



**ADOPT A PRISONER PROFILE: DANIEL BOYD PREPARED: Dec 2009**

<b>AGE</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>NATIONALITY</b>	<b>American</b>
<b>COUNTRY HELD</b>	<b>United States</b>
<b>SENTENCE</b>	<b>Awaiting trial</b>
<b>PRISON</b>	<b>Piedmont Regional Jail</b>



### **Personal Biography\***

Daniel Patrick Boyd, 39, a U.S. citizen and resident of North Carolina, was the son of a decorated U.S. Marine. Boyd is a devout Muslim who has a beard that brushes his chest and robes that brushes his ankles. Boyd spent his days hanging drywall and chatted with neighbours about hunting and fishing; he made pilgrimages to holy sites in the Middle East and broke each day for noon prayers to God. Boyd is also a husband and father; Boyd was active with his children, leading his sons on Boy Scout trips. "My husband was no couch potato," Sabrina Boyd (Boyd's wife) said of Daniel. "He was with the boys doing their thing."

Boyd, along with two of his sons, are now at the centre of a federal investigation being accused with conspiracy to provide material support to terrorists, as well as conspiracy to murder, kidnap, maim and injure persons abroad. In addition, Boyd and some of the other suspects are each charged with possession of a firearm in furtherance of a crime of violence. Boyd and his son, Dylan Boyd are also each charged with selling a firearm to a convicted felon. Finally, Daniel Boyd is also charged with receiving a firearm through interstate commerce and two counts of making false statements in a terrorism investigation. Six others, including two of his sons, have also been charged and are being held in Prison. A seventh suspect is thought to be in Pakistan.

Terrorism never crossed their minds, neighbours said. "The more I think about it, the more I think something is not right about this story," said Susan Bedwell, the Boyds' next door neighbour. Her children played with the Boyds' youngest son and daughter. "The pieces do not fit. That's not who they were."

### **Brief Details about his Case**

On July 27 2009, dozens of heavily armed Swat and hostage rescue team members arrested Boyd and six other men (the so-called North Carolina 7) on terrorist-related charges, claiming they "conspir(ed) to provide material support to terrorists (and to) murder, kidnap, maim and injure persons abroad" plus other related charges.

No evidence was cited, just baseless accusations then trumpeted by the media and others on the far right. If convicted, the men face potential life sentences for offenses they don't plan to commit. The public is reminded that an indictment by the FBI contains mere allegations. Defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.

### **Why should I Adopt Daniel?**

The arrests of Daniel Boyd and (co) are in violation of the 1st amendment, 2nd amendment, 4th amendment, 5th amendment, 8th amendment listed in the constitution of the United States. Boyd is in solitary confinement, no windows, no sun, etc. A kind of torture for sociable personalities. Visiting hours are extremely limited to a couple of hours per week only, and set apart by days; therefore to visit more than one of the incarcerated you must spend multiple days in the vicinity, or make multiple trips to the jail. In other words, hardship is made for the visitors and so to also weaken the spirit of Boyd himself and his supporters. Boyd is in need of your support, your letters. Could you imagine how much your brother in faith will appreciate and benefit from your letters? Solitary confinement is a place that a criminal deserves to sit in, but your innocent brother is being made to sit in there. The least you can do is write to him and help him in his time of need and Allaah will help you in your time of need.

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