

## **IMMIG RAPS VS. PAKISTANI**

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A **PAKISTANI** man from Queens who videotaped office buildings and landmarks in New York and throughout the South was indicted yesterday on unrelated immigration charges.

Kamran Akhtar, 35, was hit with six immigration counts, including lying and failing to leave the U.S. when ordered to do so in 1998 by a judge who rejected his plea for political asylum.

The unemployed father of three faces deportation or up to 55 years in prison. None of the charges involves terrorism.

Akhtar was arrested last month after a North Carolina cop spotted him taping a bank tower in downtown Charlotte and he gave evasive answers when questioned.

Besides a dam in Austin, Tex., and transit systems across the South, Akhtar's tapes included the American Express building, the Circle Line, the American Museum of Natural History, South Street Seaport, the Verizon telephone building, the Statue of Liberty and the Williamsburg and Brooklyn bridges, all in New York.

Akhtar says he is simply a video buff. His arrest took place amid fears Al Qaeda could be making plans for a new terror attack before the fall presidential elections. Relatives say Akhtar is a harmless, apolitical man and a doting dad. His wife is a permanent U.S. resident.

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