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Activist continues battle

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Since her arrest at the US-Canada border on September 13, anti-war and social justice activist Alison Bodine and her supporters have been fighting a legal and political battle with the Canadian Border Services Agency (CBSA) to drop all charges against her, which they believe are unfounded.

"In my case, it is clear that I have been politically targeted as a well-known activist both here and in the United States," said Bodine, a U.S. citizen.

Bodine came to visit Canada on Tuesday, September 11. Canadian Border Services confiscated a number of her belongings, including pamphlets and newspapers opposing Canada's occupation of Afghanistan, and the U.S. occupation of Iraq. She was allowed entry into Canada, and given a receipt to pick up

the belongings within forty days.

When Bodine returned to the border two days later en route to her Colorado home, Border Services agents told her that there was a Canada-wide warrant on her head and arrested her.

Bodine was released after being detained for 17 hours on Friday night. Eighty people protested her detention in front of Citizenship and Immigration Canada Offices. The activist may face a two-year ban from Canada.

Details of the charges, which are not known to Bodine under the Privacy Act of Canada, will not be fully disclosed until her admissibility hearing on Friday, September 28 at the Citizenship and Immigration Canada Offices in downtown Vancouver. Bodine and her supporters plan to protest outside of the offices

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The newly formed Alison Bodine Defense Committee has garnered support across the country, receiving letters from the Calgary and District Labour Council, the Hospital Employee's Union of B.C., and No One is Illegal-Toronto.

"This attack on me has truly become a test for peace-loving and progressive people across the country," said Bodine in an interview with *The Peak* last Wednesday, when she spoke to SFU students and faculty in a forum about her case. "We must show the government how we will respond if they want to criminalise social justice activists."

In an interview with media last week, Bodine's lawyer Gabriel Chand said, "They believe she misrepresented herself [entering the country] . . . I don't believe that this is the case."

CBSA is currently not commenting to press on the matter.

While studying physics at UBC, the international student served as the president of anti-



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war club Coalition Against War on the People of Iraq and Internationally (CAWOPI), was a long-time executive of the UBC Social Justice Centre, and helped found the city-wide anti-war coalition, Mobilization Against War and Occupation (MAWO). Bodine is also a well-known Cuban solidarity activist.



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