



U.S. Department of Justice

**Stephen J. Murphy
United States Attorney
Eastern District of Michigan**

*Suite 2001
211 West Fort Street
Detroit, Michigan 48226-3277*

For Immediate Release:

Contact: Gina Balaya (313) 226-9758
Greg Palmore - ICE (313) 226-0726

January 15, 2008

EVENT: Sentenced

Defendant: Mohammed Abdul Mohi

OHIO MAN SENTENCED ON IMMIGRATION FRAUD CHARGE

Mohammed Abdul Mohi, 54, of Toledo, Ohio was sentenced today to one year probation to charges of procuring his United States citizenship by fraud, United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy announced today. As part of the sentence, Mohi was stripped of his United States citizenship and was ordered deported to India.

The facts presented to the court at the time of Mohi's plea established that Mohi lied orally and in writing to immigration authorities about his prior arrest for criminal sexual conduct and furnishing alcohol to a minor.

In announcing the sentence, United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy commended the work of the Special Agents of the Immigration and Customs Enforcement, who conducted the investigation. "My office in coordination with ICE will continue to vigorously and systematically pursue those who have obtained their U.S. citizenship or other immigration benefits unlawfully," said United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy. "The notion that a criminal immigrant can rest easy once he gets his citizenship papers is a false assumption indeed," Mr. Murphy emphasized. "The Department of Justice and ICE will utilize every criminal, civil, and administrative remedy to ensure

that those who obtain U.S. citizenship under false pretenses will not benefit from their dishonesty."

Mr. Murphy was joined in the announcement by Brian M. Moskowitz, Special Agent in Charge, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement who stated that, "becoming an American citizen is privilege not a right." "We will not tolerate those who pledge their allegiance to this nation knowing that the oath they took was achieved through lies and fraud. ICE Special Agents will work with our partners in the U.S. Attorney's Office to ensure that those privileges are removed."

The case was prosecuted by Special Assistant United States Attorney Mark Jebson.