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Canada Ends Case Against Aid Worker

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[Canada](#)'s attorney general has ended the prosecution of an American refugee aid worker, Janet Hinshaw-Thomas, who had been accused of immigrant trafficking, her lawyer said. Ms. Hinshaw-Thomas, 65, was arrested Sept. 26 at a Canadian border station in Quebec as she accompanied 12 Haitians planning to seek asylum in Canada. The attorney general, Robert Nicholson, ordered a stay of the prosecution on Nov. 8, without explanation, and this week returned \$5,000 bail to Ms. Hinshaw-Thomas, said her lawyer, Eric Sutton. Ms. Hinshaw-Thomas, the director of a refugee assistance group in Lansdowne, Pa., said she was giving charitable help to the Haitians

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