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RALEIGH AREA MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO TERRORISM CHARGES

RALEIGH - Daniel Patrick Boyd, a/k/a "Saifullah," 40, pleaded guilty today in federal court in New Bern, North Carolina, to conspiracy to provide material support to terrorists and conspiracy to murder, kidnap, maim, and injure persons in a foreign country.

The guilty plea by Boyd, a U.S. citizen and resident of North Carolina, was announced by David Kris, Assistant Attorney General for the National Security Division and George E.B. Holding, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina.

Boyd was first charged along with seven other defendants in a federal indictment returned on July 22, 2009. He was arrested on July 29, 2009, and the indictment was unsealed. On September 24, 2009, a federal grand jury returned a superseding indictment that added additional charges against Boyd and two of the other defendants.

According to the superseding indictment, during the period from 1989 through 1992, he traveled to Pakistan and Afghanistan where he received military-style training in terrorist training camps for the purpose of engaging in violent *jihad*. Following this training, according to the Indictment, he fought in Afghanistan.

Also stated in the indictment is that from roughly November 2006 through at least July 2009, he conspired with the other defendants to provide material support and resources to terrorists, including currency, training, transportation and personnel. The defendants also conspired to murder, kidnap, maim and injure persons abroad during this period. The object of the conspiracy, according to the indictment, was to advance violent *jihad*, including supporting and participating in terrorist activities abroad and committing acts of murder, kidnapping or maiming persons abroad.

The indictment further alleges that, as part of the conspiracy, the defendants prepared themselves to engage in violent *jihad* and were willing to die as martyrs. They also allegedly offered training in weapons and financing, and helped arrange overseas travel and contacts so others could wage violent *jihad* overseas.

In addition, the defendants raised money to support training efforts, disguised the destination of such monies from the donors, and obtained assault weapons to develop skills with the weapons. Some defendants also allegedly radicalized others to believe that violent *jihad* was a personal religious obligation.

"Today, Daniel Patrick Boyd admitted his role in a multi-year conspiracy to advance violent *jihad* by recruiting and helping young men travel overseas to murder, kidnap, maim and injure persons. I applaud the many agents, analysts and prosecutors who helped bring about today's successful outcome," said David Kris, Assistant Attorney General for National Security.

U.S. Attorney George E.B. Holding commented: "This case proves how our world is changing. Terrorists are no longer only from foreign countries but also citizens who live within our own borders. We must protect our homeland. I am committed to using any and all legal means to take on the challenge of finding and prosecuting others with similar radical views who plot violent attacks."

"North Carolina and the United States are safer now that Daniel Boyd is no longer in a position to plot against us. His admission of guilt today proves to the world he intended to carry out violent *jihad*, which our evidence against him has shown. This should send a signal to any who may share Boyd's extremist ideology - the FBI and our law enforcement partners won't back down in our fight to stop the next attack," said Joseph S. Campbell, Acting Special Agent in Charge of the FBI in North Carolina.

"The Defense Criminal Investigative Service was proud to partner with the Raleigh FBI JTTF in this investigation," commented Special Agent in Charge John F. Khin, Southeast Field Office, DCIS. "We remain steadfast in our commitment to protect America's Warfighters whether overseas or at home in America. By thwarting the terror plans of this group, we averted the unnecessary loss of lives of US military members and others."

At sentencing, set for May, 2011, Boyd faces up to 15 years' imprisonment followed by up to three years' supervised release for conspiring to provide material support to terrorists and up to a life term of imprisonment followed by up to five years of supervised release for conspiring to murder, kidnap, maim, and injure persons in a foreign country.

The investigation was conducted by the FBI Raleigh-Durham Joint Terrorism Task Force, which includes the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Defense Criminal Investigative Service, the North Carolina Alcohol Law Enforcement, the Raleigh Police Department, and the Durham Police Department, and NCISAAC, the North Carolina Information Sharing and Analysis Center.

The prosecution is being handled by Assistant U.S. Attorneys John Bowler and Barbara D. Kocher of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of North

Carolina, and Trial Attorney Jason Kellhofer, of the Counterterrorism Section in the Justice Department's National Security Division.

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