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**PAKISTANI NATIONAL AND U.S. NATURALIZED CITIZEN CHARGED
WITH SOLICITING AID FOR TERRORIST GROUPS IN AFGHANISTAN**

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown, joined by New York City Police Commissioner Raymond W. Kelly, today announced that two New York City residents have been charged with conspiring to solicit aid in support of terrorist organizations – including the Taliban and Al-Qaeda – fighting American troops in Afghanistan.

District Attorney Brown said, “In this case, while keeping our federal counterparts informed, our office worked closely with the Intelligence Division of the New York City Police Department on a long-term investigation in which the two defendants allegedly engaged in a plan to supply terrorist organizations in Afghanistan with warm winter clothing – which in the context of the fighting in Afghanistan is as serious as supplying the enemy with bullets and bombs. These supplies would have enabled the terrorists to endure the harsh Afghan winters and extend the fighting season. These defendants, as a result, were not merely conspiring to supply clothing items to people in Afghanistan, they were conspiring to make the enemy more effective in engaging and killing American soldiers. Fortunately, the arrests of these defendants prevented their alleged plan from being carried out.”

Commissioner Kelly said, “The arrests of these two New York City residents, Nabi and Alsarabbi, demonstrate the spectrum of terrorism threats that the New York City Police Department must continue to guard against. The cold weather gear and electronics that the pair sought to provide could have endangered the safety of Americans as much as supplies of guns and ammunition. We are grateful for the cooperation of the Queens District Attorney’s office and our federal partners in this case.”

District Attorney Brown added, “It is important that local law enforcement do its part, in close coordination with our state and federal counterparts, in the fight against terrorism. Whether the threat is posed by a large organized enterprise or a lone wolf, we must remain vigilant to identify and respond promptly and effectively. In order to protect our communities from individuals who seek to engage in or provide active support for terrorism, our office has established strong partnerships with our law enforcement colleagues through which, among other things, we share on a daily basis vital information and lend support in investigating and prosecuting terror-related criminal activity.”

The District Attorney identified the defendants as Humayoun Ghoulani Nabi, 27, of 84-16 Elmhurst Avenue in the Elmhurst section of Queens, and Ismail Alsarabbi, 32, of 8018 5th Avenue in Brooklyn. Nabi, a Pakistani national, and Alsarabbi, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Kuwait, were arraigned Tuesday, October 8, 2013, before Queens Criminal Court Judge Elisa Koenderman on a

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criminal complaint charging them each with second-degree soliciting or providing support for an act of terrorism and fifth-degree conspiracy. The defendants, who face up to seven years in prison if convicted, were each ordered held on \$500,000 bond or cash and to return to court on October 25, 2013.

(See attached copy of six page criminal complaint for additional details)

The investigation was conducted by Detective Richard O’Gara, Detective Timothy Quinn, and Sergeant Darren Petrino of the New York City Police Department’s Intelligence Division.

Assistant District Attorney Jonathan D. Scharf, who is assigned to District Attorney Brown’s Economic Crimes Bureau, is prosecuting the case, under the immediate supervision of Assistant District Attorneys Christina Hanophy, Chief of District Attorney Brown’s Counter-Terrorism Unit, and Gregory C. Pavlides, Economic Crimes Bureau Chief, and the overall supervision of Executive Assistant District Attorney for Investigations Peter A. Crusco and Deputy Executive Assistant District Attorney for Investigations Linda M. Cantoni.

It should be noted that a criminal complaint is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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