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Crown appeals bail granted to a second accused in alleged Ottawa terrorism plot

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Accused terrorist Khurram Sher, left, leaves the Ottawa courthouse with his lawyer, Anser Farooq, on Wednesday. Photograph by: Chris Mikula, The Ottawa Citizen, The Ottawa Citizen

OTTAWA — Federal prosecutors are appealing a decision releasing on bail a one-time Canadian Idol contestant and London doctor now charged with terrorism. The two-day bail review hearing for Dr. Khurram Syed Sher, 28, is to be held Nov. 25 and 26 in front of an Ontario Superior Court judge.

It's the Crown's second attempt at getting bail

revoked from a person accused in the case.

An earlier attempt to have the bail of Ottawa X-ray technologist

Misbahuddin Ahmed revoked was dismissed by Ontario Superior Court Justice Bernard Manton in late October.

Sher, a father of three, was arrested in late August along with Ahmed and another Ottawa man, Hiva Alizadeh, 31, and charged with conspiring to facilitate "terrorist activity" between February 2008 and Aug. 24 this year in Canada, Iran, Afghanistan, Dubai and Pakistan. The arrests were part of an RCMP security operation dubbed Project Samossa.

Ahmed and Alizadeh are also accused of possessing or making explosives for a terrorist group.

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Girault released Sher on Oct. 13 on a \$183,000 bond and 10 strict conditions, including that he not leave the Mississauga home he will be living in without one of his four sureties.

The reasons for Girault's decision to release Sher are covered by a routine publication ban designed to protect an accused person's right to a fair trial.

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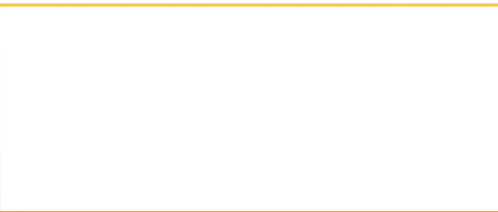
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