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## CRIMINAL COMPLAINT AGAINST IRAQI CITIZEN CITES HANDGUNS PURCHASED AT WICHITA PAWN SHOP

WICHITA, KAN. – **Mohammed Ziboon, 26**, an Iraqi citizen, is charged in a criminal complaint filed here Tuesday with making false statements on federal forms when he purchased two handguns at a Wichita pawn shop.

"Mr. Ziboon first came to the attention of federal officials when agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives examined records showing he had purchased two .45 caliber handguns within a two-week period," said U.S. Attorney Eric Melgren.

In an affidavit filed in the case, agents said they were inspecting records from Mr. Pawn pawnshop at 2339 S. Oliver in Wichita when they noticed Ziboon had bought two guns. He listed Baghdad as his place of birth on a Firearms Transaction Record form 4473 filed with each purchase. On the forms, Ziboon falsely stated that he was a U.S. citizen.

According to the affidavit, a check of the Treasury Enforcement Communication System showed that Ziboon was wanted on an arrest warrant issued in a murder investigation by the Iraq Higher Judicial Council Magistrate Court. Investigators obtained a copy of the warrant from Interpol.

Ziboon was arrested at the Mars Mart convenience store at 1802 E. 13<sup>th</sup> where he worked.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Wichita Area Gun Task Force investigated. Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Chris Oakley is prosecuting.

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