



Hearing set in hate-crimes case

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A Dec. 3 preliminary hearing was ordered Friday for a 31-year-old Fullerton man accused of felony hate crimes for allegedly threatening two Afghan ice cream vendors with a baseball bat.

Jason Fulkerson, 31, is charge with brandishing a weapon and interfering with the civil rights of Gurcharan Singh and his wife, Banso, of Buena Park. They were selling ice cream in Fulkerson's neighborhood three days after the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

Deputy District Attorney Mike Fell has alleged that the incident was spawned by Fulkerson's racial bias.

Fulkerson apologized shortly after the incident during an appearance on a local radio talk show.



JASON FULKERSON, right, is accused of threatening two Afghan vendors • Photo: Bruce Chambers / The Register