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FEDERAL PROSECUTORS INDICT MUHAMMAD A.S. AL-GURASHI FOR BEING AN ALIEN IN POSSESSION OF A FIREARM

PHOENIX, ARIZONA -- Paul K. Charlton, U.S. Attorney for the District of Arizona, and Virginia O'Brien, Special Agent for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, announced that on May 8, 2003, a federal grand jury at Phoenix, Arizona, returned a two count indictment against Muhammad A.S. Al-Gurashi, D.O.B: 11/23/74, of Phoenix, Arizona.

The indictment alleges that Al-Gurashi possessed a handgun on two occasions while being an alien admitted to the United States under a non-immigrant visa. Al-Gurashi was arrested on May 9, 2003, and had his initial appearance on May 9, 2003.

The federal indictment charges Al-Gurashi with violating Title 18, United States Code, Section 922 (g)(5)(B).

A conviction for being a non-immigrant in possession of a firearm carries a maximum penalty of 10 year(s), a \$250,000.00 fine or both.

An indictment is simply the method by which a person is charged with criminal activity and raises no

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inference of guilt. An individual is presumed innocent until competent evidence is presented to a jury that establishes guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

The investigation preceding the indictment was conducted by the F.B.I.

The prosecution is being handled by Michael W. Kemp, Assistant United States Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona.

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