

Activist claims she's muzzled

An American peace activist remains stranded in Vancouver after the Canada Border Services Agency withdrew its request for an admissibility hearing yesterday without notification.

Alison Bodine, 22, was set to tell an Immigration Review Board adjudicator she was arrested unjustly on a Canada-wide immigration warrant Thursday when returning to the U.S. at Peace Arch border crossing.

Bodine claims that when entering Canada three days earlier, agents searched her vehicle and confiscated personal belongings including anti-Afghan war literature.

"This is a case where I have been politically targeted because of my stance against

Canada in Afghanistan and my active work in organizing and mobilizing people against this," she said.

The political organizer was held by authorities for 17 hours until being released Friday after protestors rallied outside of an immigration detention centre in Vancouver.

Bodine, still without her passport, driver's licence and vehicle, now waits for her hearing to determine if she can still freely cross the border or faces a series of restrictions up to a two-year ban from Canada.

Though the stakes are high for Bodine, IRB spokesperson Melissa Anderson said rescheduling of such hearings is common, and border services faces no hard deadline to schedule a hearing.

- Dharm Makwana, 24 hours



- Rob Kruyt, 24 hours

Alison Bodine with friends and supporters arrived at her hearing with Canada Border Services yesterday. The hearing was cancelled.

THAI PLANE CRASH

Local woman missing

A second B.C. woman is believed to have been on the Thai jetliner that crashed Sunday, but her fate does not appear as bright as the Prince George woman who walked out of the rubble at Phuket airport.

The family of Larisa Fayad has told *CBC News* she was aboard the doomed flight. Officials said her name was on a passenger manifest but her body has not yet been found.

B.C.'s Millie Furlong, 23, was being treated in hospital after surviving the crash with surprisingly few injuries.

"There were flames in front of me and beside me," she said.

"The smell was like chemicals. Quite a few minutes after, I heard a girl screaming: 'My boyfriend, my boyfriend.' I kept waiting for people to come out but there weren't many," she said to reporters



- Reuters

Rescue workers survey the scene of a plane crash in Phuket, Thailand. One Vancouver woman is reported to have died. One woman survived.

after the crash.

The plane crashed while trying to land at the popular resort in driving rain and gusting wind, killing 89 people, 55 of them foreigners.

Autopsies were completed earlier on Monday and investigators were collecting fingerprints and blood samples and X-raying teeth.

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Judge imposes limits on Moore

Thane Moore, a convicted rapist considered a high-risk offender, has now settled into a Vancouver halfway home, but he's not completely free.

A day after being arrested immediately after arriving at Vancouver International Airport, a provincial court judge imposed 17 conditions that Moore – who just finished a 14-year sentence for aggravated sexual assault in Prince Edward Island – must abide by.



Moore

The decision pleased Vancouver police, the department that made the Saturday arrest.

"He'll be monitored by the high-risk offender unit and they'll make sure he doesn't break any of [the conditions]," said VPD spokesperson Const. Tim Fanning.

The conditions – in effect for a year – include checking in with a VPD detective, no contact with 15 certain individuals, prohibition of drugs and weapons, and he must advise a probation officer of any relationship he has with a woman.

"We put out these warnings because we have an obligation to the public. It's really a team effort to try to make sure that person doesn't re-offend," said Fanning.

- Matt Kielyka, 24 hours

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■ HOW FAST?

Vancouver police collision investigators have released new details in Saturday's motorcycle fatality on the Granville Street Bridge. According to evidence at the scene, the 23-year-old Surrey man was riding his bike at more than 119 km/h when he lost control and hit a barrier.

■ MAN QUESTIONED

Police say they have a man in custody for questioning following the city's 15th homicide of the year Friday. 42-year-old Marilyn Whiskey-Jack died in hospital an hour after being stabbed in a Downtown Eastside rooming house. No charges have been laid yet.

■ PAROLE REVOKED?

Xiao Zhang, a 21-year-old who struck and killed a New Zealand visitor last year in a hit and run, could find his controversial parole revoked after being arrested in an alleged robbery over the weekend. Zhang is scheduled to appear in court today on four theft-related charges.

■ ROWDY PARTY

Police say it was a confrontation at a Vancouver house party that led to the stabbing of a 19-year-old New Zealand tourist in southwest Vancouver late Saturday night. No arrests have been made, but police want to speak with any partygoers who were at the scene.

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