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Dennis Edney and students speak out for Omar Khadr at Churchill Square and Winspear Centre November 8th

Edmonton – Dennis Edney, along with Michelle Shephard, author of the book *Guantanamo's Child*, will join students and a broad spectrum of community groups and the general public on November 8, 2008, to raise awareness for Omar Khadr.

Khadr is a Canadian citizen and the only citizen of a US ally who is being held at the prison at Guantanamo Bay. His case has been in the headlines for several years yet the Canadian government so far has done little to intervene on Khadr's behalf. Dennis Edney, well known lawyer for Khadr, will address how his client, a young Muslim man, has been branded a terrorist without trial, and systematically tortured for the last six years.

A public gathering will take place at 6:00 pm in Winston Churchill Square. Community groups from across the greater Edmonton area will be participating. The event will continue at 7:00 pm in the Winspear Centre. Dennis Edney, Michelle Shephard, along with musical guests and a time for open mic discussion will be featured.

This event began in the hearts and minds of students at The King's University College when Dennis Edney spoke during its Interdisciplinary Conference in early September. He raised the issue with students and since then the student body has committed itself to finding tangible ways to draw attention to the Omar Khadr situation. Students from across the city have placed their support behind the event and it is a student led initiative.

This event is free of charge. Additional information can be found on the King's website at www.kingsu.ca.

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