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## **Bogus asylum seeker admits, he was a Canadian convict**

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The man who was issuing statements for more than 250 Tamil asylum seekers for Australia calling himself Alex has admitted that he was a convicted Canadian gangland criminal as the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Sri Lanka has alleged, the Australian Broadcasting Corporation reported.

Alex, as he has called himself until now, is actually Sanjeev Kuhendrarajah. Kuhendrarajah says he ran out of options after being deported back to Sri Lanka from Canada.

"It is true. I did reserve a place in Canada. I grew up in Canada and I had my education in Canada and I did get involved in something in Canada that I shouldn't have gotten involved in," he said.

"Things I've done were wrong and I plead guilty to these incidences. I did my time in jail and these charges did include some charges that were very dangerous."

"One of the charges was threatening someone's life. I was sentenced to one year in prison for that and after, when my one year in prison was almost over, there were threats of attack in New York," he said.

"He says because of the 2001 September 11 attacks, he was denied parole and was further detained. I was put up in immigration halls and there was a deportation order out for me. I had to appeal that deportation order and I had to go to the immigration commissioner which took two years," he said.

"The Canadian government decided that it was safe enough for me to return as I had no relations with the LTTE (Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam) and therefore it would be OK for me to be deported or sent back to Sri Lanka. I was removed from Canada in 2003 for a period of five years", he was quoted as further saying.