



Charged with ringing up hundreds of thousands of dollars in fake sales

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Three men have been charged with ringing up fake food-stamp sales and then laundering the proceeds to Yemen.

THE OWNERS of three Manhattan bodegas were hauled into court Thursday, charged with swiping hundreds of thousands of dollars by ringing up fake food stamp sales — and sending stolen cash to Yemen.

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[Adeeb Alsaaidi](#), 24; his brother [Kamal Alsaaidi](#), 21; and [Morad Mohammad](#), 27, whose bodegas are clustered at E. 116th St. and Lexington Ave., face grand larceny and misuse of food stamps charges for the alleged swindle that ran from March 2010 to last month.

A third brother, Shawgi Alsaaidi, 19, was also charged. The men face up to 15 years in prison.

“The defendants preyed upon a program set up to help the neediest New Yorkers,” [District Attorney Cyrus Vance](#) said.

Prosecutors said the owners’ financial records show they laundered cash and made deposits into banks in Yemen of at least \$268,000.

The men, who are American citizens and who were released on bail, pled not guilty as their lawyers denied there was a theft.

“There is no crime in sending money to families who live in Yemen,” said [Barry Zone](#), a lawyer representing Adeeb Alsaaidi and Mohammad.

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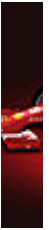
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"There is no crime in sending money to families who live in Yemen," said Barry Zone, a lawyer representing Adeb Alsaadi and Mohammad." - thus proving that in fact, basic intelligence is NOT required for a career in law. What is this guy on? The money was basically STOLEN FRAUDULENTLY. That is a crime Barry, you great big MORON. And yes, sending STOLEN money to Yemen is also a crime. Goddammit I am SICKENED and APPALLED by this man's brazen stupidity and dishonesty.

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