

Exhibit A

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

MUTAHHIR SABREE deposes and says:

1. My name is MUTAHHIR SABREE and I reside at 1908 Elise Drive, Columbia, South Carolina. I am over 21 years of age and fully competent to make this affidavit.
2. I was named Neil Samuel Stratton at birth. I took the name Mutahhir Sabree in 1977 for religious reasons.
3. I studied Islam at Masjid Muhammad in Hartford, Ct., the Islamic Center of Columbia, SC, and the American Open University.
4. My degrees include B.A. in Intercultural Studies, and 57 credit hours in Islamic and Arabic Studies.
5. I was appointed an assistant Imam of the Hartford Masjid in 1977; an assistant Imam in Columbia, S.C.; and a Muslim Chaplain in 1996 by South Carolina Dept. of Corrections. The Federal Correctional Institution at Estill, U.S. Bureau of Prisons, accepted me as a Contract Imam in 2003; the FCI at Williamsburg in 2005. I currently provide per diem services for the FCI at Jesup.

6. I visit and minister to prisoners in the Federal prisons regularly, as much as 5 to 10 visits per month. I conduct Islamic Studies Classes, lead the Salaatul Jumu'ah, and provide individual counseling as needed. I also provide technical assistance to staff chaplains and administration as needed.

7. There have been no complaints accusing me of any breaches of security or any breaches of prison regulations.

8. If allowed to do so, I would be willing to visit the prison at Guantanamo. I believe my presence, and the religious services I could perform, and my counseling, would have a healthy effect on the atmosphere and good order of the prison. Specifically, I may be able to discourage prisoners from attempting and committing further suicides.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on (date): September 16, 2006

_____/s/_____
MUTAHHIR SABREE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

SHAKEEL SYED deposes and says:

1. My name is SHAKEEL SYED and I live at 3945 Tilden Ave., Apt. No: D, Culver City, California 90232. I am over 21 years of age and fully competent to make this affidavit.

2. I was born in India. I became a citizen of the United States in 2003.

3. I studied Islam at Hyderabad, India, and continue to do so formally and informally in the United States. In Islam there is no ordained ministry and hence neither others nor I are ordained ministers in the literal sense of the word. The spiritual leadership (Imam) position is requested of a person based on demonstrable knowledge and understanding of faith. Therefore, I have served in that capacity within and outside the community as and when needed. I do not serve in this capacity for living but do so on my own time and nickel as my obligation toward the society at large and for the collective good.

4. I am a volunteer teacher and an Imam at the Islamic Education Center, 659 Brea Canyon Rd., Suite 2, Walnut, CA 91789 and also served as a Contractor Chaplain and Imam at the Bureau of Prisons (FCC-Victorville). Currently, I am also registered as a Volunteer Chaplain at the DHS/ICE Detention Center in San Pedro, CA.

I have been serving Bureau of Prisons as a Volunteer Chaplain for more than ten years at several federal facilities.

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5. The U.S. Bureau of Prisons allows "volunteer chaplains" into its prisons to minister to inmates and to conduct services, but the volunteer chaplains must be accompanied by a security officer at all times. A "contractor chaplain", on the other hand, goes through a background check and mandatory special training. Contractor chaplains are given a pass and are allowed to work independently.

6. The Bureau of Prisons appointed me as a contractor chaplain in 2003 for the Life Connections Program that attempted to rehabilitate inmates with their own faith teachings. I taught Islam in a classroom setting at the BOP's Victorville Federal Correctional Center.

7. I visit and minister to prisoners in the Federal prisons regularly since over two decades. Sometimes I am called upon for conducting the Friday services or other times I volunteer myself for mentoring/counseling the inmates. The facilities I've served thus far are FCC-Victorville, FCC-San Pedro, MDC-Los Angeles, MDC-Chicago and ICE Detention Center-San Pedro. I had also ministered juveniles in the California system at their Heman G. Stark Youth Training School in Chino, CA.

8. I've done my very best in upholding the Bureau of Prison policies in my capacity and as a result I did not have any complaints from any of the facilities that I've served at. In fact, I have received few letters of appreciation for the services I've rendered on volunteer basis.

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9. If I am allowed to do so, I will visit the prison at Guantanamo and conduct Islamic religious services. To the extent time and the prison regulations allow, I will meet and counsel with individual prisoners. I would prefer that the government bear my expenses, but if need be I can bear them myself.

10. I believe my presence, and the religious services I could perform, and my counseling, would have a healthy effect on the atmosphere and good order of the prison. Specifically, I may be able to discourage prisoners from attempting and committing further suicides.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on:

_____/s/_____
SHAKEEL SYED 8/26/06

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

ISMAIL EL-SAEED deposes and says:

1. My name is ISMAIL EL-SAEED and I reside at 2000 Riverside Drive, Apt. 2B, Richmond, Virginia. I am over 21 years of age and fully competent to make this affidavit.
2. My legal name is Gary J. Syphax. I took the name ISMAIL EL-SAEED in 1991 for religious reasons.
3. I served 20 years in the U.S. Military, serving in three services: U.S. Marines from March 1972 to March 1976, with the rank of corporal, E-4; U.S. Army from October 1977 to October 1981, with the rank of Specialist E-4 on the E-5 list; U.S. Navy from December 1985 to July 1996. I retired from the Navy in 1996 with the rank of E-5 on the E-6 list. I was a BM2/MA2(SW) Master-at-Arms, shipboard Military Police.
4. Around 1995, I served at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, for several months.
5. I became a Muslim in November 1990, while serving in the Pentagon as an Operations Security Officer. I studied Islam with several military Muslim lay leaders. I am appointed president and founder of the National American Muslim Council here in Richmond, Virginia. I am a member in the following religious organizations: Council on American Islamic Relations, CAIR; Muslim Public Affairs Council, MPAC; Association of Professional Chaplains; Islamic Society of North America, ISNA.

6. On the USS *Hayler*, I was appointed by the Commanding Officer to serve as the Muslim Islamic Lay Leader. The president of the Muslim Military Members organization also appointed me to perform lay leader duties. I have traveled with several imams and other spiritual leaders to various prisons to perform religious services.
7. There have been no complaints accusing me of any breaches of security or any breaches of prison regulations.
8. If I am allowed to do so, I will visit the prison at Guantanamo and conduct Islamic religious services. To the extent time and the prison regulations allow, I will meet and counsel with individual prisoners.
9. I worked as a corrections officer with the D.C. Department of Corrections from 1981 to 1985, and I am very aware of the value of prison ministries. I believe my presence, and the religious services I could perform, and my counseling, would have a healthy effect on the atmosphere and good order of the prison. Specifically, I may be able to discourage prisoners from attempting and committing further suicides.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on:0/9/05/2006

_____/s/_____
ISMAIL EL-SAEED