the FARC)

8. During the course of my investigation, I have become familiar with the Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia (the "FARC") through a variety of sources, including, but not limited to, DEA investigations of the FARC, and persons who have been associated with the FARC. From these sources, I have learned that the FARC is an international terrorist organization. Specifically, I have learned the following:

a. From in or about 1964 until on or about the date of filing of this Complaint, the FARC has been and is an international terrorist group dedicated to the violent overthrow of the democratically elected Government of Colombia.

b. The FARC is a highly structured terrorist organization, styled as a military group and comprised of approximately 12,000 to 18,000 armed guerillas organized into seven "blocs," 68 numbered "fronts," nine named fronts, and four urban "militias."

c. To further its terrorist activities and its goals to overthrow the democratically elected Government of Colombia, the FARC actively engages in narcotics trafficking as a financing mechanism and has evolved into the world's largest supplier of cocaine.

d. In October 1997, the United States Secretary of State designated the FARC as a foreign terrorist organization pursuant to Section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act. As of the date of filing of this Complaint, the FARC is currently designated as a foreign terrorist organization. The European Union also has designated the FARC as a terrorist organization.

e. During at least the five years prior to the date of filing of this Complaint, the FARC has directed violent acts against United States persons and commercial and property interests in foreign jurisdictions, including, but not limited to, Colombia. In order to protect its financial interests in the cocaine trade, the FARC leadership ordered its members to take counter-measures against the Government of Colombia's cocaine fumigation campaign, including, among other actions: attempting to shoot down fumigation aircraft; forcing members and supporters to publicly rally against fumigation; and attacking Colombian infrastructure. Having recognized that the United States has contributed significantly to Colombian fumigation efforts, the FARC leadership ordered FARC members to kidnap and murder United States citizens and to attack United States interests in order to dissuade the United States from continuing its efforts to fumigate and disrupt the FARC's cocaine and cocaine paste manufacturing and distribution activities.

f. The FARC's violent acts directed against the United States and United States interests have included: (1) the murder of United States nationals; (2) the kidnapping of United States nationals; and (3) the bombing of a restaurant in Bogota, Colombia, frequented by United States nationals.

Al Qaeda and Al Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM)

9. During the course of my investigation, I have become familiar with Al Qaeda and Al Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb ("AQIM"). Based on my review of publicly available information, including findings and statements by the United States Department of State, the United States Department of Treasury, and the United Nations, as well as statements attributed to AQIM through newspapers, periodicals, and other "open source" information, I have learned the following:

a. Al Qaeda is an organization founded in or about 1989 by Usama bin Laden, Muhammad Atef, a/k/a "Abu Hafs al Masri," and others. One of the principal goals of this organization is to attack the United States. Al Qaeda has claimed responsibility for the September 11, 2001 attacks in the United States and for numerous other terrorist acts around the world. Al Qaeda functions on its own and through various terrorist organizations that operate under its umbrella, including, as described below, AQIM.

b. The United States Department of State has designated Al Qaeda as a foreign terrorist organization ("FTO") on: October 8, 1999; October 5, 2001; October 2, 2003; and April 28, 2006. Al Qaeda remains a designated FTO as of this date. The designation is made pursuant to Section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as added by the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996, Pub. L. 104-132, 302, 110 Stat. 1214, 1248 (1996), and amended by the Illegal Immigrant Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996, Pub. L. No. 104-208, 110 Stat. 3009 (1996).

c. AQIM formerly called itself the Salafist Group for Preaching and Combat ("GSPC"). This group was founded in the late 1990s with the assistance of Usama bin Laden, and declared war on Algeria's secular authorities and Western targets. In or about September 2001, GSPC declared that it would "strike hard" at the United States and other countries if they "persist in hunting down Islamist networks in America, Great Britain, France, and Belgium." On March 27, 2002, the United States Department of State designated GSPC as an FTO. As of June 2004, Abdelmalek Droukdal, a/k/a "Abu Musab Abdul Wadoud," was appointed GSPC's leader.

d. On or about September 11, 2006, Ayman al Zawahiri - a high-ranking member of Al Qaeda and close associate of Usama bin Laden - announced that GSPC had joined Al Qaeda. In making this statement, Zawahiri called for "our brothers of the GSPC to hit the foundations of the Crusader alliance, primarily their old leader the infidel United States." GSPC renamed itself AQIM, and declared its leader to be Abdelmalek Droukdal. In February 2008, the United States Department of State amended its earlier designation of GSPC as an FTO to include AQIM.

e. On or about December 4, 2007, the United States Department of Treasury, pursuant to Executive Order 13224, designated Droukdal as a foreign terrorist. In so designating Droukdal, the United States Department of Treasury stated that Droukdal had reportedly supervised April 2007 bombings of the Algerian Prime Minister's Office and police offices and ordered a December 2006 attack on a United States company's bus.

f. In responding to questions posed to him by the New York Times in July 2008, Droukdal stated via audio recording that "American interests are legitimate targets to us. We will strive to strike them whenever we can. And we are sure that America is going to lose its war against us like it lost it against Afghanistan and Iraq." Droukdal further stated that:

- By uniting with Al Qaeda, AQIM "brought grief and sorrow to our enemies the Jews and apostates and crusaders."
- "We and Al Qaeda are one body. . . . They back us up and we back them up. They supply us and we supply them with any kind of support, loyalty, advice and available support."
- "Everyone must know that we will not hesitate in targeting [the United States] whenever we can and wherever it is on the planet."
- "We will mobilize the sons of the Islamic Maghreb in order to soak the nose of the Americans in the mud, and put into their account that's already filled with defeats, another defiance."

The Investigation

A. CS-1 Meets With Defendants ISSA and TOURÉ In Ghana In September And October of 2009

10. The DEA has been assisted in this investigation by a confidential source ("CS-1") who has provided the DEA with information about potential narco-terrorist activity in West Africa.¹ In CS-1's interaction with the targets of investigation, CS-1 has posed as a Lebanese radical committed to opposing the interests of the United States, Israel and, more broadly, the West and its ideals.

11. In August of 2009, CS-1 identified an individual known as "Oumar," who was subsequently identified by the DEA as OUMAR ISSA, the defendant, as a facilitator for a criminal organization operating within the West African countries of Togo, Ghana, Burkina Faso and Mali. CS-1 reported the information to the DEA and thereupon was instructed to arrange a meeting with ISSA in Ghana, which CS-1 did, by telephone. On September 14, 2009, CS-1 met ISSA in Ghana. The meeting, which was conducted in French, was recorded with audio and video equipment. I have set forth below a partial summary of the discussion held during this meeting. This summary is based upon my and other agents' debriefings of CS-1, as well as my review of a summary translation of the meeting prepared by a translator working on a contract basis with the DEA. During the meeting, the following discussion took place:

a. CS-1 told ISSA that he represented members of the FARC. CS-1 explained to ISSA that the Colombians were very sympathetic to "the cause" and held anti-American views similar to those of ISSA and to the views espoused by CS-1 (in CS-1's cover as a Lebanese radical). CS-1 told ISSA that working with the Colombians would not only be profitable, but would generate money for their shared causes.

b. CS-1 explained that the Colombians needed assistance with transporting cocaine from West Africa, through North Africa, and into Spain. To that end, CS-1 asked ISSA if he was capable of providing secure passage of cocaine through North Africa.

c. ISSA explained that associates of his in Mali have an established means to avoid customs detection of contraband at the various borders along the proposed route and

¹ CS-1 became a paid confidential source for DEA in approximately July of 2009. During the time CS-1 has worked for DEA, CS-1 has proved reliable and has provided information that has been independently corroborated.

were capable of ensuring safe passage through the desert. The CS asked ISSA if the protection would come from government officials or from "Qaeda." ISSA confirmed that the protection would come from Al Qaeda and the people that would protect the load would be very well armed.

d. To further the proposed transaction, ISSA stated that he would travel to Mali to meet with the "main guy." CS-1 and ISSA agreed that the two of them, joined by the "main guy" referenced by ISSA, would meet in Ghana soon to further discuss the details of the transaction.

12. On September 15 and 16, 2009, CS-1 made a series of consensually monitored telephone calls at the direction of DEA, during which CS-1 and OUMAR ISSA, the defendant, further discussed the cocaine transportation proposal previously discussed on September 14, 2009. ISSA asked CS-1 for money to pay for his travel to Mali so that ISSA could meet with his boss and tell the boss about the business proposal with the Colombians. CS-1 asked for ISSA's full name in order to send him money via Western Union. ISSA provided his name, and the DEA arranged to have \$300.00 sent to ISSA in Togo to pay for ISSA's travel to Mali. Between September 16, 2009 and October 6, 2009, CS-1 made an additional series of recorded and unrecorded telephone calls with ISSA. The calls focused on coordinating a meeting with ISSA's main contact in Mali.

13. On October 6, 2009, CS-1 had a series of meetings with ISSA and an individual subsequently identified as HAROUNA TOURÉ,² the defendant, in Accra, Ghana, to continue discussions regarding the proposed transport of cocaine through Africa. TOURÉ was introduced at the meeting as the boss of OUMAR ISSA, the defendant, and purported to lead a criminal organization that worked with groups in North Africa with affiliations to Al Qaeda. TOURÉ indicated that he had agreed to meet with CS-1 to discuss TOURÉ's ability to assist CS-1 and a representative of the FARC with the transportation of cocaine from Ghana through North Africa to the coast of Spain. I have set forth below a partial summary of the discussion during this meeting. This summary is

² HAROUNA TOURÉ, the defendant, traveled to Ghana for the meeting via a flight from Bamako, Mali to Lome, Togo and then traveled with ISSA by vehicle from Lome, Togo to Accra, Ghana. TOURÉ's airline ticket was purchased by CS-1 in the name of "Touré Harouna" which was the name provided by ISSA prior to HAROUNA's travel. The name HAROUNA TOURÉ was later identified from a Mali passport which he mistakenly left behind at the hotel where the meeting took place. CS-1 acquired custody of the passport, at the request of TOURÉ, and made a copy of the passport which was sent to DEA agents. CS-1 then returned the passport to TOURÉ through a third party.

based upon my and other agents' debriefings of CS-1, as well as my conferral with a DEA agent with French fluency who has reviewed the recordings. During the meetings, CS-1 and TOURÉ discussed the following:

a. CS-1 explained that he was meeting with TOURÉ on behalf of the FARC, which CS-1 named explicitly, and described the organization as being sympathetic to their (CS-1's and TOURÉ's) mutual cause. CS-1 explained that the FARC needed assistance with the transportation of cocaine from Ghana to the sea of Spain. CS-1 told TOURÉ that the FARC worked with other Islamists that oppose American interests.

b. TOURÉ stated that his organization would be able to transport the cocaine from Ghana through North Africa to Spain. TOURÉ explained that his group controls the desert and advised that the route from Ghana to Mali was generally safe, but that TOURÉ's assistance would be needed to secure safe passage from Mali to Morocco. While demonstrating with a map and making notations thereon, TOURÉ explained that the transportation of the cocaine from Mali across the desert to Morocco would be facilitated by Al Qaeda groups utilizing Land Rover 4x4 vehicles. TOURÉ discussed the option of two different transportation routes, one through Algeria and Libya, and the other through Algeria and Morocco.

c. TOURÉ also described his strong relationship with the Al Qaeda groups that control areas of North Africa. TOURÉ stated that he has worked with Al Qaeda to transport and deliver between one and two tons of hashish to Tunisia and that his organization and Al Qaeda have collaborated in the human smuggling of Bangladeshi, Pakistani and Indian subjects into Spain. TOURÉ also explained that he supports Al Qaeda with gasoline and food and collects taxes from many rich Malian people throughout the region on Al Qaeda's behalf. TOURÉ commented that without him (TOURÉ) they (Al Qaeda) could not eat. TOURÉ stated that he understands the Colombians' hatred for the Americans because the Americans do not let the Colombians rest.

d. CS-1 inquired about TOURÉ's ability and interest in participating in kidnappings for ransom to raise money. TOURÉ stated that the same organization (Al Qaeda) that will be protecting the cocaine shipment from Mali through North Africa could assist CS-1 in CS-1's desire to kidnap foreign nationals to raise money for the cause. In an effort to support his claim, TOURÉ elaborated that the same group recently kidnapped French speaking Belgian citizens and successfully collected a large ransom for their return.

e. TOURÉ further reported that he has a longstanding working relationship with a Brazil-based criminal organization that smuggles contraband. TOURÉ advised that this

Brazilian organization has assisted him with obtaining visas for travel to Brazil and parts of Europe.³ TOURÉ advised that if CS-1 and the Colombians wanted the shipment of cocaine transported from the coast of Morocco to Spain, TOURÉ would utilize his Brazilian contact for that segment of the transportation.

f. TOURÉ negotiated a transportation cost of \$2,000 per kilogram of cocaine. TOURÉ stated that the cost included payment to his Al Qaeda contacts for the transport and security of the cocaine through North Africa, across the desert, to the coast of Morocco. TOURÉ further indicated that he was able to get official Mali passports. CS-1 provided TOURÉ with a photo of a criminal associate (the "CA") and explained that the CA worked for the Colombians. CS-1 advised that the CA would follow along with TOURÉ's group to ensure the safe delivery of the cocaine shipment. CS-1 paid TOURÉ \$1,000 for the future procurement of the passport for the CA. TOURÉ stated that he would be able to obtain the CA's passport within 3-4 days after his return to Mali; however, TOURÉ warned that he would only allow the CA to follow the drug load until the load reached Mali and, once the load was turned over to Al Qaeda, they would not allow an outsider to follow them through North Africa.

14. On October 15, 2009, CS-1 made a series of consensually monitored calls to HAROUNA TOURÉ, the defendant, at the direction of DEA. During the calls, the substance of which I and other agents have reviewed with CS-1, TOURÉ agreed at the next meeting to bring a representative of the group that would be responsible for the security of the cocaine during transit through the desert of North Africa, from Mali to the coast, and agreed to meet in Melilla (a Spanish-controlled territory within Morocco) in the near future. CS-1 asked TOURÉ for an e-mail address that CS-1 could use to contact TOURÉ; TOURÉ provided an account address and CS-1 gave TOURÉ CS-1's email account information. CS-1 and TOURÉ subsequently exchanged a series of e-mails in French (with some Arabic terms), including the following:⁴

a. On or about October 16, 2009, at approximately 10:42 a.m., CS-1 wrote "I am happy to get in touch with you. Today, I will contact the Colombians through this same way and I will let you know all the details in regards to our business/deal. Everything is going on the right direction."

³ TOURÉ's Malian passport reflected travel to Brazil, Saudi Arabia and France.

⁴ The English translations of TOURÉ's e-mails are preliminary translations prepared by DEA personnel with French language fluency.

b. At approximately 6:00 p.m. later that day, CS-1 wrote "Dear Touré, we are going on the right direction and God is going to be with us. Our next meeting with the Colombians will be in Mellia [sic] 'Inchaallah' [meaning 'God willing' in Arabic] and don't worry about the expenses because I am going to take care of it. The Colombians are going to send a representative and he is going to be in charge of verifying everything I have presented him about the transportation. So you have to take with you the person who is going to be responsible to protect the merchandise, especially in the desert where our friends, the radicals and the Muslims are going to be the 'guarantee' for the people as we have talked and concluded in our last meeting. We are going to start the action and the execution of the plan. I know that you are the 'desert' and I trust you. I think we are going to do a good job and also we are going to help with our brothers our cause which is under any other consideration. God is with us; he watches over us and he guides us. . . . Once the passport is done you will give it to me, God willing, in our next meeting. I forgot to tell you that with the passport, it is necessary an identification card and a driver's license that I will pay you separately. The load will be ready and that's why we have to study well the route. We will talk also in Mellia [sic], God willing. By the way, the Colombians are going to make you an offer, a good business and we will talk about that also. God bless you and [Arabic terms] Good bye."

c. On or about October 16, 2009, TOURÉ responded at approximately 8:06 a.m., "Hello, I received the message and [Unintelligible word] is understood. So far, I would like you to give me the exact date of our next meeting because I am not permanently in the Capital because I operate most of the time on the north, in the areas where there aren't connections. Since we have been in contact I have made all the necessary contacts with our Muslim brothers in order for the deal to work. Every day they ask about the deal; there is not a problem to bring one person but he is in the 'desert' and I don't know what to say; to come, or not to come. I don't have any concerns with the deal because I am convinced. What it worries me a little bit is that I have a lot of work and I don't know when this is going to start. God help us and take care."

d. On October 17, 2009 at approximately 4:36 p.m., CS-1 sent an email to TOURÉ and asked him if TOURÉ's partner would be available to come to a future meeting. At approximately 7:41 p.m., TOURÉ sent CS-1 the response, in French: "Hello, the message has been received. It won't be a problem for my partner. I will wait until Monday to make plans. Wish you good things."

B. CS-1 and CS-2 Meet With Defendants TOURÉ
And ABELRAHMAN In Ghana In November 2009

15. On November 17 and 18, 2009, CS-1 and an additional DEA confidential source posing as a member of the FARC ("CS-2")⁵ met with HAROUNA TOURÉ and IDRIS ABELRAHMAN, the defendants, in Ghana in meetings that were recorded on both audio and video.⁶ This summary is based upon my and other agents' debriefings of CS-1, as well as my review of a summary translation of the meeting prepared by a translator working on a contract basis with the DEA. During the meeting, the following discussion took place:

a. At the outset of the meeting, ABELRAHMAN said, in substance, that each party knew who the other party was, and it need not be discussed further. CS-2 introduced himself as a high-ranking member of his organization interested in shipping a series of 500 to 1,000 kilogram loads of cocaine across Africa to Europe. CS-2 explained that he and his group had been fighting a war against the Americans, Colombians, and many other governments for a very long time. CS-2 further explained that to finance this war, his organization generated money from the sale of cocaine. ABELRAHMAN was introduced as a leader of a "militia" of 11 armed men and told CS-1, in substance, that he was "wanted by the world" because of his status as a "General" in the militia, and that because of his status he could not travel in Europe. TOURÉ and ABELRAHMAN identified themselves as the "kings" of the desert and described themselves as "warriors of god and fighting for god." When CS-2 challenged ABELRAHMAN by stating that ABELRAHMAN leads only 11 men, whereas CS-2's organization is comprised of 30,000 men, ABELRAHMAN smiled and said "we are everywhere." CS-1 explained to ABELRAHMAN in substance that CS-2 hates Americans and that Americans killed CS-2's brother. ABELRAHMAN responded by pointing to CS-2 and saying, in substance, that if this was the case, that CS-2 was now ABELRAHMAN's brother. CS-1 told TOURÉ and ABELRAHMAN, in substance, that he/she knows that CS-2 is glad to be working with TOURÉ and ABELRAHMAN because they all hate Americans and are committed to the same cause. ABELRAHMAN then responded "god willing, god willing."

⁵ CS-2 has been working with the DEA since 2000, first as a cooperating witness and currently as a paid confidential source. CS-2 has provided reliable information in the past that has resulted in numerous arrests, seizures, and convictions. CS-2 has also previously testified in United States District Court.

⁶ During the meetings, CS-2 spoke in Spanish, using CS-1 as an interpreter to convert the substance of his statements into French.

b. During the meetings, TOURÉ and ABELRAHMAN said that they have the ability to safely transport cocaine shipments for CS-2 and his group. ABELRAHMAN said that TOURÉ handles the business aspects of the operation and possesses useful political contacts in Mali, while ABELRAHMAN's role is to provide weapons and to use his status in the "militia" to ensure safe passage of merchandise through the desert, adding that ABELRAHMAN's people possess the force, the weapons, and the vehicles to do so. TOURÉ explained that he would use a truck to transport the cocaine from Ghana to Mali or Niger. At that point TOURÉ would combine efforts with ABELRAHMAN and his group to transport the cocaine through the desert to the coast of Morocco, through the small Moroccan coastal town of Aghadir, and then via a route the passes through a river out to the Canary Islands. TOURÉ and ABELRAHMAN said that they would charge 3,000 Euros per kilogram that they transport and would request a 10% down payment prior to each transport. According to TOURÉ and ABELRAHMAN, this money was needed to cover various expenses, including vehicles, gas, water, and payments to people working with their organization, among other things. TOURÉ and ABELRAHMAN said that the profits of the work will go to their people to support the fight for "the cause."

16. During a meeting in Ghana that took place on or about November 18, 2009, CS-1 and CS-2 told HAROUNA TOURÉ and IDRIS ABELRAHMAN, the defendants, that CS-2 spoke to other leadership members of his organization and that they decided that they wanted TOURÉ and ABELRAHMAN to purchase the truck that will be used to transport the cocaine shipments from Ghana to ABELRAHMAN's group in the desert. CS-1 and CS-2 then handed \$25,000 to TOURÉ and ABELRAHMAN. ABELRAHMAN initially picked up the money and placed it in his left pants pocket. Later during the meeting, ABELRAHMAN handed the money to TOURÉ and TOURÉ counted the money. TOURÉ advised that he would purchase the truck for the operation. During the discussions about the truck and the transportation operation, CS-1 and CS-2 explained to TOURÉ and ABELRAHMAN that the cocaine would be concealed in construction material and would be undetectable until it is processed at a lab located in Europe.

C. CS-1, CS-2, TOURÉ and ABELRAHMAN Continue To Plan The Narcotics Transaction By Telephone

17. Following the meetings on November 17, 2009 and November 18, 2009, CS-1 and CS-2 spoke to HAROUNA TOURÉ and IDRIS ABELRAHMAN, the defendants, in a subsequent series of recorded calls to TOURÉ and ABELRAHMAN to further plan and coordinate the proposed narcotics trafficking activity. I have set forth below a partial summary of these calls, which is based on my debriefings of CS-1. For example:

a. On or about November 18, 2009, at approximately 10:05 a.m., CS-1 called TOURÉ and told him that CS-1 and CS-2 wanted to meet with TOURÉ and ABELRAHMAN in a half an hour. CS-1 stated that "so far, everything seems good," referring to the parties' conversations the previous day in which CS-1 and CS-2 told TOURÉ and ABELRAHMAN that they would be in contact with CS-2's partners in Colombia (the FARC) to get approval to move forward. TOURÉ stated that he was checking out of his hotel room. TOURÉ told CS-1 to come to the hotel so that they could meet again.

b. On that same day, on or about November 18, 2009, CS-1 called TOURÉ and told him that he and ABELRAHMAN needed to purchase a truck, not a car, with the \$25,000 CS-1 and CS-2 had provided them. During the meeting on November 18, 2009, TOURÉ and ABELRAHMAN indicated that they would purchase a four wheel drive vehicle or "4x4" to transport the initial small load. At the direction of DEA, CS-1 called TOURÉ and clarified that that the vehicle needed to be large enough to carry the 500 kilogram loads that would be sent after an initial smaller load was delivered and successfully transported. During the call, TOURÉ repeated that they would buy a truck and it would be better than a 4x4. CS-1 stated that once TOURÉ purchased the truck, CS-1 and CS-2 would make the down payment for the transportation of the initial load. CS-1 told TOURÉ to take his time and not to rush anything because CS-2 would be returning to South America to make preparations for the 500 kilograms of cocaine to be sent to Ghana. During the call, CS-1 repeated "500" to make sure that TOURÉ understood. TOURÉ repeated the amount and CS-1 explained that they needed to have a truck but told TOURÉ to take his time. CS-1 explained that he would be going to Spain to prepare to receive the cocaine near the "Island" (a reference to the Canary Islands discussed in the prior meetings). TOURÉ stated that he understood that both CS-1 and CS-2 were leaving Ghana and that he would be returning to Mali. CS-1 explained that it would possibly be 15 days before they meet again and that everybody was leaving the area to take care of their own part of the "business." TOURÉ said that he would return to Mali.

c. A few minutes later, CS-1 again spoke to TOURÉ. CS-1 explained that CS-2 is preparing "the 500." CS-1 informed TOURÉ that CS-2 would be away for at least 15 days and CS-1 would be traveling to Spain to prepare for the transfer of cocaine in North Africa. CS-1 asked TOURÉ to assure CS-1 that he would have the truck in 10 to 15 days and would purchase the truck in Ghana or Mali. The call was then dropped. TOURÉ immediately called CS-1 back and told CS-1 that he would see if he could purchase the truck in Ghana before he departed. CS-1 said that God would be with TOURÉ.

d. On or about November 19, 2009, at approximately 5:20 pm, CS-1 spoke to TOURÉ, who stated that he and ABELRAHMAN were leaving for Mali early the following morning. CS-1 told TOURÉ that he wanted to speak with ABELRAHMAN, and a few minutes later CS-1 received an incoming call from ABELRAHMAN. During the call, CS-1 asked that ABELRAHMAN conduct their part of the business with caution. CS-1 also instructed ABELRAHMAN to speak with TOURÉ if he wanted to get a European passport because of ABELRAHMAN's previous statements that ABELRAHMAN could not travel in Europe because of his wanted status; CS-1 had told TOURÉ and ABELRAHMAN that CS-1 had contacts that could obtain official government passports for them so that they could more freely travel.

e. On or about November 30, 2009, CS-1 spoke with ABELRAHMAN and TOURÉ by phone. During this call, ABELRAHMAN and TOURÉ indicated that they were ready, that they had purchased the vehicle, and that they were waiting for further direction. CS-1 was also told that TOURÉ would be leaving the following day for Burkina Faso. CS-1 also asked TOURÉ during the call whether the recent kidnapping of a Spanish national in Mauritania would complicate the movement of the cocaine through North Africa. TOURÉ replied that the kidnapping and government efforts in the area would not interfere with their group's movements and the route that they intended to use. TOURÉ also stated that a plane had recently crashed in Mali that contained merchandise from Colombia. TOURÉ stated that the Mali desert was very large and had five borders, and that many armed groups moved freely within Mali, and again assured CS-1 that none of the recent events in Mali would disrupt their transportation ability through the desert. Finally, TOURÉ stated that he and ABELRAHMAN wanted to be paid in euros, rather than dollars.

f. On or about December 3, 2009, CS-1 placed a consensually-monitored and recorded call to TOURÉ. During the call, TOURÉ told CS-1 that he had purchased a truck, which he described as a Mercedes six-wheeler, and that the truck was already in Ghana.

D. CS-1 and CS-2 Meet With TOURE and ABELRAHMAN In Ghana In December 2009

18. On or about December 13, 2009, CS-1 and CS-2 met with HAROUNA TOURÉ and IDRIS ABELRAHMAN, the defendants, in two separate meetings in Ghana, both of which were recorded on audio and video.

a. In the first meeting, TOURÉ handed over the Mali passport, as well as a government identification card, that CS-1 had asked him to obtain for the CA. TOURÉ and ABELRAHMAN then explained that they did not have the truck with them that they had purchased for the transport of the cocaine, because it

was being outfitted with higher sides in order to better conceal the load of cocaine. TOURÉ and ABELRAHMAN further stated that, in light of the alterations needed for the truck, an additional \$15,000 would be necessary to pay for the changes. They explained that they could have the truck ready as early as the next day, and gave a set of keys to the truck to CS-1 and showed CS-1 and CS-2 a picture of the truck taken on TOURÉ's cellular phone.

b. TOURÉ then asked that CS-1 and CS-2 pay half of the transportation costs in advance, as a down payment. When CS-1 responded that the previous understanding had been that only a 10% down payment was necessary, TOURÉ responded that a 10% down payment would not even cover the costs and expenses of the transportation, including payouts to various people along the route, and that the standard rate for transport across the desert was \$10,000 per kilogram of cocaine, reiterating their demand for 75,000 euros in down payment. TOURÉ told CS-1 and CS-2 that the load could still be moved on the same schedule if CS-1 and CS-2 went to the garage, paid the remainder of the purchase price of the truck, and delivered it to ABELRAHMAN, who would then pick up the cocaine and begin the transport, while TOURÉ remained in Accra to wait to receive the down payment. CS-1 and CS-2 answered that they could not deliver 75,000 euros without getting permission and assistance from associates in Colombia, and concluded the meeting to discuss among themselves what action to take.

c. Later that day, CS-1 and CS-2 met again with TOURÉ and ABELRAHMAN. During the meeting, CS-1 and CS-2 explained that the cocaine had been delivered to Ghana and asked TOURÉ and ABELRAHMAN to transport the cocaine with 15,000 euros as the down payment, noting that this initial load was a smaller test load, and that there would be many future loads. They further explained that if TOURÉ and ABELRAHMAN were insisting on 75,000 euros as the down payment, that CS-1 and CS-2 would need time to get the money. TOURÉ responded that because he and ABELRAHMAN had already incurred significant travel and hotel expenses, the 75,000 euro down payment was necessary, but that he and ABELRAHMAN would be willing to wait in Ghana for three days - until Wednesday, December 16 - so that CS-1 and CS-2 could make arrangements to provide the requested down payment. CS-1 and CS-2 then left the meeting.

19. On or about December 14, 2009, CS-1 and CS-2 met with HAROUNA TOURÉ and IDRIS ABELRAHMAN, the defendants, in Ghana. The meeting was recorded on both audio and video.

a. At the beginning of the meeting, referencing their meeting the previous day, CS-1 told ABELRAHMAN and TOURÉ that CS-2 had been on the telephone the entire night explaining the negotiations to his bosses, and that CS-2 and his

organization (referring to the FARC) had agreed to pay the money that ABELRAHMAN and TOURÉ had requested. TOURÉ then explained that he had been upset about their discussions the previous day because he and ABELRAHMAN had made substantial preparations for the cocaine transport on the understanding that an agreement had been reached and the plan was moving forward. TOURÉ explained, in substance, that he had traveled to the frontier of Morocco; that he had purchased the off-road vehicles that would be used to transport the cocaine in the Sahara, and that he had prepared people all along the transportation route to assist them, including in Niger. TOURÉ continued that he had also brought a friend who was a chauffeur that drives trucks for "our people, Al Qaeda" through the desert. TOURÉ said that he paid for all of the expenses with his own money and he had been very agitated about that during the negotiations on December 13. CS-1 admitted that he was agitated as well. ABELRAHMAN interjected and explained, in substance, that with a good heart, both parties could make the deal successful. Later in the meeting, CS-1 began to speak with ABELRAHMAN in Arabic, and told him that CS-2 is from "the FARC" and that CS-2's thinking is "military" like ABELRAHMAN's thinking. CS-1 elaborated that CS-2 and ABELRAHMAN have the same cause, stating that both ABELRAHMAN's group and CS-2's group are "against Americans," to which ABELRAHMAN nodded his head in assent.

b. TOURÉ continued to explain that his aggravation the previous day was due to the fact that he had already begun to pay for the people and protection necessary to accomplish the cocaine transportation venture with CS-1 and CS-2 and had brought another member of Al Qaeda with him to Accra who could help ABELRAHMAN transport the cocaine along the route. TOURÉ explained that ABELRAHMAN and the other Al Qaeda member would be able to navigate through the region and they together had already established a route and a cover story to deal with complications and questions along the route. TOURÉ went on to explain that their group provides protection for airplanes that land in their area, including incoming planes from Colombia.

c. CS-1 stated that CS-1 would be able to meet with TOURÉ and ABELRAHMAN tomorrow to make the final payment for the truck and take possession of it. TOURÉ said that they had secured a location where they could remove the cocaine from the truck and then place an additional cover load on the cocaine with help from people from their group located in Ghana. TOURÉ stated that he would place bananas or oranges on the load as additional "camouflage". TOURÉ explained that he had prepared the "military people" that would be assisting them. TOURÉ clarified that the "military people" were "Al Qaeda."

d. Lastly, CS-1 again spoke with ABELRAHMAN in Arabic and, intertwining the fingers of his two hands, said that his group and ABELRAHMAN's group "would be like this - the two

organizations together." ABELRAHMAN made the same gesture with his hands and affirmed that the two organizations are coming together. ABELRAHMAN then brought his fist and hand together and said "god willing."

WHEREFORE, your deponent respectfully requests that arrest warrants be issued for OUMAR ISSA, HAROUNA TOURÉ, and IDRIS ABELRAHMAN, the defendants, and that they be arrested and imprisoned, or bailed, as the case may be.

Daria Lupacchino

DEC 15 2009

DARIA LUPACCHINO
Special Agent
Drug Enforcement Administration

Sworn to before me this
15 day of December, 2009

s/Ken N. Fox


THE HONORABLE KEVIN N. FOX
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

WARRANT FOR ARREST

United States District Court		DISTRICT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK	
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA v. OUMAR ISSA		DOCKET NO. 09 MAG	MAGISTRATE'S CASE NO. 2719
WARRANT ISSUED ON THE BASIS OF: <input type="checkbox"/> Order of Court <input type="checkbox"/> Indictment <input type="checkbox"/> Information <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Complaint		NAME AND ADDRESS OF INDIVIDUAL TO BE ARRESTED OUMAR ISSA	
		DISTRICT OF ARREST	
TO: UNITED STATES MARSHAL OR ANY OTHER AUTHORIZED OFFICER		CITY	
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to arrest the above-named person and bring that person before the United States District Court to answer to the charge(s) listed below.			
DESCRIPTION OF CHARGES			
Narco-Terrorism Conspiracy; Conspiracy to Provide Material Support and Resources to a Designated Foreign Terrorist Organization			
IN VIOLATION OF	UNITED STATES CODE TITLE 21 18	SECTION 960a 2339B	
BAIL	OTHER CONDITIONS OF RELEASE		
KEVIN NATHANIEL FOX United States Magistrate Judge Southern District of New York	SIGNATURE (FEDERAL JUDGE/U.S. MAGISTRATE) <i>[Signature]</i>		DATE ISSUED DEC 15 2009
CLERK OF COURT	(BY) DEPUTY CLERK		DATE ISSUED
RETURN			
This warrant was received and executed with the arrest of the above-named person.			
DATE RECEIVED	NAME AND TITLE OF ARRESTING OFFICER	SIGNATURE OF ARRESTING OFFICER	
DATE EXECUTED			

Note: The arresting officer is directed to serve the attached copy of the charge on the defendant at the time this warrant is executed.

WARRANT FOR ARREST

United States District Court		DISTRICT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK	
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA v. HAROUNA TOURÉ		DOCKET NO. 09 MAG	MAGISTRATE'S CASE NO. 2719
WARRANT ISSUED ON THE BASIS OF: <input type="checkbox"/> Order of Court <input type="checkbox"/> Indictment <input type="checkbox"/> Information <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Complaint		NAME AND ADDRESS OF INDIVIDUAL TO BE ARRESTED HAROUNA TOURÉ	
TO: UNITED STATES MARSHAL OR ANY OTHER AUTHORIZED OFFICER		DISTRICT OF ARREST	
		CITY	
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to arrest the above-named person and bring that person before the United States District Court to answer to the charge(s) listed below.			
DESCRIPTION OF CHARGES			
Narco-Terrorism Conspiracy; Conspiracy to Provide Material Support and Resources to a Designated Foreign Terrorist Organization			
IN VIOLATION OF	UNITED STATES CODE TITLE 21 18	SECTION 960a 2339B	
BAIL	OTHER CONDITIONS OF RELEASE		
ORDERED BY KEVIN NATHANIEL FOX United States Magistrate Judge Southern District of New York	SIGNATURE (FEDERAL JUDGE/U.S. MAGISTRATE) 		DATE ORDERED DEC 15 2009
CLERK	(BY) DEPUTY CLERK		DATE ISSUED
RETURN			
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WARRANT FOR ARREST

United States District Court		DISTRICT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK	
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA v. IDRISS ABELRAHMAN		DOCKET NO. 09-11111	MAGISTRATE'S CASE NO. 2719
WARRANT ISSUED ON THE BASIS OF: <input type="checkbox"/> Order of Court <input type="checkbox"/> Indictment <input type="checkbox"/> Information <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Complaint		NAME AND ADDRESS OF INDIVIDUAL TO BE ARRESTED IDRISS ABELRAHMAN	
TO: UNITED STATES MARSHAL OR ANY OTHER AUTHORIZED OFFICER		DISTRICT OF ARREST	
		CITY	
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to arrest the above-named person and bring that person before the United States District Court to answer to the charge(s) listed below.			
DESCRIPTION OF CHARGES			
Narco-Terrorism Conspiracy; Conspiracy to Provide Material Support and Resources to a Designated Foreign Terrorist Organization			
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BAIL	OTHER CONDITIONS OF RELEASE		
ORDERED BY KEVIN NATHANIEL FOX United States Magistrate Judge Southern District of New York	SIGNATURE (FEDERAL JUDGE/U.S. MAGISTRATE) <i>[Signature]</i>		DATE ORDERED DEC 16 2009
CLERK OF COURT	(BY) DEPUTY CLERK		DATE ISSUED
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