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**MARK ROBERT WALKER INDICTED BY FEDERAL GRAND JURY  
IN EL PASO FOR AIDING TERRORIST ORGANIZATION**

**United States Attorney Johnny Sutton** announced that a federal grand jury returned a two-count indictment this afternoon against 19-year-old Mark Robert Walker charging him with Attempting to Make a Contribution of Goods and Services to a Specially Designated Terrorist Organization.

According to the indictment, Walker allegedly planned to travel to Somalia to provide financial, material and technical support to help overthrow the current government in Somalia and establish a Somali Islamic government. The indictment further alleges that Walker intended to support the terrorist group Al-Ittihad Al-Isiami: 1) as a soldier; 2) as a purveyor of materials; 3) by providing technical assistance with weapons; 4) by creating and maintaining internet websites for recruitment purposes; and, 5) by providing personal funds as well as helping to raise additional money for a violent jihad.

Al-Ittihad Al-Isiami is Somalia's largest militant Islamic Organization and rose to power in the early 1990's following the collapse of the Siad Barre regime. Al-Ittihad Al-Isiami was placed on the list of Specially Designated Global Terrorist Organizations on September 24, 2001, by the President of the United States of America George W. Bush in Executive Order 13224.

Walker, a.k.a. Abdullah, a student in Laramie, Wyoming, and a resident of Rochester, New York, was detained last month by officers with the U.S. Customs and Border Protection at the El Paso Port of Entry as he entered from Mexico. Walker was subsequently arrested by members of the El Paso Federal Bureau of Investigation Joint Terrorism Task Force. He remains in federal custody. This case is being prosecuted for the government by Assistant United States Attorney Greg McDonald.

**An indictment is a formal accusation of criminal conduct, not evidence of guilt. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until convicted through due process of law.**

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