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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 501 pages.

Enclosed please find:

5 page(s) are being released in full (RIF);

7 page(s) are being released in part (RIP);

 page(s) are being withheld in full (WIF). **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

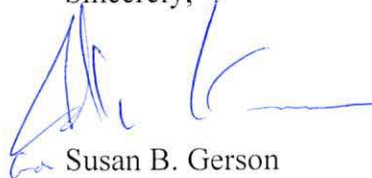
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[X] A review of the material revealed:

[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.

From: [b6, b7C] (USAMA)
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Boston Globe

- Cambridge teacher indicted on child pornography charges
- Wife of TelexFree co-owner arrested at JFK Airport
- Ibragim Todashev shooting: Release state police tapes
- Tsarnaev's texts with friend offer new glimpse of case
- Family court judge testifies probation officials manipulated ...

Boston Herald

- Tsarnaev pal tells judge FBI confused him

AP

- Judge won't toss statements by 2 Tsarnaev friends
- Officials to testify at Tsarnaev friend's hearing

Portland Press Herald

- Portland man linked to Boston bombing suspect's gun pleads guilty to dealing crack

Cape Cod Today

- Former West Harwich man sentenced in 2011 arson attempt

Taunton Gazette

- Taunton man sentenced to 17 years for child porn offenses

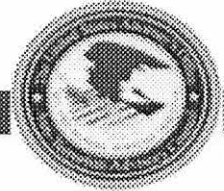
State House News

- Probation Hire Was Sweating, Nervous During Interview

- Finneran Doubts He'll Be Called as Probation Trial Witness

From: b6, b7C (USAILC) </O=USA/OU=ILC/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=DBACON>
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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 at 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 whistle-blowing 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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Disgraced former FBI agent John Connolly faces one more legal battle before he potentially walks out of jail a free man, and his trial lawyer is confident that the Florida court that...

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Prosecutors try to keep ex-FBI agent in prison

Prosecutors argued Thursday that a Florida appeals court misinterpreted the law last month when it overturned ex-FBI agent John Connolly's murder conviction for helping James "Whitey"...

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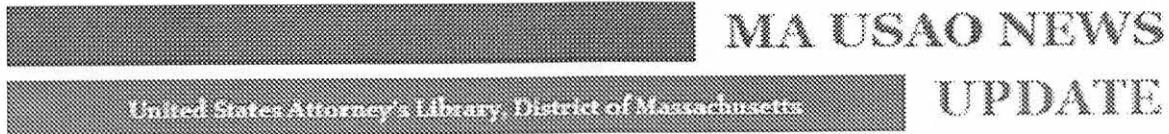
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