


DECLARATION OF ABD AL HADI AL IRAQI

I, Abd Al Hadi al Iraqi, am submitting this declaration in support of AE021, my request for a religious accommodation. I declare, under the penalty of perjury, that the following statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge:

1. I am a devout Muslim. My faith is integral to my life, it is more important to me than anything else, including my commission case. Even though I am detained by the United States, I must continue to live according to my faith.
2. It is a violation of my Islamic faith to have physical contact with females to whom I am not married or closely related. Islam is two things – worship and rules. Both come from God as revealed to the Prophet. While the female contact may seem a small part of the rules, it is an important part of my Islamic faith.
3. I have refused all movements within this prison that required a female guard to come into contact with me. I have never knowingly or willingly allowed a female guard to have physical contact with me during any movements here.
4. The first time I was forcibly extracted from my cell after a legal meeting on October 8th 2014 was the first time I had ever noticed a female guard who needed to touch me.
5. I have been forcibly extracted three times because of my religious beliefs, once after attending a legal meeting, and twice subsequently for medical appointments. All three times I was forcibly extracted from my cell were because of my Islamic faith, and our belief that it is a sin to touch a female to whom I am not married or closely related. For my religious beliefs I was also disciplined after these three forcible extractions.
6. If female guards must have physical contact with me to bring me to meetings with my attorneys or to court, my faith requires me to refuse those movements, and I will continue to refuse them. When I say this, I am not resisting their authority; I will go where they wish to take me if they honor my Islamic faith and simply not have female guards touch me during these movements.


Abd al Hadi al Iraqi

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Date

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