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Press Statement Regarding Samantha Elhassani

HAMMOND – Two U.S. citizens, charged with federal violations, have been transferred from the custody of the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) to U.S. law enforcement custody and arrived today in the Northern District Indiana.

One defendant, Ibraheem Izzy Musaibli, was transferred to face charges in the U.S. District Court in Detroit, Michigan.

The other defendant, Samantha Elhassani aka Samantha Sally (hereinafter Elhassani), has been charged in the Northern District of Indiana with making false statements to the FBI and will have her initial hearing at the Hammond Federal Courthouse at a later date. Elhassani was accompanied by her four minor U.S. citizen children. The children are currently in the care of Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS). Indiana DCS will make any necessary determinations regarding their custody, safety, and well-being.

The United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Indiana has offered DCS any assistance that they may need from federal authorities