

National News

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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