

# Muslim Groups Demand Probe Into Arrest of H. Rap Brown

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Four Muslim groups yesterday called for an investigation into the arrest of Jamil Abdullah Al-Amin, the 1960s student activist formerly known as H. Rap Brown, in an Atlanta shooting.

The groups say they do not believe Al-Amin, 51, shot anyone. They asserted that police have targeted him because he is a Muslim imam, or minister.

The Islamic Society of North America, the American Muslim Council, the Muslim Public Affairs Council and the Council on American-Islamic Relations urged the Justice Department to investigate and report its findings. A spokesman for the Justice Department's civil rights division said he was not aware of a complaint being filed as of last night.

Al-Amin and William Miles, who

he is accused of shooting, also appeared at the news conference.

Al-Amin was charged with aggravated assault, carrying a concealed weapon and carrying a pistol without a license. He is free on bond.

Al-Amin contends federal authorities have been watching him closely for several years because of his involvement in a shootout with police at a New York bar in the early 1970s. He served five years in prison.

Two police reports show Miles identified his attacker as the "Heman, or E-man," nicknames police say residents in the Atlanta neighborhood call Al-Amin. Miles claims police pressured him into naming Al-Amin, which Atlanta police deny.

Al-Amin is a former leader of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee. In 1967 he urged blacks to arm themselves, saying, "Violence is as American as cherry pie."