



**Sworn Corroborating Declaration by A [REDACTED] in support of M [REDACTED]
Application for Asylum**

1. My name is A [REDACTED]. I was born [REDACTED] 19 [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] Province, Afghanistan. My parents' names were [REDACTED] and S [REDACTED]. My brother is [REDACTED]. I am currently a U.S. Citizen. My current address is [REDACTED], MN [REDACTED]. My current phone number is [REDACTED].
2. When I was young, my father was a powerful prosecutor. One place he worked was the *Saranwali*, which is the public prosecutor's office. The legal system in Afghanistan is different than it is in the U.S., so his duties were a bit different than a prosecutor has in the U.S. 
3. Around [REDACTED], my family had to flee Kabul. [REDACTED] lived for several years in [REDACTED] Province with my mother's brothers. One of these uncles was named [REDACTED].
4. After Hamid Karzai became president, our family moved back to Kabul and my father went back to being a prosecutor at the *Saranwali*. I know that some of the people he investigated and prosecuted were Taliban members who had been captured by the democratic Afghan government.

My Brother's Marriage and the Births of his Children

5. [REDACTED] got married to his wife [REDACTED] in summer 2009, when I still lived in Afghanistan. We had the wedding at my family's home in Kabul. My wife, my parents and siblings were all there to celebrate M [REDACTED] and his wife.
6. M [REDACTED] had his first child, [REDACTED] while I still lived in Afghanistan, in 2010. [REDACTED] I met [REDACTED] at our family's house after she came home from the hospital, since we all lived together. 
7. M [REDACTED]'s second child, F [REDACTED], was born after I had left Afghanistan for the United States. I talk to my family often and M [REDACTED] told me over the phone about his son being born. I remember M [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] showed me him on WhatsApp when he was a baby. I visited Afghanistan around 2019, for my brother [REDACTED] wedding. I met [REDACTED] in person for the first time during this visit.

My Employment by The U.S. Embassy and Flight from Afghanistan due to Taliban threat

8. Around 2007, I started working as a translator with western companies including [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] which contracted with the U.S. military. I started working for the U.S. Embassy in Kabul around 2011. I wanted to work there because it was an honor, and because I wanted to serve my people, the Afghan people, as well as the American people. My job titles there included [REDACTED], and I was later

promoted to [REDACTED]. While working at the embassy, I collaborated with the SAO, which was part of the U.S. Army that was present at the embassy. My job responsibilities included helping facilitate invitations to high-level members of the Afghan Army and security forces, to help them get training from countries like the U.S. and Germany. Some of my duties were to interpret communications between members of the U.S. Army and Afghan National Army. I also sometimes accompanied American convoys that met with Afghan government officials. Working on those convoys was very dangerous, because the Taliban would target convoys like the ones I worked on with suicide bombings and other attacks.

9. I did not tell many people that I worked for the pro-American companies or for the U.S. embassy. I told my parents, my wife and my siblings. Other than that, I did not trust people with this information. I also had a second job at a medical clinic. If people asked where I worked, I only told them about my job at the medical clinic. If the Taliban found out I was working at the embassy, I think they would have wanted to kill me. Around that time, Taliban members said things in threat letters and in public that people who worked for the embassy were spies and tools of the American government.

Leaving for United States

10. I applied for an SIV because it was so dangerous for me because I had worked for the Americans. My SIV application was approved, and I completed the process of getting a visa stamp around early 2014. I moved to the U.S. after my documents were finalized, still in early 2014. My wife and kids came with me to live in the United States so they would be safe as well.
11. I was able to take most of my important documents with me when I left Afghanistan. I told [REDACTED] to shred documents that I left behind. I told very few people that I was leaving because it was so dangerous for me and my family.
12. In August 2021, when I heard the Taliban was taking over Kabul, I was so shocked and frightened for my family. I remember speaking with [REDACTED] over the phone and talking about him he and [REDACTED] about needing to leave Afghanistan because it was so dangerous for our family. My wife and children were visiting in Afghanistan at that time, so I was extremely scared for them too. I think I went five nights without sleep.
13. I know that [REDACTED] and his family cannot go back to Afghanistan. If they had to go back, the Taliban would want to kill them. The Taliban would know who they are. My father was a prominent man from [REDACTED] province, and the Taliban has a lot of supporters in Paktika. If my father were still alive and in Afghanistan, I think he would be one of the people the Taliban wanted to kill first, because he prosecuted them. Also, the Taliban would want to [REDACTED] because [REDACTED] worked for companies that supported NATO, and because I worked for the U.S. embassy.

I swear under the pain and penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and accurate.

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, 2022
Date