

Kansas City Man Sentenced To 14 Years For Al-Qaida Support **News**

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — A Kansas City businessman who pleaded guilty more than three years ago to providing financial support to al-Qaida has been sentenced to 14 years in prison.



Khalid Ouazzani was sentenced in a Kansas City federal court Monday.

The 35-year-old had faced up to 65 years in prison for bank fraud, money laundering and conspiracy to support a terrorist group.

In his plea bargain, Ouazzani admitted making false claims to borrow money for a used auto parts business and wiring the proceeds to a bank in Dubai. That money was used to purchase an apartment that later sold for a \$17,000 profit, which was given to al-Qaida. Ouazzani also admitted sending the terror group \$6,500 from the sale of his business.

Prosecutors say Ouazzani swore an oath of allegiance to al-Qaida.