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## **JURY CONVICTS JORDANIAN NATIONALS FOR ATTEMPTED BANK FRAUD**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that two Jordanian nationals have been convicted by a federal jury for attempting to pass a forged and fraudulent \$15 million cashier's check at a Kansas City bank.

**Soheir A. Abu Nahia**, 33, a female, of Kansas City, Mo., and **Nabil Y.M. Rashid**, 32, a male, of Grandview, were found guilty of bank fraud on Jan. 22, 2002 in U.S. District Court in Kansas City, Mo.

Following the trial, Graves said, the jury deliberated about 90 minutes before returning the guilty verdict to U.S. District Judge Gary A. Fenner, ending a trial that began Jan. 21, 2003.

Graves explained that **Nahia** and **Rashid** conspired to open a checking account at Bank of America's Kansas City office using a forged and fraudulent \$15 million cashier's check. Upon discussing the account with a bank manager, **Nahia** and **Rashid** said that they wanted to deposit the purported \$15 million Bank of America cashier's check into the new checking account and receive back \$10 million of the money.

"**Nahia** told the bank manager that the cashier's check was given to her by a family relative," Graves said. "It didn't take long for the manager to determine that to be false and figure out that **Nahia** and **Rashid** had used a cashier's check with an invalid and fraudulent bank routing number and account number."

Not long after, Nahia and Rashid were arrested on the spot by officers of the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney D. Michael Green. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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