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### **NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY** - November 15, 2010

United States Attorney Laura E. Duffy announced the unsealing of an indictment charging San Diego resident Nima Ali Yusuf with conspiracy to provide material support to terrorists, conspiracy to provide material support to al-Shabaab, a foreign terrorist organization, and making a false statement to a government agency in a matter involving international terrorism.

With the assistance of Customs and Border Protection, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation arrested Yusuf on November 12, 2010.

On November 15, 2010, United States Magistrate Judge Nita L. Stormes arraigned Yusuf on the indictment. Yusuf will be held without bail pending a detention hearing scheduled for November 18, 2010.

According to United States Attorney Laura E. Duffy, the arrest arises from an investigation by the San Diego Joint Terrorism Task Force.

**DEFENDANT**

**Criminal Case No. 10-CR-4551-W**

Nima Ali Yusuf

San Diego, California

Age 24

**SUMMARY OF CHARGES**

Count 1: Title 18, United States Code, Section 2339A(a) - Conspiracy to Provide Material Support to Terrorists; Maximum penalties: 15 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

Count 2: Title 18, United States Code, Section 2339B(a)(1) - Conspiracy to Provide Material Support to Foreign Terrorist Organization; Maximum penalties: 15 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

Count 3: Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001 - False Statement to Government Agency; Maximum penalties: 8 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

**PARTICIPATING AGENCIES**

San Diego Joint Terrorism Task Force

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Department of Homeland Security, Customs and Border Protection

**An indictment itself is not evidence that the defendant committed the crimes charged. The defendant is presumed innocent until the Government meets its burden in court of proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.**