



**New Jersey  
Division of Fire Safety  
Terrorism Awareness for the  
Fire Officials and Fire  
Inspectors**

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**Objectives**

- NTAS National Terrorism Advisory System
- Why New Jersey and Connecting The Dots
- Homegrown Terrorism
- Current Threat Environment
- New Jersey Terror-Related Activity And Plots
- Disguises, Terror Groups and Radicalization
- Terrorist Supported Activities And Attack Trends
- Recognize the Hazard, Encountering A Situation Suspicious Activity
- The Terrorist Planning Cycle & Signs of Terrorism

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**NTAS  
NATIONAL TERRORISM  
ADVISORY SYSTEM**

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## NATIONAL TERRORISM ADVISORY SYSTEM

- DHS announced new NTAS activation
- Effective April 26, 2011
- Alerts will deliver a concise summary of the potential threat including geographic region, mode of transportation, or critical infrastructure potentially affected by the threat, actions being taken to ensure public safety.

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## NATIONAL TERRORISM ADVISORY SYSTEM

- These alerts will also include a clear statement of the nature of the threat, which will be defined one of two
- **Imminent Threats** warn of a credible, specific, and impending terrorist threat to the U.S.
- **"Elevated Threats"** warn of a credible terrorist threat to the United States.

NEW SYSTEM introduced April 2011  
National Terrorism  
Advisory System (NTAS)

**Imminent Threat Alert**  
Warns of a credible, specific, and  
impending terrorist threat against  
the United States

**Elevated Threat Alert**  
Warns of a credible terrorist threat  
against the United States

**Threatened Principles**  
An alert that is issued to respond for  
a specific time period and then  
automatically expires. It may be  
extended if new information becomes  
available to the threat evolves

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**QUESTIONS?**

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## Why New Jersey and Connecting The Dots

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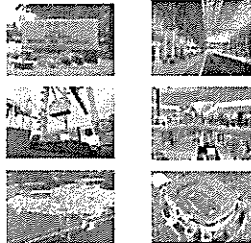
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## Why New Jersey?

- Military Facilities
- Transportation
- Shipping (Ports)
- Defense Industrial Base
- Retail, Malls
- Petroleum, Chemical
- Communications
- Financial Centers
- Sports, Tourism, Entertainment



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## Terrorism in NJ Since 9/11



Alaa Saadeh    Nader Saadeh    Samuel Rahmani  
Touza



Jose Plimentel    Talrod Pugh    Ahmed Khan Rahani

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## **NJ Connecting The Dots**

New Jersey connects the dots by doing the following:

- Data Mining
- Analyzing Intelligence
- Indicators in a situation
- Information Sharing
- Integration works
- Building relationships

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## **Connecting The Dots**

- Identification, collection, and sharing of data (or dots);
- Creating knowledge (or connecting the dots); and
- Sharing the created knowledge.

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## **Identification, Collection, and Sharing of Data (or Dots)**

- How are dots collected and shared
- Traditional foreign intelligence data
- Domestic intelligence and law enforcement data

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## Creating Knowledge

- Patterns
- The goal of analysis in this process is to create the most perfect knowledge about terrorist threats and attacks.

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## Sharing the Created Knowledge

- It needs to be shared with those who can act on it.
- Dissemination of knowledge about terrorism

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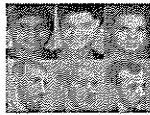
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## Counter Terrorism Arrests In New Jersey

- 2007 - Fort Dix Plot - Six men described as Islamic militants were arrested in May 2007 and charged with plotting to attack the Fort Dix Army base in New Jersey.
- 2011 - Jose Pimentel, arrested in 2011 was sentenced in March 2014 to 16 years in prison after he plead guilty to attempted criminal possession of a weapon in the first degree as a crime of terrorism.



Fort Dix Six



Jose Pimentel

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## NJ Connecting The Dots Fort Dix Plot

**1** January 31, 2006 - An individual brings a tape to a Circuit City in New Jersey for duplication and transfer to DVD.

**2** April 2006 FBI hired informant Mahmoud Omar to approach the suspects

**3** August 11, 2006 - Mohamed Ibrahim Shnewer travels to Fort Dix and Fort Monmouth to conduct surveillance.

**4** August 13, 2006 - Shnewer travels to Dover Air Force Base, Delaware and the U.S. Coast Guard in Philadelphia to conduct surveillance.

**5** August 16, 2006 - Shnewer travels to Naval Air Engineering Station Lakehurst to conduct surveillance.

**6** November 26, 2006 - Serdar Tatar, who had delivered pizza to Fort Dix before, obtains a map of the Fort Dix military installation through his employer's pizza delivery.

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## NJ Connecting The Dots Fort Dix Plot

**7** February 2, 2007 - Dritan Duka, Eljvir Duka and Sulayman Shain Duka conduct weapons training in Gouldsboro, Pennsylvania.

**8** February 4, 2007 - Mohamed Ibrahim Shnewer, Dritan Duka, Eljvir Duka and Sulayman Shain Duka review terrorist training materials.

**9** February 26, and March 15, 2007 - Dritan Duka, Eljvir Duka and Sulayman Shain Duka conducting weapons training in Cherry Hill.

**10** April 16, 2007 - Dritan Duka contacts an arms dealer (an FBI informant) for weaponry.

**11** May 7, 2007 - The FBI arrests six members of the group.

**12** December 22, 2008 - A federal jury finds five of the six alleged plotters guilty of conspiracy to commit an act of terrorism and weapons charges.

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## Counter Terrorism

### Arrests In New Jersey

- 2015- On January 16, 2015, Tairud Nathan Webster Pugh (47) - as arrested in Asbury Park (Monmouth County) for conspiring to travel to Syria to provide material support to the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS).



Tairud Nathan Webster Pugh

- 2015 -June 17, 2015, Samuel Rahamin Topaz (21) - was arrested in Fort Lee (Bergen County) for conspiring with others in New Jersey and New York to provide services and personnel to ISIS.



Samuel Rahamin Topaz

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## NJ Connecting The Dots Samuel Rahamin Topaz

**1** 1 January 2015  
Person A expresses worry Topaz will go abroad and "do something stupid." Person A hides Topaz's passport.

**2** May 1, 2015  
A co-conspirator tells Topaz about his imminent plans to leave the United States and join ISIS.

**3** June 13, 2015  
The FBI arrests the second co-conspirator on charges of conspiring to provide material support to ISIS.

**4** On June 13, 2015 Topaz writes to an unidentified individual that the second co-conspirator had not been answering his phone.

**5** June 17, 2015  
Topaz is arrested in Fort Lee, New Jersey, on suspicion of providing material support to ISIS.

**6** On June 18, 2015 Waldor orders Topaz held without bail. Topaz's attorney says his client will plead not guilty.

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## Counter Terrorism Arrests In New Jersey

- 2015 -Alaa Saadeh (23) - On June 29, 2015 Alaa Saadeh was arrested in West New York (Hudson County) for conspiring with other individuals in New Jersey and New York to provide services and personnel to ISIS and attempting to persuade a witness to lie to the FBI.
- 2016- On September 17, 2016, the sole suspect Ahmad Khan Rahimi, of Elizabeth was captured, following a shootout with police in the neighboring Linden, New Jersey.
- 2017 - Point Pleasant man wanted for making bombs for ISIS.



Ahmad Khan Rahimi

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## NJ Connecting The Dots Alaa Saadeh

**1** In 2012 Brothers Alaa and Nader Saadeh live together in in Fort Lee, New Jersey

**2** On February 2015, Alaa and Nader Saadeh move back in with a person identified in the criminal complaint.

**3** On May 5, 2015 attempted to travel from New Jersey to the Middle East, via John F. Kennedy International Airport, allegedly in order to join ISIS

**4** On May 21, 2015 Saadeh & Topaz discussed that they needed to "lay low" and refrain from taking action law enforcement

**5** June 17, 2015, FBI arrests Saadeh in New Jersey and charge him with providing material support to ISIS

**6** June 29, 2015-Alaa Saadeh, 23, of West New York, was arrested early this morning at his home

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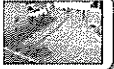
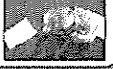

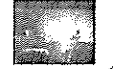


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## Connecting The Dots Rahimi

<p><b>1</b> Chicago, New Jersey September 11, 8:45 pm A 12 lb package is reported missing from a train.</p> 	<p><b>4</b> Chicago, New York City September 11, 12:20 pm A person is reported to have been seen in a subway car.</p> 
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## Homegrown Terrorism

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## Homegrown Terrorism

- Domestic terrorism or homegrown terrorism is terrorism targeting victims "within a country by a perpetrator with the same citizenship" as the victims. There are many definitions of terrorism, and no universally accepted definition. The U.S. Department of State defined terrorism in 2003 as "premeditated, politically motivated violence perpetrated against noncombatant targets by subnational groups or clandestine agents, usually intended to influence an audience."

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## Homegrown Terrorism

- Loosely affiliated cells, autonomous cells, and lone wolf terrorists operating under Global Jihad banner
- Less sophisticated attacks and often focus on softer targets: Less secure less expensive, more civilian-centric and ability to generate more publicity

Some examples includes:

- 2017 Denver: Shooting death of a transit officer
- 2016 New Jersey and New York Bombings
- 2016 Ohio State
- 2016 Orlando Nightclub Shooting
- 2015 San Bernardino, CA
- 2015 Chattanooga, Tenn.



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## Homegrown Terrorism

Some more examples includes:

- 2014 Moore, Okla.
- 2014 New Jersey and Seattle
- 2013-Boston Marathon Bombing
- 2009 Fort Hood, Texas
- 2009 Little Rock



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## Current Threat Environment

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## Terrorist Group Ranking

- **Highest Threat**
- Homegrown Violent Extremists
- Sovereign Citizens Extremists
- **Moderate Threat**
- Militia extremists
- Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS)
- White Supremacists
- Anarchists
- al-Qa'ida in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP)
- Anti-Abortion

- Lowest Threat**
- Animal Rights Extremists
- Environmental Extremists
- Black Separatists
- Hizballah
- Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT)
- al-Qa'ida in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM)
- Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP)
- al Shabaab
- al-Qa'ida (core)
- HAMAS
- The Levant Conquest Front (LCF)
- Boko Haram
- al-Qa'ida in the Indian Subcontinent (AQIS)

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## Sector Threat Ranking

- **Highest Threat**
- Emergency Services
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- **Moderate Threat**
- Government Facilities
- Religious Facilities
- Military
- Commercial: Outdoor Events
- Commercial: Retail
- Commercial: Public Assembly
- Passenger Railways (including subways)

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## Sector Threat Ranking Cont.

- **Lowest Threat**
- Busing
- Schools
- Agriculture and Food
- IT / Communications
- Health Care & Public Health
- Banking and Finance
- Aviation
- Energy: Electric
- National Monuments
- Energy: Petroleum
- Energy: Gas
- Bridges, Tunnels, highways
- Freight Railways
- Maritime, Seaports, Ferries
- Water (including dams)
- Nuclear
- Chemical and Hazardous Materials Industry
- Defense Industrial Base

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## New Jersey Threats

- March 29, 2017 Paterson, N.J.— Two New Jersey high school students are facing charges after allegedly threatening to carry out a “Columbine-like” attack.
- March 31, 2017, two sovereign citizens were arrested in Rochelle Park (Bergen County) after they got into an altercation with police following a traffic accident.

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## New Jersey Threats

### AQIS: Threatening New Jersey

In April 2016, a group claiming affiliation with al-Qa’ida in the Indian Subcontinent (AQIS) threatened an NJOHSP official on Facebook. One month prior, a Bangladeshi pro-AQIS Facebook page urged militants in the United States to attack 10 US-based universities, including Princeton University (Mercer County).

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## New Jersey Threats to Fire Services

- The greatest terrorism threat to the New Jersey Emergency Service Sector (ESS) is an Homegrown Violent Extremists or Sovereign Citizen Extremist attack as demonstrated by attacks nationwide.
- Between 1970 and 2014, 157 terrorist attacks directly targeted the emergency services sector, killing 57 people. This does not included the attacks of September 11, 2001. Nor, does it include other attacks that have impacted the emergency services sector due to its role in security and emergency response.

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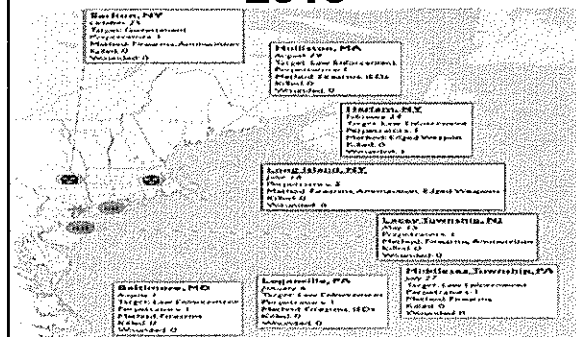
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# Threat Picture

US/Regional Terrorist Threats emanate from three principle areas:

- **Transnational Jihadists** (i.e. 9/11 hijackers, UK Aviation Plotters, Prudential Plot, PATH Plot)
- **"Homegrown" Terror Groups** (akin to July 06 UK bus/subway bombers, Lackawanna 6, Miami cell, Adam Gadahn)
- **Purely domestic elements** (Hate, single-issue, anti-government)

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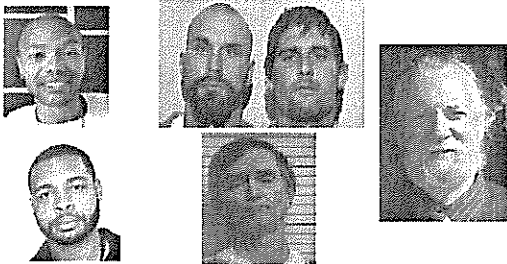
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## While More Attacks in 2016 by...



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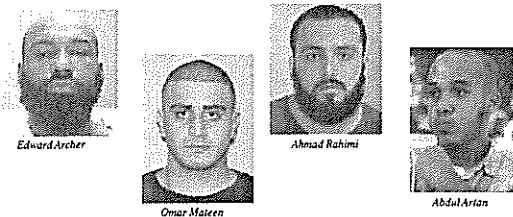
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## High Threat

Homegrown Violent Extremists (HVEs)



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## HVE Threat to NJ

HVEs pose the **highest** threat to New Jersey and will remain the most likely and persistent threat this year. In 2016, HVEs were active throughout the United States and in recent years, the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS), al-Qa'ida and its affiliates, and other terrorist groups have.

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## HVE Characteristics

- Homegrown violent extremists (HVEs) are individuals inspired—as opposed to directed—by a foreign terrorist organization and radicalized in the countries in which they are born, raised, or reside.
- While international terrorist organizations have encouraged HVEs to carry out attacks, in many instances, personal grievances influence their ideology, target selection, and violent acts.
- HVEs can be radicalized through the use of mainstream and specialized social media.

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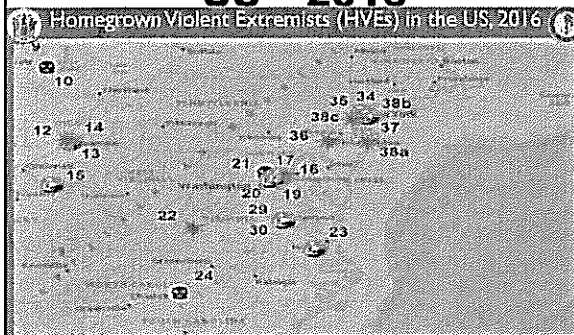
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## HVE Activity in the US – 2016



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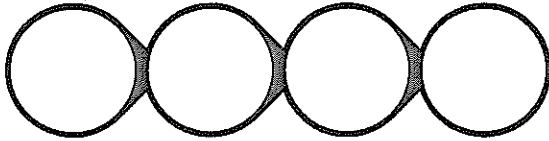
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## HVE Defined



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## Moderate Threat

- Militia groups
- Sovereign Citizen Extremists
- White Supremacists
- Black Separatists
- Anarchists



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## Militia Groups

US militia groups are paramilitary organizations that view the federal government as an existential threat to the rights and freedoms of Americans. They judge armed resistance to be necessary to preserve these rights.

- October 2016: Plot to kill Somali Refugees
- January 2016: Malheur National Wildlife
- 2017 – Border vs. Federal Land



Malheur National Wildlife Refuge

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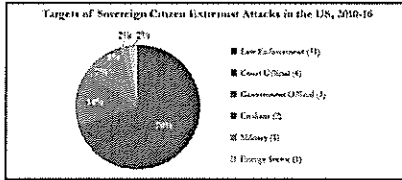
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## Sovereign Citizen Extremists

Sovereign citizens view federal, state, and local governments as illegitimate—lacking the authority to issue or enforce laws.



May 2015 criminal penalties for filing fraudulent liens: SCE adopting new methods to circumvent laws, not penalized due to lack of reporting, use prisons as teaching outlets.

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## White Supremacists

White supremacists believe in the inherent superiority of the white race. They seek to establish dominance over non-whites through violence.



Russell Coutier and Colleen Hunt



Daniel Rowe

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## Flier Distribution in New Jersey

- Since 2016: at least 19 flier incidents at colleges, religious facilities, residential neighborhoods, and transportation hubs in NJ and the surrounding region.
  - Recruitment and intimidation




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## Black Separatists

Black separatist extremists are individuals or groups that seek to establish an independent nation for people of African descent through force or violence. These groups claim superiority over whites, are typically anti-Semitic, and oppose integration and racial intermarriage.

5 attacks; perceived incidents of police brutality

- Micah Johnson
- Gavin Long

Blended extremism – BSE/SCE



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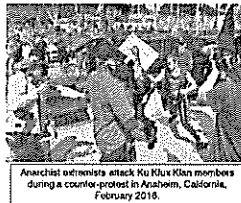
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## Anarchist Extremists

Anarchism is a belief that society should exist absent of oppressive governments, laws, police, or any other authority.

Anarchist extremists advocate violence in furtherance of this ideology and frequently identify with sub-movements such as anti-racism, anti-capitalism, anti-globalism, and environmental extremism.

- Anarchist extremism in NJ in 2012
- Counter-protestors: Sacramento, Anaheim CA



Anarchist extremists attack Ku Klux Klan members during a counter-protest in Anaheim, California, February 2016.

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## Returning Jihadists Pose Low Threat

- New Jersey faces a minimal threat from returning jihadists.
- Since 2011, approximately 270 Americans—120 of whom have been arrested—either traveled or attempted to travel to Iraq and Syria.



Ismael Dagh (left) and Nabeel Saad (right)

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## Low Threat

- Anti-Abortion Extremists
- Animal Rights Extremists
- Environmental Extremists



Robert Dear




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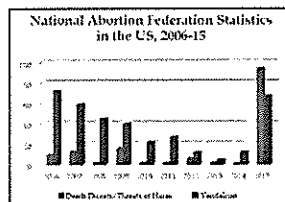
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## Anti-Abortion Extremists

Anti-abortion extremists are individuals or groups who believe abortion is unethical and that violence is justified against people and establishments providing abortion services.

NJ has 26 Planned Parenthood facilities, more than 170 ambulatory surgical care centers.




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## Animal and Environmental Extremists

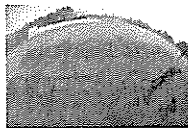
### Animal Rights Extremists:

- Inflict economic damage on individuals or groups that believe all animals have equal rights of life and liberty. These individuals are willing to conduct criminal activity to advance this ideology.



### Environmental Extremists:

- View manmade threats to the environment as so severe that violence and property damage are justified to prevent further destruction.




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## Foreign Fighters

- An individual who leaves his or her country of origin or habitual residence to join a foreign terrorist organization in armed conflict abroad.
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## Foreign Fighters

- The Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS)
- al Qaeda

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## The Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS)

- ISIS also referred to as the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), the Islamic State, or Daesh— split from al-Qa'ida in 2014 and established its self-proclaimed.



Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, ISIS's leader



ISIS's flag

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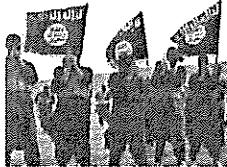
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## **The Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS)**

- Since 2015, approximately 90 individuals have been arrested in the United States for providing material support to ISIS or plotting to conduct an attack; five resided in New Jersey.



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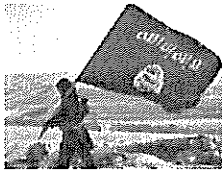
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## **The Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS)**

- Nationally, ISIS sympathizers conducted three successful attacks in 2016, including one at the Pulse nightclub in Orlando, Florida, where Omar Mateen killed 49 and injured 53.



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## **The Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS)**

- Since the start of the Syrian conflict in 2011, about 160 Americans have traveled to Syria to join groups such as ISIS; 40 have returned to the United States.
- Since the onset of US-led coalition airstrikes in September 2014, ISIS has urged supporters to carry out attacks in the West, including New York, Washington, DC, Los Angeles, and Dearborn, Michigan.

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### **al Qaeda**

- The extent of corporate al Qaeda's activity in 2006 has been in the form of threat communiques and Website threat postings.
- Two schools of thought:
  - ✓Corporate al Qaeda is coaching jihadists from the sidelines
  - ✓Corporate al Qaeda has regrouped, regained its operational capabilities

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### **al Qaeda**

- Corporate al Qaeda is coaching jihadists from the sidelines
- Corporate al Qaeda has regrouped, regained its operational capabilities and could be redeveloping its capabilities

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### **NJ Terror-Related Activity And Plots**

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## How the Manhunt for the Chelsea Bombing Suspect Unfolded

- Ahmad Khan Rahami, 28, the suspect in a bombing in the Chelsea neighborhood of Manhattan that injured 29 people Saturday night, was arrested in Linden, N.J., on Monday, SEPT. 19, 2016.
- Officials connected Mr. Rahami to an explosion in Seaside Park, N.J., on Saturday morning as well as bombs found in Elizabeth, N.J.

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## Time Line

- 9:30 a.m. Saturday  
A pipe bomb exploded in Seaside Park, N.J., near the route of a 5-kilometer run. No one was injured.
- 8:30 p.m. Saturday  
A pressure-cooker bomb went off near a Dumpster on 23<sup>rd</sup> Street in Manhattan.
- Investigators used surveillance videos to identify Mr. Rahami as the suspect. He was seen on West 23rd Street at approximately 8:30 p.m.

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- 9:30 a.m. The beach and boardwalk in Seaside Park were evacuated Saturday morning after a pipe bomb exploded in a trash can, moments before a charity race for U.S. service members was set to begin. (September 19, 2016 8:37 AM)

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### 8:30 p.m. Saturday

- At 8:30 p.m., a pressure-cooker bomb went off near a dumpster on 23<sup>rd</sup> street in Manhattan.
- About 11:30 p.m., Two state police officers found a second bomb in a pressure cooker on 27th Street. The police used a robot to inspect the device and transported it away in a "total containment vessel," a spherical chamber hitched to a police truck.

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### 8:45 p.m. Sunday

- Five pipe bombs were found in a backpack near a train station in Elizabeth, and police officers detonated one as they sought to disarm them.

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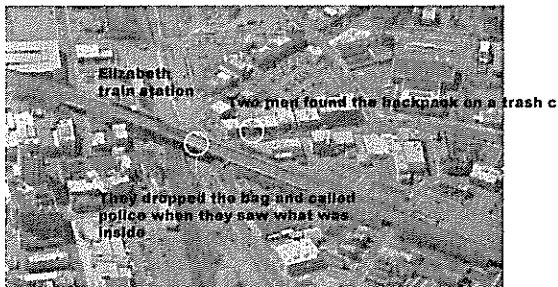
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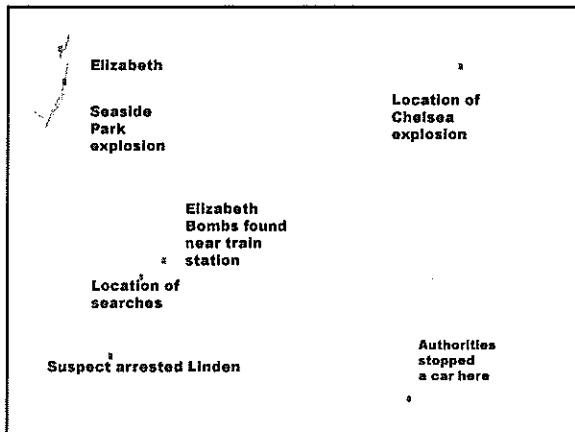
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## Late Sunday Night

- Authorities stopped a vehicle near the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge that was observed at a location associated with the suspect. Five people were questioned, but no one was arrested.
- About 8 a.m. Monday
- A citywide cellphone alert was sent out: "WANTED: Ahmad Khan Rahami, 28-yr-old male. See media for pic. Call 9-1-1 if seen."
- 11:20 a.m. Monday
- Police in Linden, N.J. captured Mr. Rahami after confronting him as he was sleeping in the doorway of a bar. Police said he opened fire, striking one officer. He was arrested after being wounded by gunfire.

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## 11:20 a.m. Monday



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## FBI Information

- New Jersey and New York bombs made of pipe and pressure cookers the officials noted that the devices in both shared common characteristics, such as flip phones for timing detonators and the same type of explosive, tannerite.

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## TANNERITE

- Tannerite is the brand name of a binary explosive marketed primarily for making exploding targets for firearms practice. It is a patented combination of ammonium nitrate (an oxidizer) and aluminum powder (a fuel) that is supplied as two separate powders that are mixed and shaken to produce an explosive.

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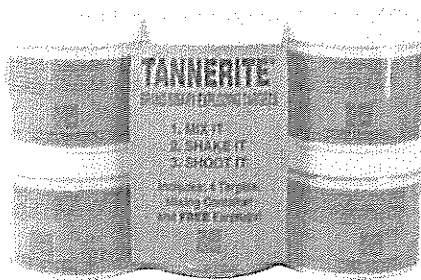
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## TANNERITE



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## Plots

- 2017 - Sydney Airplane Terror Plot
- 2016 - Orlando Nightclub Attack
- 2007 - Fort Dix Six Plot
- 2006 - Canada Terror
- 2006 - Miami Cell
- 2005 - Los Angeles Plot
- 2002 - Oregon Cell

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## **2017 Sydney Airplane Attack**

- Australia plot in to bring down an airplane
- Police disrupted a terrorist plot to bring down an airplane and arrested four men on Saturday in raids on homes in several Sydney suburbs.

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## **2016 Orlando Nightclub Attack**

- Gunman Omar Mateen open fired in the "Pulse" nightclub with an AR-15 and semi-automatic handgun.
- Dozens of patrons were held hostage for several hours in the club.
- SWAT officers breached a cinderblock bathroom wall, made entry, and killed Mateen.
- Mateen killed 49 people and wounded 53 others.
- Deadliest mass shooting terrorist attack in modern US history.



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## **2007 Fort Dix Plot**

- 2007 – Six foreign-born Muslims have been arrested for plotting an attack on the Fort Dix Army base in New Jersey.
- A call from an employee of a video-transfer business, where the men had taken a videotape to be converted onto a DVD.

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## 2006 Canada Terror

- June 3, 2006: 17 arrested in Canada for planning "al Qaeda inspired" bombing campaign in Toronto area
- Group attempted to acquire three tons of ammonium nitrate and other materials to make explosive devices
- Trained in remote parts of Canada and created propaganda videos
- Intended targets include: Prime Minister, Canadian parliament building in Ottawa, financial district of Toronto including Toronto Stock Exchange, Toronto Headquarters of Canadian Security, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, the electricity sector, and military installations
- International ties to Bosnia, Bangladesh, UK and US mostly through Internet

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## Terror Tactic Du Jour: Multiple, 2006 Miami Cell 2006 Simultaneous Explosions

- June 22, 2006: Seven men arrested for conspiracy to provide assistance to al Qaeda
- Group considered themselves "soldiers of God" – identified as members of the "Moorish Nation"
- Discussed Chicago Sears Tower, FBI headquarters in Miami, and Miami Police Headquarters as potential targets for attack; group possessed photos of targets
- Narseal Batiste allegedly recruited individuals to wage war against US
  - Batiste met with "al Qaeda representative," (CI for FBI), asking for equipment and funding for future attacks and provided surveillance photos of intended targets
- According to FBI, there was no imminent threat of attack; no weapons or explosives were found in raid on warehouse



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## 2005 Los Angeles Plot

- This plot involved attacking synagogues, the Israeli Consulate, and US military facilities, among other targets in Southern California.
- Plot was conceived in a California state prison in Sacramento by prisoner, Kevin James, who had founded an Islamic prison ministry to promote radical Islam among the prison population.
- Levar Washington, an African-American Muslim convert, was a former "Crips" gang member and former inmate of the prison. He was designated by James with the responsibility to organize a terrorist cell.
- Between May and July 2005, Washington and two other new recruits committed 11 gas station robberies to fund the cell's activities.



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## 2002 Oregon Cell



- This cell attempted to establish a terrorist training camp in Bly, Oregon in 1999 and 2000.
- The leader of this cell was James Ujaama, an African-American Muslim convert, who had links to international terrorists, including the former radical imam, Abu Hamza, of the Finsbury Park mosque in London.
- In 2002, Ujaama was arrested in the US while in possession of documents on methods to poison the US water system.
- This cell was most likely funded by Abu Hamza's organization.




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## Disguises, Terror Groups And Radicalization

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## Use of Women and Non-Arabs



Wafiqah "Fat" al-Sayid, 27, was arrested in London in 2005. She was charged with conspiracy to commit acts of terrorism.



Abdullah al-Nadwi, 30, was arrested in London in 2005. He was charged with conspiracy to commit acts of terrorism.

- Al Qaeda and other terrorist groups increasingly targeting non-Arabs for recruitment
- Intelligence indicating terrorist groups may use Africans and Southeast Asians
- Women are increasingly active in terrorist operations, not only as couriers and facilitators, but as operatives and suicide bombers
- July 2004 – A female LTTE suicide bomber likely used a "bra bomb," killing herself and four policemen.
- February 2005 - Spanish authorities report female ETA members are smuggling explosives using fake pregnancy molds.
- November 2005: Muslim convert from Belgium blows herself up in suicide mission against American troops in Baghdad

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## Social Disguise

Behavior of terrorists in Western societies can be unexpected and differ greatly from what is normally expected of radical Muslims, all to escape detection:

- Some radicals choose not to attend mosque in order to avoid suspicion.
- Okay to engage in "Western" behavior in order to blend into host communities: Members live together, will drink alcohol, eat during Ramadan, womanize (Ex. 9/11 hijackers visited strip clubs)
- Physical disguises have included women's clothing, law enforcement and/or military uniforms\*\*
- Iraq: al Askari Shrine bombing



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## Transnational Terror Groups

Member/sympathizers of the following:

- HAMAS
- Muslim Brotherhood
  - Al Gemaa' al Islamiya (Blind Shaykh)
  - LTTE (Sri Lankan separatists – 8 arrested in NJ in August)
  - Hizballah?
  - Tablighi Jamaat

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## Domestic/Single Issue Terrorism

- Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty (SHAC) – focused on HLS
  - Hugs for Puppies
  - Animal Liberation Front
- Groups have been relatively quiet since sentencing of SHAC 7 in September



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## Radicalization in NJ



- Inspired by Global Salafi Jihad (GSJ) movement and its rhetoric.
- Radicalization venues: Prisons, Universities, Religious gatherings, Internet, blogs, and social media
- E-Jihad: Internet as new safe haven for facilitating radicalization, recruitment, training, and coordination of future attacks

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## Radicalization via the Internet

- War on terror has altered the landscape for radicalization, recruitment and indoctrination
- Internet as a facilitator for extremist dialogue and dissemination of training videos and other pre-operational information

- Social networking sites (Myspace.com)
- Blogs
- Online forums




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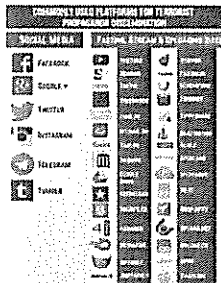
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## Radicalization via the Internet

- Social Media sites such as YouTube, Facebook and Twitter, terrorist groups have increasingly used them to further their goals and spread their message.
- Nearly 90% of organized terrorism on the internet takes place via social media.




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## **Terrorist Supported Activity And Attack Trends**

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### **Terrorist Supported Activity**

- Youth recruiting
- Attempts to recruit women as operatives
- Attempts to convert Christians to Islam for terrorist operations
- Use of the Internet for propaganda and fundraising purposes
- Fundraising for foreign terror groups
- Illegal transfers of funds



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### **Terrorist Supported Activity**

- Money Laundering
- Use of a variety of legal businesses as fronts for money laundering and other illegal activities
- Numerous kinds of fraud (credit card bust-outs)



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### Terrorist Supported Activity

- Use of pre-paid phone cards to avoid detection
- Pre-operational surveillance of financial institutions and other targets of interest
- Interest in Man Portable Air Defense Systems (MANPADs)
- Procurement and use of fraudulent & fraudulently obtained identification



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### Terrorist Supported Activity

- Providing supplies/equipment and general logistical support to foreign terrorist and extremist groups, including places to live, safe houses, etc.
- Counterfeit goods
- Use of false identification to access area hospitals (JCAHO) or other facilities.



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### Attack Trends

- Shooting and stabbings of fire fighters
- Ambushes: Recently, there have been a number of incidents involving law enforcement being ambushed by domestic extremists. Being shot at.
- Doxing
- Swatting
- Cyber Threats
- Fire as a weapon

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## Firefighters That Were Attacked

- July 2008, St. Louis, Missouri: A gunman shot at firefighters responding to a report of a burning pickup truck.
- March 2011, Long Island, New York, firefighter Justin Angell was shot by a lone gunman




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## Firefighters That Were Attacked

- December 2012, Webster, New York: A gunman attacked firefighters at a house fire, killing two and injuring two others. Volunteer firefighters, including a 19-year-old.



- In July 2013 Milwaukee, Wisconsin: , A Milwaukee firefighter was injured when someone fired three gunshots.

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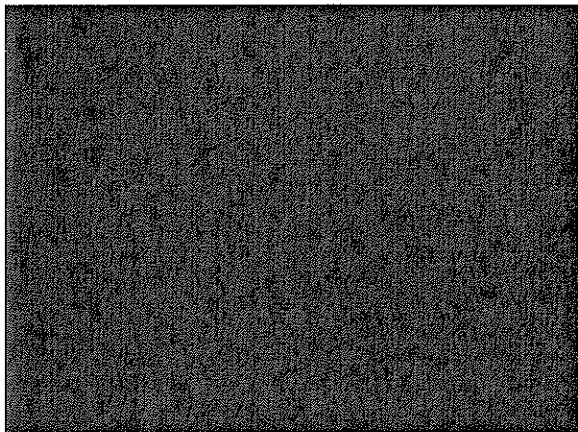
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## Firefighters That Were Attacked

- April 2013, Lawrenceville, Georgia: Firefighters arrived at the home of a 9-1-1 caller and found him in bed complaining of chest pains.
- February 2014 Arjay, Kentucky: Two men shot at a crew of volunteer firefighters.
- August 2015 New York, New York City: A firefighter was shot in August as he helped battled a blaze on Staten Island.

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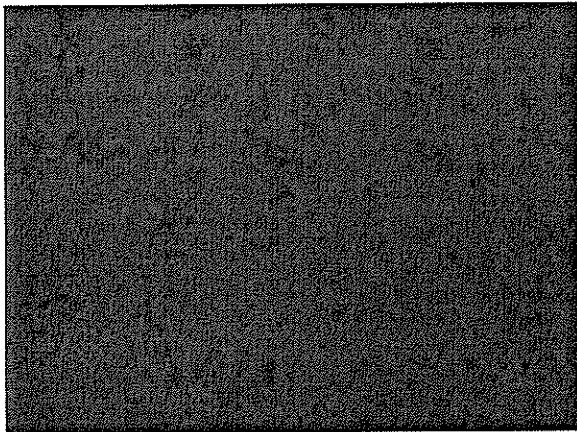
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## Firefighters That Were Attacked

- July 2015 Milwaukee, WI: A Milwaukee firefighter was struck by gunfire as he was assisting patient.
- April 2016, Prince County, Maryland: A man who shot two Maryland firefighters, one of them fatally.



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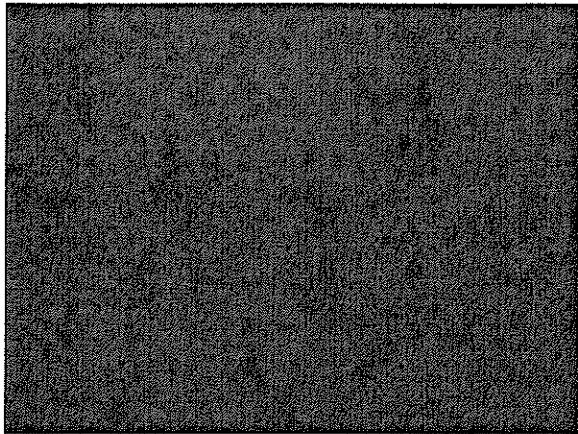
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### **Firefighters That Were Attacked**

- January 2016, Little Rock, Arkansas  
firefighter was shot and killed  
while responding to a medical  
emergency in Pulaski County  
early in the morning.
- March 2017, Ferguson, Mo: A firefighter  
from the Riverview Fire Protection District  
was shot in Ferguson.



Jason Adams

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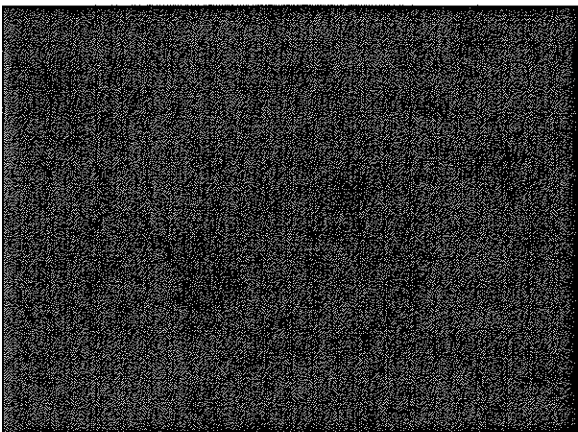
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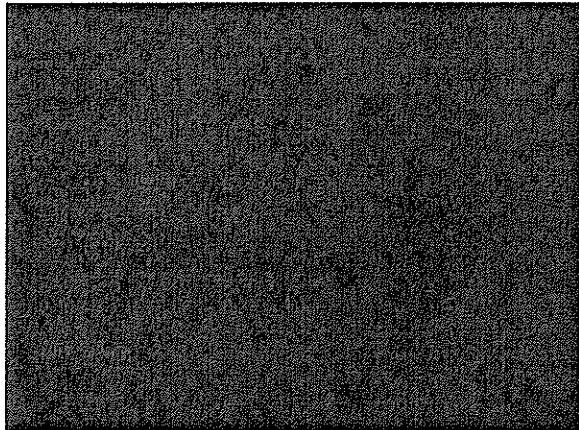
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## Firefighters That Were Attacked

- May 2017, Dallas, CO: Active shooter in downtown Dallas, gunman shoots at firefighters and paramedics.
- July 2017, Chicago, IL: A bullet broke a firetruck's windshield. A firefighter was injured by the broken glass.
- August 2017, Atlanta, Georgia: Firefighters saw two juveniles trying to break into the vehicle.



## Firefighters That Were Attacked

- August 2017 – National City, CA  
Firefighters were responding to a medical call when a patient tried to attack them, according to officials.

## **Firefighters Gunfire Protocols**

- Recognizing the indicators for an ambush attack can be a difficult challenge.
- First responders must also be aware that regardless of social norms and disastrous conditions, they cannot blindly assume that residents, owners, and other individuals desire services in emergency situations.

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## **Use Key Terms**

- Develop key phrases to be used
- When in a situation use key phrases
- There are specific steps for coding terrorism.
  - Specify the requirement for the assignment of terrorism codes
  - Define acceptable documentation for terrorism coding
  - Provide terrorism coding education and raise awareness

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## **Why is "Terror by Fire" Incident is so Challenging**

- Roads are blocked, making it difficult for vehicles to maneuver;
- Many fires were set in strategic locations specifically aiming to challenge security and rescue forces, such as at the entrance to the Fire Department station, for example, preventing fire trucks from driving out;
- Multiple fire zones were burning simultaneously, requiring deployment of large teams and a massive amount of rescue vehicles;
- The attack is extensive, making medical and rescue teams prone to burnout;

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### **Why is "Terror by Fire" Incident is so Challenging**

- Large evacuations of old age homes and hospitals required special preparedness;
- A massive load of phone calls came into dispatch centers from individuals who weren't able to evacuate.
- Many MDA staff members were not able to work, as their families and homes were affected by the fires;
- When attackers realized that security forces and emergency services were preoccupied and present with large teams in one location.

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### **Why Fire fighters Are Potential Terrorist Targets**

- The fire service are integral parts of society and provide a valuable and expected service to the general public.
- First responders, whether they are fire, police, or EMS, are usually the first properly staffed and equipped organization to arrive on the scene of an incident.

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### **Why Fire fighters Are Potential Terrorist Targets**

- The fire service responds to the consequences of terrorist acts.
- Fire fighters worldwide have been directly targeted by terrorists.

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### **How do You Get Yourself Out of a Bad Situation**

- Situational awareness
- Have an escape planned
- Get yourself away from the danger zone.
- Communication
- Recognize the hazards

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### **Recognizing the Hazards And Encountering A Situation**

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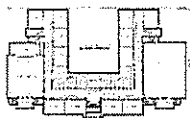
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### **Recognizing the Hazards**

- Fire departments should identify terrorist targets in the community.
- Ambushes
- Boobie traps
- Night-vision goggles
- Maps, photos, blueprints
- Police manuals, training manuals, flight manuals
- Where items are such as where objects are placed



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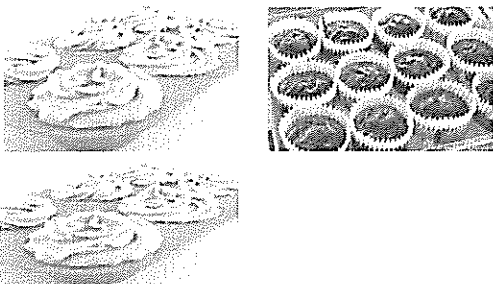
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## Which Of Them Are Bombs?




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## Recognizing the Hazards

- Be alert for a person who is hostile, uncooperative or expressing hate or discontent with the United States;
- Unusual chemicals or other materials that seem out of place;
- Ammunition, firearms or weapons boxes
- Surveillance equipment; still and video cameras;
- Little or no furniture other than a bed or mattress




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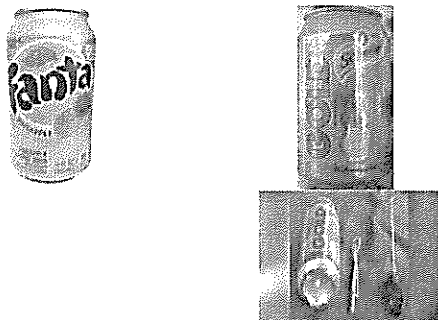
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## Which Of Them Are Bombs?




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## Recognizing the Hazards

- A hazard is a source of danger that may or may not lead to an emergency or disaster.
- Conventional Explosives and Secondary Devices
- Chemical Agents
- Biological Agents
- Radiological Materials
- Nuclear Material devices

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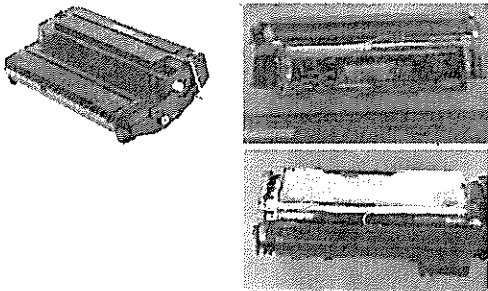
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## Which of them are a Bomb?



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## Encountering a Situation

- Understanding fire as a weapon
- Be on the lookout for warning signs
- Size-up the threat of confrontation

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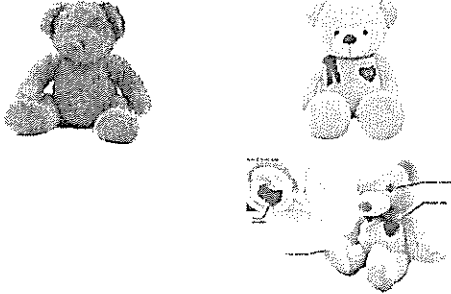
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### Which Of Them Are Bombs?



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### Encountering a Situation

- If you find yourself in a confrontation where you can remove yourself to wait for police assistance, do it.
- If confronted with non-lethal force (no weapons are involved), defend yourself.
- If confronted with lethal force, use whatever means is necessary to eliminate the threat or get out of the way.

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### The Terrorist Planning Cycle & Signs of Terrorism

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## **Terrorist Planning**

- Terrorist operations require planning and preparation.
- During the course of operational preparation, terrorists could become exposed while pursuing their objectives.
- Attention to patterns of indicators in the context of the terrorist planning cycle provides law enforcement an advantage against terror operations.

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## **Terrorist Planning Cycle**

- There is no universal model for terrorist planning. However terrorists exchange information and observe effective operational plans.
- Generally, operational planning shares common characteristics both for hierarchal and decentralized, network organizations.
- "The main point is to select targets where success is 100% assured."
  - Dr. George Habash, Founder, Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP)

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## **8 Signs of Terrorism**

- Surveillance
- Elicitation/seeking information
- Test of security
- Acquiring supplies
- Suspicious people
- Dry runs
- Deploying assets
- Terrorism funding

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## Surveillance

- The first sign of terrorism is someone trying to monitor or record activities.
- Terrorists will attempt to determine the strengths, weaknesses, and number of personnel that may respond to an incident.
- Routes to and from the target are usually established during the surveillance phase.

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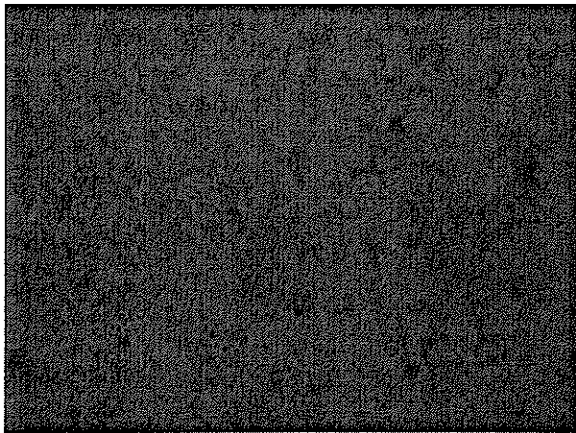
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## Surveillance

- Data Collection on large number of targets
- Carried out by lower level personnel, not core membership
- Open source and general information gathering
- Targets screened for symbolic value, potential to generate media attention, perceived casualty rate.
- Targets considered vulnerable and which meet terrorist organization's objectives are selected for furthering targeting.

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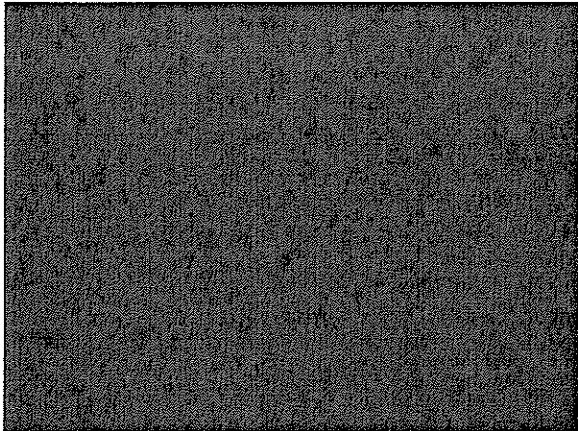
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## Surveillance

- Additional information gathering of target patterns over time.
  - Practices/Procedures/Routines
  - Residence and Workplace
  - Transportation/Routes of Travel
  - Security Measures
- e.g. 2004 Surveillance of a firehouse, IMF, Prudential Building and NY Stock Exchange

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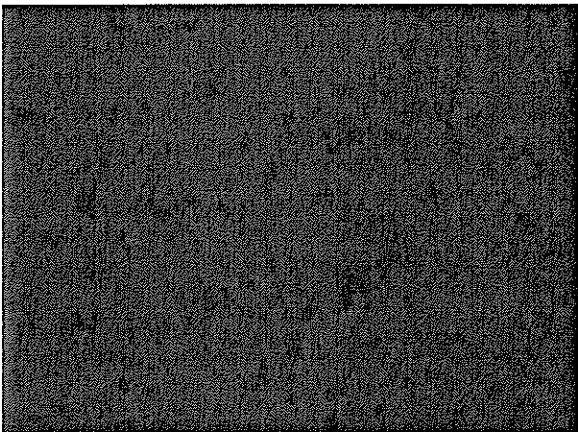
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## Surveillance

### Surveillance

- The observance of a predetermined target and its surrounding areas to assess strengths and vulnerabilities in order to plan an attack against the venue.

#### What to Look For

- Persons or vehicles observed in the same location on multiple occasions
- Persons observed near a potential target using or carrying video, still camera, or visual enhancement devices (telescopes, binoculars, or night vision/thermal devices).

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## Surveillance

### Surveillance (cont'd)

- Persons showing an interest in, or photographing venue security
- Persons drawing pictures or taking notes in a non-tourist or other area, not normally known to have such activity
- Persons observed with facility maps, photographs, diagrams, or notes regarding infrastructure or listing of certain key personnel
- Theft of official identification cards or government-issued license plates or vehicles.

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## Pre-Attack Surveillance and Planning

- Members of actual operational cells appear
- Level of organizational/operational tradecraft increases
- Establishment of current target patterns: days/weeks
- Confirmation of previous intelligence and surveillance by operational team.
  - Security studies
  - Recruitment of specialized operatives
  - Operational Base: Safe houses/caches
  - Escape routes
  - Specify tactics/weapons

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## EXAMPLES OF SURVEILLANCE

- Issa al-Hindi surveillance of Prudential from Starbucks
- On April 12, 2005, al-Hindi and two individuals currently in custody in the UK were indicted by New York on charges of conspiring to use WMD, providing material support and resources to terrorists, and conspiring to damage and destroy buildings.



- Hizballah members have disguised themselves as tourists to photograph and videotape possible targets.

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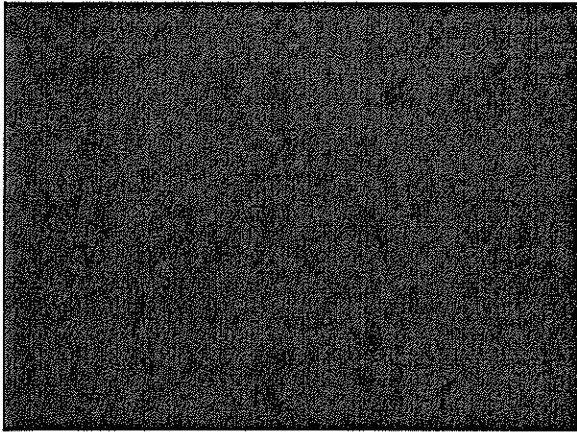
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## Elicitation/Seeking Information

- The second sign is an attempt to gain information through inquiries, including seeking knowledge about a place, person, or operation.
- Terrorists may attempt to research bridge and tunnel use, make unusual inquiries concerning shipments, or look into how a facility operates.

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## Elicitation/Seeking Information

Anyone attempting to gain specific information regarding specific building security procedures (access, personnel, crowd flow, etc.)

What to Look For:

- Inquiries as to security manpower and access to sensitive areas
- Inquiries regarding HVAC systems, or fuel handling and storage, by persons not associated with service agencies or providers
- Inquiries into the purchase of an ambulance, school bus, limousine, or any other vehicle that would generally be regarded as innocuous
- Inquiries regarding the licensing/certification for HAZMATS transportation
- Inquiries regarding local chemical/biological/nuclear/radiological sales, storage or transportation sites.

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## Elicitation/Seeking Information

Attempts to examine and study existing security protocols at a specific target, usually done by penetrating guarded or sensitive areas and observing security or law enforcement response.

What to Look For:

- A noted pattern or series of false alarms requiring law enforcement or emergency services response, individuals noticeably observing security procedures and responses, or questioning security or facility personnel.
- Attempts to penetrate physical security barriers.

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## Testing of Security

- Any attempts to measure reaction times to security breaches, attempts to penetrate physical security barriers, or monitor procedures in order to assess strengths and weaknesses.
- Tests of security or probing are techniques terrorists use to gather data.
- Terrorists may also try to penetrate physical security barriers or test response procedures to assess strengths and weaknesses.

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## Examples Of Testing Security

- Passengers standing up and walking around on U.S. flights
- Suspicious Packages
- Bomb threats/Redirection of flights in US and Europe



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## Acquiring Supplies

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- Suspicious purchases or thefts of explosives, weapons, or ammunition.
- Someone in possession of false or stolen identification material, and/or official or official-looking uniforms or vehicles.

### What to Look For:

- Theft of official ID cards or government official license plates or vehicles.
- Theft of unauthorized uniforms, radios: short wave, two-way and scanners.
- Theft or purchase of respirators or chemical mixing devices.
- Theft or purchase of specialized fuels, agricultural or industrial chemicals, blasting caps, or fuses for explosives.
- Theft or purchase of paint or logos similar to those found on security or emergency utility vehicles.

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## EXAMPLES OF ACQUIRING SUPPLIES

- Israeli Army Uniforms Used by Suicide Bombers
- Fake Passports Through Marriage to Native Citizens (Germany)
- Timothy McVeigh



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## EXAMPLES OF ACQUIRING SUPPLIES

Cell Phones Used As Detonators




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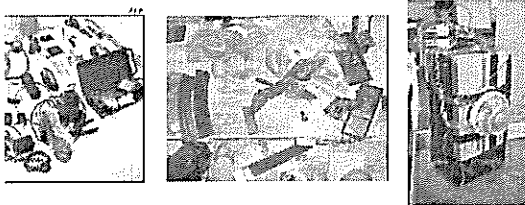
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## EXAMPLES OF ACQUIRING SUPPLIES

Bomb Making Equipment




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## Suspicious People

- Another pre-incident indicator is observing suspicious people who do not belong.
- If you see someone doing something you know is illegal
- Inappropriate, oversize, loose-fitting clothes (e.g., a heavy overcoat on a warm day).
- Someone asking questions about a building's purpose.

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## Suspicious People

### Focus on Behavior

- What he or she is doing
- Where someone is
- When he or she is there



### Not on:

- Race, religion, nationality, ethnicity

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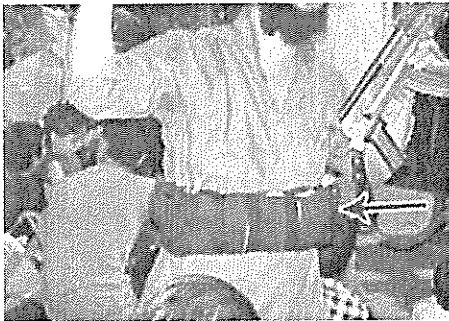
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## Suicide Vest



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## Dry Runs

- A dry run may be the heart of an attack's planning stage.
- Confirmation of planning assumptions; development of contingencies
  - Verify target area patterns
  - Escape Routes
  - Equipment/Weapon performance
  - Physical Layouts
  - Security force reactions

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## Dry Runs

Before execution of the final operation or plan, a practice session will be run to work out the flaws and unanticipated problems. Multiple dry runs are normally conducted at or near the target area.

### What to Look For:

- Suspicious persons sitting in a parked car for an extended period of time for no apparent reason.
- Persons observed monitoring a police radio frequency and recording emergency response times.
- Persons observed mapping out routes and determining the timing of traffic lights and flow.

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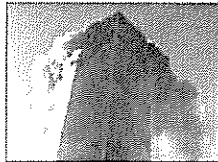
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## Example Of Dry Runs

- 9/11 – Several of the hijackers in the months prior to the attacks flew practice flights in the vicinity of the Pentagon and World Trade Center towers



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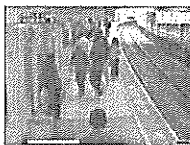
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## Example of Dry Runs

On September 20, 2005, newly released CCTV footage showed the July 7th London bombers staged a practice run nine days prior to the attack. Detectives reconstructed the bombers' movements after studying thousands of hours of film as part of the probe into the blasts. Images show three of the bombers entering Luton train station and emerging at King's Cross Station, the exact route they took on the day of the attacks.



This revelation supports the long-held intelligence community belief that most terrorist groups conduct pre-operational surveillance on targets in preparation for attacks.

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## Deployment of Assets

- The deploying assets or getting into position stage is an individual's last chance to alert authorities before the terrorist act occurs.
- This is your last chance to alert authorities before a terrorist act occurs.

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## Deployment of Assets

- At this point, without immediate intervention, odds are against the target.
- Once operations are initiated, success rate for the terrorist is in the 90% range
- Attackers have the initiative
  - Time, Place and Conditions
  - Use of Diversions and Secondary/Follow-up Attacks
  - Targeting of reaction or security forces

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## Terrorism Funding

Terrorists use a variety of methods to raise, launder, and transport funds. Possible indicators include, but are not limited to:

- Suspicious credit card applications
- Suspicious spending
- Multiple surnames at the same address
- Illegal drugs
- Bulk purchases of cigarettes or other counterfeit goods

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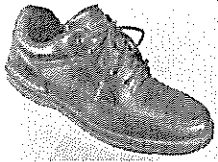
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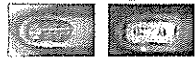
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## Which Of Them Are Bombs?



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## Questions



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