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MISSISSIPPI MAN SENTENCED TO EIGHT YEARS IN PRISON FOR CONSPIRING TO PROVIDE MATERIAL SUPPORT TO ISIL

WASHINGTON – Muhammad Oda Dakhalla, 23, of Starkville, Mississippi, was sentenced today to serve 96 months in prison for conspiring to provide material support to the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), a designated foreign terrorist organization.

Assistant Attorney General for National Security John P. Carlin, U.S. Attorney Felicia C. Adams of the Northern District of Mississippi and Special Agent in Charge Donald Alway of the FBI's Jackson, Mississippi, Division made the announcement.

On March 13, Dakhalla pleaded guilty before Chief U.S. District Judge Sharion Aycock of the Northern District of Mississippi, who imposed today's sentence and ordered Dakhalla to serve a 15-year term of supervised release.

Dakhalla pleaded guilty to conspiring with Jaelyn Delshaun Young, 20, also of Starkville, to provide material support to ISIL. Young pleaded guilty to the same charge on March 30 and was sentenced to serve 12 years in prison to be followed by 15 years of supervised release on Aug. 11.

The investigation was conducted by the FBI's Jackson Division Joint Terrorism Task Force and the Washington Field Office. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Clay Joyner and Bob Norman of the Northern District of Mississippi and Trial Attorney Rebecca Magnone of the National Security Division's Counterterrorism Section.

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