



Requester: Laura Rotolo Request Number: 14-00722

Subject of Request: Massachusetts Joint Terrorism Task Force (Todashev)/DMA

Dear Requester:

Your request for records under the Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act has been processed. This letter constitutes a reply from the Executive Office for United States Attorneys, the official record-keeper for all records located in this office and the various United States Attorneys' Offices. To provide you the greatest degree of access authorized by the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act, we have considered your request in light of the provisions of both statutes.

The records you seek are located in a Privacy Act system of records that, in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Attorney General, is exempt from the access provisions of the Privacy Act. 28 CFR § 16.81. We have also processed your request under the Freedom of Information Act and are making all records required to be released, or considered appropriate for release as a matter of discretion, available to you. This letter is a partial release. We processed 531 pages.

Enclosed please find:

307 page(s) are being released in full (RIF);
20 page(s) are being released in part (RIP);
34 the balance was 23 duplicates and 11 non-responsive records. **The redacted/withheld documents were reviewed to determine if any information could be segregated for release.**

The exemption(s) cited for withholding records or portions of records are marked below. An enclosure to this letter explains the exemptions in more detail.

Section 552

Section 552a

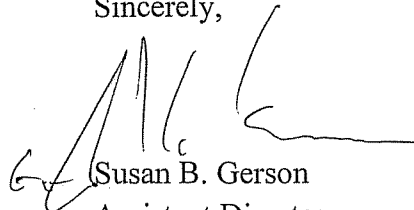
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[X] A review of the material revealed:

[X] Our office located records that originated with another government component. **These records were found in the U.S. Attorney's Office files and may or may not be responsive to your request.** These records will be referred to the following component(s) listed for review and direct response to you: Office of Information and Privacy (OIP).

This is the final action on this above-numbered request. If you are not satisfied with my response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy, United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, Washington, DC 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through this Office's eFOIA portal at <http://www.justice.gov/oip/efoia-portal.html>. Your appeal must be received within sixty days from the date of this letter. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,



Susan B. Gerson
Assistant Director

Enclosure(s)

EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

FOIA: TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

- (b) (1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by and Executive order to be kept secret in the in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified pursuant to such Executive order;
- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on the issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual.
- (b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

PRIVACY ACT: TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to Executive Order 12356 in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability eligibility, or qualification for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his identity would be held in confidence.



U.S. Attorney's Office – Central District of Illinois:

Summary on Terrorism, Homeland Security and Crime – June 16, 2014

NATIONAL SECURITY AND TERRORISM NEWS

NDIL Appeals court reverses decision in Chicago Terrorism Case – An appeals court has overruled a ground-breaking decision by a Chicago judge to let lawyers for an alleged terrorist see classified surveillance evidence. In the ruling — published Monday afternoon in the case of alleged South Loop bomber **Adel Daoud** — the 7th circuit of the U.S. Court of Appeals found that U.S. District Judge Sharon Johnson Coleman erred in allowing Daoud's lawyers access to the secret government files.

Prosecutors said it would harm national security if Daoud's legal team could see the classified evidence gathered against him, but Coleman ruled earlier this year that Daoud's right to challenge the case against him trumped that. The case has attracted national interest following the revelations of the U.S.'s domestic electronic spying program by NSA leaker Edward Snowden. But ruling Monday, the appeals court said Coleman was "*capable*" herself of determining whether or not the secret documents were relevant to Daoud's defense, without turning them over to Daoud's lawyers. (Chicago Sun-Times - 6/16)

Judge Denies Tsarnaev's Attorneys More Time to Seek Change of Venue - U.S.

District Judge George O'Toole on Friday ruled that attorneys for Boston Marathon bombing defendant **Dzhokhar Tsarnaev** cannot have more time to file a motion to move his trial out of Boston. The defense attorneys had said on Wednesday that they will seek a change of venue for his November trial, but asked that a June 18 deadline to file the motion be pushed back to Aug. 3. Judge O'Toole said in his ruling that he had already delayed the filing deadline from February to June, and said that since the defense has already determined it will ask to move the trial, it is fair to infer '*that the defense team has investigated and considered the pertinent issues.*' (Associated Press - 6/14)

Tsarnaev's Attorneys Seek Information on Todashev - Tsarnaev's attorneys on Friday requested 'all eyewitness and other accounts' by a man who was killed by an FBI agent in Florida, allegedly after the man implicated Tsarnaev's older brother in a triple murder in Waltham in 2011. Defense attorneys asked for statements from the late **Ibragim Todashev**, 27, writing that the manner in which Tsarnaev's brother, Tamerlan, 'induced Todashev to participate in [the Waltham triple murder] may shed light on the process by which he allegedly drew [**Dzhokhar Tsarnaev**] into violence some 19 months later' at the Marathon. Authorities in

Florida say that during an interview with the FBI and Massachusetts State Police in his Orlando apartment in May 2013, **Todashev** confessed to helping **Tamerlan Tsarnaev** kill three men in Waltham in September 2011. (The Boston Globe - 6/13)

Girlfriend of Tsarnaev's Friend Strikes Immunity Deal for Testimony - The girlfriend of one of Tsarnaev's closest pals has struck an immunity deal with the federal government to testify against their former roommate **Azamat Tazhayakov** – the former University of Massachusetts Dartmouth student they shared a New Bedford apartment with before last year's Boston Marathon bombings. The jury instructions proposed by Federal prosecutors for the June 30 trial of **Tazhayakov**, 20, state that **Bayan Kumiskali** will have testified on condition no statements she made could be used against her – provided she told the truth. It is unclear whether Kumiskali will testify against her boyfriend and fellow roommate **Dias Kadyrbayev** at his trial in September. (The Boston Herald - 6/16)

Former FBI Informant in Terror Cases Reveals Identity - **Emad Salem**, an Egyptian immigrant who was paid \$1 million by the FBI to infiltrate the terrorist group led by **Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahman. Rahman** and nine co-conspirators were convicted of several bomb plots targeting the *George Washington Bridge, the UN, two tunnels* and a *Federal office building*. **Salem** has since lived in five different U.S. states, "*worn a Kevlar vest and carried a handgun,*" working variously as an "*innkeeper, salesman and masseur.*" Salem has now come forward and revealed himself as a former informant, explaining in an interview with the Los Angeles Times that "It's time for me to talk now." (The Times (UK) - 6/16)

GITMO Prosecutor: Taliban 5 couldn't be Successfully Prosecuted - The Pentagon's chief war crimes prosecutor, Army Brig. Gen. Mark Martins, told reporters this weekend that in 2011 he studied the files of the five Taliban prisoners recently traded for Army Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl and concluded they could not be prosecuted at Guantanamo. In 2009, Martins said, a task force of federal and military prosecutors concluded: "There was not a successful prosecution to be had of any of those five." (Miami Herald – 6/15)

Martins' remarks came on the eve of a two-day session of the Sept. 11 pretrial hearings, which are aimed at probing whether the FBI's questioning of defense team members compromised the integrity of some of the defense teams. Since the Sept. 11 hearing was derailed in April by revelations of the FBI's questioning, defense lawyers say they have learned that at least three other staffers have been questioned in two separate investigations over the past year. (USA Today, Reuters, Associated Press – 6/16)

Pre-Trial Hearing for 9/11 Suspects Begins Today at Guantanamo - The 20 issues set for debate beginning today in pretrial military proceedings against **Khalid Sheikh Mohammed** (KSM) and four alleged *al-Qaeda associates* offer at least a partial explanation for why it has taken so long – 11 years after Mohammed’s capture – to bring the alleged 9/11 mastermind to justice. The presiding military judge in the case, Col. James Pohl, has set aside a full week at the detention center in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to consider a range of potentially toxic legal arguments that continue to test the government’s authority to prosecute the terror suspects by military commission. There are defense requests for information on some of the government’s most sensitive operations, including what it calls enhanced interrogation methods and the shuffling of suspects among a former network of ‘black sites,’ or secret prisons. ([USA Today](#) - 6/14)

Two-Star General to Investigate Bergdahl Disappearance - A defense official speaking on the condition of anonymity said Sunday that the military has appointed a two-star general to investigate the circumstances surrounding Bowe Bergdahl’s disappearance in Afghanistan five years ago. The official would not provide the name of the general who will conduct the probe. ([Reuters](#) - 6/16)

Bowe Bergdahl was hidden away in Pakistan for most of his captivity - U.S. officials believe the *Haqqani Network* ultimately agreed to release Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl because one of the five released Taliban detainees was **Mohammad Nabi Omari**, a low-ranking Taliban official but an associate of the *Haqqani network*. The CIA paused drone attacks for five months earlier this year that coincided with new efforts to retrieve Bergdahl; **now that he’s free, the CIA has resumed the drone strikes**. (The [Tribune](#) – 6/16)

State Department Offering Rewards for Capture of African Terrorists - The U.S. State Department is offering a reward of up to \$5 million in exchange for information on four terrorists with ties to western and northern Africa. Among the terrorists identified is **Khalid al-Barnawi**, a former leader of **Boko Haram**, the terrorist organization responsible for the kidnapping of nearly 300 girls in Nigeria. Also named were **Hamad el Khairy** and **Ahmed el Tilemsi**, founding members of the terrorist group **Movement for Unity and Jihad in West Africa**, and **Abu-Yusuf al-Muhajir**, an *explosives expert* who was a former member of **Tawhid w’ al Jihad-Egypt**. The State Department is offering \$5 million for information leading to the capture of al-Barnawi, Khairy and Tilemsi and \$3 million for information that helps catch al-Muhajir. ([State Department - Rewards for Justice](#) - [ABC News](#) – 6/13)

Eight Suspected Islamic Militants arrested in Spain – Spanish police arrested eight suspected Islamic militants in Madrid in predawn raids Monday, for *allegedly recruiting and*

sending radical fighters to aid the terrorist group **Islamic State in Iraq and Syria**, the Interior Ministry said in a statement. The suspected leader of the cell broken up Monday had been detained in Afghanistan in 2001 and later was a prisoner at the U.S. base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, the ministry said. Just last month, police arrested six Spanish men in the Spanish enclave of Melilla, on Morocco's north coast, on suspicion of recruiting and sending 26 radical Islamic fighters for terrorist groups in Syria, Mali and Libya. Also in Melilla, last March, a Spaniard and two Frenchmen were arrested on similar charges. The movement of Islamic militants from Europe and North Africa to conflict zones such as Syria, Mali and Libya -- and their eventual return to Spain to potentially carry out terrorist attacks -- has been a prime concern for authorities battling terrorism. ([CNN](#) – 6/16)

Militants in Iraq Boast of a Massacre, while U.S. Evacuates Personnel - Sunni Islamist militants who have taken over a broad swath of territory in Iraq boasted on Sunday that they had massacred hundreds of Shiite members of Iraq's security forces, posting grisly pictures online and warning of further sectarian slaughter. Though Iraqi officials and some human rights groups cautioned that the militants' claim to have killed 1,700 soldiers in Tikrit could not be immediately verified, the **Islamic State in Iraq and Syria's** (ISIS) *threat appears to be growing, as militants captured another town -- Tal Afar, in northern Iraq near the Syrian border.* ([Wall Street Journal](#), [New York Times](#), [LA Times](#), [CNN](#) – 6/16)

The U.S. also announced that it was drawing down staff at its embassy in Baghdad. This is the first time since the U.S.-led invasion in 2003 that the embassy has decreased its staffing levels in response to a threat posed by violence, and the move was an indication of the level of concern that the unrest could reach even into the fortress like Green Zone. Iran's president said Saturday the country would consider assisting U.S. efforts to fend off violent Sunni militants threatening Iraq's heartland, as Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel ordered an aircraft carrier to the Persian Gulf to prepare for "*military options.*" ([Washington Post](#), [Time](#) – 6/16) **Related:** [Iraq Militant Leader Focuses on Gaining Ground](#) ([Wall Street Journal](#))

ISIS's Leader was released from U.S. Custody in 2009 - ISIS's leader, **Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi**, spent years in U.S. custody. **Baghdadi** was in U.S. custody in Iraq for four years and when he was released in 2009, his parting words to U.S. troops were: "*I'll see you in New York.*" ([ABC World News](#) - 6/15)

Analysis: After ISIL seizes Key Territory in Offensive across Northern Iraq what happens next? - ISIL is almost certain to attempt to exploit the current momentum of its offensive in northern Iraq and seize as much territory as possible in an attempt to maintain serious political pressure on the government. It also appears likely that the group will strike east

as far as Kirkuk but may well halt before it encroaches on territory controlled by the Kurdish Regional Government (KRG). More probable is that the group will focus on pushing south, through Salah ad-Din, towards Baghdad in an attempt to threaten the city from the north as well as from the east through its gains in Anbar. (Jane's Terrorism and Insurgency Centre – 6/12)

Recruitment Video for Syrian Fighters believed to Feature American Suicide Bomber

- A recruitment video circulating among extremist groups features **Moner Mohammad Abusalh**, the Florida man who conducted a suicide bombing in Syria last month, according to intelligence analysts. The video, which includes **Abusalh** making a direct appeal to Americans to join the fight, is believed to be the first example of propaganda that features an American in the expanding attempts to recruit other Americans to go fight in Syria. (New York Times - 6/15)

ISIS Militants with U.S. Passports? - There is something particularly concerning about the "*masked, sociopathic murderers*" who fight for the **Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant** (ISIS), writes former state department official Andrew G Doran. Some of them, he says, are Western citizens who have travelled to Syria to fight President Bashar Assad's government - and have passports or other immigration paperwork that would allow them to return to their home countries whenever they want. (BBC News - 6/16)

Jihadis Recruitment Drive in Riyadh Revives Biggest Saudi Threat - The al-Qaeda breakaway group that has captured Iraq's biggest northern city is on a recruitment drive in *Saudi Arabia*. The evidence showed up last month in Riyadh, where drivers woke up to find leaflets stuffed into the handles of their car doors and in their windshields. They were promoting the **Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant**, which has grabbed the world's attention by seizing parts of northern Iraq. The militant group is also using *social media*, such as *Twitter* and *YouTube*, to recruit young Saudi men.

In May, the Interior Ministry said it arrested *62 militants* who were planning attacks against domestic and foreign targets in the kingdom. Major General Mansour al-Turki, the ministry's spokesman, said police are still looking for another 44 members. Some of the suspects had ties with ISIL in Syria and with al-Qaeda's splinter group in Yemen. (Bloomberg News – 6/15)

UN Al Qaeda-Linked Groups in Afghanistan Pose Threat to "Region and Beyond"

- UN experts say *Al Qaeda-linked* groups from Pakistan and Uzbekistan are participating regularly in attacks on Afghan military forces. The experts indicated the groups represent a *direct terrorist challenge* for Afghanistan and the region. The comments by the monitoring team note that the **Al Qaeda-affiliated groups** are *unlikely to leave Afghanistan in the near future*,

creating a worrying, long-term security threat emanating from the country to the region and beyond. The U.N. Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team just ahead of Saturday's election revealed that the U.N. has begun to classify the Taliban as a "*criminal enterprise*," rather than a *religious group*.

Al-Qaeda affiliates Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan, Lashkar-e-Taiba and Lashkar-e-Jhangvi "regularly" take part in attacks on Afghan forces in eastern and southern Afghanistan. In the north, the **Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan** continues to gather strength among Afghans of Uzbek origin and operates in several provinces. Afghan security forces in January twice reported the presence of **Chechen fighters** in Logar and Kabul provinces, and Al-Qaeda affiliates are unlikely to leave Afghanistan in the near future. *On the battlefield, the Taliban have acquired more sophisticated improvised-explosive devices since late 2013.* In January, authorities in Kandahar seized a *suicide vest camouflaged as a leather jacket, which analysis showed would have been practically undetectable with metal detectors.* (Associated Press, Reuters - 6/14)

Taliban's Financial Success Provides Reduced Incentive to Negotiate - Despite efforts by the West to cut off the Taliban's financial lifelines, the group is as rich as ever due to *profits from opium trafficking, illegal mining, and extortion.* The money itself appears to be a reason for many insurgents to keep fighting. A UN report released Friday, said the Taliban's "*financial success has allowed them to remain a significant threat*" in about half of Afghanistan, and provides its leaders less potential incentive to negotiate. (New York Times - 6/14)

Afghans Vote in Presidential Runoff amid Fraud Allegations - The deaths of least 68 people in Taliban attacks did not disrupt voting in Afghanistan's presidential election this weekend, accusations of fraud have cast doubt on the outcome of the race. (Wall Street Journal - 6/16)

Pakistan Targets Waziristan Militants - Pakistan said it launched a major ground offensive on Sunday to clear out the Pakistani Taliban and other local and foreign militants from the North Waziristan tribal area. The news followed predawn airstrikes by Pakistan that the military said killed 105 militants in the northwestern tribal areas. Washington has pressed Islamabad for years to clear out North Waziristan, a sanctuary for militants. The latest offensive follows several high-profile Taliban attacks in Karachi. (Wall Street Journal, CNN, ABC News - 6/16) **Related:** Taliban Fighters Warn Foreign Investors to Leave Pakistan (Bloomberg)

Al Shabaab Militants Kill World Cup Fans in Kenya - Suspected al Shabaab militants, flying black Islamist flags, drove into a coastal town in Kenya Sunday and killed some 48 people while they were watching the World Cup. Witnesses said about 50 attackers rode into the town of Mpeketoni, raided a police station, set buildings on fire and engaged in gun battles for about four hours before fleeing. (Washington Post, Associated Press, New York Times - 6/16)

HOMELAND RESPONSE

Authorities in Tennessee Arrest Two High School Students for Suspected Plan to Attack School - Authorities in Hawkins County, Tennessee avoided a violent attack planned by two high school students after one of the students' therapists tipped off law enforcement. Hawkins County Sheriff Ronnie Lawson explained that one of the Volunteer High School students had laid out a "*plan of attack*," and that authorities found "*guns, firecrackers, a plastic bag full of gunpowder, and floor plans to the high school*" in his home. The teen, who was not identified, was "*obsessed*" with the *Columbine High School shootings*. Police have taken both students into custody, charging them with conspiracy to commit first degree murder and terrorism. (ABC World News - 6/13)

Investigators believe Residents were making Explosives before Kansas City Explosion - Missouri residents who were in a house that exploded last week may have been *manufacturing illegal explosives for two years*. The article points out several reasons why the investigation into the explosions has cause to believe this story, as residents interviewed following the explosion both attested to the fact that there were cherry bombs and M-80s being made in the house. (The Kansas City (MO) Star - 6/14)

San Francisco Social Media Expert Indicted on Explosives, Firearms Charges - A federal grand jury in San Francisco indicted **Ryan Kelly Chamberlain II**, 42, Thursday with possession of an *unregistered destructive device* and *possession of a firearm with the manufacturer's serial number removed*. The destructive device was an *improvised explosive device* (IED) complete with a power source, wire conductors, switching mechanism, shrapnel, and a remote controlled detonation system.

FBI Special Agent Michael Eldridge wrote in a *search warrant affidavit* filed with the court that witnesses have reported selling **abrin toxins** and **nicotine** to Chamberlain, though authorities do not know what he intended to do with the chemicals. The FBI claims Chamberlain also tried to buy **ricin**. Chamberlain made his initial appearance in federal court in San Francisco on June 3, and is scheduled to appear for a detention hearing on Monday, June 16.

Chamberlain came to the attention of authorities during an investigation of his alleged activities on the "Deep Web." ([USAO-NDCA Press Release – Chamberlain II indictment](#) - 6/13; [Associated Press, Reuters](#) - 6/16)

FBI Probing Assault of New Mexico Iraqi Woman as Possible Hate Crime - An Iraqi Catholic refugee who was assaulted in her Albuquerque apartment appears to be the victim of a hate crime by an attacker who yelled obscenities about Muslims. Albuquerque police say that on June 5, a man last week forced his way into the home of *Seham Jaber*, shouting nasty remarks about Muslims and punching her in the head and stomach and also tearing up her family's citizenship papers. 'The irony is the individual thought the family was Muslim, and they're actually refugees from Iraq who are Catholic,' Albuquerque police spokesman Simon Drobik said. Albuquerque police said the FBI is investigating the case as a possible Federal hate crime. ([Associated Press](#) - 6/16)

IG Report Faults OPM's Handling of Background Checks - A new report from the Office of Personnel Management's IG says that questionable work, poor oversight and lack of training have weakened background checks for federal employees and contractors. The auditors determined that OPM, which oversees Federal background check, must strengthen its controls over the firms that conduct screenings. More attention has been drawn to Federal background checks in the last year after both the *Snowden* affair and the Washington Navy Yard shooting by contractor *Aaron Alexis*. ([Washington Post](#) - 6/15)

Feds Challenge Move to Seal Records in Iran Economic Sanctions Case - The decision to seal a document from the sentencing of a former TVA nuclear chief is "drawing fire" from Federal prosecutors. The former TVA employee, **Masoud Bajestani**, was charged with sending \$600,000 to Iran despite sanctions prohibiting such behavior. Bajestani's defense has filed a slew of documents ahead of his sentencing, and Senior US District Judge Leon Jordan granted the defense's request to seal the documents. Assistant US Attorney Jeff Theodore is challenging this decision. ([The Knoxville \(TN\) News Sentinel](#) - 6/14)

New Whistleblower Advocacy Group Unveils ExposeFacts.org Site - A new whistleblowing project, *ExposeFacts.org*, which was unveiled at a thinly attended news conference at the National Press Club in Washington on June 4. The journalist founders of the ExposeFact project, which has enlisted Pentagon Papers leaker Daniel Ellsberg and other high-profile whistleblowers, say a new channel was needed for exposing documentary evidence of waste, fraud and abuse in classified government programs – things like weapon-systems cost overruns, intelligence-contractor kickbacks and legally questionable covert action projects, all of which are deeply buried under 'Top Secret' stamps. The ExposeFacts website has an electronic

bucket called **SecureDrop**, which works in concert with the *Tor anonymizing software*, also available on the site, to help leakers deposit documents confidentially. (Newsweek - 6/13)

Yonkers Man Sentenced to Three Years for Impersonating FBI Agent - Ayman

Rabadi pleaded guilty last May to impersonating an FBI agent, was sentenced last Thursday to three years in prison. Rabadi illegally obtained at least \$180,000 and other valuables from individuals to whom he promised Federal assistance. He accepted a \$10,000 cash bribe from an undercover FBI agent posing as the niece of one of his victims. Rabadi has an extensive criminal history, including a felony theft by deception conviction in New Jersey in 2008. (USAO-SDNY Press Release – 6/12; Mid-Hudson (NY) News, Daily Voice - 6/13)

NATIONAL, STATE, AND DISTRICT CRIMINAL LAW

Illinois: FBI agent kills shooter at East Peoria Sports Bar - An off-duty FBI agent may have averted a *mass-shooting* Saturday night when a gunman walked into a sports bar packed with patrons attending a high school reunion and shot his ex-wife and her new boyfriend. The gunman was killed when the agent, shot the suspect after gunfire erupted about 8 p.m. at the Fifth Quarter Sports Bar and Pizzeria. The suspect and the two targets of his initial burst of gunfire ultimately died — the suspect at the scene and the other man and woman at a Peoria hospital.

Multiple sources, including a person at the scene who declined to be identified, said the shooter was the ex-husband of the woman who was shot. The other male who was shot was the woman's new boyfriend. They were attending a high school reunion. A group of people on motorcycles wearing regalia of the *Outlaw Motorcycle Club* left the bar immediately after the shooting and was followed by police to a clubhouse on Farmington Road in Peoria County. Police later said they were witnesses to the incident, and not suspects. (Peoria Journal-Star (IL) – 6/14)

U.S. Officials Struggle to Halt Heroin entering U.S. through Mexican Border -

Nearly all the heroin fueling a resurgence of Heroin, enters the country over the 1,933-mile Mexico border, according to the US Drug Enforcement Administration. DEA records show that border agents stopped *2.3 tons of heroin* from crossing last year – three times as much as in 2008, and government authorities estimate they've intercepted only *5%-10% of the heroin smuggled* in by sophisticated networks run by a pair of Mexican cartels. Joe Agostini, assistant port director in Nogales, said custom officials there seized more heroin in the first six months of fiscal 2014 than each of the past three full years, with most of the drugs hidden in vehicles crossing through ports of entry such as the bustling Nogales gate. (USA Today - 6/16)

Illinois: Uptick in local overdoses has police on alert - Police in Champaign and Urbana have gone on high alert — and are asking the public to do the same — following a recent surge in drug-related overdoses in the two communities. Lt. Robert Rea said there have been four drug overdose cases in the city within the last week, an “unusual” number in such a small time frame. In two of the cases, the people using the drugs died. “Although no official autopsy results have been made available, we suspect the deceased parties may have used an illegal drug that was tampered with,” Rea said. Urbana Police Chief Patrick Connolly said officers in that city have also seen what he called “a significant increase in the number of heroin-related cases.”

Both cities’ police departments conveyed their message in a joint news release issued late Wednesday afternoon. The four-paragraph statement also noted Urbana officers reporting “more violent encounters when addressing the heroin problems within the city.” “It’s no secret that heroin is the most popular drug right now,” Rea said. “... It is a possibility that the same person or persons may be involved with the tampering, but we don’t have enough information at this time.” (News-Gazette (IL) - 6/15)

A Chinese Chemical Company and a 'Bath Salts' Epidemic - There were times a few years back when the emergency room at SUNY Upstate University Hospital in Syracuse looked like a scene from a zombie movie. Dr. Ross Sullivan, a physician there, recalls one afternoon when staff wheeled in a man with *dilated pupils* who was covered in sweat. Police suspected the patient had taken “bath salts,” the notorious synthetic stimulants that were ravaging scores of American communities at the time. In central New York around that time, bath salts sent hundreds of people to emergency rooms for hallucinations, seizures, even heart attacks. But what most people didn't know is that some of the drugs wreaking havoc in New York state — as well as in Southern California, Virginia and Texas — were created thousands of miles away in a lab in *China*.

When law enforcement in New York State first came upon the drugs, they couldn't figure out what they were. The ingredients in bath salts didn't test positive for heroin, ecstasy or cocaine. That's the reason they were marketed as a “legal high,” and sold in convenience stores and head shops. James Burns, assistant special agent in charge for DEA operations in upstate New York, says that was by design. The chemists making the drugs were tweaking the formula so users wouldn't test positive for a controlled substance. (NPR Blog - 6/16)

Federal Authorities request Assistance in Locating “John Doe” with Child Pornography Connections - Federal authorities’ want the public’s help in identifying a man nicknamed “John Doe” but whose actual name may be **Shaun**, who is a man between 40 and

50 years old who is suspected of distributing child pornography as part of a massive international network. ICE agents believe that this man is living close to New Haven, Connecticut. Additionally, Doe was using **Tor**. This past March, DHS Secretary Jeh Johnson noted that 14 people accused of operating Tor were arrested and charged with conspiracy to operate a child exploitation enterprise, as part of an investigation called **Operation Round Table**. (The Boston Globe - 6/15)

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NATIONAL SECURITY AND TERRORISM NEWS

Jury Begins Deliberations in Abu Ghaith Terror Trial - Jurors at the trial of former top al Qaeda adviser **Sulaiman Abu Ghaith**, 48, were sent home on Tuesday after deliberating for half a day without reaching a verdict. US District Judge Lewis A. Kaplan gave the jury its instructions, *outlining the three charges against Abu Ghaith*, which include *conspiring to kill Americans, providing material support to terrorists and conspiring to provide that support*. **Abu Ghaith** could face life in prison if convicted on the first count alone. (New York Times - 3/26)

The case has given the public its first and possibly only chance to watch a terrorism trial related to the 2001 attacks unfold in civilian court. The trial could carry important implications for how terror suspects held by the U.S. are tried, as for a decade; government officials and legal experts have debated whether such terror suspects should be tried in a secret military tribunal or an open civilian court. Unlike other *high-profile terrorism suspects* accused of crimes arising from the attacks, **Abu Ghaith** bypassed the U.S. military prison in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, after his arrest last year, and instead, he was brought directly to New York, where his trial began March 5 just blocks from where the World Trade Center towers once stood. Manhattan US Attorney Preet Bharara was among the spectators who packed the room Monday as Jonathan Cronan delivered the prosecution's closing statement. (Los Angeles Times, Christian Science Monitor - 3/25)

Accused Student Terrorist was a Social Media Over-Sharer - Aspiring terrorists in the United States should probably avoid expressing their ambitions on Instagram. Twenty-year-old California community college student **Nicholas Teasant** learned the perils of social media firsthand after he was arrested on terrorism charges last Monday. His use of social media is cited prominently in the FBI's criminal complaint, which describes Teasant posting pictures under the name "*bigolsmurf*," declaring his desire to "*join Allah's army*" and seeking "*The Mujahid's Handbook*," identified by the FBI as a "*how-to guide for becoming a lone wolf terrorist*," compiled from Al Qaeda's Inspire magazine. On ask.fm, a Q-and-A social networking site, he allegedly told strangers of his desire to "go fight in Syria."

Based on the FBI affidavit, that desire is ultimately how he got caught – attempting to cross the Canadian border, allegedly believing he was about to join Al Qaeda affiliates fighting against Syrian dictator Bashar al-Assad. Instead, he had really just fallen into a trap set by an

FBI informant and an undercover agent. Charged with attempting to provide material support to a terrorist group, Teasant is now facing up to 15 years in prison if convicted. ([MSNBC](#) - 3/25)

New York Man Sentenced to 16 Years in Pipe Bomb Plot - Jose Pimentel, an al Qaeda sympathizer who *admitted trying to build pipe bombs* in a New York City basement and aiming to blow up police stations or military installations, was sentenced on Tuesday to 16 years in prison. Pimentel pleaded guilty last month to attempted criminal possession of a weapon as a crime of terrorism. The *Dominican-born Muslim convert* was arrested in November 2011, and the Manhattan district attorney's office said he was assembling bombs from clocks, Christmas tree lights and other everyday items. Prosecutors accused Pimentel of being motivated to commit attacks in part by the death of **Anwar al-Awlaki**, a U.S.-born al-Qaeda cleric who was killed in a U.S. drone strike in Yemen in 2011. ([Associated Press](#), [Bloomberg News](#) - 3/26)

Pimentel agreed to the sentence last month as part of a plea deal on the eve of trial in which Manhattan DA Cyrus Vance dropped more serious charges of conspiracy and weapons possession as a terrorism crime that carried a sentence of up to life. The case was one of the first prosecuted under a state terrorism law. NYPD informers used dubious tactics, including supplying and smoking marijuana with Pimentel to get him to work on a bomb, the defense said. Federal prosecutors declined to pursue charges. ([Newsday](#) - 3/26)

New York: Man Sentenced to Two Years in Prison for Role in Toronto-Based Weapons Smuggling Ring for Tamil Tigers - Eight years after a group of Toronto men got caught buying arms for Sri Lanka's **Tamil Tigers**, a New York court sentenced the last of them Tuesday to serve two years in prison. **Piratheepan "Peter" Nadarajah**, 37, had pleaded guilty to his role in a Toronto-based smuggling ring that had attempted to acquire \$1-million worth of missiles and AK-47 assault rifles for the Tamil rebels. The former Rogers wireless technician, who came to Canada from Sri Lanka at age 14, had asked for 16 months — the time he had already spent behind bars in Canada and the U.S. "This was my fault, my mistake," he wrote in a brief letter of apology to the U.S. federal judge ruling on his case. ([National Post](#) - 3/25)

Obama Proposes Changes to NSA Surveillance Program - The President on Tuesday outlined a plan to end the NSA's bulk collection of American's telephone data. Under the Administration proposal telephone companies like Verizon and AT&T would collect the phone records of millions of Americans and retain the data for 18 months. To access specific records in *terrorism* cases, the government would be required to obtain court orders. The President said that the new approach would balance privacy and security concerns. ([CBS Evening News](#) - 3/25)

Congressional Report Faults Handling of Boston Bomber before Attack - The anniversary of the Boston bombing is approaching, the congressional report is expected to be made public this week, which raises serious questions about how one of the alleged bombers was able to leave the U.S. and re-enter despite being put on a *watch list* by the CIA after they received warnings from Russian intelligence. Investigators report that the name of **Tamerlan Tsarnaev** was misspelled on the document and he was able to travel home to Russia, to an area that is known for terrorist activity. ([NBC Nightly News - 3/25](#))

Florida State Attorney Releases Report on Shooting Death of Ibragim Todashev, Says FBI Agent's Actions Were Justified - The highly-anticipated report from State Attorney Jeffrey L. Ashton found that the FBI agent's actions were justified in self-defense and defense of another. Ashton wrote in a letter to FBI Director James B. Comey that his investigation found no evidence of "*intentional misconduct*" or malice on the part of the agent. Senior FBI officials had anxiously awaited Ashton's report in the face of criticism that internal FBI reviews of the use of deadly force side in every case with the bureau's agents. A Justice Department committee that reviews shootings has examined Ashton's report, as well as an internal FBI probe and a review by the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division, and voted Tuesday to clear the agent, finding that FBI guidelines for the use of force had been followed.

The FBI and Massachusetts State Police were interviewing **Todashev** about his connections to *Boston Marathon bombing suspect Tamerlan Tsarnaev*, specifically inquiring about Todashev's possible involvement in a *triple homicide* in which Tsarnaev was a suspect. During the hours-long interview, Todashev grew agitated and violently attacked the FBI agent, prompting the agent to fatally shoot Todashev. The report finds that the agent acted in self-defense and was justified in his actions. ([New York Times - 3/26](#)) Review documents released from the probe: [FBI agent's account of shooting](#) - [Fla. prosecutor's full report](#) - [Prosecutor letter to FBI summarizing the probe](#).

Obama Touts Summit's "Concrete Steps" to Prevent Nuclear Terrorism - President Obama said Tuesday that the nuclear security summit took concrete steps towards preventing terrorists from acquiring nuclear material. 35 countries pledged to turn international guidelines on nuclear security into national laws and open up their procedures for protecting nuclear installations to independent scrutiny. Obama said the summit was not about vague commitments, it was about taking tangible and concrete steps, to ensure nuclear material never falls into the hands of terrorists. ([Associated Press - 3/26](#))

Russia, China, and 16 other countries declined to join an effort by the US, the Netherlands, and South Korea to include UN nuclear agency security guidelines into national

laws. The *Fissile Materials Working Group* of security experts said the absence of Russia, China, Pakistan, and India – all nuclear weapons states with large amounts of nuclear material – as well as others ...weakens the initiative's impact. ([Reuters](#) - 3/26)

Did the U.S. Choose the Wrong Allies in the Global Fight Against Terrorism? -

Taliban forces in Afghanistan hit hard last week, unleashing three separate attacks across the country that left at least 37 people, including two dozen civilians and several women and children, dead. The attacks, part of a threatened increase in assaults in the weeks leading up to national elections, came even as senior Taliban officials in neighboring Pakistan continued to negotiate with the Kabul government. Pakistan, which for years served as a sort of rearguard base from which Taliban fighters fought the Soviet Union during the 1980s, and later as a refuge for various factions during the Afghan civil war that culminated in the misguided Islamicists' harboring of al Qaida as it planned and carried out 9/11, has in recent years become its own battleground as rival Islamist groups violently vie for power and influence there.

It has never been easy to unravel the myriad tribal, cultural, political, and religious ties that bind the two countries. But one thing that's been strongly suspected, if not entirely clear, is support for the Taliban from factions within Pakistan's own government. These suspicions culminated last week when Carlotta Gall, a *New York Times* reporter who spent the last decade reporting from both countries, published [a scathing account](#) alleging that Pakistan's intelligence service, the ISI, has not only been supporting the Taliban for years but probably knew about Osama bin Laden's whereabouts long before he was killed by Navy SEALs in 2011. ([Takepart.com](#) - 3/25)

Brennan: U.S. Concerned about Al Qaeda using Syria to Advance Efforts - Dozens of seasoned militant fighters, including some midlevel planners, have traveled to Syria from Pakistan in recent months in what American intelligence and counterterrorism officials fear is an effort to *lay the foundation for future strikes against Europe and the United States*. CIA Director John Brennan said there is concern about the use of Syrian territory by the Al Qaeda organization to recruit individuals and develop the capability to be able not just to carry out attacks inside of Syria, but also to use Syria as a launching pad. ([New York Times](#) - 3/26)

Tracking 80 Canadians Who Came Home after Going Abroad for 'Terrorist Purposes' - Intelligence officials are aware of about *80 Canadians* who have returned home after going overseas for "*terrorist purposes*," according to speaking notes prepared for Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) Director Michel Couombe, ahead of his Feb. 3 appearance before the Senate Committee on National Security and Defense. The document does not offer explicit information about their activities, though it makes it clear that not all were

involved in combat. While some individuals may have *engaged in paramilitary activities, others are believed to have studied in extremist Islamic schools or provided logistical or fundraising support.*

The so-called "**foreign fighter**" phenomenon has become a growing concern for the intelligence community, stoking fears that individuals could return to Canada more radicalized than when they left. "*Most troubling, if they participate in a foreign conflict or train with a terrorist group, they might return with certain operational skills that can be deployed themselves or taught to fellow Canadian extremists,*" the CSIS said in its annual report released earlier this year. (Canadian Press - 3/23)

British Jihadist in Syria encourages others to join War in Recruitment Video - A British man fighting with an extremist group in Syria has released a call to arms to "brothers and sisters" back home to join the country's civil war. Speaking with a London accent, the man, a member of the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS), says the "doors of jihad are still open", encouraging people to fight in the "holy war". Dressed in camouflage and wearing a balaclava, he addresses his British "brothers" telling them to join the growing ranks of foreign mujahideen. (The Daily Telegraph (UK) - 3/21)

United Kingdom: Ibrahim Hassan and Shah Hussain Plead Guilty to Terror Charges - Two men, including a friend of one of the *killers of Fusilier Lee Rigby*, have pleaded guilty to charges of encouraging terrorism and disseminating terrorist material. **Ibrahim Hassan**, 28, also known as **Abu Nusaybah**, was arrested ... in May 2013. Hassan was charged along with **Shah Hussain**, 31. After pleading guilty in a hearing ... the pair will be sentenced on May 2. ... The judge Nicholas Hilliard QC ordered reports prepared on both defendants to assess their attitude to the offences and their risk of reoffending. He warned them they faced jail for the offence of encouraging terrorism on or before May 24, last year - two days after the soldier was murdered. (BBC News - 3/24)

Britain Says Readers of Al Qaeda-Linked Magazine may be prosecuted - British authorities are taking provocative messages in an *Al Qaeda-linked online magazine* seriously and have warned that readers of the site may be prosecuted. The latest edition of **Inspire Magazine** -- an English-language online magazine published by the Yemen-based **Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula** (AQAP) -- is inciting its readers to attack public targets in the West. Britain's Metropolitan Police issued a warning that anyone reading the radical Islamist site could face prosecution and issued a formal advisory to other police forces, making them aware of the content of the publication's spring 2014 issue. *The magazine urges jihadists to target heavily populated events such as political rallies and sporting events, both in the U.S. and*

abroad - including in the U.K., France and other "crusading" countries. Would-be bombers are encouraged to attack during "election seasons" and between Christmas and New Year's Eve. (Fox News – 3/24)

Frenchman Arrested in Morocco for Terrorism - Moroccan authorities have announced the arrest of a French citizen in the capital Rabat on suspicion of belonging to a now dismantled terrorist recruitment network. The statement issued Sunday by the domestic intelligence service and carried by the state news agency said the man was arrested in Rabat on the request of Spanish authorities. On March 14, Spain and Morocco dismantled a seven-man cell divided between the Spanish cities of Malaga and Melilla, as well as the Moroccan town of Laroui, charged with recruiting men to fight in Syria and elsewhere. Hundreds of Moroccans have left to fight for radical Islamist groups battling the Syrian regime. Others have joined al-Qaida-linked groups fighting in northern Mali. (Seattle PI – 3/24)

Taliban Kill Five in Attack on Kabul Election Offices - Taliban assault team turned election offices in eastern Kabul into a scene of carnage on Tuesday. Two attackers detonated explosive belts at the compound gate and three others rushed in armed with assault rifles, resulting in a firefight that lasted more than three hours and killed five people. The Taliban claimed responsibility as the attack was unfolding. The attack comes less than two weeks before a crucial presidential vote which the militants have threatened to derail. The attack on election offices was one of three on Tuesday. In separate attacks, two suicide bombers killed at least six Afghan security force members in Kunar Province, and another suicide bomber killed five people near a group playing sports. (New York Times, Washington Post - 3/26)

African Union Brands Central African Republic Militia 'Terrorists' After Peacekeeper Killed - The African Union on Tuesday branded militia targeting Muslims in Central African Republic as "terrorists" and said they would be treated as enemy combatants, a day after killing a Congolese peacekeeper. The statement suggested deepening international frustration at continuing violence in the impoverished and landlocked country despite the deployment of 2,000 French soldiers and a 6,000-strong African Union peacekeeping mission. (Reuters – 3/25)

Kenya Extradites Suspected Extremists to Belgium - Kenya has extradited three men facing charges of membership of a jihadist network to Belgium, a Belgian newspaper reported Monday quoting public prosecutors. Federal prosecutor Jean-Marc Trigaux told DH newspaper that the men -- a Belgian, a Frenchman and an Algerian -- arrived in Brussels on Saturday morning to join a trial in which they were being prosecuted in absentia. Mustapha Bouyahbaren, Rachid Benomari and Mohamed Said had been serving a one-year jail sentence in Kenya, after

being found guilty in July 2013 of illegally entering the country. Kenyan authorities authorized their extradition to face terrorism charges as part of a trial involving 19 Belgians which began in Brussels on March 10. ([AFP](#) – 3/24)

DOMESTIC EXTREMIST THREATS

Federal Judges deny MLK Parade Bomber's Appeal - Kevin Harpham, 39, accused of placing a bomb along the Martin Luther King Jr. March route in January 2011 will continue to serve his 32-year prison term after a federal judge threw out his sentencing appeal last week. Harpham appealed his stay at a maximum security prison in California almost immediately after his sentencing in December 2011. Harpham claimed that he had been coerced by his attorneys into pleading guilty to two federal criminal counts of attempting to use a weapon of mass destruction and committing a hate crime. In a decision entered Thursday, a three-member panel of U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals judges dismissed Harpham's appeal, saying the Army veteran and known *white supremacist* pleaded guilty of his own volition and waived the right to appeal his sentence. (The [Spokane Spokesman-Review](#) - 3/21)

HOMELAND RESPONSE

Virginia: Suspect in Sailor's Shooting Death Disarmed Officer to obtain weapon, Navy says – The civilian suspected of fatally shooting a sailor aboard a docked destroyer in Virginia late Monday disarmed a petty officer who was on watch and did not use his own weapon, the Navy says. A Navy news release Tuesday said the man approached the USS Mahan late Monday night at Naval Station Norfolk and was confronted by ship security personnel. The Navy said a struggle occurred, and the civilian disarmed the petty officer, and used the weapon to fatally shoot a sailor. The news release added that Navy security forces then killed the suspect. The suspect was a civilian who had access to be at the base, according to base spokeswoman Terri David. She said she couldn't say whether he had permission to be on the USS Mahan, where the male sailor was shot about 11:20 p.m. Monday. No other injuries were reported. ([Fox News](#) - 3/25)

Miscommunications in Waco, Texas Siege - Malcolm Gladwell profiles the FBI's siege of the *Branch Davidian compound* in Waco, Texas in 1993. Gladwell explains the miscommunications that escalated the standoff, noting that to the FBI agent, Mount Carmel was a *hostage situation*, and the purpose of the '*negotiation*' was to get the man behind the barricade to release some of his captives, but Davidian leader *David Koresh* believed that his cohabitants were students and stayed of their own free will. Gladwell writes that the disconnect

between the FBI's understanding and Koresh's stance proved disastrous. (New Yorker, Business Insider - 3/31)

ATF Investigates Explosion at Joliet, Illinois House - ATF investigators visited Joliet, Illinois on Tuesday in an effort to determine the cause of an explosion at a house there on Monday. A natural gas leak is suspected but unconfirmed. Joliet Fire Chief Joe Formhals said, "This is a little unique situation, a house explosion. We don't have these very often, so ATF was called to the scene." No one was injured. (WBBM-TV Chicago - 3/25)

Idaho: Clearwater County investigating discovery of explosive devices – The Clearwater County Sheriff's Office is continuing to investigate the discovery of explosives near Independence and Grangemont roads north of Orofino. A spokeswoman at the sheriff's office said this morning there is no further information about how the explosives came to be discovered or who might have placed them there. The explosives were found near the railroad tracks about 6:45 p.m. Sunday. Deputies on the scene called for assistance from the Spokane County explosive unit and investigators determined they were explosive parts for grenades and multiple ignition time fuses. The items were destroyed. (Lewiston Tribune (ID) - 3/24)

Texas: Soldier will serve jail time on explosives charges - A Fort Hood soldier who was caught with pipe bombs and other explosives in his Copperas Cove home last year was sentenced in federal court in Waco on Wednesday. U.S. Judge Walter S. Smith sentenced **Spc. Jason Alan Garthwaite Sr.**, of Copperas Cove, to 2½ years in jail and three years of probation. Garthwaite also must pay \$1,100 in court costs and fines. Garthwaite was arrested in September after investigators found a bag containing pipe bombs, as well as bomb-making materials at his residence. Garthwaite's wife told police he began to take an interest in doomsday preparation about two months before his arrest, and expressed "anti-government and conspiracy theories." according to court documents. (Killeen Daily Herald - 3/20)

West Virginia: Man charged with threatening U.S. Senator Manchin - A West Virginia man has been arrested on charges of making violent threats against U.S. Sen. Joe Manchin and his family. **Steven Anthony Major**, 49, of Barboursville was arrested Friday. In a criminal complaint, FBI Special Agent Jason Bollinger says Major made multiple calls to Manchin's Washington, D.C., and Charleston offices from March 17-20. The complaint says Major identified himself in the calls and threatened Manchin and his wife and children. (USAO-SDWV Press Release; Beckley Register-Herald - 3/25)

Prosecutors Say Georgetown University Student was Threat with Ricin - Federal prosecutors said on Tuesday that there is evidence that a Georgetown University student

charged last week with possessing the *biological toxin ricin* may have wanted to poison someone with the *powdery substance* he learned about from the television show 'Breaking Bad.' **Daniel Harry Milzman**, 19, was arrested last week after investigators discovered a potentially lethal amount of the poison in his McCarthy Hall dorm room. Prosecutors describe Milzman, a Walt Whitman High School graduate, as an emotional college student who struggled with depression and vacillated between wanting to hurt himself – and someone else. Following a detention hearing in DC Federal court, Magistrate Judge John M. Facciola ordered Milzman released to an in-patient psychiatric program at Sibley Hospital. ([Washington Post](#) - 3/26)

DOJ will Not Appeal Judge's Ruling in No-Fly List Challenge - The Justice Department said on Tuesday that it will not appeal a ruling by a Federal judge in a challenge to the administration of the *no-fly list* for airline travelers. **Rahinah Ibrahim** had sued the Federal government in 2006 after she was told she was on the list and was denied a US visa. US District Judge William Alsup ruled in January that current procedures to correct mistakes on the list were inadequate, and he ordered the purging of government information about **Ibrahim**. At a hearing in San Francisco Federal court on Tuesday, the Justice Department's senior trial counsel, Paul Freeborne, acknowledged that the deadline to appeal Judge Alsup's ruling had passed. ([Reuters](#) - 3/25)

Audit Notes FBI Delays in Adding Names to Terror Watch List - According to an audit of FBI practices by Justice Department Inspector General Michael E. Horowitz, the FBI takes about *44 days to place on its terrorist watch list suspects referred to it by other agencies* and *averages about 78 days to remove cleared former suspects from the list*. The audit also says that the FBI takes up to *17 business days to include its own suspects on the watch list* and sometimes misses them entirely if they are not the subjects of ongoing FBI counterterrorism investigations. In the audit, Horowitz said that the delays and occasional oversights result primarily from *'redundant and inefficient processes'* at FBI headquarters, and recommended a dozen changes for the bureau to improve oversight of the counterterrorism database. ([DOJ OIG Audit of the FBI's Management of Terrorist Watchlist Nominations](#); [Washington Times](#) - 3/26)

Feds Notified U.S. Companies of Over 3,000 Cyber Intrusions in 2013 - White House officials have told industry executives that Federal agents notified more than 3,000 U.S. companies last year that their computer systems had been hacked. White House cybersecurity coordinator Michael Daniel said in a statement, "*When companies are notified that they have been victimized by malicious cyber actors, it should be a wake-up call. ... U.S. businesses must improve their cybersecurity.*" Special agent Tim Marsh of the FBI's cyber division said, "One of the frustrating parts for industry was agencies going out and saying, 'You're a victim, you're being targeted, and I can't tell you anything else.' So we spend a lot of time making sure that

before we send an agent or an investigator out that they have quality information to provide to the company.” (The Washington Post - 3/25)

Auburn University Officials Disclose Cyberattack on Business School’s Computer Network - Officials at Auburn University announced in a statement Tuesday that a computer server at the College of Business was targeted by a cyberattack between October 21 and November 20 of last year. School officials hired a computer forensics expert to investigate possible risks and have contacted the FBI. The personal information of 13,670 people, including Social Security number, was contained on the server and could have potentially been exposed in the attack. The school has offered one year of credit monitoring and identity theft protection to those individuals. (The AP - 3/26)

California DMV Investigating Potential Data Breach - California officials are investigating a potential breach of the state Department of Motor Vehicles’ online credit card payment system over a six-month period ending January 31. Brian Krebs of *KrebsOnSecurity* first reported the breach, based on a MasterCard alert to five financial institutions. The DMV said that “*there is no evidence at this time of a direct breach of the DMV’s computer system,*” but that an investigation has been opened out of an abundance of caution. (The Christian Science Monitor - 3/24)

Experts, Government Examining Aircraft Vulnerability to Cyberattack - Cybersecurity expert Hugo Teso claimed in a conference to have developed a smartphone application capable of hacking an airliner, a claim others have questioned. Teso and other experts do not believe that MH 370 was hacked, but maintain that there are serious vulnerabilities in today’s most modern airliners. The Federal Aviation Administration and aircraft manufacturers are “wrestling” with the issue, and the FAA has ordered that Boeing 777s must meet an “*Aircraft Electronic System Security Protection from Unauthorized Internal Access*” requirement. (The Christian Science Monitor - 3/24)

NATIONAL, STATE, AND DISTRICT CRIMINAL LAW

Illinois Motorcycle club member gets five years in prison for role in armed robbery - Gerald R. Utterback, 45, of Barry, IL, was sentenced Tuesday to five years in the Illinois Department of Corrections by Adams County Circuit Judge William Mays. In January, a jury found **Utterback** guilty of aggravated robbery, robbery and theft of a person for a May 20, 2012, incident in downtown Quincy. Utterback was one of four members of the Midwest Percenters motorcycle club who surrounded members of the *Tunnel Rats motorcycle club* and

stole their vests during the incident. Utterback was found not guilty of the most serious charge, armed robbery, for which he could have been sent to prison for up to 15 years. *Mays' sentence was one year over the minimum allowed by law.*

Adams County State's Attorney said Utterback joined the *Midwest Percenters in 2009*. Barnard recounted a 2011 Pike County incident in which Utterback was convicted of a misdemeanor weapons charge. He received 24 months conditional discharge for illegally carrying a firearm and unlawful use of a blackjack knife. "Someone earlier said that just because you wear a (motorcycle club) jacket that it doesn't make you a bad person," Barnard said. "It's what you do when you put that jacket on." Barnard said the May 2012 incident itself was reason for Utterback to be sent to prison, calling it "*an act of designed terror.*" (Quincy Herald-Whig (IL) - 3/25)

CDIL Don't Shoot participant pleads guilty to federal weapons charges - Billy Wade Jr., 43, of Peoria, pleaded "blind" or without a written plea agreement on Thursday to being a felon in possession of a firearm. He now faces up to 10 years in prison when sentenced on July 24 by Chief U.S. District Judge James Shadid. The indictment contains little information except to say he had a .45-caliber handgun last June. After he was indicted last August, federal prosecutors said he and two others charged at about the same time were being prosecuted as part of the ongoing Don't Shoot campaign. At the time, authorities said he was linked to gang activity. Wade remains in custody of the U.S. marshals pending his sentencing. (Peoria Journal-Star (IL) - 3/24)

CDIL 13 offenders targeted at latest Don't Shoot anti-gun violence 'call-in' - The third Don't Shoot "call-in" held Monday evening in the Peoria Public Library followed a similar script as the second call-in from October, which was the first one open to the media. The same mug shot posters of men in custody or already convicted that were at the last call-in, lined the walls of the basement assembly room in the library. The posters identified 13 men as "*target offenders,*" or *individuals who authorities suspect of membership in groups that commit gun violence*, who were required to attend as a condition of their probation or parole. (Peoria Journal-Star (IL) - 3/25)

Illinois South Peoria man pleads guilty on heroin charge - Yamaku L. Major, 30, pleaded guilty March 20, in U.S. District Court in Peoria to the conspiracy that involved more than *100 grams of heroin*. The conspiracy lasted from April 2012 until April 2013. Last April, police raided his house and found money as well as heroin. Major's case is set for sentencing on July 24 by Chief U.S. District Judge James Shadid. Until then, he remains in custody of the U.S. marshals. (Peoria Journal-Star (IL) - 3/24)

Illinois Galesburg Woman's Bond set at \$50,000 in meth arrest - Nicole Danielle Mabry, 20, appeared in front of Judge Stephen C. Mathers on a number of meth-related charges, including two counts of *aggravated participation in meth manufacturing, unlawful possession of meth manufacturing materials* and *meth-related child endangerment*. The accused is also facing one count of unlawful use of property in production of the drug.

Mabry was arrested Saturday after police arrived at her North Broad Street residence in response to a report of domestic battery. During their investigation, officers detected the odor of meth throughout the home and requested to search the premises. Investigators subsequently discovered *less than 15 grams of meth* and several devices used in the production of the drug, including a *number of 2-liter bottles containing meth waste materials* and *glasses with acid and other residues inside*. (The Register-Mail (IL) - 3/24)

CDIL Macomb man pleads guilty in Child Porn Case - Douglas Stewart, 26, pleaded guilty Wednesday in U.S. District Court in Peoria to distributing child pornography on the Internet. Stewart remains free on bond pending his Aug. 6 sentencing when he faces at 20 years in federal prison on charges of possession and distribution of child porn. A federal agent was investigating *child porn distribution* at a *peer-to-peer file sharing network* and came upon a certain username. (Peoria Journal-Star (IL) - 3/24)

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Abu Ghaith Trial - Bin Laden Associates Show No Remorse in Statements - Closing arguments are set for today in Manhattan in the trial of accused al Qaeda propagandist **Sulaiman Abu Ghaith**. In public statements made a week apart, **Khalid Sheik Mohammed**, al-Qaida's self-professed Sept. 11 mastermind and a Kuwaiti imam who met with *Osama bin Laden* in a cave soon after the attacks once again demonstrated that time hasn't softened their *anti-American views*. Mohammed's words emerged a week ago in a written statement responding to more than 400 questions from defense lawyers in their failed bid to win the court's permission to have him testify on behalf of Abu Ghaith, who is on trial on charges that he conspired to kill Americans and aid *al-Qaida* after the terrorist attacks.

Mohammed remains devoted to bin Laden, killed in a 2011 U.S. attack, saying the al-Qaida founder was "*very wise in every order he gave us.*" And he was especially proud of what he claimed was *al-Qaida's cost to the American economy*. He said "*every state of emergency declared and change of alert level*" on the military and civilian sectors cost the country millions of dollars and the wars waged by the U.S. after Sept. 11 have cost it about a trillion dollars, "*the bleeding of which continues to this day.*" A judge ruled jurors at Abu Ghaith's ongoing trial won't see Mohammed's statement. *But they received a lesson in jihad from the defendant, who took the unusual step of taking the witness stand and — rather than try to distance himself from al-Qaida — described in detail how bin Laden summoned him to his mountain hideout in the hours after the Sept. 11 attacks and enlisted him as the terror group's mouthpiece.* (Associated Press – 3/22)

FBI Officials Describe Boston Marathon Bombing Manhunt in "60 Minutes" Report - CBS' 60 Minutes featured a lengthy report on the Boston Marathon bombings and the FBI's subsequent investigation into the attack and manhunt for the suspected perpetrators, brothers **Tamerlan** and **Dzhokhar Tsarnaev**. The program offered the "*inside story*" of how the FBI led a task force of more than 1,000 Federal, state and local agents. Rick DesLauriers, formerly the head of the FBI's Boston office, took over the biggest investigation of his life just months before his anticipated retirement, and explained that FBI Director Robert Mueller had ordered support for the investigation from every FBI office. DesLauriers was linked to FBI headquarters by executive assistant director Stephanie Douglas, also interviewed for the

program, who explained the initial fears of additional attacks not only in Boston but across the country. (CBS' 60 Minutes – 3/23)

Douglas and DesLauriers described the “*turning point*” in the investigation when authorities first noticed a man wearing a white hat placing a backpack on the ground in the middle of a crowd of spectators. Described as the “*eureka*” video, the footage has not been shown to the public and is being held for the trial of **Dzhokhar Tsarnaev**. The FBI stands by its decision to release the photos of the **Tsarnaev brothers**, despite the death of an MIT police officer, Sean Collier, shortly after their release. Former head of the FBI’s Boston office Vincent DesLauriers explained that “*Nobody could have reasonably foreseen that a police officer would have been murdered.*” (CBS News - 3/21; CBS Evening News - 3/22; Boston Globe)

FBI Agent is cleared in Fatal Shooting of Man Tied to Boston Suspects - An FBI agent who fatally shot a Chechen man with links to the Boston bombing suspects during an interrogation has been cleared of wrongdoing by a prosecutor in Florida and by an FBI internal review. A soon-to-be-completed Justice Department inquiry is also expected to conclude that the agent followed proper guidelines on the use of force when he killed the Chechen, **Ibragim Todashev**. (New York Times – 3/22)

Iran becoming serious Cyber-Warfare Threat - Both government and private cybersecurity experts are increasingly considering Iran as a “*top tier*” *cyber-threat*. Iran’s recent activities and its motives have led analysts to rank the country among other cyberspace heavy hitters such as **Russia** and **China**. American officials believed that several recent computer attacks could be traced to Iran. These targets, included several American oil, gas and electricity companies, as well as financial institutions on Wall Street and large systems operations. Further, an official with ties to the DHS told the newspaper that, “*most everything we have seen is coming from the Middle East.*” (Christian Science Monitor – 3/16)

The **distributed denial of service** attacks, which characterized much of last year’s activity, had abruptly stopped and, following a quiet period, have recently been resumed, but against a much more alarming target — the U.S. military. Recently, attacks have included the US Navy’s Intranet, the largest unclassified network in the service’s arsenal. It took four months to remove the hackers from the system. It is these much more damaging and costly infiltrations that have officials take a much more apprehensive view of Iran’s growing cyber capabilities. (Homeland Security News Wire - 3/24)

FISC Judge says DOJ Failed to Inform Him of NSA Evidence Ruling - Judge Reggie Walton, the chief judge on the *Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court*, on Friday took the Justice Department to task for failing to inform the court that a federal court in California had

issued orders to preserve phone data collected in a government surveillance program. Judge Walton said the Justice Department should have made him aware of the preservation orders, and is demanding a written explanation from government lawyers. (The AP - 3/21)

Report: NSA Breached Huawei's Servers - Even as the United States made a public case about the dangers of buying from **Huawei**, the Chinese telecommunications giant, classified documents show that the National Security Agency was creating its own back doors — directly into Huawei's networks. The agency pried its way into the servers in Huawei's sealed headquarters in Shenzhen, China's industrial heart, according to NSA documents provided by the former contractor Edward Snowden. It obtained information about the workings of the giant routers and complex digital switches that Huawei boasts connect a third of the world's population, and monitored communications of the company's top executives. (New York Times – 3/23) **Related:** China's Huawei Condemns Reported NSA Snooping (Reuters) Revelations of NSA Spying Cost U.S. Tech Companies (New York Times)

Russia Evaded U.S. Eavesdropping Ahead of Crimea Incursion - While US military satellites captured images of Russian troops massing on the Crimean border last month, intelligence analysts had not intercepted any communications of Russian officials discussing plans to invade. U.S. officials now believe that Russian military planners may have taken steps to evade U.S. eavesdropping. In response, U.S. intelligence agencies and the military are expanding satellite coverage and communications-interception efforts across the region. (The Wall Street Journal - 3/24)

Another look at a French 'Lone Wolf' - Two years ago, when most media reports were generally parroting French officials' claims that the deadly attack in March 2012 by *Toulouse* shooter **Mohamed Merah** was a "*lone wolf*" - type operation by a disadvantaged youth. **Merah** had been trained in Pakistan by a Swiss jihadist named **Moezeddine Garsallaoui**, who was the leader of the *al Qaeda-linked Jund al Khilafah* until he was killed, most likely by a drone strike, in Miram Shah, North Waziristan, Pakistan in October 2012. (The Long War Journal - 3/24)

Last December, **Urynbasar Munatov**, a 26-year-old Kazakh arrested in Pakistan in the fall of 2012, found guilty of terrorism and sentenced to 20 years in prison, revealed during questioning that he had discussed the apprentice terrorist (Merah) with **Moez Garsallaoui**, a Belgian-Tunisian who was responsible for *al-Qaida in Europe*. Garsallaoui had talked of the presence of the French Algerian in his training camp in Pakistan, a camp called Miran Shah located in the province of Waziristan. The camp was dedicated to the training of European jihad candidates. Urynbasar himself had been there. (The Jerusalem Post – 3/23)

Iraq: Maliki Appears Headed for Reelection - Despite a gridlocked parliament, sectarian fighting, and his many political enemies, Iraqis are expected to reelect Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki to a third four-year term on April 30. Maliki's apparent strong position going into the voting is an indication that voters either support him or have few alternatives. While Maliki's support among the Shiite Arab majority has declined, the rest of the field is divided and there is little or no leadership among those who oppose him. (Wall Street Journal - 3/24)

Islamist Militants providing Social Services in Fallujah - Al-Qaida-inspired militants in Fallujah have begun providing social services, policing the streets and implementing Shariah rulings in a bid to win the support of its Sunni Muslim population. As gunmen in ski masks patrol the streets, they also perform a sort of community outreach including repairing damages electricity poles, clearing garbage, and planting flowers. They have also made themselves the law in the city and aim to show they are acting to prevent crime. It is all part of an effort by the *Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant* (ISIL) to increase its appeal among the broader Sunni minority in Iraq, where resentment against the Shiite-led government runs deep. (The AP - 3/24)

Turkey Shoots Down Syrian Jet - Turkey's military shot down a Syrian jet Sunday after it allegedly strayed into Turkish airspace during fierce fighting between Syrian rebels and government forces, threatening to escalate tensions between the two countries. There has been *no indication that Syria planned to retaliate for the attack, which marked the first time Turkey has shot down a plane since Turkish Prime Minister Erdogan threw his government's support behind Syria's rebels nearly three years ago.* (Washington Post - 3/24)

Weapons Trafficked Freely in Libya - Libya is awash in millions of weapons with no control over their trafficking. The arms free-for-all fuels not only Libya's instability but also stokes conflicts across the region as guns are smuggled over the borders. The US and Europe are "alarmed" about the "weapons chaos" and diplomats, including Secretary of State Kerry, "pressed Libyan officials to reach some political consensus so the international community can help the government collect weapons and rebuild the military and police." A Western diplomat said the lack of a central government in Libya creates added difficulties for the international community, because Europe and the US simply don't know who to talk to. (The AP - 3/22)

Bomb Explodes on Libyan Airport Runway - A bomb exploded on the runway of Libya's Tripoli International Airport on Friday, according to Transportation Minister Abdelqader Mohammed Ahmed. The airport is considered one of the best guarded locations in the country, but unknown individuals were able to reach the runway, plant the bomb, and detonate it using a timer. (Reuters - 3/22)

Obama Orders Osprey Aircraft, Special Forces to Uganda to Aid Hunt for Kony -

The President has ordered a sharp increase in the number of U.S. Special Forces in Uganda and sent U.S. military aircraft there for the first time in the ongoing effort to hunt down warlord **Joseph Kony** across a broad swath of central Africa. According to Amanda Dory, deputy assistant secretary of defense for African affairs, at least "four CV-22 Osprey aircraft will arrive in Uganda by midweek, along with refueling aircraft and about 150 Air Force Special Forces and other airmen to fly and maintain the planes." The Ospreys will be used for troop transport and that the rules of engagement for U.S. forces remain the same as for about 100 Special Operations troops that Obama first sent to help find Kony in October 2011.

U.S. personnel are authorized to provide information, advice and assistance to an African Union military task force tracking **Kony** and his organization, the **Lord's Resistance Army (LRA)**, across Uganda, the Central African Republic, South Sudan and Congo. While combat-equipped, they are prohibited from engaging LRA forces unless in self-defense. The LRA poses no threat to the United States, but the administration sees assistance to the A.U. mission as a useful way to build military and political partnerships with African governments in a region where al-Qaeda and other terrorist organizations are rapidly expanding, as well as to demonstrate adherence to human rights principles. ([Washington Post](#) - 3/24)

DOMESTIC EXTREMIST THREATS

The Man Bringing Back the Nazi Movement in America - Andrew Anglin has built a very popular site for *white supremacists* called the **Daily Stormer**. In less than a year, his web site has become the premiere news venue online for white nationalists, a veritable Drudge Report for Nazi sympathizers and anti-Semites. Each day, its 29-year-old founder curates a constant stream of stories and events from around the world and repackages them as further testament to society's moral decline, his movement's enduring race war and the country's Jewish problem. ([VOCATIV.COM](#) - 3/20)

HOMELAND RESPONSE

7 Leadership Lessons from the SEALs Commander Who Got bin Laden – You're probably not leading troops on a Special Forces raid. But the principles espoused by elite military units can help you become a better leader. Three years ago, U.S. Navy SEALs staged a daring raid into Pakistan, where they caught and killed the world's most-wanted terrorist. The mission to get Osama bin Laden was highly dangerous, and it ranks among the boldest strikes in the history of U.S. special operations. The man who planned and commanded the raid,

Admiral William McRaven, is a veteran leader who served at every level of the SEALs and who literally wrote the book on special operations. Recently, McRaven gave a speech at West Point about the top lessons of his 36-year military career. You can click here to read his entire address, but you'll find some of his key points about truly great leadership below. (Inc.com – February 2014)

Malaysia says MH370 crashed into Indian Ocean – Malaysia Airlines Flight MH370 crashed into the southern Indian Ocean, Najib Razak, Malaysia's prime minister, announced on Monday evening. Mr. Najib said that based on new analysis from Inmarsat, a British satellite company, and UK investigators, the Malaysia Airlines flight had flown to a part of the Indian Ocean where there are no places to land. The news comes 16 days after the Boeing 777 passenger jet vanished in the early hours of March 8 after taking off from Kuala Lumpur on a routine red-eye flight to Beijing. (Financial Times – 3/24)

US, UK Providing Australia with Intel for Search - This morning the U.S. and British intelligence agencies provided information that focused the search in the Indian Ocean, according to the Australian military and other sources. The Australian military said Sunday that the UK and the US, in conjunction with Australia, have been "*acquiring and reviewing satellite imagery from a variety of commercial and government sources.*" (Wall Street Journal - 3/24)

CTA train hits O'Hare platform - An eight-car **Chicago Transit Authority** (CTA) Blue Line commuter train plowed across a platform and scaled an escalator at an underground station at one of the nation's busiest airports early Monday, injuring 32 people on board. The accident happened around 2:50 a.m., one of the station's lightest traffic times. More than 50 firefighters and paramedics responded to the scene, with rescue workers first scrambling to determine if anyone was trapped underneath the cars. All of the injured, however, were aboard the train and were taken in fair or good condition to four hospitals.

The eight-car train remains wedged near the top of an escalator used by commuters at the airport's Blue Line terminal. The cause of the accident remains under investigation. The train was traveling at a high rate of speed while pulling into the station and officials are trying to determine why. Investigators will be looking at equipment, signals, and human factor. The National Transportation Safety Board also will investigate the crash. (Chicago Tribune, AP – 3/24)

Georgetown Student Arrested for Possessing Ricin had Previously Threatened Fellow Student - Daniel Harry Milzman, 19, was charged Friday for allegedly making *toxic ricin* and storing it in his dorm room, and notes that a recent Georgetown graduate claims she

reported Milzman to school authorities for making aggressive online comments toward another student earlier this year. The recent graduate said she was “alarmed” when she found messages that he posted on Facebook targeting another student. **Milzman** is facing Federal charges for possession of over *120 milligrams of ricin*. ([Washington Post](#) - 3/22)

The ricin was first reported when **Milzman** showed it to his residential adviser, who immediately contacted the school’s counseling services. Milzman was interviewed by FBI agents later that day, and the substance was tested at an FBI laboratory to confirm that it did, indeed, contain ricin. Jacqueline Maguire confirmed that Milzman remained in custody Friday pending a hearing on March 25. An FBI affidavit outlining the allegations against Milzman said he researched how to make ricin on his phone and bought the ingredients at local retail stores. Andrew Ames, a spokesman for the FBI’s Washington Field Office, again noted that “*Based on our investigation, we do not believe there is any connection to terrorism.*” ([Reuters](#), [USA Today](#))

Wisconsin: Wauwatosa Man Arrested after Explosive Materials Found in Madison Home - Police arrested **Andrew T. Cockerham**, 20, on suspicion of possession of an explosive device, after officers found materials to make an explosive device at a Madison residence. The Madison Police Department says it got a report of suspicious material in an apartment on Saturday afternoon. Officers found items and documents indicating the manufacturing of an explosive device. Police seized the materials and stabilized them. Police did not release any information about intent or motive, but said there is no ongoing threat to the community. The investigation is ongoing. ([Wisconsin State-Journal](#), [WISC-TV](#) - 3/22)

Supreme Court to Consider Legality of Warrantless Cell Phone Searches - The Supreme Court in April will hear oral arguments on whether a *police search of a cell phone after an arrest without a warrant runs afoul of the Fourth Amendment’s prohibition of unreasonable searches and seizures*. Court observers say it *may signify an early effort by the justices to update old privacy doctrines in light of new technology at a time when privacy and technology – thanks to the disclosure of widespread surveillance by the National Security Agency – are at the forefront of the public consciousness*. Privacy advocates and the law-enforcement community are divided sharply over the societal costs and benefits of limiting the search incident to arrest doctrine. Privacy advocates say warrantless searches of cell phones – in particular smartphones – are far too invasive, chill the use of communications technology and leave too much room for abuse, while law enforcement backers say restricting such searches will seriously impede them. ([Newsweek](#) - 3/28)

Police Nationwide Tight-Lipped about Cell Phone-Tracking Technology - Police nationwide may be intercepting phone calls or text messages to find suspects using a

technology tool known as **Stingray**, but they are refusing to turn over details about its use or heavily censoring files when they do. Police say **Stingray**, a suitcase-size device that pretends it's a cell tower, is useful for catching criminals, but they will not disclose details about contracts with the device's manufacturer, *Harris Corp.*, insisting they are protecting both police tactics and commercial secrets. The secrecy surrounding the technology, at times imposed by nondisclosure agreements signed by police, pits obligations under private contracts against government transparency laws. (The AP - 3/22)

Deadly Chemical Weapons Buried Under U.S. Soil - The United States is still struggling with its own "*deadly stockpiles*" of chemical weapons, which remain buried and await cleanup at a cost of billions of dollars. The *Redstone Arsenal in Alabama* is the largest of the 249 sites and has been referred to as "*the largest and most challenging*" repository. The cleanup team is scheduled to begin work at Redstone next year, but will not actually begin digging until 2019, with disposal conservatively expected to be completed in 2042. (The Los Angeles Times - 3/22)

Internet-Connected Devices are being used in Elaborate Online Crimes - Household devices that are connected to the Internet are being broken into and taken over by hackers and are then being "*used to spread malicious spam or launch a massive cyberattack – disrupting services or shutting down entire networks.*" Analysts predict that, by 2050, there will be 50 billion Internet-connected devices, or five such gadgets for every man, woman and child on the planet leading to the expectation that these types of attacks will rise as well. U.S. regulators, such as the FTC, are starting to address this issue and *security experts are now calling on manufacturers to build more encryption into these devices and add safeguards that prevent them from running other programs.* (Los Angeles Times - 3/23)

Mastercard, Visa Increase Payment Security Focus - Both Mastercard and Visa are stepping up their focus on *payment security*, including the use of smart card chip technology already in use in Asia, Canada, and Europe. Such cards contain integrated circuits that "*generate a unique code for every transaction, which make it nearly impossible for the cards to be used for counterfeit activity.*" The two card companies already had set October 2015 as the deadline for implementing the technology, but "*the new initiative, which includes banks, credit unions, merchants, manufacturers and industry trade groups, will also work on ways to better protect online and mobile transactions.*" (Los Angeles Times - 3/23)

California DMV Notified of Breach in Card Payment Processing System - Law enforcement authorities notified the California Department of Motor Vehicles of a possible security breach in its credit card payment system, but the agency said it had no evidence that its overall computer system had been breached. The story was broken by Brian Krebs, the same

security blogger who broke the story of Target's breach. Krebs said stolen information included "credit card numbers, expiration dates and three-digit security codes," although it was unclear if other sensitive information – such as driver's license or Social Security numbers – was also taken. Affected transactions apparently took place between Aug 2, 2013, and Jan. 31 of this year. (The Los Angeles Times - 3/23)

Examining the Structure, Organization, and Processes of the International Market for Stolen Data - Over the last two decades, consumers have come to depend on computers and the Internet to engage in commerce and manage their finances. Businesses also rely on these technologies in order to process and maintain consumer data in massive databases. As a result, there has been a substantial increase in the risk of theft and fraud stemming from cybercriminals who can compromise these resources to their advantage. Recent evidence suggests that hackers who acquire sensitive consumer data sell this information to others in on-line forums for a profit. In turn, an underground economy has developed around the sale of stolen data, involving various resources that can be used to convert electronic data into real world currency and engage in various forms of cybercrime.

The market for stolen data is a real threat to consumers and businesses alike. Victims from around the world can be harmed by the sale of personal information to facilitate identity theft, while financial service providers must reimburse victims for economic damages. The massive number of data sellers and the general pricing structures observed suggest that there is no easy or immediate way to disrupt or deter offenders engaged in these markets. Thus, there are a range of policy implications that must be considered in order to increase the efficacy of law enforcement responses and consumer protections. (NCJRS - March 2014)

NATIONAL, STATE, AND DISTRICT CRIMINAL LAW

Meth Entering U.S. Mainly through California, report says - California has emerged as the major gateway for methamphetamine into the country, with Mexican organized crime groups smuggling an estimated 70% of the U.S. supply through state border crossings, according to a report released Thursday by state Atty. Gen. Kamala D. Harris. The 98-page report on trends in transnational organized crime also cites maritime smuggling, money laundering and criminal alliances between Mexican drug cartels and Southern California gangs as growing public safety threats. The report's release comes at a time of severe budget cuts at the state Department of Justice. In 2012, the Bureau of Narcotics Enforcement was shuttered, dropping the number of state-led drug task forces from 55 in 2011 to 17 in 2013. (Los Angeles Times – 3/20)

The amount seized at the San Diego ports of entry tripled between 2009 and 2013, to more than 6,000 kilos, or 13,200 pounds. By comparison, about 1,000 kilos, or 2,200 pounds, were seized at border crossings in South Texas in 2013. California's sharp increase is probably related to the rise of the **Sinaloa drug cartel** as the dominant organized crime group in Baja California. The organization imports the precursor chemicals from China and India, refines the drug at superlabs in Mexico, then ships it across in vehicles into San Diego. (California Attorney General - Transnational Organized Crime Summary – March 2014)

Illinois: Two Virden men arrested on Meth Charges - On Thursday after officers served a search warrant and walked in on an *active methamphetamine lab*, **Patrick Scroggins**, 53, and **Michael Devries**, 42, were taken into custody. They face possible charges of participation in methamphetamine manufacturing, possession of meth manufacturing materials, unlawful possession of meth and unlawful possession of meth precursor. "*This was an important, successful operation that we hope will put a large dent in the meth problem in the area,*" Virden Police Chief Mark Bridges said in a news release. Virden police and the South Central Illinois Task Force served the warrant. (State Journal-Register (IL) - 3/22)

Prosecutors using More Aggressive Tactics against White-Collar Criminals - Former arms sales executive Richard Bistrong's experience as an undercover cooperater in white-collar criminal investigations, notes that *methods previously used in drug and racketeering cases are now being used more frequently in the executive suite*. For two-and-a-half years, Bistrong assisted prosecutors by monitoring meetings and recording conversations, and his efforts contributed to bribery charges against 22 individuals. All went free after the government case fell apart, however, and Bistrong himself was sentenced to 18 months in prison on bribery-related charges. He now hopes to work as a consultant, helping companies avoid **Foreign Corrupt Practices Act** violations. (The Wall Street Journal - 3/24)

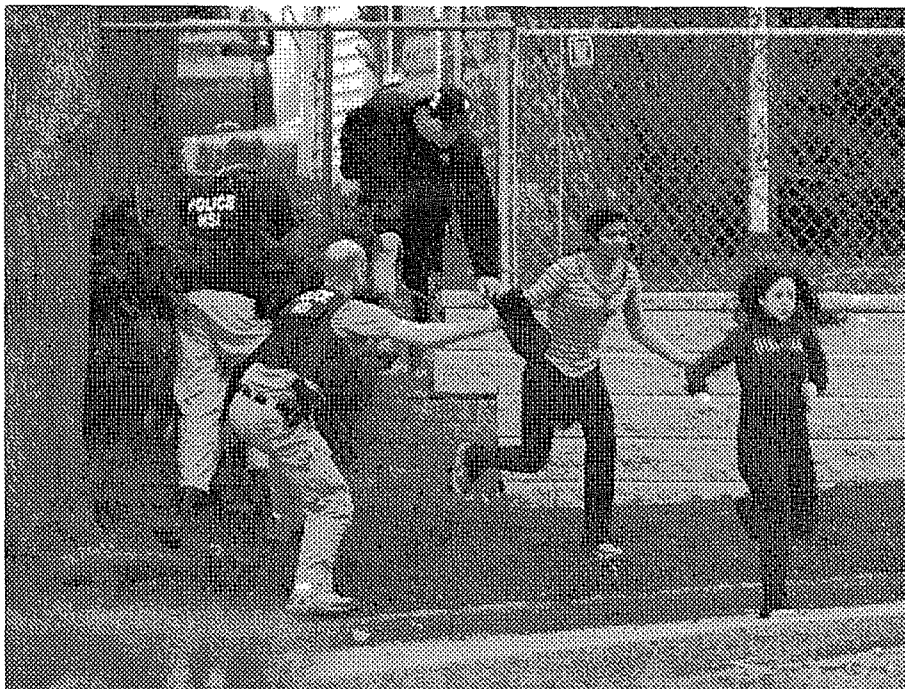
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Politics deep-sixes bombing hearing

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Residents flee near Franklin Street in Watertown on April 19, 2013.

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MOURN THE victims, honor the survivors, applaud the first responders — and demand accountability from the FBI and other law enforcement agencies when it comes to last April’s Boston Marathon attack.

Unfortunately, the quest for accountability lags. [A report](#) by the House Homeland Security Committee that was due out in early February has yet to be released and a rare field hearing that was supposed to be held [in Boston](#) is being called off after Mayor Martin J. Walsh expressed concerns about it.

The mayor said it’s a question of timing. But it seems more a matter of politics — the parochial, partisan kind.

Walsh told US Representative William R. Keating — the Massachusetts Democrat who serves on the committee — he didn’t want any Republicans traveling to “my city” to bash President Obama and the FBI, according to a source familiar with the conversation. US Representative Michael McCaul, a Republican from Texas, chairs the Homeland Security Committee. Walsh and assorted City Hall emissaries lobbied others, including bombing victims, to get out the word that a Boston hearing is unwelcome.

Keating declined comment. He previously said he hoped a hearing could be held before this year's Marathon, which is scheduled for April 21.

Congressional hearings have been held on local turf in other sensitive cases, including 9/11 and the Sandy Hook massacre. But Walsh said that holding a Boston hearing before the one-year Marathon bombing anniversary "is a poor idea."

On April 15, he and Governor Deval Patrick are scheduled to host a tribute at the Hynes Convention Center to pay homage to the victims, survivors, and first responders. According to Walsh, a hearing would be "a distraction" from the planning around that event and the intense security arrangements around this year's marathon.

Asked if he has specific concerns about giving Republican lawmakers a Boston platform to criticize the Obama administration, the mayor said, "It has nothing to do with Democrat or Republican . . . The day after the Marathon, I have no problem with it."

Keating is the rare Democrat who dared to suggest that better government information sharing might have stopped Tamerlan and Dzhokhar Tsarnaev before they carried out their deadly attack. Keating, a former prosecutor, has also pushed for the government to fully assess what law enforcement did right and what could have been done better.

But state officials have resisted calls for investigations into the spree of shootings that broke out during the search for the Tsarnaev brothers. It ended with the deaths of an MIT police officer and Tamerlan Tsarnaev, and the near-death of an MBTA police officer.

Patrick and Attorney General Martha Coakley also rejected calls for the Bay State to conduct its own investigation into a Florida shooting that involved the FBI and Massachusetts state troopers. Massachusetts left it to a Florida prosecutor to look into the death of Ibragim Todashev, who was being questioned about a triple slaying in Waltham that might be tied to Tamerlan Tsarnaev. The Florida report also awaits release.

Getting to the bottom of a terrorist attack should not be a partisan issue — and it should not take years to let the American people know the full circumstances behind such an attack. This week, Democratic Representative Stephen Lynch of Massachusetts and Republican Representative Walter Jones of North Carolina called upon the Obama administration to declassify 28 pages of a joint investigation by the House and Senate intelligence committees relating to 9/11. Lynch said they "contain information that is vital to a full understanding of the events and circumstances surrounding this tragedy."

That horrific attack occurred 13 years ago. What happened in Boston is only coming upon its one-year anniversary. It's important to respect the moment and not showcase it for political gain.

But neither should the traumatic memories associated with that terrible day be used as excuses to duck questions that need answers.

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Florida prosecutor says probe into FBI shooting of friend of suspected Marathon bomber to be released by end of March

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A Florida prosecutor investigating the FBI's fatal shooting of a Chechen man said Wednesday that he will release his final report by the end of March.

State Attorney Jeffrey L. Ashton is probing the May 22 shooting of Ibragim Todashev, the 27-year-old friend of suspected Boston Marathon bombers, Tamerlan and Dzhokhar Tsarnaev. The FBI and two Massachusetts State Police troopers had been questioning Todashev in his Orlando apartment when the FBI agent shot and killed him.

The FBI has released little information, saying only that Todashev initiated a violent confrontation. Todashev's family have disputed the bureau's account. Ashton had previously said his report would be ready early this year.

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FBI completes inquiry into death of Tamerlan Tsarnaev's friend

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation said Thursday that it has completed an internal investigation into the fatal shooting of Ibragim Todashev, a friend of Boston Marathon bombing suspect Tamerlan Tsarnaev, and that it is "eager" for the results to be released.

Both the FBI's investigation into the May 22 shooting and the Florida state's attorney probe have now been completed, FBI spokesman Paul Bresson said. All that remains is for the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division to review the FBI investigation, Bresson said. The Justice Department will then write its report, which he said would be made public soon.

Reached by the Globe on Thursday, a DOJ spokeswoman would not provide a timeline for when that department would release its report.

Todashev was shot and killed in his Orlando apartment after a lengthy interrogation by an FBI agent. FBI officials have never formally discussed the shooting, other than to say they are investigating.

Various media outlets have reported conflicting details about the shooting in accounts they attributed to anonymous law enforcement officials.

The FBI said that Todashev injured an agent. Media reports have alleged that, in the moments before he was killed, Todashev was in the process of signing a confession about his and Tsarnaev's involvement in an unsolved 2011 triple murder in Waltham.

FBI Director James Comey told reporters gathered Thursday for a briefing at FBI headquarters in Washington that his department's review of the shooting has been finished for some time.

The meeting was the second that Comey has held with reporters since taking over the agency in September.

"I am eager for the report of that incident to be released," Comey told reporters, [according to the Huffington Post](#).

In declining to provide a new comment, a DOJ spokeswoman referred to a previously issued statement about the status of the investigation.

"The comprehensive inquiry into the shooting death of Ibragim Todashev that is being conducted by DOJ's Civil Rights Division, the United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Florida, and the FBI Inspection Division is ongoing," the Justice Department said in a statement in early January.

Comey's pledge that details will be forthcoming was delivered just weeks after Todashev's father, a Chechen government official, released an e-mail he sent in December to President Obama petitioning for an intervention.

"I am not asking you to share my pain, but I am asking you, as the head of the great country, the guarantor of democracy in the modern world, to help the law and justice prevail," Abdalbaki Todashev said in the e-mail.

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Where's the explanation?

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FBI DIRECTOR James B. Comey needs to understand that his agency's credibility is on the line in its investigation into the killing of Ibragim Todashev. An FBI agent in Florida shot the Russian immigrant in May, while Todashev was being interviewed about his links to Boston Marathon bombing suspect Tamerlan Tsarnaev. Conflicting accounts have emerged of what happened that night inside Todashev's Orlando apartment; he may have lunged at an interrogator.

But the continuing lack of basic information raises serious questions about the agent's decision to shoot. Was Todashev armed? Couldn't the trained law enforcement officials on the scene, including two Massachusetts state troopers, have subdued a potentially crucial witness in a nonlethal way?

Todashev was not a sympathetic character. He had a record of violent crimes and might have been involved in a triple-murder in Waltham in 2011. But that doesn't excuse any lapses in his interrogation. His killing may have made it impossible to solve the Waltham case, and means investigators will never know what else he might have been able to reveal about the Marathon attackers.

Todashev's death was also obviously a loss to his own family; his father recently petitioned the White House to intervene in the investigation. But it was a loss to the public, too. The FBI, which has a long track record of exonerating itself in internal inquiries into shootings by agents, has had ample time to investigate Todashev's death. It's unclear now what the agency is waiting for. It's time Comey provided an explanation.

Father of man killed by FBI asks for investigation

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The father of a man fatally shot by an FBI agent investigating the Boston Marathon bombings said he has e-mailed President Obama photographs of his son's bullet-ridden body and urged him to look into the death.

"I am not asking you to share my pain, but I am asking you, as the head of the great country, the guarantor of democracy in the modern world, to help the law and justice prevail," Abdulbaki Todashev, the father of Ibragim Todashev, said in a letter he e-mailed to the White House this month.

Abdulbaki Todashev, a government official in Chechnya, released the letter as a Florida prosecutor prepared to announce early next year the findings of his inquiry into the May 22 shooting in Orlando. The FBI is also probing the death, but civil liberties groups say the bureau has generally exonerated agents in past shootings.

In a telephone interview Monday, Todashev said he feared that the FBI would not be held accountable for the slaying. His son, a 27-year-old mixed martial arts fighter with a criminal record, was a friend of the Tsarnaev brothers suspected in the Marathon bombings. But Abdulbaki Todashev said his son did nothing wrong and had voluntarily met with the FBI several times before he was killed.

"I wanted the president to take this matter under his own control," he said from Grozny, the capital of the southern region of Chechnya in Russia. "Maybe these prosecutors do not report to him directly, but he is the guarantor of the Constitution of the United States. He can do something."

The FBI and State Attorney Jeffrey L. Ashton, who is conducting the Florida inquiry, declined to comment. Caitlin Hayden, spokeswoman for the National Security Council, confirmed Monday that the White House had received the letter "and will be reviewing it to determine the appropriate follow-up."

In his lengthy e-mail to Obama, Todashev said the FBI has provided scant details about the shooting and has barred the medical examiner from releasing the autopsy report. "I can't help but think that an independent medical examination is unlikely if the examiners obey the FBI's orders," he wrote.

Todashev said in the e-mail that Ibragim Todashev was a loving son, one of 12 children, who came to the United States in 2008 to practice English. He said that his son met Tamerlan and Dzhokhar Tsarnaev at the gym when he lived in Massachusetts and that he moved to Orlando in 2011.

Tamerlan died in a gunfight with police days after the April 15 bombings killed three people and injured more than 260 others. Dzhokhar is in federal custody pending trial.

In the e-mail, Abdulbaki Todashev said investigators showed up at Ibragim Todashev's apartment May 21 and asked one of his son's friends to leave. The investigators, including two Massachusetts State Police troopers, stayed into the early hours of the next morning, when Todashev was shot.

Since then, the FBI has provided few details, saying only that Todashev initiated a violent confrontation that injured the agent. The bureau has refused to say whether Todashev was armed or describe the confrontation.

News reports based on anonymous sources have said that Todashev was armed with a stick or a pole and lunged at the FBI agent as he was about to sign a confession implicating himself and Tamerlan Tsarnaev in a 2011 triple murder in Waltham. The Middlesex district attorney's office, which is investigating the Waltham slayings, declined to comment.

In the letter to Obama, Todashev's father called the allegations "absurd" and said his son had nothing to do with the Waltham slayings.

Abdulbaki Todashev said he believed his son was unarmed and could not have attacked the investigators because he was still using crutches while recovering from a March knee surgery. He said that his son's body was covered in bruises and had been shot 13 times and that he believed his son was tortured.

He pointed out that the US government had just given his son a green card and that his son had been planning to return home for a visit May 24.

However, law enforcement records in Florida show that his son was arrested the same month he was killed for allegedly badly beating a man in a dispute over a parking space at a mall. Ibragim Todashev had also been arrested in 2010 for a road rage incident in Boston.

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Tamerlan Tsarnaev revelation upsets kin of victims

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Friends and relatives of three young men who were slashed to death in a Waltham apartment in 2011 said Wednesday that they remain dissatisfied with the information they have received from public safety officials. They made their comments after federal officials for the first time disclosed publicly in a court filing that Boston Marathon bombing suspect Tamerlan Tsarnaev had been implicated in the triple homicide.

“The fact that they’re not being more forthcoming with us makes you wonder whether there’s more information out there,” said a friend of Rafael M. Teken, a 37-year-old Brandeis graduate who was visiting the Waltham apartment on the evening of the homicides.

“It upset me, obviously,” said a friend of Brendan H. Mess, a former Cambridge resident, referring to the court filing. “I think there’s way more to it.”

Federal prosecutors in a court filing said Monday that Ibragim Todashev, a friend of Tsarnaev’s, told investigators that Tsarnaev participated in the Waltham triple homicide, which took place on the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 terror attacks.

Prosecutors provided the information in a single sentence near the end of a routine 23-page court filing in the case against Tsarnaev’s brother, Dzhokhar Tsarnaev.

Todashev was shot to death in his Orlando apartment during a May interview with an FBI agent under circumstances that remain under investigation by federal authorities.

Also slain in the triple homicide was Erik H. Weissman, 31, a local entrepreneur. All three of the young men were known drug dealers who were found in a second-floor Harding Avenue apartment with their throats slashed and their torsos covered with marijuana.

Mess, who attended Cambridge Rindge & Latin School with Tsarnaev, was a mixed martial arts fighter who often worked out with Tsarnaev.

The possibility that Tsarnaev played a role in the triple homicides began to be investigated in the immediate aftermath of the bomb attack at the Boston Marathon in April.

All of the victims’ friends and relatives contacted by the Globe asked for anonymity, because they fear there may be additional persons who played a role in the grisly murders who may still be at large.

Tsarnaev was killed during a shootout with law enforcement officers days after two makeshift bombs exploded near the finish line of the Marathon, killing three and injuring more than 260. His brother, Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, was captured and is facing a potential death sentence.

Law enforcement authorities have repeatedly declined to answer questions about the triple homicide or Todashev's death. And Florida authorities, at the behest of the FBI, have declined to release Todashev's autopsy.

According to unnamed sources interviewed by the Globe, two Massachusetts state troopers assigned to investigate the Waltham triple homicide were on or near the scene in Orlando when an FBI agent shot and killed Todashev.

But Massachusetts Attorney General Martha Coakley has declined to open her own investigation into Todashev's death, citing a lack of jurisdiction.

And Governor Deval Patrick, during a Tuesday interview with Jim Braude and Margery Eagan on WGBH-radio, declined to say whether the troopers could provide an explanation for Todashev's death.

"As they say in court, question's been asked and answered," Patrick said.

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U.S. Attorney's Office – Central District of Illinois:**Summary on Terrorism, Homeland Security and Crime – October 23, 2013****NATIONAL SECURITY AND TERRORISM NEWS**

U.S. Says Al-Libi Implicated Himself after Arrest - A federal prosecutor told a judge in Manhattan on Tuesday that **Abu Anas al-Libi**, the accused *al Qaeda operative* captured in Libya this month, made an incriminating statement to the authorities after being advised of his Miranda rights. The existence of the statement was revealed during a discussion about discovery materials that the government plans to provide to al-Libi's lawyer, though the prosecutor offered no additional details.

Al-Libi, whose real name is **Nazih Abdul-Hamed al-Ruqai**, also received a new lawyer on Tuesday: Bernard V. Kleinman, the longtime lawyer for **Ramzi Ahmed Yousef**, who is serving a life sentence for orchestrating the *1993 World Trade Center bombing*. Kleinman told U.S. District Court Judge Lewis Kaplan that he will need at least six months to prepare a defense. *The judge also indicated he was considering a government request that al-Libi be tried jointly with two other terrorist defendants, Adel Abdel Bary, and Khalid Al Fawwaz, who were also named in the indictment and who were extradited from Britain last year.* ([New York Times](#), [CBS News](#), [Bloomberg](#), [NBC News](#) – 10/23)

Al-Libi is one of 21 men indicted in the bombings of the American embassies in Kenya and Tanzania, which killed more than 200 people. He is among nine in custody. Eight have been killed, including **Osama bin Laden**; one died awaiting trial, and three are at still large. The indictment accuses al-Libi of helping plan the attacks and of conducting surveillance of the embassy and other diplomatic facilities in Nairobi, Kenya. ([Reuters](#) – 10/23)

Federal Prosecutors Defends Tsarnaev's Jail Restrictions - Federal prosecutors are defending *special restrictions* placed on **Dzhokhar Tsarnaev** that sharply limit his contact with the outside world. The *Special Administrative Measures (SAMs)*, prohibit media interviews, limit social visits to immediate family and place Tsarnaev in what amounts to *solitary confinement*, and also require defense attorneys to ensure that information they get from him is used only for the purposes of defending him against the 30-count indictment he faces in connection with the bombings. Tsarnaev's defense attorneys have asked U.S. District Court Judge George O'Toole to lift the restrictions, but *Federal prosecutors argued in a brief filed Monday that the restrictions are needed because Tsarnaev has the potential to encourage other acts of violence.*

Among those who have already picked up the gauntlet thrown down by **Tsarnaev** were the writers and editors of the July 2013 issue of *Inspire magazine*, a publication of *al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula*, which lauded Tsarnaev and his brother as heroes and martyrs. ... A Boston Globe article about the *Inspire* issue noted the existence of a Facebook group calling Tsarnaev a 'brave freedom fighter.' ([Politico](#), [Lawfare Blog](#) - [AG SAMs Letter](#) - [Defense Motion](#) - 10/23)

Slain Boston Bomb Suspect Linked to Triple Homicide - Federal prosecutors said Monday in a new court filing that **Tamerlan Tsarnaev**, the slain Boston Marathon bombing suspect, took part in a 2011 triple homicide in Massachusetts, citing statements made by a *Chechen immigrant* who was himself shot and killed by an FBI agent. According to the filing, **Ibragim Todashev** told investigators **Tamerlan Tsarnaev** participated in a triple slaying in Waltham, Massachusetts, on Sept. 11, 2011. The filing is part of prosecutors' attempt to block **Dzhokhar Tsarnaev** from getting certain information from authorities, including investigative documents associated with the Waltham slayings. (Associated Press, Reuters, New York Times - 10/23)

Government Changes Policy on Warrantless Wiretap Defendants - The Obama administration has discovered that it unintentionally misled the Supreme Court last year. It told the justices that it always informs terrorism defendants when evidence against them was acquired with a warrantless wiretap. Now the Justice Department is making sure its policy does match what it told the high court. (NPR News - 10/23)

Goldberg: Haqqani Book States Pakistan Aiding Terrorism - Jeffrey Goldberg writes that a soon-to-be-released book by *Pakistan's former ambassador to the US*, **Husain Haqqani**, "states plainly that his government sponsors the terrorist groups whose members are often the targets of American drones." In "**Magnificent Delusions**," Haqqani writes, "My countrymen will someday have to come to terms with global realities. Pakistan cannot become a regional leader in South Asia while it supports terrorism." Goldberg notes that U.S. officials have long suspected Pakistani intelligence of providing "material support to terrorist groups, but Haqqani may be the most prominent Pakistani to publicly agree with them," and adds that it "would be useful for the Obama administration to press Sharif hard on his country's support for several terrorist groups." (Bloomberg News - 10/23)

Terrorist Attack Averted as Powerful Bomb Defused in Dagestan, Southern Russia - A bomb equivalent to 12 kilograms of TNT has been deactivated in the Russian North Caucasus republic of Dagestan, the National Anti-Terrorist Committee says. The successful anti-terror mission in Dagestan was accomplished the day after a female suicide bomber in Volgograd blew up a bus, killing six people with a device consisting of 500-600 grams of TNT.

The bomb was found near a *shopping mall* in the city of Khasavyurt, after local residents reported to police they had seen a suspicious object there. Law enforcement agencies identified the object as a homemade bomb. The bomb was found at 8 am and 2 1/2 hours later it was deactivated using a water cannon. The National Anti-Terrorist Committee has announced it is conducting an investigation into the incident. (RT - 10/22)

Russia Probes Suicide Blast in Volgograd - Russian investigators continue to probe the background of a woman they allege blew herself up on a bus in southern Russia on Monday, killing six people and wounding more than 30. Security services are hunting for the husband of 30-year-old **Naida Asiyalova**, who was a native of the volatile province of Dagestan in Russia's North Caucasus region. Her husband, **Dmitry Sokolov**, is allegedly allied with

Islamic militants and thought to have become an expert in explosives. Investigators also raised the possibility that Moscow, not Volgograd, was the bomber's original target. (Associated Press, Time, NBC News – 10/22)

Report: Al-Qaeda Seeks Qaddafi's Leftover Uranium and Missiles - An unstable country on the brink of civil war is not all former Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi left behind after his death last year. A vast collection of weapons remains in an abandoned desert warehouse in southern Libya, *The Times* reported on Tuesday. The arsenal reportedly includes *4,000 surface-to-air missiles*, each capable of downing a passenger jet, and thousands of barrels of *uranium yellowcake*. An inventory collected by the **International Atomic Energy Agency** (IAEA) accounted for 6,400 yellowcake barrels.

Bharuddin Midhoun Arifi, a former human trafficker and now commander of 2,000 fighters in the city of Sabha, was one of the main inheritors of the regime's abandoned weapon reserves. "Sometimes I'm afraid that *al-Qaeda* will get me. Other times I fear that the Americans or French or British will fire missiles from the sea to destroy all I control." Arifi told the *Times*.

He claims that *al-Qaeda* had most recently offered 1 million dollars for some of the weapons, an offer which Arifi says he turned down. "I told them... this belonged to my government." Rows of the mortars and rockets stacked in crates, however, suggest some of the weapons have been shipped to Syria, along with hundreds of Libyans who have joined the rebel forces fighting Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's regime. (Al Arabiya – 10/22)

Suspect in Kenya Attack Penned Love Poem to Bin Laden - Samantha Lewthwaite, a British terror suspect thought to be a key member of *Al Shabaab* and involved in the *Kenya mall massacre* last month, reportedly penned a love poem lauding *Osama bin Laden* and pledging to continue instilling terror into non-Muslims. (The Washington Times - 10/23)

Nigerian Forces Kill 37 Boko Haram Militants - Nigerian officials are reporting that their troops have used air and ground strikes to kill 37 Islamist militants belonging to *Boko Haram*. The raids took place on Boko Haram bases in the countries northeast. Since May, Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan has ramped up operations to eradicate Boko Haram, which is trying to establish an Islamic state. (Reuters - 10/23)

Marriage Seen as Counter to Terrorism Recruitment - One way Nigerian officials are trying to counter terrorism is by having mass weddings. The theory is that mass weddings that have wed some 1,350 couples in Kano during the last 18 months will steer young men away from the lure of joining *Boko Haram*. (The Wall Street Journal - 10/23)

Rogers Says Al Qaeda Forces in Syria Plotting Foreign Attacks - Rep. Mike Rogers, chair of the House Intelligence Committee, said that *Al Qaeda affiliates* battling the Syrian regime are now debating when to launch attacks outside the country's borders. Rogers said, "*They're talking about conducting external operations, which is exactly what happened in Afghanistan, which led to 9/11.*" (The Washington Times - 10/23)

DOMESTIC EXTREMIST THREATS

Missouri: Iraq Veteran Accused of Arson in Fires at Mosque, Abortion Clinic -

Tucked into the deeply evangelical corner of southwestern Missouri, the *Islamic Society of Joplin's mosque* was an oasis for Muslims - the only mosque within a 50-mile radius. But, in August 2012, during *Ramadan*, the building was burned to the ground in an apparent arson fire. It was the second attempt made on the mosque in about a month; activists feared a hate crime, and a team of federal and local investigators couldn't find a suspect. But now, a surprise turn in a different arson case has implicated an Iraq veteran, who officials say confessed over the weekend to burning down the mosque in addition to making attempts on the local *Planned Parenthood office*.

Jedediah Stout, 29, attempted to burn the *Planned Parenthood clinic* on Oct. 3 and 4 by tossing a backpack with a flammable liquid onto the roof and lighting a makeshift fuse made of rope. Both attempts failed. Federal investigators traced the purchase of the materials from Wal-Mart to Stout, who was detained shortly after the Oct. 4 attempt and smelled of a flammable liquid, according to the complaint. His fingerprint also was found on the bottle of liquid. (Los Angeles Times – 10/22)

HOMELAND RESPONSE

Motive Remains a Mystery in Nevada School Shooting - The school shooting in Sparks, Nevada that left two students injured and a teacher dead. That teacher, *Mike Landsberry*, was a Marine veteran and active in Nevada's Air National Guard. The boy reportedly used a .9 millimeter handgun from his home, but the motive remains a mystery. Police say they have no plans to release the shooter's identity out of respect for his grieving family. Authorities are also looking into possible charges against the parents, since the gun used in the shooting was taken from their home. One student who witnessed the attack said the shooter seemed angry, "*but not at anyone in particular.*" (NBC Nightly News, ABC World News, CBS Evening News - 10/22)

Fatal Encounters Increasing between Police, People with Severe Mental Illnesses

- A noticeable uptick over the past decade in the number of *fatal confrontations* between police officers and people with *severe mental illnesses*. A small number of those cases are known as "*suicide by cop*" in which *police officers are intentionally provoked to react with lethal force*. In other cases, *police officers with poor or no mental health training misread a situation with deadly results*. Some police departments are now sending officers to *special crisis-intervention training and teaching them how to respond to situations involving people with severe mental illnesses*, emphasizing communication and use of non-lethal weapons. (The Wall Street Journal - 10/23; Justifiable Homicides by Law Enforcement Officers: What is the Role of Mental Illness? – September 2013)

Indiana: Coal Train Derails near Bloomington - Several cars of a coal train derailed near Bloomington early Wednesday, authorities said. The derailment was reported about 2 a.m. near East State Road 45, northeast of Bloomington when six of 100 cars left the track, Monroe County Sheriff's Department reported. The impact of the crash knocked down power lines in the area, causing several residents to lose electricity. No injuries were reported. The train was carrying coal from Carlisle, Ind. to Indianapolis. The cause of the derailment is under investigation. (WRTV – 10/23)

Montana: Sheriff's Officials say someone tried to Derail Train - The Missoula County Sheriff's Office said someone tried to derail a *Montana Rail Link train*, west of Clinton, an act *they say can possibly be a protest to coal imports*. Officials said whatever the reason it was a dangerous act that could have led to disaster and injury. Just a half hour after a westbound train traveled the same tracks, an empty coal train traveling east bound last night, west of Clinton, hit what detectives said was a *six foot long piece of culvert filled with rocks*. Sheriff's officials said no one was hurt, but rocks were kicked up and cracked the windshield of the train, and the bottom of the train dug into the railroad ties, leaving them damaged. (KTFM – 10/21)

Train Derailment attempt near Clinton not the first - Authorities say Thursday wasn't the first time that someone tried to knock a train off the tracks near Clinton. *Officials tell us that a concrete tire was placed in the same spot where a pipe was discovered during an attempt to derail a train last week*. The Missoula County Sheriff's office is still investigating why, and who, attempted to derail a Montana Rail Link train near Clinton. (Montana CBS News - 10/21)

Two Colorado Farmers Plead Guilty to Spreading Foodborne Illness - Eric and Ryan Jansen have pleaded guilty to six misdemeanor counts of introducing adulterated food into interstate commerce in 2011, killing 33 people. The maximum penalty they face is six years in prison with \$1.5 million in fines and sentencing is scheduled for Jan. 28. The brothers have no previous criminal record and their attorneys stated their *"guilty pleas do not imply any intentional wrongdoing or knowledge that the cantaloupes were contaminated."* (The AP - 10/23)

Jensens washed cantaloupes with potato-cleaning devices without using the chlorine spray that kills bacteria. The defendants have now admitted that they failed to protect the public from deadly bacteria on their cantaloupe, in violation of the law and critical FDA requirements. Their actions resulted in tragedy nationwide, and profound economic consequences for an entire industry, and have exposed them to these serious criminal consequences. (Reuters - 10/23)

Canada: Man jailed for Terrorism Hoax at Pickering Nuclear Plant - Lloyd Charest, 23, had several opportunities to admit he'd concocted the tale of a *jihadist plan to attack the plant* but failed to do so, even going so far as to fabricate evidence to support his story, a judge said Monday. "This man had several opportunities to withdraw from his criminal conduct and admit to his actions," Superior Court Justice Bruce Glass said in a written ruling. "Still, Mr. Charest continued to profess that all was true." Charest formerly of Ajax, was sentenced to a

year in jail and two years' probation after being found guilty of offences including making a hoax of terrorist activity, fabricating evidence and obstructing police. (Mississauga News - 10/23)

Intelligence/Investigations Function Guidance - FEMA released the *NIMS Intelligence / Investigations Function Guidance and Field Operations Guide*, designed to provide guidance on utilizing and integrating the Intelligence / Investigations Function while adhering to the concepts and principles of the **National Incident Management System** (NIMS) doctrine. The document presents information intended for the **Incident Command System practitioner** who will assist in the decision-making process regarding the placement of the Intelligence / Investigations Function within the command structure, and provides tools that may be used while implementing that function.

This guidance aligns with the NIMS to provide a common and standard understanding about the tools and resources needed to sustain, build, and deliver the core capabilities necessary to achieve a secure and resilient nation. Information and intelligence should be interpreted broadly to support user needs across **all-threats** and **all-hazards environments** to *prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from the effects of incidents, regardless of cause, size, location, or complexity*. The activities and information that are at the core of the **I/I Function** have historically been viewed as the primary responsibilities of "traditional" law enforcement departments and agencies at all levels of government. Although, in many cases, law enforcement departments/agencies fulfill intelligence/investigations duties, the I/I Function has aspects that cross disciplines and levels of government. (FEMA Related Guides - Annexes and Documents – October 2013)

NATIONAL, STATE, AND DISTRICT CRIMINAL LAW

Illinois: Peoria Town Hall meeting to deal with Violence in the City - A representative of the city's most violence-plagued neighborhoods has this message for residents living in fear of the next volley of gunshots: the time for talk and patience is over. "*Enough talk — let's do something about it,*" 1st District City Councilwoman Denise Moore said Tuesday. "*We can't wait for law enforcement programs to work. ... While we're waiting, people are dying.*" That *central theme of action in the face of an onslaught of gun violence* is the thrust behind a town hall meeting Moore has scheduled **Thursday**. *Her goal is to connect residents with opportunities to become active in ways that can reduce the bloodshed.*

To that end, Moore has invited social service providers, mentoring groups that depend on volunteers and representatives of other agencies and faith groups whose missions fit into the goal. A portion of the meeting also will be dedicated to taking suggestions for new plans of action, with one caveat. People need to be willing to step up and act on their ideas. "There's not going to be the same type of talk that we've heard before. This needs to be about action," Moore said. "We're going to provide solutions and actually give people who are there that night an opportunity to sign up for what they feel they want to be involved with." (The Peoria Journal-Star (IL) - 10/23)

Illinois: Watseka man sent to prison in Meth Case - Iroquois County Judge Gordon Lustfeldt sentenced **Doug Depatis**, 50, to the eight-year state prison term for participation in meth manufacturing and sentenced him to four years in prison, to be served concurrently, for unlawful use of property. On May 3, officers found **Depatis** and **Josh Huff**, 38, of Watseka, using the chemicals and equipment consistent with the manufacture of methamphetamine, along with assorted drug paraphernalia. Huff pleaded guilty to participation in meth manufacturing for an agreed six months in the county jail and four years of probation. ([The Paxton Record \(IL\) – 10/22](#))

CDIL: Man gets 11 years in federal prison for part in Loxa Meth Case – Robert Jeffrey Leonard was the second suspect to be sentenced for his role in a multi-year, *multi-suspect methamphetamine operation* that was based out of a Loxa home. Of the six suspects indicted on federal charges in the case, all but one have pleaded guilty. **Leonard** was the second suspect sentenced, following that of **Tena M. Logan**, who was described as the operation's ringleader. She received a 15-year prison term at her sentencing in June, when she admitted she had the other suspects obtain methamphetamine ingredients for her to use to make the drug.

The suspects awaiting sentencing include **Paul D. "Bear" Logan**, Tena Logan's husband. His sentencing is scheduled for Dec. 23. Scheduled for sentencing next month are **Fred A. Leonard** and **Tammy E. Britt**, both of Mattoon. A hearing is also set for next month for the remaining suspect whose case is pending, **Floyd W. Curtner Jr.**, also of Mattoon. *During Tena Logan's sentencing, the case's prosecutor said there were indications that at least 42 people had some role in the operation.* The prosecutor described Logan and the other charged suspects as the "inner circle" on whom authorities concentrated their investigation. ([Journal Gazette & Times-Courier \(IL\) - 10/23](#))

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Friend implicated Tamerlan Tsarnaev in Waltham slayings

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Federal officials disclosed for the first time publicly late Monday that Ibragim Todashev, a friend of Tamerlan Tsarnaev, told investigators that the deceased alleged Boston Marathon bomber participated in a triple murder in Waltham in 2011. Todashev was killed by an FBI agent who was interviewing him in May. His death remains under investigation. Federal prosecutors confirmed in court records Monday that, "according to Todashev, Tamerlan Tsarnaev participated in the Waltham homicides." But prosecutors refused to elaborate on their statement.

Filing Ties Slain Boston Marathon Bombing Suspect to 2011 Case

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BOSTON — A government court filing links the deceased suspect in the Boston Marathon bombing, Tamerlan Tsarnaev, to a triple murder in Waltham, Mass., in September 2011, attributing the information to his now-dead friend.

A motion filed by federal prosecutors on Monday says that the friend, Ibragim Todashev, a mixed martial arts fighter who was shot and killed in May while investigators were questioning him about Mr. Tsarnaev, connected Mr. Tsarnaev to the murders before his death.

“According to Todashev, Tamerlan Tsarnaev participated in the triple homicide,” read the document, which was filed in response to requests by lawyers for Mr. Tsarnaev’s brother, Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, for additional discovery in his case.

Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, 20, is facing 30 federal charges in connection with the April 15 bombing, which killed three spectators at the Boston Marathon and wounded scores more. Some of the charges carry the death penalty.

Tamerlan Tsarnaev was killed on April 19 as he and his brother tried to elude the authorities after a shootout with the police.

On Sept. 12, 2011, three men — Brendan Mess, 25; Erik Weissman, 31; and Raphael Teken, 37 — were found in a Waltham apartment with their throats slashed and their bodies sprinkled with marijuana. Mr. Mess was believed to be a close friend of Tamerlan Tsarnaev.

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Slain Boston Marathon bombing suspect Tamerlan Tsarnaev was named as a participant in an earlier triple homicide by a man who was subsequently shot to death while being questioned by authorities, according to a court filing by federal prosecutors in the bombing case against Tsarnaev's brother, Dzhokhar.

The marathon bombings left three people dead and more than 260 others wounded.

According to Monday's filing, Ibragim Todashev told investigators that Tsarnaev participated in a triple slaying in Waltham on Sept. 11, 2011. In that case, three men were found in an apartment with their necks slit and their bodies reportedly covered with marijuana. One of the victims was a boxer and friend of Tsarnaev's.

Todashev, a 27-year-old mixed martial arts fighter, was fatally shot at his Orlando, Fla., home during a meeting with an FBI agent and two Massachusetts state troopers in May after he turned violent during questioning, authorities said.

The filing is prosecutors' attempt to block Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, 20, from getting certain information from authorities, including documents associated with the Waltham slayings.

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Girlfriend of slain Tamerlan Tsarnaev friend is deported

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The former live-in girlfriend of Ibragim Todashev has been deported and has arrived home in Moldova, she confirmed to the Globe.

Tatiana Gruzdeva, 20, had been taken into custody and threatened with deportation after she chose to speak with reporters about Todashev, who was shot and killed by FBI agents in May after hours of interrogation in his Orlando apartment.

"Yes, I came [back] yesterday," Gruzdeva said late Monday in a short message to a Globe reporter, declining to elaborate further. "I'm fine."

ICE officials in both Florida and Washington, D.C., could not be reached for comment today due to the federal government shutdown.

Todashev, a friend of accused Boston Marathon bomber Tamerlan Tsarnaev, was shot and killed by an FBI agent on May 22 after the agent and Massachusetts state troopers interrogated him at his Orlando apartment about the bombing and an unsolved 2011 triple homicide in Waltham.

Gruzdeva was detained earlier this year when she accompanied Todashev to a voluntary interview with FBI agents a week before he was killed.

On May 30, an immigration judge ordered Gruzdeva removed from the country because she had overstayed her visa. However, she was released in August and granted another year's stay in the country.

After being released, Gruzdeva gave an interview in September to Boston magazine in which she discussed the details of her detention. She later told the Globe that she feared the interview was a mistake and that she was worried it had upset the FBI.

When she showed up for her next meeting with her immigration case officer, on Oct. 1, she was taken into custody and told she was to be deported.

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Todashev's girlfriend in custody again in Florida

May be facing deportation

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The former live-in girlfriend of Ibragim Todashev is in federal custody in Florida, detained for speaking to members of the news media, says a civil rights organization that has monitored the Todashev case.

The Glades County Sheriff's Office in Florida confirmed that Tatiana Gruzdeva is being held in the county jail at the order of US Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

ICE officials in both Florida and Washington, D.C., could not be reached for comment Tuesday due to the federal government shutdown.

"It's ridiculous," said Hassan Shilby, spokesman for the Council on American-Islamic Relations in Florida. "They're trying to teach her that if you speak out about injustice, they will make your life a living hell."

Gruzdeva, 19, has been told she will be deported back to Moldova for overstaying her visa, according to representatives from the Council on American-Islamic Relations who have spoken with her. This is the second time she has been threatened with deportation since Todashev was killed.

Todashev, a friend of accused Boston Marathon bomber Tamerlan Tsarnaev, was shot and killed by an FBI agent on May 22 after the agent and Massachusetts state troopers interrogated him at his Orlando apartment about the bombing and an unsolved 2011 triple homicide in Waltham.

Gruzdeva was detained earlier this year after accompanying Todashev to a voluntary interview with FBI agents just one week before he was killed.

On May 30, an immigration judge ordered Gruzdeva removed from the country because she had overstayed her visa. However, she was released in August and granted another year's stay in the United States.

According to the Council on American-Islamic Relations, Gruzdeva had an 11 a.m. meeting scheduled with immigration officials Tuesday to secure her work authorization.

But three FBI agents appeared at the meeting and took her into custody, according to the council.

"They told her 'You have been talking to the reporters . . . and you have been saying that Ibragim was a good guy,'" according to notes from a phone conversation between Gruzdeva and a council attorney.

She was then told by immigration officials that her visa was expired and that she would be deported, according to the council.

“They literally told her: Because you have been speaking to reporters, we’re going to lock you up,” said Shilby, the council spokesman.

The arrest comes just two weeks after Gruzdeva gave her first interview since Todashev’s killing to Boston magazine.

She later told the Globe that she was worried that the interview was a mistake and would anger federal authorities.

“I just thinking today about my interview for Boston magazine, and I realize it was my mistake,” Gruzdeva told a Globe reporter on the day that the interview was published. “I don’t want to have any problem with the FBI. I already had a lot. . . . It was the worst time in all my life. I just don’t want to have more problem.”

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Todashev's girlfriend talks about her weeks in custody

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The live-in girlfriend of Ibragim Todashev says that while her boyfriend was being interviewed about the Boston Marathon bombings, she was grilled by FBI agents, turned over to immigration officials, and then held in solitary confinement, where, days later, she learned that he had been killed.

Todashev, a friend of accused Boston marathon bomber Tamerlan Tsarnaev, was questioned by FBI agents and Massachusetts State Police in his apartment for more than five hours on May 22 before being shot and killed.

Last week, Tatiana Gruzdeva, who lived with him in Orlando, gave her first interview since his death. [In the detailed interview with Boston magazine](#), Gruzdeva recalled the days leading up to her boyfriend's killing.

She recalled Todashev being upset after the bombings and his initial questioning by federal agents.

On May 16, Gruzdeva said, she had traveled with Todashev for a voluntary interview with the FBI when agents pulled her into a room, interrogated her, and then turned her over to immigration officials.

"They asked me again and again about Ibragim and all this stuff. They asked me, 'Can you tell us when he will do something?' I said, 'No! I can't!' Because he wasn't doing anything, and I didn't know anything." Gruzdeva told Boston magazine. "And they said, 'Oh, really? So why don't we call immigration.'"

On May 30, an immigration judge ordered Gruzdeva be deported, but in August she was released and granted another year's stay in the United States.

In broken English, Gruzdeva confirmed Friday for the Globe the account she gave to Boston Magazine and said that she did not plan to do future interviews.

"I don't want to have any problem with the FBI. I already had a lot. ... It was the worst time in all my life," Gruzdeva said. "I just don't want to have more problem."

That fear of the FBI has been echoed by various friends of Todashev, members of Orlando's small community of Chechen immigrants, who believe the FBI has been monitoring them since before Todashev's killing.

Law enforcement officials have leaked conflicting reports to the media about Todashev's shooting. Some have alleged that he attacked agents, but reports have differed over whether he was armed. Some have said he was about to write a confession implicating him and Tsarnaev in a triple homicide in Waltham in 2011.

The FBI has refused to comment on the reports, has sealed the autopsy and all other medical records, and — four months after Todashev was shot seven times — has not issued any report on the shooting.

For months, state officials in both Massachusetts and Florida — including Massachusetts Attorney General Martha Coakley — said they would not call for an independent probe or themselves investigate whether Todashev's shooting was justified.

However, in August, attorney Jeffrey L. Ashton, the top state prosecutor in Orlando, announced he would mount an independent probe of the shooting.

The Globe has also confirmed that Ashurmamad Miraliev, 23, of Orlando, a friend of both Todashev and Gruzdeva, has been arrested on charges of threatening a witness in a 14-month-old battery case against Todashev.

Miraliev was arrested Wednesday on a charge of tampering with a victim by threat. The case was not connected with the Marathon bombings or with Todashev's death, according to Florida law enforcement officials.

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Slain Tsarnaev friend's father, prosecutor meet

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Abdulbaki Todashev was pleased with the outcome of Tuesday's meeting, according to his spokesman.

A Florida state attorney met Tuesday with the father of Ibragim Todashev, the young Chechen man who was killed in that state in May while he was being interviewed by authorities in the Boston Marathon bombing investigation.

The office of Ninth Judicial Circuit State Attorney Jeffrey L. Ashton said Ashton had met with Abdulbaki Todashev, his lawyers and advisers about Ashton's review of the circumstances that resulted in the death of Todashev's son, Ibragim. The younger Todashev was a friend of Marathon bombing suspect Tamerlan Tsarnaev, who died during a confrontation with police several days after the bombing.

While expressing his personal condolences on the loss of Todashev's son, Ashton "explained at this meeting that there is no specific timeline or deadline for his review to be completed, but that he personally would make whatever decision he felt was appropriate and just under the circumstances," the office said.

"The state attorney indicated that the process was on-going, that he was working in conjunction with federal authorities, and that he has not and will not prejudge the ultimate outcome of the review," the statement said.

Ashton also invited Todashev and his lawyers to turn over any information they might have, so it could be considered by both state and federal investigators.

A state attorney in Florida is the equivalent of a district attorney in Massachusetts. Ashton is the top prosecutor in Orlando.

Todashev was pleased with the outcome of Tuesday's meeting, according to his spokesman, Hassan Shibly, Tampa executive director of CAIR-Florida, a civil rights and legal organization.

"[Abdulbaki Todashev] expressed his complete confidence in the state attorney to conduct a full investigation into the death of his son," Shibly said. "But at the same time, we will continue our own independent investigation to determine if his civil rights were violated on the day of the shooting, as well as the days and weeks leading up to his death."

Todashev is looking forward to a scheduled Wednesday meeting with the US attorney for the Middle District of Florida, Shibly said.

Todashev was shot by an FBI agent May 22 at his Orlando apartment. The FBI has drawn criticism for releasing few details about the death and for barring the Florida medical examiner from releasing autopsy results.

The FBI, with the Department of Justice, is leading a federal probe into the shooting. Ashton won praise from civil liberties groups earlier this month when he said he would launch an independent review.

The FBI has said that Todashev, 27, was shot during interrogation by the FBI and Massachusetts State Police related to the Marathon bombing investigation. The bureau has said that Todashev began a violent confrontation and that an agent was injured.

News reports have differed over whether Todashev was armed. Some have said Todashev was about to write a confession implicating him and Tsarnaev in a triple homicide in Waltham in 2011.

Todashev, a mixed martial arts fighter, had two arrests in violent cases, including a road-rage case in Boston and a parking lot altercation in Florida. Todashev's father has said his son was unarmed when he was shot and was recovering from a recent knee surgery.

Todashev came to the United States in 2008 from Russia to study English; he won asylum that same year. He lived for a time in Allston and Cambridge, before moving to Florida. Tsarnaev was also an ethnic Chechen.

The April 15 Marathon bombing killed three people and injured more than 260. Tsarnaev and his younger brother, Dzhokhar, are accused of carrying out the bombings and of later killing an MIT police officer.

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Dad of Chechen shot in Fla. meets with prosecutor

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ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) – The father of a Chechen man shot to death by an FBI agent during questioning about a Boston Marathon bombing suspect cried and showed photos of his son as a youth when he met with an Orlando prosecutor on Tuesday, his attorneys said.

The closed door-meeting between State Attorney Jeff Ashton and the father of Ibragim Todashev lasted about an hour and left Abdulbaki Todashev, the father, and his legal team "very satisfied," said Eric Ludin, one of the attorneys. Abdulbaki Todashev had come to Florida from Chechnya to find out what happened.

Ibragim Todashev, 27, was killed in May while FBI agents and police from Massachusetts and Florida questioned him at his Orlando apartment about his friendship with suspected Boston Marathon bomber Tamerlan Tsarnaev. Officials originally said the Chechen man lunged at an agent with a knife. They later said it was no longer clear what happened.

"He has faith in the justice system in our country, and he has hope that justice will be served," said attorney Hassan Shibly, the Tampa executive director of CAIR-Florida, a civil rights and legal organization.

Ashton has agreed to review the circumstances that led to Todashev's fatal shooting.

Ashton is best known for being one of the prosecutors who tried Casey Anthony, the Florida mother acquitted two years ago of killing her 2-year-old daughter, Caylee.

"The State Attorney explained at this meeting that there is no specific timeline or deadline for his review to be completed but that he personally would make whatever decision he felt was appropriate and just under the circumstances," Ashton's office said in a statement.

FBI spokesman Paul Bresson in Washington said he couldn't comment while a review is going on.

Abdulbaki Todashev will have another chance to champion an investigation into his son's death when he meets with the U.S. attorney in Tampa. Lee Bentley has agreed to meet with Abdulbaki Todashev on Wednesday, Shibly said.

A spokesman for the U.S. attorney's office in Tampa didn't respond to an email. The U.S. Department of Justice is investigating what happened, in addition to Ashton's review.

Todashev's lawyers say there was no indication Todashev had any weapons available while he was being questioned, and that they're going to wait until the criminal investigation before deciding whether to pursue a wrongful death lawsuit.

While a federal investigation would look into whether Todashev's civil rights were violated as well as whether use of force laws, the state investigation focuses on Florida's use of force laws, Shibly said.

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Man seeks lawsuit in FBI killing of his son

Agent killed friend of alleged bomber

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The father of a friend of suspected Boston Marathon bomber Tamerlan Tsarnaev said Tuesday he is seeking to file a civil suit against the FBI after a Boston agent shot and killed his son.

Abdubaki Todashev, father of Ibragim Todashev, said by phone in a telephone interview from Florida that he was meeting with lawyers and human rights groups “to prepare a civil suit against the FBI for wrongful death.”

Ibragim Todashev, 27, was shot and killed in May in his Orlando apartment during an interrogation authorities have said was connected to Tsarnaev, who, with his brother Dzhokhar, is suspected of carrying out the Marathon bombings.

The father said he did not want to wait for the results of the FBI’s internal investigation into the shooting of his son.

“At this point, I don’t care about their reasons for shooting my son,” he said. “I don’t believe them, because they committed an unprecedented act of murder, and these people need to be tried and judged.

“As for why they did this and that, I only know that this was a premeditated, intentional murder.”

The FBI has released little information about what led the agent to shoot Todashev, except to allege that the Chechen was shot after he initiated a violent altercation.

According to news reports, Todashev was about to sign a confession implicating himself and Tsarnaev in the 2011 slayings of three men in Waltham.

Todashev, who came to the United States in 2008 and received political asylum that year, had lived in Cambridge and Allston before moving to Florida and was close to Tsarnaev, whose father is also an ethnic Chechen.

Tsarnaev, 26, died in a police shootout days after the Boston Marathon bombings, which killed three people and wounded more than 260. His brother, Dzhokhar, 20, is facing federal charges related to the explosions. The brothers also allegedly killed an MIT police officer.

Abdubaki Todashev — a city official in Grozny, the capital of the southern Russian region of Chechnya — traveled to the United States Sunday, hoping to get answers about his son’s case.

“I couldn’t leave what happened to my son unanswered,” he said Tuesday during a break from a meeting with his lawyers. “I don’t know the laws, so I am consulting with lawyers.”

Todashev said Saturday he was frustrated by the bureau's refusal to allow Florida medical examiners to release an autopsy report completed in early July. Todashev said he feared the FBI would somehow tamper with the results.

"If there is a medical examiner's report, do they have to report to the FBI?" Todashev said by phone from Moscow. "Does the FBI have the right to block the father from receiving it? What kind of conclusion will there be, if the FBI is in charge of it?"

Todashev disputed the possibility that his son, who, according to family members and advocates, had previously been questioned numerous times by authorities, could have attacked investigators and forced them to kill him.

Ibragim Todashev, a mixed martial arts fighter, was recovering from knee surgery and was incapable of quick movement, his father said, and weighed only about 159 pounds.

"There were three people in a room and my son by himself," he said. "The FBI and police usually select healthy, big guys. If they were in danger, they could have stopped him, wounded him, shot him in an arm or a leg, used a Taser.

"This is an unprecedented, premeditated, and intentional murder, because they shot him in the heart and the head."

Howard Friedman, a prominent civil rights lawyer in Boston, said he was unsure if Todashev's father would be successful in a lawsuit against the FBI, in light of the limited information the agency has released. "Without enough facts, it's hard to know, but this certainly makes one suspicious," Friedman said of the shooting and the official response from the federal government.

Harvey Silverglate, a criminal defense lawyer and civil rights specialist, said he doubted that Todashev's father will get any definitive answers.

"I don't think that he will succeed, because I'm sure the feds will figure out a way to cover this with some kind of national security privilege like they've been doing with everything else" since the Sept. 11 attacks, he said.

In a statement, Special Agent Jason Pack, an FBI spokesman, said the bureau and the Justice Department continue to investigate the shooting.

"The FBI takes very seriously any shooting incident," Pack said. "Both the FBI and the United States Department of Justice have an effective, time-tested process for addressing them independently to arrive at the facts. The review process is thorough and objective and conducted as expeditiously as possible under the circumstances."

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HEADLINE: After 2½ months, no clarity from FBI on Todashev death

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When will the public learn the whole story about the shooting of Ibragim Todashev? An FBI agent killed Todashev under mysterious circumstances during an interrogation in Florida on May 22, just as the 27-year-old Russian seemed to be on the verge of revealing important information about Marathon bombing suspect Tamerlan Tsarnaev. After the shooting, the agency promised a full investigation. But after two and a half months, no information has been forthcoming. If the bureau won't provide a full accounting, the other agencies involved should produce one instead.

Investigators had zeroed in on Todashev, a martial arts fighter and friend of Tsarnaev's, in hopes of gaining information about a 2011 triple homicide in Waltham in which Tsarnaev and Todashev may have played a role. Solving that crime would not only grant some closure to the families of the victims, but provide a fuller picture of Tsarnaev in the years leading up to the bombing.

What exactly happened at Todashev's Orlando apartment that night has been shrouded by conflicting accounts. After days of questioning, Todashev had reportedly implicated himself and Tsarnaev in the Waltham murders. In one version of what occurred next, Todashev attacked the FBI agent with a blade; in another version, he lunged at him with a metal pole or broomstick; in a third, Todashev was unarmed. The medical examiner in Florida completed a report on Todashev's death, but the FBI has prevented the examiner's office from releasing its findings to the public, citing the ongoing investigation.

The killing of anyone by law enforcement is troubling, and the public deserves a full accounting of what happened. Unfortunately, the FBI, through its foot-dragging so far, and record of exonerating its own agents in shooting investigations, doesn't inspire much confidence. Massachusetts and Florida both have an interest in the case: The shooting happened in Florida, and two Massachusetts State Police troopers were present. The ACLU has asked state officials to investigate, too; Florida authorities rejected the request, but Massachusetts should accept it.

There is no doubt that law enforcement agencies, from local police to federal officials, responded heroically amid the chaos of the bombing. But there are still too many open questions about possible missed clues before the bombing, and possible mistakes after. Not just the killing of Todashev, but the handling of the Tsarnaev brothers, the lockdown of the city during the manhunt, and the shooting of an officer in Watertown apparently by friendly fire -- all these issues warrant a full investigation. For the sake of accountability, and to learn for future incidents, law enforcement shouldn't shy away from the complete review that the public is owed.

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HEADLINE: Todashev's father to seek answers in US;
Wants details of FBI shooting

BYLINE: By David Filipov, Globe Staff

BODY:

MAKHACHKALA, Russia -- The father of a Chechen man fatally shot in May by a Boston FBI agent said Saturday that he is planning to travel to the United States, hoping to get answers from authorities about a case that has been shrouded in a thick cloak of secrecy.

Abdubaki Todashev said he planned to appeal to human rights organizations and to authorities in Florida and Massachusetts to conduct their own investigations into the shooting of Ibragim Todashev in his Orlando, Fla., apartment during an interrogation connected to suspected Boston Marathon bomber Tamerlan Tsarnaev.

The father said he was frustrated by the bureau's refusal to allow Florida medical examiners to release an autopsy report completed in early July. Todashev, who believes agents intentionally killed his son, said he feared the FBI would somehow tamper with the results.

"If there is a medical examiner's report, do they have to report to the FBI?" Todashev said in a telephone interview from Moscow. "Does the FBI have the right to block the father from receiving it? What kind of conclusion will there be if the FBI is in charge of it?"

The FBI has divulged little information about what led the agent to shoot Ibragim Todashev, 27, except to - allege that Todashev was shot after he initiated a violent altercation. Most descriptions of what happened have surfaced in conflicting press reports: that Todashev came at the interrogators with a blade, or with a broomstick, or that he was unarmed.

According to media reports, Todashev was about to sign a confession implicating himself and Tsarnaev in the 2011 slayings of three men in Waltham. Todashev had lived in Cambridge and Allston before moving to Florida, and was close to Tsarnaev, whose father is also an ethnic Chechen. Tsarnaev, 26, died after a police shoot-out days after the Marathon bombings, which killed three people and wounded more than 260. His brother, Dzhokhar, 20, is facing federal charges related to the explosions.

Abdubaki Todashev disputed the possibility that his son, who according to family members and advocates had previously been questioned numerous times by authorities, could have attacked investigators in a way that would have forced them to kill him. Ibragim, a mixed martial arts fighter, was recovering from knee surgery and incapable of quick movement, his father said, and only weighed about 159 pounds.

"There were three people in a room and my son by himself," he said. "The FBI and police usually select healthy, big guys. If they were in danger, they could have stopped him, wounded him, shot him in an arm or a leg, used a Taser. This is an unprecedented, premeditated, and intentional murder, because they shot him in the heart and the head."

At a May news conference in Moscow, Todashev showed journalists pictures he said depicted his son's body with seven bullet wounds.

Todashev acknowledged that his quest for an independent investigation faces serious obstacles. Massachusetts Attorney General Martha Coakley and Florida's law enforcement commissioner have separately said they would not conduct their own investigations.

The American Civil Liberties Union had urged the states to investigate, arguing that police from both states

were present during the fatal shooting. The Council on American-Islamic Relations has also called for an independent inquiry, saying in a letter to the Justice Department in June: "It seems unlikely that the agents were justified in using deadly force against a single unarmed suspect."

The FBI usually investigates shootings by its own agents, along with the Justice Department. There have been exceptions -- the Michigan attorney general and the Dearborn police conducted their own inquiries into the 2009 shooting by the FBI of an imam in Detroit. Neither investigation found evidence of wrongdoing by agents.

Abdubaki Todashev, a city official in Grozny, Russia, came to America to repatriate his son's body in June.

This time, he said, he could not predict how long he would be in the country. But he expressed concern that something might happen on the way to Florida.

"I am worried that your government might accuse me of something," he said. "So I want everyone to know, I have all my documents in order, I'm not bringing anything illegal. I just want to get to the bottom of this."

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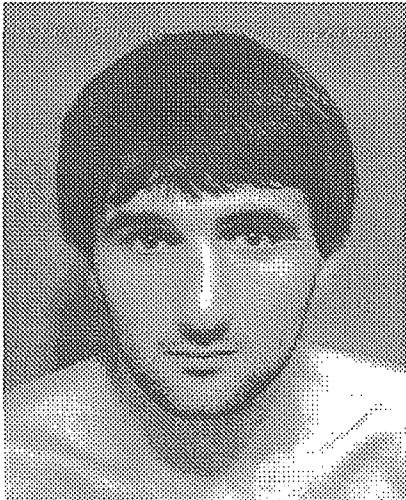
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States urged to look into Ibragim Todashev's death

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Ibragim Todashev

The American Civil Liberties Union is urging state officials in Massachusetts and Florida to conduct their own investigations into the fatal shooting of a Chechen man by a Boston FBI agent, saying it was unlikely the FBI investigation would fully inform the public about the death.

The FBI and the Department of Justice are conducting an internal inquiry into the May 22 shooting of Ibragim Todashev, a 27-year-old Russian national who was being questioned in his Orlando apartment by the FBI and the Massachusetts State Police about his friendship with suspected Boston Marathon bomber Tamerlan Tsarnaev.

On Monday, ACLU officials urged Attorney General Martha Coakley of Massachusetts and Gerald M. Bailey, commissioner of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, to investigate, as well.

The civil liberties group said state officials should look into the shooting because of the secrecy surrounding the FBI's inquiry and because state and local law enforcement, including at least one Orlando police officer, were also at the scene.

"When something goes wrong during an operation involving Massachusetts law enforcement officers, Massachusetts residents deserve a thorough and transparent investigation by Massachusetts officials," Carol Rose, executive director of the ACLU of Massachusetts, said in a letter to Coakley.

The letter said "it seems unlikely that the FBI investigation will meaningfully inform Massachusetts residents about what happened."

The New York Times recently discovered that the FBI and the US Justice Department's internal investigations of shootings over the past 20 years almost always cleared agents of wrongdoing.

Coakley spokesman Brad Puffer said Monday that the attorney general's office has no plans to investigate the matter at this time.

"We have reviewed the letter from the ACLU," he said. "While the use of deadly force by law enforcement should be appropriately investigated, this particular incident happened in another state, which is outside our jurisdiction."

A spokesman for Bailey said his department is reviewing the letter and expects to respond to the ACLU this week.

The Massachusetts State Police and the FBI declined to comment, citing the pending investigation. An Orlando police spokesman said he believed police had no authority to investigate the FBI shooting of Todashev.

“That’s a basic civics lesson,” said Sergeant Jim Young, spokesman for the Orlando department. “Local governments do not have jurisdiction over federal governments.”

Todashev’s family and friends, as well as the ACLU and the Council on American-Islamic Relations, have called for an independent investigation into the slaying, in part because of the secrecy surrounding the case, in contrast to past FBI shootings.

Two months after the shooting, the FBI has not provided a full accounting of Todashev’s death. Instead, conflicting reports based on anonymous sources have appeared in news articles, saying Todashev was armed with a blade, or unarmed, or that he attacked the FBI agent with a metal pole or perhaps a broomstick.

The FBI has also barred the medical examiner in Florida from revealing the cause of death, and US immigration officials have detained Todashev’s former roommate and a potential witness in the case, Tatiana Gruzdeva, for immigration violations.

Typically the only investigation into fatal shootings by FBI agents is conducted by the FBI itself with the agency that oversees it, the Justice Department.

However, state and local investigations of FBI shootings have happened before, notably following the 2009 shooting of Imam Luqman Ameen Abdullah of Detroit by the FBI. The Michigan attorney general and the Dearborn police probed the imam’s death and found the shooting was justified.

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A.C.L.U. Urges Inquiries in Shooting of Man Tied to Boston Suspect

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WASHINGTON — The American Civil Liberties Union on Monday urged local law enforcement officials in Florida and Massachusetts to open investigations into how an F.B.I. agent killed a man who was being interrogated in his Orlando apartment about the Boston Marathon bombing suspects.

In letters to the attorney general of Massachusetts and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, the A.C.L.U. said the public had little faith in the F.B.I.'s ability to investigate itself. The letters cited a recent article by The New York Times, which said that from 1993 to 2011, the F.B.I. deemed its agents' use of force justified in the 150 instances in which an F.B.I. agent fatally shot or wounded someone. The Times based its findings on investigation reports obtained through a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit.

"It seems unlikely that the F.B.I. investigation will meaningfully inform Massachusetts residents about what happened," Carol Rose, the executive director of the A.C.L.U. of Massachusetts, said in a letter to Martha M. Coakley, the attorney general of Massachusetts.

Ms. Rose added that the secrecy surrounding the F.B.I.'s investigation of the shooting of the Orlando man, Ibragim Todashev, had shaken "the public's faith in the agency's ability to review itself."

In May, Mr. Todashev allegedly admitted in the interrogation that he and Tamerlan Tsarnaev, the deceased Boston Marathon bombing suspect, were behind a grisly 2011 triple homicide in suburban Boston. The A.C.L.U. said that law enforcement officers from Orlando and Massachusetts were present for the questioning in Orlando.

There have been many accounts about what occurred after Mr. Todashev made the admission. Initially, the F.B.I. said the agent had been attacked with a knife, and later there was a report that Mr. Todashev was unarmed. Most recently, F.B.I. officials said that Mr. Todashev threw a table into the agent and ran at him with a metal pole, and that the agent then fatally wounded him.

F.B.I. officials have said that their investigation will be thorough, and that many shootings by agents have also been investigated by local law enforcement officials. But, in fact, there are rarely such investigations. The Orlando authorities have said that they are not independently investigating the episode.

The Council on American-Islamic Relations has previously called for an independent investigation into the Orlando shooting. The organization wrote a letter on June 1 to the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division to ask it to look into the shooting itself, rather than leaving it up to the F.B.I. to investigate the matter itself.

"While the official version of events changes daily, it appears that an unarmed Mr. Todashev was fatally shot at least seven times, including once in the head," wrote Thania Diaz Clevenger, the civil rights director in CAIR's Tampa office. "Based on several of the reports,

it seems unlikely that the agents were justified in using deadly force against a single unarmed suspect. The circumstances surrounding the shooting are at the very least alarming.”

On July 11, the Justice Department wrote back that the Civil Rights Division’s criminal section and the United States attorney’s office were “coordinating” with the F.B.I.’s Inspection Division in its investigation. A Justice Department official later clarified that that meant the agency was monitoring the F.B.I.’s investigation of itself, as it would with any other shooting episode involving a federal agent, and that it had not made any determination about conducting its own civil rights investigation.

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FBI bars Fla. from releasing Todashev autopsy

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Ibragim Todashev

A Florida medical examiner's office said Tuesday that the FBI has ordered the office not to release its autopsy report of a Chechen man fatally shot by a Boston FBI agent in May because of the federal agency's active internal investigation into his death.

The medical examiner's office said it completed the autopsy report on Ibragim Todashev, a friend of suspected Boston Marathon bomber, on July 8 and that the report was "ready for release." The agent shot and killed Todashev on May 22 in his Orlando apartment during an interrogation related to the Boston Marathon bombings.

"The FBI has informed this office that the case is still under active investigation and thus not to release the document," Tony Miranda, forensic records coordinator for

Orange and Osceola counties in Orlando, said in a letter to the media today. Miranda said state law bars his office from releasing the report if a criminal investigation is ongoing.

The FBI and the Justice Department are conducting an internal inquiry into the shooting, but critics have called for an independent inquiry, questioning the blanket of secrecy surrounding the case.

The FBI and the Massachusetts State Police sought out Todashev after the Marathon bombings, but have refused to release details of the shooting. Media reports have provided conflicting accounts: Some said Todashev attacked the agent with a blade during an interrogation, while others said Todashev was unarmed. Another said he lunged at the agent with a metal pole or a broomstick.

The medical examiner's office said it would check with the FBI every month for permission to release the autopsy report, and that such delays most frequently happen with homicide cases.

According to media reports, Todashev was about to sign a confession implicating himself and Tamerlan Tsarnaev, who is now dead, in the 2011 slayings of three men in Waltham. Instead, Todashev lunged at the agent, who was injured, according to reports. The agent shot Todashev multiple times, according to family members who released photos of Todashev's dead body as part of their call for an inquiry into his death.

Family members and advocacy groups have questioned the media accounts, pointing out that Todashev had repeatedly cooperated with the FBI and had been weakened by recent knee surgery.

The Council on American-Islamic Relations and the ACLU have called for independent inquiries into the shooting.

The council said in a letter to the Department of Justice, which oversees the FBI and is participating in the internal inquiry, that FBI agents had approached Todashev in an aggressive manner. In one instance, the council said, six law enforcement agents drew their guns and pushed Todashev to the ground.

Todashev, a 27-year-old ethnic Chechen like Tsarnaev, came to America in 2008 to study English and won asylum that year from his native Russia. He lived in Allston and Cambridge before moving south to Florida.

A mixed martial arts fighter, Todashev was arrested in 2010 in Boston for a road-rage incident and again in Florida weeks before he was killed for allegedly beating a man in a fight over a parking space.

According to CAIR in Florida, which is conducting its own investigation into Todashev's slaying, Todashev had spoken to the FBI at least three times at their offices after the Marathon bombings. Family and friends have said he postponed a trip home to Chechnya to speak with the FBI the night of May 21, staying up with them past midnight until he was killed.

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Body of Ibragim Todashev is flown to Russia

Delta refused, won't say why

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Almost a month after he was shot and killed by a Boston FBI agent, Ibragim Todashev's body was loaded on a 5:40 p.m. flight to Russia on Tuesday, concluding his family's nearly monthlong process of getting his body home.

Todashev's family has attempted to ship the body back to Russia since it was released by the Florida medical examiner the week after the shooting on May 22. However, according to family members and friends, the FBI has yet to release his green card and passport, both confiscated during their investigation, making it difficult to book a flight.

Todashev, 27, a Russian native living in Orlando when he was killed, was a friend of accused Boston Marathon bombing suspect Tamerlan Tsarnaev and was interviewed several times about that relationship.

During his final voluntary interview, Todashev was shot multiple times and killed by an agent who said the man attacked him. Details of what happened in the moments before the shooting remain shrouded in secrecy, with the FBI refusing to release any information, citing an ongoing investigation.

Unnamed law enforcement officials have leaked various, conflicting versions of the altercation to various news organizations, including the Globe. Some allege that Todashev wielded a knife, sword, blade, or broomstick. Others have told reporters that he was unarmed.

The Muslim civil rights group representing the family has called for an independent investigation into the shooting and has begun its own examination of whether excessive force was used.

Todashev's family was forced to scrap plans to ship his body to Russia last weekend when they were informed by Delta Airlines, citing a similar decision regarding the body of Tsarnaev, that the company would not fly the body back, according to the Council on American-Islamic Relations, retained by Todashev's family as legal counsel.

After unsuccessfully petitioning Delta, the family had Todashev's body loaded onto another commercial airline's flight Tuesday evening, accompanied by his wife and father.

"We want to see justice done here," said Hassan Shibly, CAIR's spokesman. "There is an endless number of unanswered questions surrounding this shooting."

Abdul-Baki Todashev traveled from Russia last week to help finalize travel plans for his son's body and view the scene of the shooting.

The group's civil rights attorneys said they are looking into whether Delta's refusal to transport the body meets the legal threshold for a discrimination suit.

The airline's corporate policy states the airline will ship a body as long as a birth certificate can be produced, said Thania Diaz Clevenger, the group's civil rights director. But even when that document was produced, an airline representative informed CAIR that it would not ship the body, citing a similar decision made during the effort to bury Tsarnaev.

"It's outrageous," said Diaz Clevenger.

Delta Airlines confirmed to the Globe Tuesday that it had turned the body away, but would not explain why.

"Delta made a business decision not to transport the remains back to Russia," said Russell Cason, a Delta spokesman, in a statement. He declined to elaborate.

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FBI director admits to lapse before Marathon bombing

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WASHINGTON — FBI Director Robert S. Mueller III acknowledged on Thursday that a lack of formal communication within the agency may have prevented investigators from alerting Russian authorities that Tamerlan Tsarnaev had returned to Russia before the Marathon bombing, information that Russian officials say could have averted the act of terrorism.

Mueller also told the House Judiciary Committee that the government's recently exposed surveillance techniques, which have been criticized as too sweeping, can be credited with helping spur an investigation of an associate of Tsarnaev, Ibragim Todashev, 27. Todashev was shot to death by an FBI agent in Florida last month during an interview related to his and Tsarnaev's possible involvement in a Waltham triple homicide. Mueller declined to comment on the specific circumstances during Thursday's hearing, citing an ongoing investigation.

Mueller, who is preparing to step down after 12 years leading the FBI, said that the agency has changed its procedures following the Boston Marathon bombings to require a more formal process of communication between investigators. But he disputed speculation that any communication breakdown facilitated the bombings. "Even if [procedures] had been fixed prior to the Boston bombing, I do not think it would have stopped it," he said.

Mueller had acknowledged during congressional testimony last month that the agency needed to "scrub and see what we could have done better" in regard to notifications among US intelligence officials about Tsarnaev's trip in early 2012 to Dagestan, a republic of Russia that is a cauldron of Islamist militancy. But his comments Thursday appear to be the furthest the FBI director has gone in acknowledging the extent of the procedural flaws during the investigation that preceded the bombings.

his brother, Dzhokhar, 19, who is in custody, are suspected of planting the two bombs that killed three and injured more than 260 on April 15.

Mueller testified Thursday that the FBI did a "thorough job" investigating Tsarnaev when Russian authorities alerted the agency in March 2011 of their belief Tsarnaev was a terrorism threat. But he blamed Russian authorities for failing to respond three times to an FBI request for follow-up evidence after the US-based investigation.

After Mueller testified, an FBI official detailed the new notification procedures, saying that they involve creating a written record in possible terrorism cases so that investigators — in this case the Boston Joint Terrorism Task Force — would formally be alerted to a potential suspect's whereabouts.

When Tsarnaev traveled to Dagestan, the FBI investigators in Boston who had interviewed him earlier were alerted to his trip only by word of mouth — and nothing was added to his case file about it, said the FBI official, who was not authorized to speak publicly.

The FBI's informal communication procedures, at issue soon after the bombing investigation began, drew particular scrutiny in late May when a congressional delegation traveled to meet with Russian

intelligence officials and was told that better communication between the FBI and the Russian security agency, known as the FSB, could have prevented the bombing. The FSB was especially concerned that its agents had not been alerted to Tsarnaev's trip to Dagestan.

Russian authorities believed Tsarnaev "had plans to join the insurgency back in" Dagestan, Representative William R. Keating told the Globe in May, following meetings with Russian authorities. Keating, a Bourne Democrat, was a member of the delegation.

But the FSB did not independently realize he was in Dagestan because he had traveled on documents issued by the country where he grew up, Kyrgyzstan, not Russia or the United States.

Another member of the congressional delegation, Representative Stephen Cohen, a Tennessee Democrat, confronted Mueller with that account during Thursday's hearing.

"The impression I got, and this is a big leap: They said if they would have known, if you would have followed up and they would have known that he was coming back to Dagestan, that possibly the Boston Marathon bombing would not have occurred," Cohen said. "I presume that means they would have 'offed' him, which would have been great."

Mueller did not respond directly to the suggestion that Russian agents would have killed Tsarnaev if they had received better intelligence from the FBI. He told Cohen that, "For a variety of reasons, not the least of which the case had been closed some time ago, that particular indication that he was on his on his way back to Russia did not get acted upon."

Mueller's other significant disclosure involved Todashev, the Tsarnaev associate killed in Florida. Federal law enforcement officials have been quoted anonymously in various publications as saying that Todashev was confessing to a role in a Waltham triple homicide in 2011 and also implicating Tsarnaev in that crime. The FBI has yet to clarify the circumstances of death of Todashev, who has not been linked to the Marathon bombings.

Mueller shed no new light on that investigation Thursday, saying only "there was a response to a threat," apparently referring to reports that Todashev threatened an FBI agent during questioning.

But in his comments Thursday he used the case to bolster his argument that government surveillance techniques revealed recently are an important tool for law enforcement. There has been extensive debate over two programs to collect millions of phone, e-mail, and Internet records.

When asked how Todashev came to the agency's attention, he said it was through "a number of ways including one of the programs that is under scrutiny today."

Mueller spent much of his three-hour testimony on Thursday defending those programs, facing skepticism from some lawmakers who argued that they are too invasive. At one point, he said that if such programs had existed before the Sept. 11 attacks, those acts of terrorism might have been derailed.

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ACLU joins calls for outside probe
Details sought in Orlando killing

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Almost two weeks after Ibragim Todashev was shot and killed by an FBI agent in Orlando, one of the nation's leading civil liberties groups has joined calls for the bureau to release details of the shooting, as well as for an independent investigation.

With little information from the government so far, the American Civil Liberties Union said it is monitoring the case.

"We're concerned, like many other groups, about the way this story has changed," said Michael German, senior policy counsel in the ACLU's legislative office. "What we'd like to see is an independent and transparent investigation into what happened in this case."

Todashev, 27, was shot and killed May 22 after being interviewed for hours in his Orlando apartment by FBI agents. A Chechen man and a friend of accused Boston Marathon bomber Tamerlan **Tsarnaev**, Todashev had been monitored since the days immediately following the Marathon bombing and had been previously questioned about his relationship with **Tsarnaev**.

The FBI has refused to officially disclose what led to the shooting or if Todashev had a weapon. However, unnamed law enforcement officials have spread inconsistent versions of what occurred in the apartment through the Globe and other news outlets.

German added that the details being leaked by the FBI to news media via unnamed sources - that Todashev was in the process of confessing to an unsolved 2011 triple murder in Waltham - could unfairly influence public perception of Todashev before the full set of facts come to light.

"Those types of accusations are easy to make," German said. "The longer that it takes for these details to be released, the more concern develops and the less good faith there is in whatever story eventually comes out from the FBI," German said.

FBI officials in Tampa and Boston have said they will not be releasing any further information on the shooting. An FBI spokesman in Washington, D.C., did not respond to requests for comment.

Todashev's friends and family, both in the United States and in Russia, have called for an independent investigation of the shooting, as has the Council on American-Islamic Relations, one of the nation's most prominent Muslim advocacy groups.

On Monday, Russia's state-owned media, ITAR-TASS, reported that Russian officials have asked the FBI to hand

over investigative documents related to Todashev's shooting, including Todashev's autopsy report, which remains sealed, as well as documentation related to the firearms used in the shooting.

Elected officials in the United States have remained silent on the shooting. Governor Rick Scott of Florida, Mayor Buddy Dyer of Orlando, and US Representative Daniel Webster of Florida did not respond to requests for comment.

US Representative William R. Keating, a member of the Homeland Security and Foreign Affairs committees, said Saturday that he had not received FBI briefings on the shooting, but he urged patience and noted the need for details to remain secret while the FBI completes its investigation.

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Man Tied to Boston Suspect Is Said to Have Attacked Agent Before Being Shot

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WASHINGTON — A man who was killed in Orlando, Fla., last week while being questioned by an F.B.I. agent about his relationship with Tamerlan Tsarnaev, one of the Boston Marathon bombing suspects, had knocked the agent to the ground with a table and ran at him with a metal pole before being shot, according to a senior law enforcement official briefed on the matter.

The official's account of the shooting, the most detailed to date, came several hours after the man's Chechen father claimed at a news conference in Moscow on Thursday that his son, Ibragim Todashev, was unarmed when he was killed on May 22. The father, Abdulbaki Todashev, displayed photographs of his son's bullet-ridden body and demanded that the United States government explain how he was killed.

On the day of the shooting, federal law enforcement officials provided differing accounts of the episode, initially saying Mr. Todashev had a knife. Later they said Mr. Todashev had "exploded" at the agent and might have had a pipe or might not have had anything in his hands.

The shooting occurred after an F.B.I. agent from Boston and two detectives from the Massachusetts State Police had been interviewing Mr. Todashev for several hours about his possible involvement in a triple homicide in Waltham, Mass., in 2011, according to the law enforcement official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because the investigation was continuing.

Mr. Todashev, according to the F.B.I., confessed to his involvement in the deaths and implicated Mr. Tsarnaev. He then started to write a statement admitting his involvement while sitting at a table across from the agent and one of the detectives when the agent briefly looked away, the official said. At that moment, Mr. Todashev picked up the table and threw it at the agent, knocking him to the ground.

While trying to stand up, the agent, who suffered a wound to his face from the table that required stitches, drew his gun and saw Mr. Todashev running at him with a metal pole, according to the official, adding that it might have been a broomstick.

The agent fired several shots at Mr. Todashev, striking him and knocking him backward. But Mr. Todashev again charged at the agent. The agent fired several more shots at Mr. Todashev, killing him. The detective in the room did not fire his weapon, the official said.

Under the F.B.I.'s guidelines, agents can fire a gun at someone if they feel the person is a threat to them or someone else. The episode is being reviewed by a team of F.B.I. investigators who specialize in shootings and by the district attorney in Orlando, the official said.

At the news conference in Moscow, the elder Mr. Todashev said his son had been interrogated for eight hours in his home on the day of the shooting because he had refused to report to an official building for what would have been a third round of questioning. He said that judging from his son's wounds, he had been shot seven times, including once on the crown of his head.

"I want justice," said Mr. Todashev, who works for the city government in Grozny, the capital of Chechnya. "I want this to be investigated, so that these people will be put on trial in America. These are not F.B.I. agents, they are bandits. They must be put on trial."

Mr. Todashev, said the agents had focused exclusively on the Boston bombing the first time they questioned his son, and they raised the 2011 killings in subsequent conversations. He said his son was planning to fly to Russia on May 24 for a visit because he had received his American green card two months earlier and was now free to travel.

"Probably he was tired of these interrogations," he said. "He said, 'I am home; you should come to me.' That kind of conversation took place. And they came to his home."

Mr. Todashev, a father of 12, said his son was with a friend, Khusen Taramov, when the agents arrived. He said they had separated the two men and questioned Mr. Taramov outside, before releasing him after four hours. When Mr. Taramov asked about his friend, Mr. Todashev said, "They pushed him off, told him, 'We're going to be with him a long time.'" Mr. Taramov returned later to find the house surrounded by police officers and emergency vehicles.

"I have questions for the Americans," said Zaurbek Sadakhanov, a lawyer who has worked with the Todashev family as well as the family of Mr. Tsarnaev and his brother, Dzhokhar, the other suspect in the Boston bombings. "Why was he questioned for the third time without a lawyer? Why wasn't Ibragim's questioning recorded on audio or videotape, seeing

as he was being questioned without a lawyer? What was the need to shoot Ibragim seven times, when five fully equipped police officers with stun guns were against him?"

He also complained about the muted response of the Russian Foreign Ministry. The ministry often responds vocally to the treatment of Russian citizens by officials of foreign governments, but it has made no statement about Mr. Todashev's shooting. Much of the news conference focused on the actions of United States law enforcement.

"We will never know whether Ibragim Todashev and Tamerlan Tsarnaev were criminals, because the investigation ends with their death," Mr. Sadakhanov said. "If that's what happens in American democracy, then I am against the export of that democracy to Russia."

Mr. Todashev said Ibragim had graduated from a university in Chechnya and then traveled to the United States in 2008, hoping to improve his English. He said his son befriended the Tsarnaev brothers in Boston, but had moved to Florida two years ago. This relationship was of central interest to the agents who questioned Ibragim, Mr. Todashev said, adding that his son told them he did not believe the Tsarnaev brothers were guilty.

"He did not believe the Tsarnaevs did this," he said. "He said they had been set up. These were his exact words."

He said he hoped to receive an American visa so that he could retrieve his son's body and take it back to Russia for burial. He said that he has so far received no account of his son's death from American officials, and that he had received the photographs of his son's corpse from a friend who had sent them to him electronically. The photographs were published Thursday on the Russian Web site Kavkazskaya Politika.

Wife says man killed by FBI agent was never questioned in Waltham murders

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ORLANDO — The wife and best friend of the Chechen man shot and killed here by an FBI agent on Wednesday insisted today that authorities never questioned him, or them, prior to the fatal confrontation, about an unsolved triple slaying in Waltham.

Ibragim Todashev acknowledged a role in the 2011 triple homicide when he attacked the agent early Wednesday with a blade, the Globe reported today. Todashev was not considered a suspect in the Marathon terror attacks, law enforcement officials told the Globe.

Todashev's wife, Reni Manukyan, said her husband could not have been involved in the Waltham murders, and that the subject had never been brought up in FBI interviews.

Manukyan, 24, said today that Todashev told her that his previous interviews with law enforcement dealt with just two subjects: the Boston Marathon bombing and Tamerlan Tsarnaev.

Manukyan, who separated from Todashev in November, said that in her own interview with the FBI, conducted in Georgia where she lives, the unsolved murders were never mentioned.

"It never, ever came up," she said, wiping tears from beneath her sunglasses. "Everything they asked was about the bombing."

Middlesex District Attorney Marian T. Ryan issued a statement today defending the pace of the Waltham investigation, a statement that also made clear Ryan's office believes it is constrained by ethics rules for lawyers from publicly discussing it.

"While we can not discuss details pertaining to the investigation, including evidence, suspects or witnesses, this office and its law enforcement partners have conducted a thorough, far-reaching investigation beginning in 2011 when this horrific crime occurred," Ryan said in the statement. "This investigation has not concluded and is by no means closed."

The statement did acknowledge that the FBI is now part of the investigatory team, which also includes prosecutors and Waltham and State Police. The FBI does not routinely participate in murder investigations in Massachusetts.

Manukyan said she and Todashev met in Boston and married in 2010. First, they lived in Atlanta, near Manukyan's family, before moving to Florida sometime in 2011, she said today.

Manukyan, an Armenian immigrant who converted to Islam before marrying Todashev, stood near the apartment she once shared with her late husband dressed in gray jeans, a blue scarf, and a black shawl.

Also today, Todashev's best friend in Florida, Khusen Taramov, said the two had been interviewed many times by FBI agents, and had been followed for weeks by an unmarked law enforcement vehicle since the Marathon bombings.

Taramov, a fellow Chechen and immigrant from Russia, said his slain friend had been called almost daily by agents since the bombings, but Todashev had been assured that the Tuesday night interview would be the final one.

"They told us they needed just one more interview," he said. "They said the case was closed after this."

Fearful it would make them look suspicious, neither he nor Todashev had a lawyer present during the FBI questioning, Taramov said.

Taramov, who said he had spent nearly every moment with Todashev since the bombing, insisted that his friend had never been asked about the triple slaying in Waltham.

"We told each other everything, everything," Taramov said. "He never said anything about any murder and they never asked him anything about that. Just about the bombings and [Tamerlan] Tsarnaev."

Tamerlan Tsarnaev, 26, and his younger brother, Dzhokhar, 19, allegedly planted two bombs on Boylston Street during the Boston Marathon April 15, a terrorist act that claimed the lives of three people and wounded more than 260. The brothers are also suspects in the April 18 murder of MIT Police Officer Sean A. Collier, who was shot to death inside his cruiser.

Tamerlan Tsarnaev was killed after being shot by police and then run over with a car driven by his brother during a violent confrontation with police in Watertown on April 19. Dzhokhar Tsarnaev is in federal custody facing charges that could bring the death penalty. He faces a probable cause hearing in federal court on July 10.

The Globe has reported that authorities suspect Tamerlan Tsarnaev was responsible for the Sept. 11, 2011, murders of three men in a Waltham apartment. Brendan H. Mess, Rafael M. Teken, and Erik H. Weissman were found with their throats cut and their bodies sprinkled with marijuana and cash. Mess and Tsarnaev were close friends.

Just before noon here, Manukyan and Taramov left the Kissimmee, Fla., apartment complex where all three once lived, heading to identify Todashev's body, which has yet to be released by the FBI.

Once the body is released, they plan to arrange for it to be shipped back to Russia for burial.

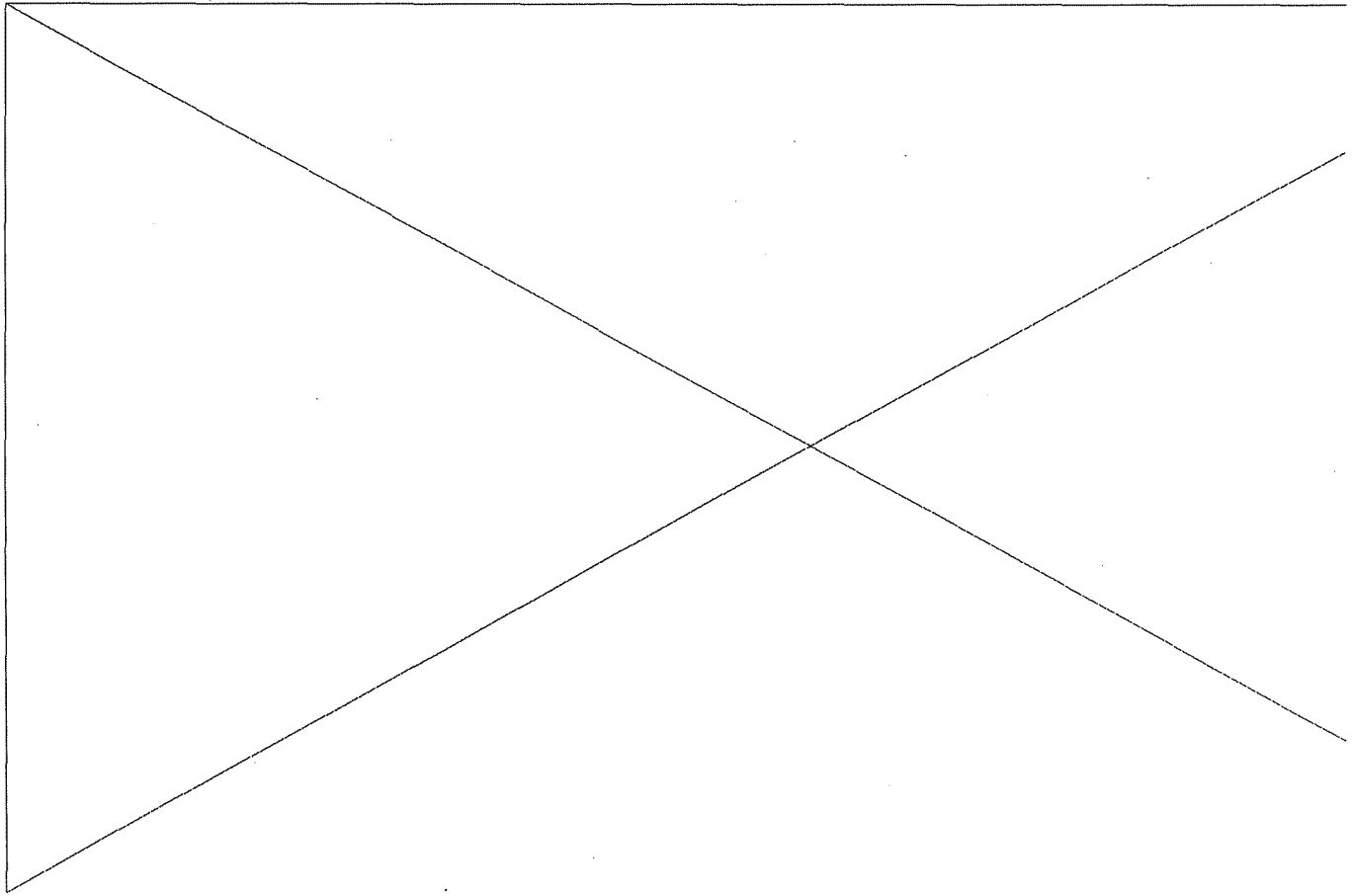
"It is very important to his family that the body is buried in Russia," Taramov said. "And, knowing him, [Todashev] would have wanted to be buried in his country, back at home."

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Slain suspect had thought about missing FBI interview

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ORLANDO — Last Sunday, FBI agents called Ibragim Todashev to schedule what they said would be their last interview about the Chechen native's relationship with one of the Boston Marathon bombing suspects, said his friend, Khusen Taramov.

Todashev agreed to a Tuesday night interview, but only at his Orlando apartment, because he feared that if he went to an FBI office, he would never be let out, said his friend.

As the 7:30 p.m. appointment approached, Todashev considered skipping the meeting. "He thought something bad was going to happen," said Taramov. "He thought they were going to make up some charge and arrest him."

Hours into that interview, Todashev was shot and killed by an FBI agent, after he allegedly attacked and injured the interrogator.

The Globe has reported that the fatal shooting occurred after the 27-year-old mixed martial arts fighter had implicated himself in an unsolved 2011 triple homicide in Waltham. Investigators now believe Marathon bombing suspect Tamerlan Tsarnaev, who was friendly with one of the Waltham victims, may also have played a role in the grisly slayings.

Taramov and Todashev's estranged wife, Reni Manukyan, insisted Thursday that authorities never questioned them or Todashev, about the Waltham slayings before the night of the fatal encounter with the FBI.

The FBI declined to comment Thursday on the Orlando shooting, beyond saying that an FBI team from Washington continues to investigate what happened in the apartment.

Todashev's violent death brought a shocking end to the FBI's intense scrutiny of the former Allston and Cambridge man, which began within days after authorities identified Tamerlan Tsarnaev, 26, and his brother, Dzhokhar, 19, ethnic Chechens like Todashev and Taramov, as the alleged bombers who planted explosives near the finish line of the city's historic race on April 15.

The terrorist attack killed three and wounded more than 260. The brothers are also suspects in the April 18 slaying of MIT police Officer Sean Collier in Cambridge.

The family of one of the victims killed in the blasts, 8-year-old Martin Richard, announced Thursday that his younger sister, Jane, was discharged from Boston Children's Hospital and will continue her recovery at Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital.

"While we remain devastated over Martin's death and all that has happened to us, Jane's determination for getting better is an inspiring source of strength for the entire family," the family said in a statement.

Tamerlan Tsarnaev was killed after a shootout with police in Watertown during the early hours of April 19. Dzhokhar is in federal custody facing a possible death sentence and has been scheduled for a July 10 probable cause hearing in US District Court in Boston.

On the day Todashev was interviewed in Florida for the final time by the FBI, he was preparing for a trip home to Russia, said his anguished father.

"He was supposed to be on a plane tomorrow, but he [was] told he had to meet with the FBI," the father, Abdulbaki Todashev, said Thursday in an emotional telephone interview from Grozny, Russia, in which he clearly struggled to understand the events that led to his son's death.

"My son is not capable of this," he said, of Ibragim Todashev's alleged attack on an armed agent. "He would never attack a police officer. He believed in justice, and perhaps this was his failing. He could not bear injustice."

Asked how this trait might have affected his son's reaction Wednesday, Todashev said, "If they came to your house at night and bullied you for eight hours, would you be able to keep calm? I think any person's innate survival instinct would switch on."

Todashev said that he has not been contacted by US authorities about his son's death and that he found out about the fatal shooting from friends who saw the news on the Internet.

The father said his son never mentioned any connection to the unsolved Waltham murders, and he does not believe his son had anything to do with them or with the Marathon bombings.

“If they suspected him for something, why did they give him a green card?,” the father said. “There is a clear picture emerging that this is all fabricated. They killed my son, and then they made up a reason to explain it. If there’s an earthquake somewhere, they blame Chechens. If there’s a flood in Africa, they blame Chechens.”

On Thursday, a quiet hush hung over the site of the shooting, a series of two-story housing units. Just after 5 p.m., Orlando police officers removed some of the crime scene tape from the apartment complex, opening a strip of roadway that had been closed since the shooting.

Moments later, two FBI agents emerged from the apartment and told reporters that the investigation at the scene was still active and it was unclear how much longer it would take.

Ibragim Todashev arrived in the United States several years ago on a visa to study. He was granted asylum, protection given to foreigners with a credible fear for their safety in their homelands because of religious, political, or other specific forms of persecution, the Globe has reported.

But, his father, who is a ranking official in the mayor’s office in Grozny, the capital of Chechnya, which is a region in Russia, said his son would not have been persecuted in Chechnya and he did not know why he would have been granted asylum.

In February, Todashev was granted legal permanent residence in the United States.

Todashev, by some accounts a hothead, was arrested at gunpoint May 4 after allegedly beating up a man in a dispute in a parking lot. He was also arrested in Boston in 2010 after an altercation following a traffic accident.

Taramov said FBI agents first called Todashev just days after Tamerlan Tsarnaev was killed, and they interviewed him daily by phone. The agents repeatedly grilled Todashev about when and how often he spoke to Tsarnaev, said Taramov.

Todashev’s estranged wife, Manukyan, said Thursday that the couple had met in Boston and married in 2010. First, they lived in Atlanta, near Manukyan’s family before moving to Florida sometime in 2011, she said.

The revelation that Tamerlan may have been involved in the Waltham killings has raised the possibility that the Marathon bombing could have been prevented if the triple homicide had been solved.

Middlesex District Attorney Marian T. Ryan issued a statement Thursday defending the pace of the investigation into the Waltham murders.

“While we can not discuss details pertaining to the investigation — including evidence, suspects or witnesses — this office and its law enforcement partners have conducted a thorough, far-reaching investigation beginning in 2011 when this horrific crime occurred,” Ryan said in the statement. “This investigation has not concluded and is by no means closed.”

The statement acknowledged that the FBI is now part of the investigatory team, which also includes prosecutors and Waltham and State Police.

Ryan said her office would not discuss the investigation with the public.

Todashev's body will be shipped back to family in Russia, which is expected to cost the family about \$10,000, said his friend.

Tearful yet focused on the task at hand, Manukyan prepared Thursday to identify the body. "I'm the only one he needs to hold it together, who needs to be holding up. So I am," she said. "Once this is finished, then I can mourn."

Even after the body is buried, Taramov's life will not be returning to normal. He said he quit his job at a pizzeria.

"My boss called me and said: Don't show up here, it's too dangerous," Taramov said in disgust.

"Not even a 'I'm sorry for your loss.' Nothing."

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Stark overtones in '11 Waltham killings

For victims, Tsarnaev, ally, many strands of violence

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At first it seemed a grisly triple homicide in Waltham on Sept. 11, 2011, was a drug deal gone bad.

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On a Sunday afternoon in summer 2010, Brendan H. Mess, a close friend of Tamerlan Tsarnaev and a

specialist in mixed martial arts, was walking along a Cambridge street when he came face to face with a police officer. The patrolman was investigating a complaint that Mess, then 24, had attacked a group of people near Inman Square, breaking one man's nose and leaving another with a bloody mouth.

Rather than cooperate, Mess began yelling at the officer, at one point saying, "I can knock you out if I wanted to," according to the officer's report. Soon, three additional officers arrived, and Mess was hit with a chemical spray, wrestled to the ground, and handcuffed.

Even then, police said, Mess continued threatening the officers.

A year later, Mess was dead, his throat slashed in a grisly triple homicide in Waltham on Sept. 11, 2011, that was widely assumed to be a drug deal gone bad and all but forgotten. But 18 months later it has burst again into the public eye, an international incident with links to the alleged Boston Marathon bombers, a man shot this week in Orlando, Fla., and a world of extreme violence they inhabited.

"This is an ongoing investigation, and clearly there are some very dangerous people involved in this whole series of crimes," Boston Police Commissioner Edward F. Davis said Thursday.

Authorities now say bombing suspect Tamerlan Tsarnaev may have helped kill the three men, along with Ibragim Todashev, who was shot by an FBI agent after he allegedly lunged at the agent with a blade during an interview in Orlando.

"The Orlando questioning was focused on what happened in Waltham," Davis said.

Little has been publicly known of the three men who were discovered in Mess's apartment, where they had gathered to watch a football game. Investigators said they appeared to have been ambushed, their throats slashed and marijuana covering them.

Killed with Mess were Erik H. Weissman, 31, and Raphael M. Teken, 37. All three were familiar to police. Teken, who attended Brookline High School and Brandeis University and whose father, Avi Teken, is the spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation in Newton, had received six months of pretrial probation in 2005 after he was charged with assaulting a woman and maliciously damaging property.

Weissman, who, like Mess and Tsarnaev, attended Cambridge Ringe & Latin School, had run into deeper legal trouble. According to court records reviewed by the Globe, on Jan. 17, 2011, Boston police searched Weissman's Roslindale apartment and seized more than \$21,000 in cash, along with drug paraphernalia and a wide assortment of drugs, including marijuana, hashish, cocaine, and Oxycontin.

Weissman was also charged in 2008 with drug possession with intent to distribute after Boston police stopped him for traffic violations in Allston and found marijuana in his car.

Weissman's lawyer, Norman S. Zalkind, said Weissman was not attempting to negotiate a plea deal by informing on other criminal suspects, which would virtually eliminate the possibility that the three men were killed as an act of retribution by a drug supplier who may have been involved with Weissman.

"We were working out a very positive situation for Erik; he had a very good case," Zalkind said, adding that Weissman was challenging the legality of the warrant used to search his apartment. "He wasn't afraid of any significant problem."

Friends and relatives of the victims said the apartment was rented by Mess and that Weissman, after having his cash and drugs seized by the police, was staying there temporarily. Teken also lived in Waltham.

It has always been clear, authorities say, that those who committed the killings were strong and skilled combatants. On their death certificates, Mess is listed as a martial arts instructor and Teken as a personal trainer. Yet the three men were overpowered and killed without a shot being fired.

Mess once challenged a person who tried to rob him at gunpoint in Cambridge, said a friend who witnessed the incident. Though the gun turned out to be fake, the friend said, Mess approached his assailant and said, "Pull the trigger. Do what you have to do."

"Brendan was nobody to mess with," the friend said. "He wouldn't lay down and get his throat cut."

The Globe reported last month that friends and relatives of the victims began suspecting Tsarnaev of the homicides for a variety of reasons, including a change in behavior after the slayings. The killings also occurred on a date of great significance to jihadists.

Initially, neighbors of the victims said they were told by police that the killings were probably drug related. But some family members disagreed, as did Zalkind.

“With a drug killing, people come over and – bang, bang – it’s over,” Zalkind said. “They want to get out of there as fast as they can.”

It remains unclear whether authorities investigated Tsarnaev in connection with the killings before friends and family of the victims began calling Waltham police and federal authorities last month to report a possible link, after Tsarnaev and his brother, Dzhokhar, were publicly identified as the suspected Marathon bombers.

But there is no question about Tsarnaev’s ties to Mess, who had recently moved to Waltham from Cambridge at the urging of Mess’s girlfriend, Hibatalla Eltilib, according to friends and relatives of the victims who spoke with the Globe. Mess and Tsarnaev had grown close as neighbors near Inman Square, sharing a love of fighting, as well as hip-hop music.

Newly named Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan on Thursday said she would have no comment on any aspect of the investigation. But friends and relatives of the victims, in hindsight, said police should have examined the relationship between Eltilib, a native of Sudan, and Tsarnaev.

Although friends knew Tsarnaev to be Muslim, they did not consider him to be an extremist.

Eltilib, by contrast, was outspoken about her Islamic beliefs and disdain for many American values, friends said.

“She and Tam got really close and became friends,” said a friend of Mess, Tsarnaev, and Eltilib. “This was closer to Brendan’s death. They would share stories of their distaste for American culture. She was extremely aggressive and violent and had this radical way of thinking.”

All the friends and relatives of the victims who spoke with the Globe asked for anonymity due to fear of retribution from a killer who might still be at large.

Eltilib has since returned to Sudan. Repeated attempts to reach her in recent weeks were unsuccessful. It is unclear when she left the Greater Boston area, but her departure mirrors those of Tsarnaev and Todashev, each of whom also left the area following the triple homicide. Tsarnaev visited Russia for six months last year, and Todashev moved to Florida.

Only in retrospect did Tsarnaev’s behavior after the killings become suspicious to friends and family of the victims. They say he was absent from Mess’s wake a week after the slayings. Friends also wondered why he was absent again the next day when hundreds of Mess’s friends and relatives gathered for a memorial service at Ryle’s Jazz Club in Inman Square, near Tsarnaev’s home.

Several friends said he also behaved strangely during encounters in the weeks after. No longer humorous and engaging, they said, he was aloof, and one longtime acquaintance said Tsarnaev suddenly acted as if he did not know him.

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HEADLINE: Man Linked To Suspect In Boston Is Shot Dead

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One lingering mystery in the investigation of the Boston Marathon bombings is whether the dead suspect, Tamerlan Tsarnaev, played a role in the unsolved murders of three men, one of them his best friend, in a Boston suburb in 2011.

That question deepened early Wednesday when a man in Orlando, Fla., who was being interviewed by at least one F.B.I. agent and other investigators, implicated himself and Mr. Tsarnaev in those murders, and then was fatally shot after he apparently tried to assault the agent, two senior law enforcement officials said.

The man, Ibragim Todashev, had been speaking for two hours in his apartment to officials from the Massachusetts State Police and the F.B.I. about Mr. Tsarnaev and the Sept. 11, 2011, murders in Waltham, Mass., when he suddenly grabbed an object and tried to attack the agent, one official said.

"He exploded and leapt at him," said the official, who said the F.B.I. agent sustained minor injuries that required stitches.

A second law enforcement official said the shooting occurred after Mr. Todashev had admitted his role in the killings and had also implicated Mr. Tsarnaev. The official said he had begun writing out a statement when he asked to take a break.

"They got him to confess to the homicides, and they say, 'Let's write it down,' and he starts writing it down. He goes to get a cigarette or something and then he goes off the deep end," the second official said. "I don't know what triggered him, and he goes after the agent."

The official said Mr. Todashev had something in his hand, "a knife or a pipe or something."

It was not certain who, or how many officers, had fired on Mr. Todashev. Nor was it clear why, with at least three law enforcement officials in the room, deadly force was used on someone without a firearm in his hands. Asked, one law enforcement official said: "If somebody jumps on you and you have a gun, and you don't do something, the gun will quickly come into play."

Mr. Todashev's alleged oral admission and his subsequent death marked a bizarre twist in investigators' attempts to determine whether Mr. Tsarnaev participated in the gruesome killings in Waltham on the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks. The throats of his close friend, Brendan Mess, and two other men were slashed and marijuana was spread over their bodies.

The second official described what in effect appears to be a drug robbery.

"So Tamerlan says they have dope, they rip them off. Tamerlan says, 'They can identify me, so let's kill them.' And they kill them," the official said.

If Mr. Tsarnaev was involved, then the murders may shed light on the crucial question of what may have turned him violent and unstable, and whether that was before he traveled to his homeland in the North Caucasus

region of Russia last year.

The recent focus on Mr. Tsarnaev's possible involvement in the Waltham murders has also raised questions about whether authorities in Massachusetts missed an opportunity to thwart the marathon bombings by not adequately pursuing Mr. Tsarnaev as a murder suspect.

There was no indication on Wednesday why Mr. Todashev -- who, like the Tsarnaevs, was an ethnic Chechen -- would have implicated himself and Mr. Tsarnaev in the murders. Investigators, who are seeking to determine how Mr. Tsarnaev made money, have been looking into whether Mr. Todashev and Mr. Tsarnaev were drug dealers, one of the law enforcement officials said.

Mr. Todashev had not signed a written statement about the Waltham murders before he was fatally shot. "He had only said it orally but had not signed anything," said the first official. "But that was where it appeared to be heading."

The shooting occurred in a sprawling condominium complex in Orlando, less than a mile from an entrance to Universal Studios, where many of the residents work. On Wednesday, several streets in the complex were blocked off by federal and local law enforcement officials.

The law enforcement official said that the authorities had spoken to Mr. Todashev at least twice since the April 15 bombings in Boston, which killed three people and injured more than 200.

Mr. Todashev and Mr. Tsarnaev saw each other regularly in Boston before Mr. Todashev moved to Florida about two years ago, though they were not particularly close, Mr. Tsarnaev's mother said in an interview in Russia.

"Tamerlan said he was a good guy, he said he was a boxer or some other kind of athlete," Zubeidat Tsarnaeva said by telephone from Dagestan. She said she had broken down when she heard the news on Wednesday.

"Now another boy has left this life," she said. "Why are they killing these children without any trial or investigation?"

The triple murder stunned the community of Waltham, 10 miles west of Boston. The police were called to Mr. Mess's home on the afternoon of Sept. 12, 2011, after witnesses said a woman had rushed out screaming about dead bodies covered in marijuana, and blood everywhere.

Mr. Mess was strong and would have been difficult to subdue, and Mr. Tsarnaev was one of the most accomplished amateur boxers in Boston, a heavyweight. Some in nearby Cambridge who knew Mr. Mess and the Tsarnaevs also grew suspicious of Mr. Tsarnaev when he did not show up for Mr. Mess's funeral, despite being a close friend.

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After Murder Suspect's Death, Probe Is Decried, Defended

Todashev's Family Doubts His Involvement in Massachusetts Triple Killing; Prosecutor Says Case Isn't Closed

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WALTHAM, Mass.—A state prosecutor probing an unsolved 2011 triple homicide defended the investigation on Thursday after federal officials said they believe Boston bombing suspect Tamerlan Tsarnaev helped carry out the murders.

Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan, who was appointed to the post last month, said the case is still open and active. "This office and its law-enforcement partners have conducted a thorough, far-reaching investigation beginning in 2011 when this horrific crime occurred," Ms. Ryan said. "This investigation has not concluded and is by no means closed."

She released the statement a day after two U.S. officials said that investigators believe Mr. Tsarnaev participated in the September 2011 murder of three men who were found in an apartment outside Boston with their throats slit. Ms. Ryan said she was legally barred from speaking more specifically about the case.

Mr. Tsarnaev's possible involvement in the murders raises a delicate issue for local law enforcement: It would represent a missed opportunity to apprehend him before the April 15 bombing at the Boston Marathon that left another three people dead and more than 260 injured. Authorities believe Mr. Tsarnaev, who died at age 26 after an April 19 shootout with law enforcement, carried out the attack

with his younger brother Dzhokhar, who is being held in a prison hospital.



Reni Manukyan seen with her husband, Ibragim Todashev, in an undated photo.

Dzhokhar, 19 years old, has been charged but hasn't entered a plea. Authorities also believe the brothers killed a campus police officer in Cambridge, Mass., after the bombing, but charges haven't been filed in that case.

The probe into the marathon bombing has shed new light on

the murders of Brendan Mess, 25, Erik Weissman, 31, and Raphael Teken, 37. Mr. Mess was a friend of Tamerlan Tsarnaev who trained with him at a gym in Boston, according to mutual friends. The three victims were found dead in Mr. Mess's apartment in Waltham, their bodies covered in marijuana and cash. Authorities believe they were killed the previous day.

Another man authorities believe was an accomplice in the murders, Ibragim Todashev, was a mixed martial-arts fighter who had a Chechen background like the Tsarnaev brothers and trained at the same Boston gym before settling in Florida. He was shot dead at an Orlando apartment early Wednesday after he lunged at and cut a Federal Bureau of Investigation agent, who with two Massachusetts state troopers, had been questioning him about the murders in Waltham, two law-enforcement officials said, citing preliminary reports from the scene. The FBI declined to comment on the incident Thursday.

Mr. Todashev didn't make a full confession but implicated himself and Mr. Tsarnaev in the murders before he was killed, the U.S. officials said.

Relatives and friends of Mr. Todashev, 27, said they found it difficult to believe he would have participated in a grisly triple murder. His 24-year-old widow, Reni Manukyan, 24, said Thursday that federal authorities also questioned her Tuesday night—at the same time they began interviewing Mr. Todashev—at a separate location. She said investigators had questioned both of them before.

"They never, ever—in all the interviews that I had and all the interviews that he had—never did they mention anything about a murder," Ms. Manukyan said in a telephone interview. "Everything was about the bombing and about him knowing Tamerlan. They would show me a picture of Tamerlan or Tamerlan's wife or some other guys that I haven't a clue who they are, but nothing about a murder—nothing ever."

The FBI declined to comment. The agency has interviewed dozens of people who knew the suspected bombers

Mr. Todashev's father, Abdulkali Todashev, also said his son was disabled by knee surgery earlier this year and was learning to walk again at about the time of the Boston Marathon bombings. The father said in an interview broadcast by Kremlin-funded television from his hometown of Grozny that his son was a "very calm" person who would never hurt anyone.

The younger Mr. Todashev was arrested in a 2010 road-rage incident in Boston. He was found guilty, but the charges were eventually dismissed after he committed no other misconduct, according to prosecutors.

Ms. Manukyan, an Armenian who converted to Islam before marrying Mr. Todashev, says she met her late husband in 2010 through a mutual friend in Boston. She says she separated from Mr. Todashev in November but was still in regular contact with him and was partly supporting him through their joint bank account. He lived in the Boston area from 2008 to 2010 before moving to the Atlanta area, and then Florida, she said.

He returned to Boston in the summer of 2011, Ms. Manukyan said, and she believes he returned to Florida before September 2011 but wasn't sure about the exact dates.

Meantime, she said her late husband couldn't have been friends with the three victims because he "doesn't have any American friends," associating instead mainly with other immigrants who moved to the U.S. from Russia. She also said that it was hard to believe that Mr. Todashev would have been involved in anything related to drugs.

Tamerlan Tsarnaev and Mr. Todashev did share some commonalities on the surface, said Damien Trites, an MMA fighter who trained closely with Mr. Todashev and knew Mr. Tsarnaev.

They had Chechen backgrounds and a similar, flashy style of dress. They trained at the same gym, lived only blocks apart in Cambridge, at one point, and prayed separately before working out.

Mr. Todashev did share some commonalities with Mr. Tsarnaev, at least on the surface. They were tough men, an MMA fighter and boxer, with Chechen backgrounds who trained at the same gym and at one point lived only blocks away from each other in Cambridge, Mass. They both dressed well, with a flashy, European look. They were also Muslims who prayed before working out, Mr. Trites said.

But their personalities were very different. Mr. Tsarnaev was outgoing and jocular, Mr. Todashev serious and reserved, Mr. Trites said. He hardly ever saw the two Chechens talking to each other. Also, Mr. Todashev didn't appear to know Mr. Mess, who also trained at the Wai Kru gym.

"Honestly, I don't think that Ibragim killed them," Mr. Trites said. "I really don't. I don't see what motive he would have."

Mr. Trites, 33, recalled seeing Mr. Tsarnaev at the gym about a year ago, and for the first time since the Waltham slayings. He wanted to express condolences over Mr. Mess, a mutual friend.

The slayings stunned the community of Waltham, particularly on Harding Avenue, a pleasant tree-lined street where the deaths occurred.

Jay Morgan, a 54-year-old financial planner and neighbor, found it curious there were no apparent screams or sounds of struggle, despite it being a late summer night when many people had their windows open.

Mr. Morgan, who lives next door to the yellow multifamily house where the incident occurred, recalls a lot of police activity at first. Police impounded a BMWBMW.XE -1.34% SUV belonging to one of the victims, he said.

But since, until just recently, neighbors had heard little about the investigation and often wondered what had happened, he said.

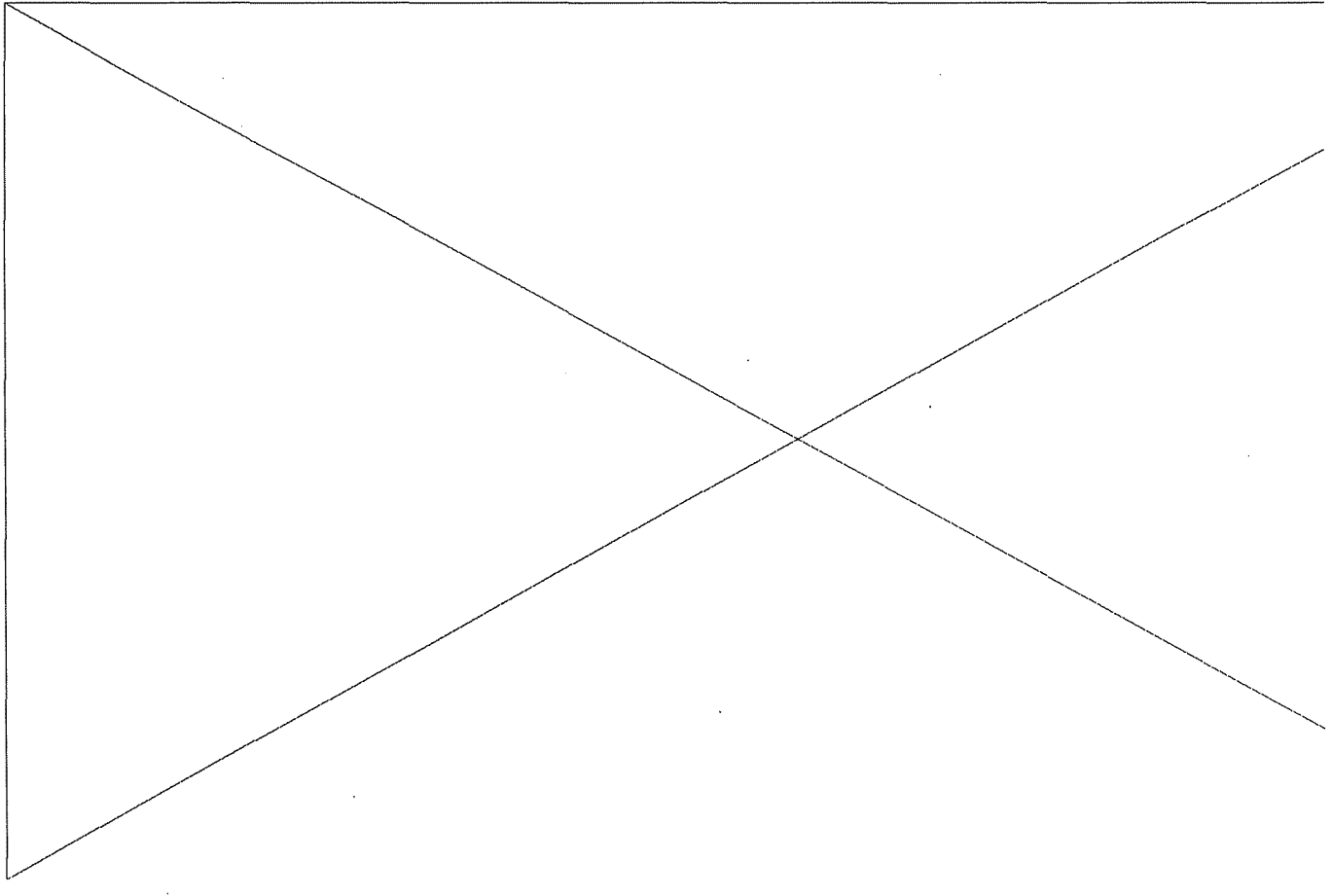
"It would be nice to find out and get some closure," he said.

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FBI agent kills man after questioning in Waltham murders

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A Chechen man with ties to Boston Marathon bombing suspect Tamerlan Tsarnaev was shot and killed by an FBI agent in Orlando while he was being questioned about an unsolved triple homicide in Waltham, according to two law enforcement officials with knowledge of the investigation and the FBI.

The FBI identified the person shot and killed as Ibragim Todashev, 27.

Two Massachusetts State Police troopers were participating in the questioning “in connection with the Boston Marathon bombing investigation” at the time of the fatal shooting, the FBI said. State Police spokesman David Procopio had no comment.

Todashev attacked the officers with a knife, according to another source with knowledge of the investigation.



Photos: FBI shooting in Orlando, Fla.

Todashev was a suspect in the 2011 triple slaying in Waltham, a crime that authorities now suspect may have also been committed by Tamerlan Tsarnaev, the two law enforcement officials said.

The Waltham victims' throats were slashed and marijuana was sprinkled over their bodies when they were slain on Sept. 11, 2011. The officials said authorities had questioned Todashev about the murders during a series of

interviews in recent days. "Both Tsarnaev and Todashev were suspects in the murders," one of the officials said.

Tamerlan Tsarnaev was a close friend with one of the Waltham victims, Brendan H. Mess, 25. Also killed were Rafael M. Teken, 37, and Erik Weissman, 31.

Todashev, like Tsarnaev and Mess, was a mixed martial arts fighter, according to colleagues and public records. The Globe has reported that after the Marathon terror attacks, authorities began probing Tamerlan Tsarnaev's alleged role in the Waltham killings.

Mike Lee, co-owner of The Jungle, an Orlando gym, said today that Todashev had belonged to the gym about a year and a half ago.

"He was entirely unmemorable," he said.

Lee said Todashev didn't use the gym's coaches or banner for his fights, just the equipment. Lee believes Todashev had paid the gym membership in full and had no outstanding bills.

Todashev was not considered to be a suspect in the Marathon bombings allegedly committed by Tamerlan Tsarnaev and his younger brother, Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, who is in federal custody and is facing possible death sentence.

Ibragim Todashev

The bombings on April 15 near the Marathon finish line killed three people and wounded more than 260. MIT Police Officer Sean Collier was also allegedly murdered by the brothers.

According to the FBI and local news accounts, the fatal shooting of Todashev happened in an apartment on Peregrine Avenue in Orlando.

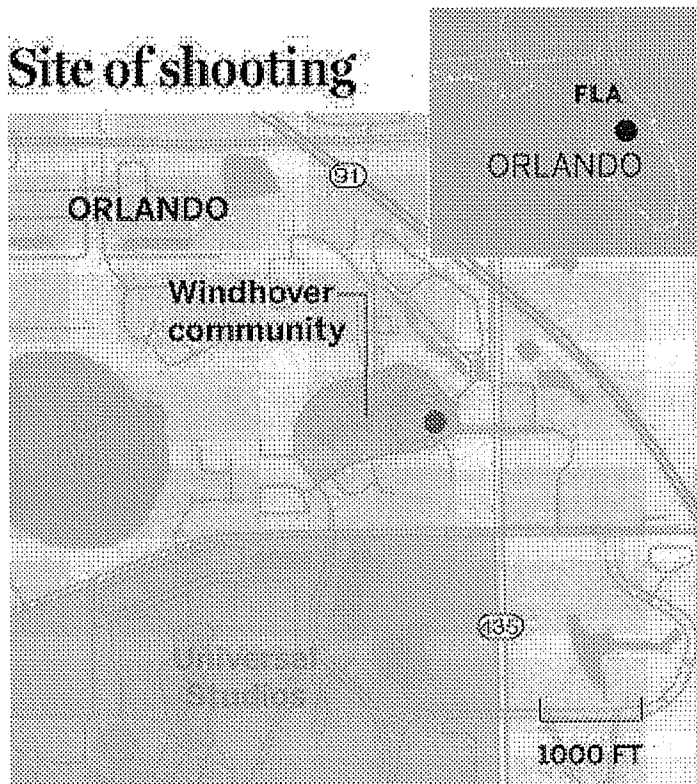
"The agent along with two Massachusetts State Police troopers and other law enforcement personnel were interviewing an individual in connection with the Boston Marathon bombing investigation

when a violent confrontation was initiated by the individual,” the FBI said in a summary of the incident released around 10:30 a.m.

“During the confrontation, the individual was killed and the agent sustained non-life threatening injuries,” the FBI said. “As this incident is under review, we have no further details at this time.”

Khusen Taramov, a friend of Todashev, told WESH-TV in Orlando that both he and Todashev were questioned about his ties to Tamerlan Tsarnaev, who was killed after a shootout in Watertown with police on April 19. Tamerlan

The FBI said today that a Washington-based deadly force investigative team is being sent to Orlando to investigate the shooting on Peregrine Avenue.



Taramov said he was released by the FBI, but Todashev was still being questioned by the agents.

Taramov said Todashev met Tsarnaev when both lived in Massachusetts, and that the two men spoke with each other “months before” the Marathon bombings.

Taramov said his friend was not close to Tsarnaev. “They were not best friends,” Taramov told the Orlando station.

Taramov insisted that Todashev was not a radicalized Muslim, and that he had no role in, nor did he know anything about, the Marathon terrorist attack.

“He was not a radical. He was a Muslim,” Taramov said. “I’m a Muslim. That’s it. ... He never had a

gun. ... He was shocked” by the attacks.

Taramov said Todashev was worried about the direction of the questioning by the FBI agents, that he was going to be “set up” by the law enforcement agency.

“He had a bad feeling,” said Taramov, who quoted Todashev as telling him that the FBI was “making up this crazy stuff” that there was a connection between the terror suspect and himself.

Taramov said that Tsarnaev and Todashev spoke recently, likely via Skype, but had only limited contact with each other since Todashev had moved to Florida.

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Suspect killed in Fla. was in fight over parking space in early May

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Ibragim Todashev

Ibragim Todashev would not be pushed around, at least not on May 4 when he got into an argument over a parking space at an Orlando shopping mall. The dispute ended with the other man lying in a pool of blood.

The 27-year-old Todashev was at the Premium Outlet Mall in Orlando when security noticed a fight break out in the mall's parking lot, followed by the departure of one of the combatants in a white Mercedes Benz, according to an Orange County Sheriff's Department report released today.

Todashev was driving the Mercedes and was stopped at gunpoint by police, handcuffed, and brought back to the scene, where Deputy Larry Clifton wrote that he found one man lying unconscious in "a considerable amount of blood."

According to police, Todashev and Lester Garcia Baez had argued over a parking space and when the man's son, Lester Garcia Perez, stepped in to protect his father, Todashev lashed out.

"Todashev began fighting with [Perez]," Clifton wrote. "Todashev said Perez came at him swinging. Todashev said he was only fighting to protect his knee because he had surgery in March."

When it was over, Perez had a "a split upper lip, several teeth knocked out of place and head injuries," Clifton wrote.

Clifton added that "by his own admission Todashev was recently a former mixed martial arts fighter. This skill puts his fighting ability way above that of a normal person."

According to a number of websites that follow the sport, Todashev made his debut as a pro in Tampa, Fla. in July in a bout with Bradford May. In a telephone interview today, May recalled his contest with Todashev.

Todashev, he said, was "eerily" quiet.

“He didn’t say a word to anybody, just kept to himself,” said May. “Normally you’d say hi to someone. I don’t think he said hi to anybody.”

Both fighters weighed in at 155 pounds for the contest.

Todashev won the fight when he caught May in a choke hold — called a “guillotine choke” — a legal move in mixed martial arts. It was apparently Todashev’s first professional fight. He likely made about \$500, said May.

Mike Lee, co-owner of The Jungle, an Orlando gym, said today that Todashev had belonged to the gym about a year and a half ago.

“He was entirely unmemorable,” he said.

Lee said Todashev didn’t use the gym’s coaches or banner for his fights, just the equipment. Lee believes Todashev had paid the gym membership in full and had no outstanding bills.

It was not immediately known how Todashev injured his knee, but he was treated at the Florida Hospital in Orlando on March 13, treatment that left Todashev owing the hospital \$25,277, according to court records.

The bill was paid in full May 1, three days before the parking lot confrontation, according to court records.

Todashev was free on \$3,500 cash bail at the time of today’s shooting.

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Man Being Queried on **Tsarnaev** Ties Is Killed by Officer

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The man was being questioned about links to Tamerlan **Tsarnaev** and a 2011 triple murder. The authorities had spoken to him at least twice since the bombings.

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BOSTON — A man in Orlando, Fla., who was being interviewed early Wednesday morning by law enforcement officers about his ties to the deceased Boston Marathon bombing suspect was fatally shot after he tried to attack the officers with a knife, according to a federal law enforcement official.

The officers — who included an F.B.I. agent from the Boston field office and two Massachusetts state troopers — were questioning the man, Ibragim Todashev, about whether he had played a role in a triple murder on Sept. 11, 2011, in Waltham, Mass., which had been one of the biggest mysteries in the aftermath of the bombings.

The officers had been interviewing Mr. Todashev in his apartment for some time when he tried to attack them, the official said. The shooting occurred in a sprawling condominium complex in Orlando less than a mile from an entrance to Universal Studios, where many of the residents work. On Wednesday, several streets in the complex were blocked off by federal and local law enforcement officials.

"The investigators were working on the theory that he and Tamerlan" had played a role in the murder, the official said, referring to Tamerlan **Tsarnaev**, the deceased marathon bombing suspect. One of the victims was a friend of Mr. **Tsarnaev**.

The F.B.I. agent sustained minor injuries that required stitches, the official said. The official said that the authorities had spoken to Mr. Todashev at least twice since the April 15 bombings, which killed three people and injured about 200.

The murders in Waltham were considered one of the more violent acts in the Boston area in recent years. Three men were found with their throats slit and sprinkled with marijuana.

The authorities believe that Mr. Todashev and Mr. **Tsarnaev** were involved in the murders and are seeking to determine whether the police missed an opportunity to thwart the marathon attacks. They have not ruled out that Mr. **Tsarnaev**'s younger brother, Dzhokhar, played a role in the murders.

The mother of the Boston Marathon bombing suspects said in a telephone interview that her older son knew Mr. Todashev.

The mother, Zubeidat Tsarnaeva, said Tamerlan **Tsarnaev** and Mr. Todashev saw each other regularly in Boston,

though they were not particularly close, and that Ibragim had moved to Florida around two years ago.

"Tamerlan said he was a good guy, he said he was a boxer or some other kind of athlete," she said in a telephone interview from Dagestan. She said she had broken down when she heard the news on Wednesday.

"Now another boy has left this life," she said. "Why are they killing these children without any trial or investigation?"

Since the attacks, the F.B.I. and state and local law enforcement officials in Boston have sought to interview friends and others who knew the **Tsarnaev** brothers.

Investigators want to know how the brothers were radicalized, and they want to determine if there were accomplices.

The F.B.I. has also focused on Chechens who may have ties to extremists in Russia. Before the attacks, the bureau had not thought that they were a significant threat in the United States.

As part of those efforts, the F.B.I. has questioned many members of the small community of ethnic Chechens in the United States. Since April 29, agents have repeatedly interviewed a Chechen refugee and former rebel fighter, Musa Khadzhimuratov, of Manchester, N.H. Tamerlan **Tsarnaev** used a firing range in Manchester to practice shooting and bought fireworks in New Hampshire to extract the explosive powder used in the marathon bombs.

Mr. Khadzhimuratov, 36, and his wife, Madina, 32, say they had only brief social visits with Tamerlan **Tsarnaev**, including one a few weeks before the bombing. They said they did not know about his purchase of fireworks or guns and had no hint that he was plotting the Boston attack.

Some advocates for the Chechen community have expressed concern that Russian intelligence officers might be steering the F.B.I. to target Chechens in the United States who are hostile to Russia but have nothing to do with terrorism.

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FBI completes inquiry into death of Tamerlan Tsarnaev's friend

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation said Thursday that it has completed an internal investigation into the fatal shooting of Ibragim Todashev, a friend of Boston Marathon bombing suspect Tamerlan Tsarnaev, and that it is "eager" for the results to be released.

Both the FBI's investigation into the May 22 shooting and the Florida state's attorney probe have now been completed, FBI spokesman Paul Bresson said. All that remains is for the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division to review the FBI investigation, Bresson said. The Justice Department will then write its report, which he said would be made public soon.

Reached by the Globe on Thursday, a DOJ spokeswoman would not provide a timeline for when that department would release its report.

Todashev was shot and killed in his Orlando apartment after a lengthy interrogation by an FBI agent. FBI officials have never formally discussed the shooting, other than to say they are investigating.

Various media outlets have reported conflicting details about the shooting in accounts they attributed to anonymous law enforcement officials.

The FBI said that Todashev injured an agent. Media reports have alleged that, in the moments before he was killed, Todashev was in the process of signing a confession about his and Tsarnaev's involvement in an unsolved 2011 triple murder in Waltham.

FBI Director James Comey told reporters gathered Thursday for a briefing at FBI headquarters in Washington that his department's review of the shooting has been finished for some time.

The meeting was the second that Comey has held with reporters since taking over the agency in September.

"I am eager for the report of that incident to be released," Comey told reporters, [according to the Huffington Post](#).

In declining to provide a new comment, a DOJ spokeswoman referred to a previously issued statement about the status of the investigation.

"The comprehensive inquiry into the shooting death of Ibragim Todashev that is being conducted by DOJ's Civil Rights Division, the United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Florida, and the FBI Inspection Division is ongoing," the Justice Department said in a statement in early January.

Comey's pledge that details will be forthcoming was delivered just weeks after Todashev's father, a Chechen government official, released an e-mail he sent in December to President Obama petitioning for an intervention.

"I am not asking you to share my pain, but I am asking you, as the head of the great country, the guarantor of democracy in the modern world, to help the law and justice prevail," Abdulkali Todashev said in the e-mail.

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More bombing questions for FBI



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WE MAY never know exactly why young men like Tamerlan and Dzhokhar Tsarnaev might decide to plant two bombs at the Boston Marathon finish line.

But we should be able to find out exactly what law enforcement authorities did well before and after the attack — and what they could have done better. That's what Representative William R. Keating has been trying to find out.

A [recent Globe investigation](#) painted a picture of the two bombing suspects as the product of a dysfunctional immigrant family. But Keating cares less about the dysfunctional Tsarnaev family and more about the possibility of a dysfunctional system of government information sharing. Government dysfunction, he still fears, might have allowed the brothers to slip through the cracks and execute a deadly plan. And it might allow another tragedy to occur if it is not properly addressed.

Keating, a former prosecutor who sits on the Homeland Security Committee, has been asking such questions since the bombs went off. Last July 31, he sent a letter to newly appointed FBI director James Comey, seeking specific information about what the agency knew about the alleged bombers before the attack and what was shared with local police. In no apparent rush to respond, the FBI got back to the Democratic Bay State congressman on Nov. 22.

The FBI's letter basically reiterated the agency's past contention — that local police had access to everything they needed to know through a computer system called "Guardian." The letter also mentioned the need to protect "civil liberties and privacy" while investigating crime, terrorism, and threats to national security — a curious consideration, given recent headlines about the extensive government-sanctioned data collection program that routinely violates the civil liberties and privacy of millions of American citizens who have no connection to crime, terrorism, or threats to national security.

It helps to understand any breakdown in law enforcement's ability to identify threats. It's not about blame; it's about prevention.

The FBI's response left Keating still questioning the quality of information-sharing between law enforcement authorities. Searching the Guardian database, he said, is like looking for "a needle in a haystack." He predicts the Homeland Security Committee's upcoming report on the Marathon bombings — expected in early 2014 — will address those concerns and recommend procedural changes.

Keating is also looking forward to an upcoming report from a Florida prosecutor about the FBI's shooting of Ibragim Todashev, who was being questioned about a triple slaying in Waltham, which might be somehow tied to Tamerlan Tsarnaev. The circumstances of Todashev's death are mysterious and raise questions about the actions of the FBI, as well as about Massachusetts state troopers who participated in the Todashev investigation.

"I just wonder this out loud," said Keating. "I'll be curious to see what this investigation entailed. How much of it is original? How much of it was given by the FBI? Will it really be an independent review by Florida?"

It helps to understand the "why" behind the actions the Tsarnaev brothers are believed to have taken. It's not about sympathizing with killers; it's about sensitizing us to people who are so desperate and unhappy they turn to violence. What we learn about the Tsarnaev brothers could help us see danger signs in others and stop them before they act.

But it helps even more to understand any breakdowns in law enforcement's ability to identify threats and act on them. It's not about blame; it's about prevention. Keating finds the bureaucratic obstacles frustrating, and they should be to the rest of us, too.

There has already been a lot of turnover at agencies involved in the Marathon investigation.

Robert S. Mueller departed as FBI director in June. So did Richard DesLauriers, the head of the Boston FBI office. Janet Napolitano, the Homeland Security secretary, resigned in July. In September, Edward Davis announced his resignation as Boston police commissioner.

In his testimony before Congress, Davis said the FBI should share more information about potential terror threats with local police. Those concerns shouldn't disappear with the leaders who left their posts.

Accountability should be more than one city's concern, but Boston has a special interest in learning the whole story. If "Boston strong" means resilience, "Boston smart" should mean asking tough questions and demanding complete answers — no ducking allowed. We owe that much to the victims.

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Friend implicated Tamerlan Tsarnaev in Waltham slayings

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Federal officials disclosed for the first time publicly late Monday that Ibragim Todashev, a friend of Tamerlan Tsarnaev, told investigators that the deceased alleged Boston Marathon bomber participated in a triple murder in Waltham in 2011. Todashev was killed by an FBI agent who was interviewing him in May. His death remains under investigation. Federal prosecutors confirmed in court records Monday that, “according to Todashev, Tamerlan Tsarnaev participated in the Waltham homicides.” But prosecutors refused to elaborate on their statement.

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It's now been two years since three men were killed in a Waltham apartment, a crime that was shocking to Waltham at the time, and has sparked much wider interest since the investigation is reportedly linked to a suspect in the Boston Marathon bombing.

What have we learned about the investigation in those two years? Unfortunately, not much.

We know that several different levels of authorities are said to be still investigating the crime: Waltham detectives, State Police, the Middlesex District Attorney's Office and the FBI. But beyond that, it's agonizingly tough to say where they are in the investigation because no one will say anything about it.

It's understandable that authorities would not want to compromise an investigation, but this goes beyond "tight-lipped."

Relatives and friends of the victims deserve to know if the investigation has progressed at all since those first few days following the homicides on Sept. 11, 2011.

Reports and rumors have circulated that one of the marathon bombing suspects, Tamerlan Tsarnaev, was possibly linked to the killings. How and why is this the case? It's difficult to say with any certainty because no law enforcement official will go on the record about it.

Tsarnaev died in a gunfight with police several days after the bombing.

The New York Times has reported that during the initial investigation, several people suggested police interview Tsarnaev, a friend of one of the victims and a frequent visitor to the apartment, but that investigators never followed through. Is it true? That question, like all others, draws a "no comment" from the Middlesex DA's office and from then District Attorney Gerry Leone.

The same thing goes for Ibragim Todashev, the man killed by an FBI agent in Florida, who anonymous sources have told reporters was going to admit his involvement in the homicides before he was shot. Is that true? The FBI won't say, only that it is still investigating the shooting, as is a Florida prosecutor.

Surely investigators are working hard on getting to the bottom of the homicides, or at least we'd like to think so.

Official silence breeds distrust. To stop the finger-pointing and guessing, authorities should disclose the current status about how the investigation is progressing and if there are any leads.

We understand that law enforcement officials often need to keep quiet about the progress they are making while a case is being actively investigated. But they should understand that, when two years go by without any official saying anything, citizens may well fill the information vacuum with assumptions about the investigation and about law enforcement agencies themselves.

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Girlfriend of Ibragim Todashev, friend of Boston Marathon bombing suspect, talks about her weeks in custody

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The live-in girlfriend of Ibragim Todashev says that while her boyfriend was being interviewed about the Boston Marathon bombings, she was grilled by FBI agents, turned over to immigration officials, and then held in solitary confinement, where, days later, she learned that he had been killed.

Todashev, a friend of accused Boston Marathon bomber Tamerlan Tsarnaev, was questioned by FBI agents and Massachusetts State Police in his apartment for more than five hours on May 22 before being shot and killed.

Last week, Tatiana Gruzdeva, who lived with him in Orlando, gave her first interview since his death. In the detailed interview with Boston magazine, Gruzdeva recalled the days leading up to her boyfriend's killing.

She recalled Todashev being upset after the bombings and his initial questioning by federal agents.

On May 16, Gruzdeva said, she had traveled with Todashev for a voluntary interview with the FBI when agents pulled her into a room, interrogated her, and then turned her over to immigration officials.

“They asked me again and again about Ibragim and all this stuff. They asked me, ‘Can you tell us when he will do something?’ I said, ‘No! I can’t!’ Because he wasn’t doing anything, and I didn’t know anything.” Gruzdeva told Boston magazine. “And they said, ‘Oh, really? So why don’t we call immigration.’”

On May 30, an immigration judge ordered Gruzdeva be deported, but in August she was released and granted another year’s stay in the United States.

In broken English, Gruzdeva confirmed Friday for the Globe the account she gave to Boston magazine and said that she did not plan to do future interviews.

“I don’t want to have any problem with the FBI. I already had a lot. ... It was the worst time in all my life,” Gruzdeva said. “I just don’t want to have more problem.”

That fear of the FBI has been echoed by various friends of Todashev, members of Orlando’s small community of Chechen immigrants, who believe the FBI has been monitoring them since before Todashev’s killing.

Law enforcement officials have leaked conflicting reports to the media about Todashev’s shooting. Some have alleged that he attacked agents, but reports have differed over whether he was armed. Some have said he was about to write a confession implicating him and Tsarnaev in a triple homicide in Waltham in 2011.

The FBI has refused to comment on the reports, has sealed the autopsy and all other medical records, and — four months after Todashev was shot seven times — has not issued any report on the shooting.

For months, state officials in both Massachusetts and Florida — including Massachusetts Attorney General Martha Coakley — said they would not call for an independent probe or themselves investigate whether Todashev’s shooting was justified.

However, in August, attorney Jeffrey L. Ashton, the top state prosecutor in Orlando, announced he would mount an independent probe of the shooting.

The Globe has also confirmed that Ashurmamad Miraliev, 23, of Orlando, a friend of both Todashev and Gruzdeva, has been arrested on charges of threatening a witness in a 14-month-old battery case against Todashev.

Miraliev was arrested Wednesday on a charge of tampering with a victim by threat. The case was not connected with the Marathon bombings or with Todashev’s death, according to Florida law enforcement officials.

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Father of Tsarnaev friend says FBI contacted him

Refused to meet with any agents

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Abdulkali Todashev listened to his interpreter during a press conference with his lawyers in Tampa.

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The father of a Chechen man fatally shot by the FBI was sought for questioning by the bureau after he arrived in the United States last week to pursue a possible wrongful death lawsuit against the bureau, his lawyers said Tuesday.

FBI agents approached Abdulkali Todashev at a private residence in Florida after he arrived from Russia to seek answers in the May shooting death of his son, Ibragim Todashev, a friend of suspected Boston Marathon bomber Tamerlan Tsarnaev. Todashev's father refused to meet with the agents and has had no contact since.

"We're not going to talk to them, with a lawyer, without a lawyer," said Barry Cohen, the lead counsel on the legal team Todashev assembled with the help of the Council on American-Islamic Relations in Florida. "He will not be talking to the FBI."

The FBI declined to confirm Tuesday whether agents had approached Todashev, who lives in Chechnya, a region in southern Russia where he is a government official.

“While individuals are free to speak about their interactions with the FBI, we do not, as a matter of practice, discuss or describe any contact we have or allegedly have with individuals,” spokesman Paul Bresson said. “It is our policy not to confirm or deny whether we spoke with members of the public, because to do so would, in many instances, have a chilling effect on the public’s cooperation with us.”

Abdulkali Todashev revealed the encounter with the FBI at a press conference to announce his legal team Tuesday at the Tampa office of the Council on American-Islamic Relations. His lawyers said they would monitor the state and federal investigations into the May 22 shooting death of his son in his Orlando apartment and, once the investigations are complete, decide whether to file a lawsuit.

The FBI, with the US Department of Justice, is leading the federal investigation into the shooting. The top prosecutor in Orlando is conducting an independent state investigation into the death, which advocates welcomed Tuesday.

Cohen, a prominent lawyer in Tampa, said Todashev would cooperate only with the Orlando prosecutor and the local US attorney. In an unexpected twist Tuesday, Cohen sent an e-mail to the FBI and other agencies accusing the bureau of sending a clandestine observer to the council’s press conference to report back to the bureau. The FBI declined to comment on the assertion.

Since the fatal shooting of Ibragim Todashev, the FBI has drawn criticism for providing scant details about the death and for barring the Florida medical examiner from releasing the autopsy report.

The FBI has said only that Todashev was shot during interrogation by the FBI and the Massachusetts State Police related to the bombing investigation. The bureau has said that Todashev initiated a violent confrontation and that an agent was injured.

News reports differed over whether Todashev was armed. Some said he was about to write a confession implicating himself and Tsarnaev in a triple homicide in Waltham in 2011, though Eric Ludin, one of Abdulkali Todashev’s lawyers, said he had seen no evidence of that.

Todashev, a 27-year-old mixed martial arts fighter, had two arrests in violent cases, including a road-rage case in Boston and a parking lot altercation in Florida.

But Todashev’s father has said his son was unarmed and recovering from a recent knee surgery, suggesting he was unable to attack the investigators. He said his son had voluntarily submitted to several FBI interrogations before the final interview. “He didn’t do anything wrong,” Todashev said.

Federal and state investigators contacted Ibragim Todashev after the April 15 bombings killed three people and injured more than 260. Todashev came to the United States in 2008 from Russia to study English and won asylum that year. He lived for a time in Allston and Cambridge, before moving to Florida, and was an acquaintance of Tsarnaev, also an ethnic Chechen.

Tsarnaev and his younger brother, Dzhokhar, are accused of carrying out the bombings and later killing an MIT police officer. Tamerlan Tsarnaev died after a police shootout.

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Fla. prosecutor to investigate Todashev shooting

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Civil liberties groups praised a Florida prosecutor Friday for launching an independent review of the fatal shooting of a Chechen man by a Boston FBI agent, saying they hoped he would hold government officials accountable if they are found negligent.

Jeffrey L. Ashton, the top prosecutor in Orlando, announced Thursday that he is reviewing witness and forensic evidence from the US Department of Justice's preliminary investigation into the death of Ibragim Todashev, a friend of suspected Boston Marathon bomber Tamerlan Tsarnaev.

The prosecutor's inquiry marks the first state investigation of a shooting that has been cloaked in secrecy and follows repeated calls from Todashev's family and civil-rights groups for an independent review of the case. Until now, only the FBI and the Department of Justice, which oversees the bureau, have investigated the death.

"It's certainly a breakthrough and something to be hopeful about that we may ultimately learn what happened," said Howard Simon, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Florida.

Simon added that he hopes for a thorough review. "It's not going to mean very much if it's simply an independent set of eyes reading whatever report the FBI sends them," he said.

Todashev, a 27-year-old ethnic Chechen, was killed May 22 in his Orlando apartment during an interrogation by the FBI, Massachusetts State Police, and other law enforcement officers. The FBI claimed he initiated a violent confrontation and that the Boston agent was injured. But unlike past shootings by agents, the bureau has released few details and barred a Florida medical examiner from releasing an autopsy report.

Conflicting news reports soon emerged and inflamed the controversy: Some said that Todashev was armed with a blade or a pole, while others said he did not have a weapon.

The FBI has said only that they were questioning Todashev in connection with the Boston Marathon bombings, which killed three people and injured more than 260 on April 15. But news reports later said Todashev was about to sign a confession implicating himself and Tsarnaev in a triple homicide in Waltham in 2011. Tamerlan Tsarnaev died in a police shoot-out days after the bombings, and his brother, Dzhokhar, is in custody facing federal charges.

Todashev's family, the ACLU, and the Council on American-Islamic Relations have clamored for an outside investigation of the shooting with little success. The Massachusetts attorney general and Florida's law enforcement commissioner declined to investigate, though officers from both states were at the scene. The Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division has not said if it will look into the matter.

In Orlando, Ashton had previously said he would not investigate, but announced Thursday that he had changed his mind. He declined to explain why through a spokesman.

"Mr. Ashton will conduct an independent review of the circumstances surrounding the use of deadly force in this case, as he does in all cases involving use of force by a law enforcement officer resulting in death," his office said in a statement.

The Department of Justice confirmed Friday that the department had briefed Ashton July 25 in Orlando on their shooting investigation, including witness and forensic evidence. "No conclusions or recommendations regarding the inquiry have been reached," said department spokeswoman Dena Iverson.

Ashton's announcement comes days after Todashev's father arrived in Florida from Russia to file a wrongful death lawsuit against the bureau. Abdulbaki Todashev has said he does not believe his son would have attacked law enforcement and has accused the FBI of "premeditated, intentional murder."

Also Friday, federal immigration officials mysteriously released Todashev's former roommate, 19-year-old Tatiana Gruzdeva, and granted her permission to stay in the United States for another year. She had been jailed since May 16 for immigration violations and was ordered to return to Russia by an immigration judge, who also reports to the Department of Justice.

Todashev was a mixed-martial arts fighter who came to the United States in 2008 from Russia to study English, settling for a time in Allston and Cambridge. He won asylum that year and later married, but he also had two arrests for violent incidents, including a bloody attack on a man over a parking space a few weeks before he was killed.

Todashev's supporters have pointed out that he had cooperated willingly with the FBI, sitting down for three interviews at their offices until the final interrogation at his home.

The Council on American-Islamic Relations in Florida, which is aiding Todashev's father with his lawsuit, hailed the investigation and said they hoped Ashton's review will "shed light as to why a cooperative, unarmed Florida resident was shot multiple times during interrogation by federal agents in his home."

"We have faith that the justice system will ensure that any wrongdoing on behalf of the agents and agencies involved will be successfully prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law to ensure no officials feel they are above the law," the council said.

Lawyers and government officials said the state and federal investigations could lead to a reprimand or even criminal charges against the agent, though the ACLU and others have pointed out that FBI shooting investigations have almost always cleared agents of wrongdoing.

The FBI declined to comment on the state prosecutor's review, but the bureau said its own investigation is ongoing and could take months to complete.

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Fla. FBI shooting reviewed; ties to Boston bombing

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ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — The top prosecutor in Orlando said Thursday that he will review what led to the fatal shooting of a Chechen immigrant during questioning by the FBI and other agents over the man's ties to one of the Boston Marathon bombing suspects.

State Attorney Jeff Ashton said he has received a preliminary report by the federal Department of Justice about its investigation into the death of Ibragim Todashev (IH'-bruh-heem TOH'-duh-shehv) last May.

Ashton says there is no schedule for when he will complete his review.

Todashev was killed while being questioned by FBI agents and police from Massachusetts and Florida. Officials originally said Todashev lunged at an FBI agent with a knife. They later said it was no longer clear what happened.

An investigation is being led by the FBI.

A spokesman for the FBI's Tampa office referred all questions to the agency's Washington office. A spokesman for the Washington office didn't respond to an email inquiry.

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HEADLINE: Fla. refuses to probe FBI's fatal shooting of Chechen suspect

BYLINE: By Maria Sacchetti, Globe Staff

BODY:

Florida's law enforcement commissioner has refused to investigate the fatal shooting of a Chechen man in Orlando by a Boston FBI agent, days after the top prosecutor in Massachusetts also declined to look into the case.

In a letter to the American Civil Liberties Union, which urged the state officials last week to investigate the shooting, the commissioner said the FBI and the Justice Department are handling the inquiry.

"This is an active federal investigation," Gerald M. Bailey, commissioner of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, said in a brief letter to the ACLU of Florida released Wednesday. "It would be inappropriate for FDLE to intervene."

Bailey's refusal to investigate leaves only the FBI and its overseeing agency, the US Department of Justice, investigating the May 22 shooting of Ibragim Todashev, 27, a friend of suspected Boston Marathon bomber Tamerlan Tsarnaev. The FBI has said little about the shooting, except that Todashev initiated a violent confrontation that led the FBI agent to shoot him. Advocates for Todashev however, have pointed out that he had voluntarily submitted to multiple interviews with agents.

Massachusetts Attorney General Martha Coakley declined to investigate the shooting last week, saying it had happened outside her jurisdiction.

The ACLU chapters in Massachusetts and Florida had argued that the states should investigate because local police officials, including Massachusetts State Police troopers and an Orlando police officer, were also at the scene. The ACLU also pointed to the extreme secrecy surrounding the case and the fact that the FBI's internal investigations of shootings in the past 20 years have almost always cleared agents.

On Wednesday ACLU officials called the state officials' refusal to investigate the death of Todashev disappointing.

"If Massachusetts state officials have the authority to send law enforcement officers out of state to investigate crimes, then it's unclear why state officials wouldn't have the authority to investigate what those officers do," said Carol Rose, executive director of the ACLU of Massachusetts. "After all, the governing principle of this state isn't 'what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas.'"

Howard Simon, executive director of the ACLU of Florida, said Bailey's refusal to investigate makes it likely that Todashev's family will have to file a lawsuit to find out how he died.

"It is extremely disappointing, given the incompatible and inconsistent explanations coming from the FBI, that the Florida Department of Law Enforcement would defer to them, allowing the only investigation to be the FBI investigating itself," Simon said. "A person was killed at the hands of law enforcement in Florida, and our state's government has chosen to evade their responsibility to explain to the people of Florida how that happened."

Todashev's family and friends and the Council on American-Islamic Relations have also called for an independent inquiry into his death. The council has urged the Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division to investigate, saying in a letter to the department in June: "It seems unlikely that the agents were justified in using deadly force against a single unarmed suspect."

Shootings by FBI agents are typically investigated only by the FBI with the Justice Department, but

independent inquiries are not unprecedented. The Michigan attorney general and the Dearborn police conducted their own investigations into the 2009 shooting of a Detroit imam by the FBI. Both inquiries found no evidence of wrongdoing by the agents.

In contrast to past shootings involving FBI agents, however, the FBI has refused to divulge details of the Todashev case over the past two months.

Instead, conflicting reports about what led the agent to shoot Todashev have emerged in news reports. Some said that Todashev was armed with a blade. Another said he was unarmed. Still another said that Todashev attacked the agent with a pole or a broomstick.

Todashev was allegedly about to sign a confession implicating Tsarnaev and him in a 2011 triple slaying in Waltham, according to news reports. Tsarnaev, 26, died after a police shootout days after the Marathon bombings. His brother, Dzhokhar, is facing federal charges in the explosions.

In addition to its refusal to provide details on the Todashev case, the FBI has also barred the medical examiner from revealing the cause of death.

Immigration officials have also detained Todashev's former roommate and a potential witness, Tatiana - Gruzdeva, for immigration violations since May 16. At a hearing later that month that was not disclosed to the public, a federal immigration judge ordered the 19-year-old Gruzdeva to return to Russia by July 1 and ordered her to remain jailed until she left. US Immigration and Customs Enforcement, a Homeland Security agency, later - extended her stay 30 days.

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Florida will not investigate FBI killing

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Florida law enforcement will not investigate the fatal shooting of a Chechen man who was friends with one of the accused Boston Marathon bombers, the Boston Globe reported Wednesday.

Ibragim Todashev, 27, a friend of suspected Boston Marathon bomber Tamerlan Tsarnaev, was shot and killed by a Boston FBI agent reportedly after he confessed to his role and Tamarlan Tsarnaev's role in a 2011 triple murder in Waltham.

Gerald M. Bailey, commissioner of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, in a brief letter to the ACLU of Florida said it would be inappropriate for FDLE to intervene, the Globe reported.

The move follows a similar decision by Massachusetts Attorney General Martha Coakley who declined to investigate the Florida killing because it was outside of her jurisdiction.

Last week, the American Civil Liberties Union asked state investigators in Florida and Massachusetts to look into the death of a Todashev who was being questioned about his ties to Tamerlan Tsarnaev, the Marathon bombing suspect killed following a shootout with police in Watertown during the bombing investigation. Tamarlan's younger brother, Dzhokhar, is in custody in Massachusetts on numerous charges linked to the bombings that killed three people, and injured hundreds. The brothers are also accused of killing an MIT police officer during the manhunt.

The ACLU in both states last week called on Coakley and the Florida Law Department of Law Enforcement to investigate the roles of Massachusetts state troopers and Orlando police officers in Todashev's death.

Todashev was killed May 22 while being questioned by FBI agents, Massachusetts state troopers and others.

Officials originally said Todashev had lunged at an FBI agent with a knife. They later said it was no longer clear what happened.

An investigation is being led by the FBI.

Todashev's family and friends and the Council on American-Islamic Relations have also called for an independent inquiry into his death, the Globe report said.

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HEADLINE: It's time for clarity

BYLINE: By Adrian Walker, Globe Staff

BODY:

Ibragim Todashev was mysterious in life, but he has fallen into a void in death.

Todashev was fatally shot during an interrogation by Boston-based FBI agents in Orlando on May 22. The Russia native was being asked about his friendship with Tamerlan Tsarnaev, the presumed mastermind of the Boston Marathon bombing. Unusual as it is for someone to be shot to death during questioning, silence has reigned in its aftermath. The FBI's few statements have been more confusing than illuminating.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts made an attempt Tuesday to spur somebody, anybody, into providing clarity. It called on state authorities in Florida and Massachusetts to conduct their own investigations. The questioning was being done by the FBI and Massachusetts State Police, though some reports have indicated a lone FBI officer was in the room when Todashev was shot.

In response, Attorney General Martha Coakley made it clear her office has no intention of getting involved, pleading lack of jurisdiction. Florida officials have maintained all along that they have no standing to investigate. There doesn't seem to be any reason to think they are about to change their minds.

It's entirely possible the state attorneys general are not the ones to investigate this killing. Still, it's odd how little people seem to care about the fatal shooting of a witness.

The reasons for Boston's lack of public outrage are not hard to fathom. First, the shooting didn't occur here. More importantly, Todashev was a presumed friend of the greatest villain Boston has seen in many years. In the context of the Marathon bombing, the killing was quickly relegated to a footnote. If people here think about him at all, they seem to wonder what he was doing in the country.

But we should know better than to rush to absolve the FBI, no questions asked. After all, another of Boston's great villains, James "Whitey" Bulger, is being tried for decades of terrorizing the city while an FBI informant.

And while the verdict on Whitey is still weeks away, the evidence is clear that the FBI aided and abetted his activities for ages. Not just a rogue agent or two, either; much of the agency's Boston office was involved.

It's not comforting, either, to examine the FBI's record on examining its own shootings. According to a New York Times investigation, the FBI has cleared itself in nearly every agency-involved shooting of the past 20 years.

No doubt many -- maybe all -- of those judgments were correct. But there is a reason agencies aren't normally allowed to investigate themselves. It is reasonable that an independent voice should be brought to bear.

Let me be clear: I am not suggesting wrongdoing in Todashev's killing. I'm saying the public absolutely needs to know what went on there. So far, that isn't happening.

An agency invested with the tremendous power of the FBI requires oversight and accountability. Regardless of whom Todashev's friends were, or what he may have been involved in, surely we can all agree that the government can't just kill people without explaining -- clearly and in detail -- what happened.

Instead, this has become a battle of white hats versus black hats. At a time of high anxiety, a guy who is paid to protect us killed a guy who sounds like a menace. We have no problem thinking the best of the protector, and the worst of the guy under apparent suspicion.

That may be understandable, but it's a sorry substitute for justice. It shouldn't be good enough for our politicians, and it shouldn't be good enough for the rest of us, either.

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Despite ACLU request, FDLE won't investigate killing of Todashev
Susan Jacobson, Staff Writer

Florida law-enforcement officials have rebuffed a **request** by the American Civil Liberties Union to **investigate** the shooting death of Ibragim **Todashev**, **killed** during an interrogation in a condo in Orlando.

Todashev was a friend of one of the Boston Marathon bombing suspects.

"This is an active federal **investigation**; it would be inappropriate for [the state] to intervene," Florida Department of Law Enforcement Commissioner Gerald M. Bailey wrote to the **ACLU** in a letter dated Tuesday.

Bailey suggested that **ACLU** of Florida Executive Director Howard Simon contact the FBI or the U.S. attorney.

An **FDLE** spokeswoman said the agency had no further comment.

"A person was shot and **killed** at the hands of law enforcement in Florida. That alone should require Florida officials to **investigate** and explain to the public what happened," Simon said.

According to the Boston Globe, the top prosecutor in Massachusetts also has refused to **investigate** the shooting.

Todashev, 27, was shot to death during the interrogation May 22. He was friends with Tamerlan Tsarnaev, 26, who was **killed** April 19 during a shootout with Boston police.

Tsarnaev's younger brother, Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, was injured during the shootout and captured after a manhunt.

It's unclear whether **Todashev** was being questioned about the bombings, a 2011 triple **killing** near Boston or something else.

Dzhokhar Tsarnaev is charged with federal crimes, including using weapons of mass destruction.

Investigators say he and his brother set off pressure-cooker bombs that exploded near the finish line of the marathon April 15, **killing** three people and injuring more than 250.

The Council on American-Islamic Relations also has called for an independent **investigation** of the **Todashev** shooting, saying the FBI should not be **investigating** itself.

"Secrecy fosters suspicion, and the people of Florida deserve better than to be left without an explanation from their government about what led to a person being shot to death," Simon said.

Two Massachusetts state troopers and Orlando police officers were with FBI agents during the interrogation. Initially, the FBI said **Todashev** initiated a "violent confrontation."

Conflicting reports have emerged as to whether **Todashev** was armed.

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BYLINE: By Paul Sonne and Jon Kamp

BODY:

The father of a Chechen man killed in Florida earlier this month by a federal agent during an interrogation said Thursday his son appeared to have been shot multiple times.

Abdubaki Todashev produced what he described as photographs of his dead son, 27-year-old Ibragim Todashev, at a news conference in Moscow. Mr. Todashev suggested the photos raised questions about how the Federal Bureau of Investigation treated Ibragim during the interrogation over his son's relations with Tamerlan Tsarnaev, the prime suspect in the April 15 bombings at the Boston Marathon.

"When you look at these photographs, it's like what you see in the movies," Mr. Todashev said. He said the killing looked like the work of bandits. The photos appear to show that Mr. Todashev was shot in the chest, and other wounds seem to indicate he was injured in the head and one arm. A Russian website later posted the photographs.

The FBI declined to comment.

The photos were taken at a Florida funeral home by a friend of Mr. Todashev, Khusen Taramov. He said he took the photos while the body was being washed in accordance with Muslim tradition. A person familiar with the situation said the photos appear to accurately depict the body.

Mr. Todashev's body now is in an undisclosed location while the family awaits permission to transport it to Russia, according to one of the funeral homes where the body was taken. His friend, Mr. Taramov, said the paperwork is almost completed.

Sheri Blanton, a spokeswoman for the medical examiner's office for Orange and Osceola counties, said it typically takes two to three months for a finalized autopsy report, and that no preliminary findings were available.

Ibragim Todashev became acquainted with Mr. Tsarnaev after moving to the Boston area from Russia in 2008. Both young men were of Chechen background and attended the same gym, according to mutual acquaintances.

In the wake of the Boston Marathon bombings, which left three dead, FBI agents repeatedly interrogated Ibragim, who had since moved to Florida. The final interrogation, which took place at Ibragim's Orlando-area home, ended in bloodshed: Ibragim was fatally shot May 22 after initiating what the FBI described as a "violent confrontation" with a special agent.

Initially, U.S. law-enforcement officials said Ibragim lunged at the agent with a knife or another cutting instrument. But this week, a U.S. law-enforcement official said Ibragim was unarmed and suggested that the agent might have been cut by a piece of furniture in the scuffle.

Ibragim's father and his wife, Reni Manukyan, both said Ibragim was innocent and had been cooperating with multiple inquiries from U.S. authorities.

After Ibragim's death, U.S. officials said he had made statements during an interrogation that incriminated him and Mr. Tsarnaev in an unsolved 2011 triple homicide in Waltham, Mass. Ibragim's friends and relatives have

denied that claim and pointed out Ibragim no longer can defend himself.

The Florida chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations called for an independent investigation into the shooting by the U.S. Department of Justice. The FBI said it was conducting its own internal probe.

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HEADLINE: Waltham victim's girlfriend adds voice to mystery;
Says Tsarnaev frequented apartment

BYLINE: By Bob Hohler, Globe Staff

BODY:

The girlfriend of one of three men brutally killed in a Waltham apartment in 2011 said Friday that she told police soon after the slayings that Marathon bombing suspect Tamerlan Tsarnaev had been a frequent visitor to the apartment. She is the first to assert that police investigating the killings were aware that Tsarnaev, who previously had been questioned by the FBI for possible terrorist connections, had ties to the victims.

Waltham police and Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan have declined to comment on the homicide investigation, which appeared stalled until friends and relatives of Brendan H. Mess reported last month a possible link to Tsarnaev after his picture was released as a suspect in the bombings. Ryan declined to comment again last night.

The woman also said her boyfriend, Mess, kept a handgun in the apartment before the slayings and that police told her after the bodies were discovered that the firearm was missing. Friends of the victims had previously said they feared a gun stolen from the apartment had been used to kill MIT police Officer Sean Collier late on the night of April 18 and wound other officers shortly afterward in the shoot-out with police in Watertown.

The woman asked that her name not be used in this report for fear of retribution, although she was named in a previous Globe article.

Authorities have been looking at Tsarnaev in connection with the triple homicide, along with Ibragim Todashev, who was fatally shot this week by an FBI agent after he allegedly attacked the agent with a blade during an interview in Orlando, Fla.

It was Mess's girlfriend who discovered the bodies of the three men in the Waltham apartment on the morning after they were slain on Sept. 11, 2011.

She said she found the victims -- Mess, 25; Erik H. Weissman, 31; and Raphael M. Teken, 37 -- in separate rooms, their throats slashed, their bodies covered with marijuana.

The woman said she did not describe Tsarnaev to police as a suspect in the triple homicide but rather identified him as one of many visitors to the apartment. Police did not ask her about Tsarnaev after she gave them his name, she said.

"But if they questioned everyone whose fingerprints were in the apartment, I'm sure Tam's fingerprints had to be there," she told the Globe in a phone interview Friday.

The woman said Tsarnaev, who was born and lived his early years in former Soviet republics, had told Mess in the weeks before the killings that the FBI had placed him on a terrorist watch list.

"Brendan said, 'The FBI is watching him; they think he's a terrorist,'" the woman recalled. "We laughed about it. We never took it seriously."

Federal authorities have said that the FBI interviewed Tsarnaev in 2011 at the request of the Russian government.

Mess's girlfriend said she knew with certainty that he kept a handgun in the apartment. Another friend said earlier this week that Mess had been badly beaten by his marijuana supplier years earlier when he was short on his

payment and then familiarized himself with firearms.

Mess and his girlfriend shared the apartment with Weissman, who was struggling financially after Boston police had seized a large amount of cash and drugs in a raid on his Roslindale apartment.

"They were pretty peaceful people, but I know Brendan had one gun," his girlfriend said. "I think it was for protection. I don't understand why he couldn't have used it" during the deadly assault.

The woman said she never understood what the motive for the killings could have been, other than perhaps a robbery. Although about \$5,000 remained in the apartment after the slayings, she said, she was aware that Mess and Weissman had a much larger amount of cash. She could not estimate how much.

She said Mess was such a close friend of Tsarnaev that he often asked her to cook only halal meat for Tsarnaev to honor his Muslim customs when he visited.

"I just can't believe Tam would back stab Brendan like that," she said. "It's so painful to me, because Brendan was so open and loving with Tam."

In the week before the slayings, she said, she had an intense quarrel with Mess. She said she went to Florida to visit a friend and "clear my head."

She was scheduled to return on the morning of Sept. 12, 2011, and expected Mess to pick her up at Logan International Airport. She said she called him at 7:30 the previous night.

"It was the last time I heard his voice," she said. "He said, 'I love you.' "

She said Mess, Weissman, and Teken planned to watch a football game on television, but when she called back later to say good night, no one answered. And when she called Mess the next morning, he did not answer.

When she finally reached the apartment and opened the door, she said she was shaken by the grisly scene. Lying in the entry room was Weissman's body. She discovered Teken's in the kitchen, then Mess's in the bedroom. Furniture throughout the apartment had been toppled, she said.

The woman took strong exception to friends of the victims who initially had considered her a suspect in the killings and reiterated their suspicions in Friday's Globe. The friends said, for instance, that she held radical Muslim beliefs and spoke with Tsarnaev of their distaste for American culture.

"To be honest, I am not a practicing Muslim," she said. "I don't pray much. I don't cover up. I drink. Tam would look at me and say, 'You're not doing the things Muslim women do.' To me, religion is about how you treat people."

Some other friends of the victims questioned why Mess's girlfriend, an African immigrant whose family lived in a mid-Atlantic state, left the Boston area a week after the slayings.

"After what happened, I was completely shocked and traumatized," she said Friday. "I needed to be with my family."

She said she suffers symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder, which have been exacerbated by the suspicions about her.

"It really hurt my feelings that anyone thought I could be involved in something like this," she said. "I am completely confident in my innocence. I'm a victim in this, too."

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