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## Information for Muslim and Arab American Communities in Utah WHAT TO DO IF THE FBI CONTACT YOU FOR QUESTIONING

During the summer of 2004, the FBI announced plans to launch a new round of dragnet-like interviews in Arab and Muslim communities nationwide. This latest effort appears to be a resurrection of a similar program attempted in 2001 and 2002, in which the FBI questioned more than 8,000 Muslim and Arab men. The questioning did not yield a single arrest of a suspected terrorist.

This bulletin informs you how to respond when the FBI, INS/BCIS, or police contact you for questioning. This information is potentially important to all Muslims and Arabs.

- If the FBI or police contact you to ask questions, *you have the right to have a lawyer* present. It is your right and your choice whether you get a lawyer. An attorney is a legal witness who will protect your rights. If you are a non-citizen, it is more important that you have a lawyer.
- If an FBI agent or police officer asks to speak to you, and you would prefer to have a lawyer, tell him or her that you want to consult with that lawyer first. Write down the name, agency and telephone number of the person who calls or visits you. Tell them that your attorney will contact them soon.
- ANY information you give to an officer without an attorney, even if it seems harmless, can be used against you or someone else. Lying to an officer is a crime. Remaining silent is NOT a crime.
- You are NOT required to allow the officer into your home or office without a warrant. Ask to see the warrant. If the officer refuses to show you a warrant, do not stop him if he forces his way into your home or office. Tell the officer that he does not have your permission to enter.
- If the officer says that he has a warrant for your arrest, you have a right to see the warrant. You must go with the officer, BUT YOU DO NOT HAVE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS UNTIL YOU CONSULT AN ATTORNEY.
- If you are detained, you should ask for an attorney and remain silent. If you are detained in an immigration detention center, ask for contact information for attorneys.
- Keep a copy of all immigration documentation in a safe place where a trusted friend or family member can access it and send it to you if need be.

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