

'American Taliban' moved to Colo prison

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NEW YORK - John Walker Lindh, known as the "American Taliban" has been moved to the federal supermax prison in Colorado where he is being held in solitary confinement.

Prison officials may be trying to enhance security surrounding Lindh in case he is called as a witness in upcoming military tribunal cases against Guantanamo detainees, a source told Newsweek magazine.

Lindh, who converted to Islam as a teenager living in California, was captured by U.S. military forces in 2001 while serving as a Taliban soldier in Afghanistan.

He was indicted on 10 terrorism counts in February 2002 and accused of being a follower of Osama bin Laden, Newsweek said Wednesday. The Justice Department later dropped nine of the 10 counts as part of a plea agreement.

Lindh's lawyers are trying to get President Bush to commute his sentence, saying "the emotional climate in the country in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 terror attacks produced a far more onerous prison sentence than the facts warranted," Newsweek said.

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