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Waterloo Man Pleads Guilty to Making False Statements to the FAA

False Statements Made in Application for Instrument-Rated Pilot's License

DES MOINES, IOWA – Fahad Nabeel Hussein Al-Daous, age 33, from Waterloo, Iowa, appeared in federal court in Des Moines on Friday, May 4, 2012, and pled guilty to one count of making a false statement to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), announced Nicholas A. Klinefeldt, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Iowa.

In the filed plea agreement, Al-Daous admitted falsely inflating the number of training flight hours listed on instrument-rated pilot's license applications he filed in Ottumwa, Iowa, on May 21 and May 27, 2011. Al-Daous also falsified his FAA-required logbook in support of his instrument-rated pilot license applications. Al-Daous' logbook reflected approximately 90.3 hours of pilot-in-command hours and 41.1 hours of cross-county pilot-in-command hours that he did not actually fly.

Sentencing before United States District Court Judge John A. Jarvey is scheduled in Des Moines on August 22, 2012, at 9:30 am. Al-Daous remains free on bond previously set pending sentencing. The conviction carries a possible maximum sentence of 5 years' imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, \$100 in special assessments, and 3 years of supervised release.

This case was investigated by the United States Department of Transportation Office of Inspector General and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and was prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Iowa.

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