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ATF ARRESTS ISRAELI IN CONNECTION WITH RESTAURANT ARSON Suspect is Third Person Apprehended in Case

VANCOUVER, Wash. -- Ibrahim Jozin, a 30 year-old Israeli citizen, was arrested yesterday on charges of arson and aiding and abetting arson in connection with a fire that destroyed a Vancouver restaurant last December, announced Special Agent in Charge Kelvin N. Crenshaw of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF).

Jozin is the third person arrested in connection with the Dec. 5, 2006, fire that destroyed the Galilee Restaurant, located at 2100 SE 164th Street. Josh McClelland and Andrew Morrow were arrested for arson related charges in January.

Jozin is the brother of the restaurant owner, Jimi Jouzine, and will appear in U.S. District Court in Portland, Ore., for his initial appearance on April 25.

The case will be prosecuted by the Seattle United States Attorney's Office in the Western District of Washington.

If convicted, Jozin could receive a prison sentence of from five to 20 years. A complaint is merely a formal charge that a defendant has committed a violation of federal law and is not evidence of guilt. Every defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

ATF is the federal law enforcement agency with jurisdiction for investigating major fires and crimes of arson. More information about ATF and its programs is at www.atf.gov.