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**EVENT: Sentenced**

**Defendant: Methink Hassan**

**SBA LOAN FRAUD INVESTIGATION CONTINUES  
WITH SEVERAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCES**

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United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy today announced further developments in the ongoing investigation of SBA-guaranteed loans originated by Business Loan Express, LLC ("BLX").

Mr. Murphy was joined in the announcement by Eric Thorson, Inspector General, Small Business Administration and Special Agent in Charge Desmond Scanlon, United States Secret Service, Detroit Field Office.

On February 11, 2008, **Methink Hassan**, age 30, of Hamtramck, Michigan, was sentenced by the Honorable David M. Lawson to one (1) day imprisonment, and one (1) year supervised release with six (6) months home confinement for his role in signing false documentation in support of a loan to purchase a gas station/convenience store located at 20990 Fort Street, Riverview, Michigan. The loan, originated by BLX, was for \$1,310,000 and guaranteed by the SBA. The information presented to the court established that **Hassan** made a false statements indicating that he had sufficient funds to make the requisite down

payment and to demonstrate that he had required working capital. **Hassan** provided false documentation to make such a showing even though he knew that he had not made any down payments and did not have working capital funds.

On March 3, 2008, **Abdul Waheed Khan**, age 63, of Sterling Heights, Michigan, was sentenced by the Honorable Robert H. Cleland to 24 months imprisonment for his role in signing false documentation in support of a loan to purchase a gas station/convenience store located at 431 W. Vienna Street, Clio, Michigan. The loan, originated by BLX, was for \$944,000 and guaranteed by the SBA. The information presented to the court at the time of sentencing established that **Khan** was merely a straw purchaser of the gas station.

On March 4, 2008, **Sanaa Dakhallah**, age 35, of Dearborn, Michigan, pled guilty to conspiracy to defraud the United States by making false statements in support of a loan application to purchase a gas station/convenience store located at 6011 Livernois, Detroit, Michigan. **Dakhallah**, a probation officer with the State of Michigan Department of Corrections, submitted the false application materials knowing full well that the information provided in support of the SBA guaranteed loan was false and fraudulent. The loan, originated by BLX and guaranteed by the SBA was for \$825,000. **Dakhallah** also admitted that she was a straw purchaser of the gas station. **Dakhallah** will be sentenced by Judge Cleland in July 2008.

United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy said, "The submission of false loan applications to obtain SBA-guaranteed loans is a fraud that harms the lender as well as the borrowing public. This investigation will continue in any directions the evidence may lead."

The SBA loan fraud investigation, which continues, is being conducted by special agents of the U.S. Small Business Administration-Office of Inspector General and the United States Secret Service. John Engstrom and Noceeba Southern Gordon are the Assistant United States Attorneys assigned to the investigation.

Individuals with knowledge of SBA-loan fraud are encouraged to contact the SBA-OIG

fraud line at 1 (800) 767-0385.