

## **Handout# 3 (Lesson 3): Everyone Has a Story**

In heavily Arab east Dearborn, almost everyone — from the greenest immigrants to fourth-generation Americans who've never been to the Middle East — has a story, or knows someone who does.

Stories like that of Farooq Al-Fatlawi, a bus passenger en route to Chicago, who was put off with his bags in Toledo after he told the driver he was from Iraq.

Other cases this year have attracted national attention:

Federal agents, including members of an anti-terrorism task force, on Sept. 18 raided the Southfield offices of Life for Relief and Development, one of the nation's largest Islamic charities. Agents seized computers and donor records. No charges have been filed. The charity remains in business.

Bay Area civil rights activist Raed Jarrar was barred from a plane for wearing a T-shirt that said "We will not be silent" in Arabic and English.

Six imams seen praying in a Minneapolis airport terminal were later removed from their flight after a passenger passed a note to a flight attendant saying that the men acted suspiciously on board. The imams, who were handcuffed, questioned and released, have denied the accusations; five are seeking an out-of-court settlement with US Airways. The airline says the crew acted properly in having the imams removed from the flight.

Keith Ellison, the first Muslim elected to Congress, has been vilified for planning to take a ceremonial oath of office on a Quran.

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