



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

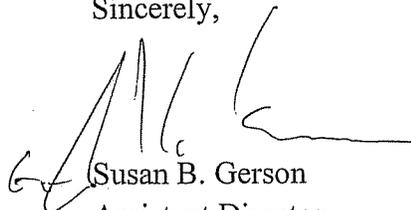
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[ X ] A review of the material revealed:

[ 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)

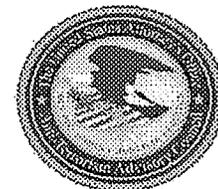
## EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

### 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 **Sp. 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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## NATIONAL SECURITY AND TERRORISM NEWS

**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 ten*” *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

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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 **Moez 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 cooperator 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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**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

By Maria Sacchetti / Globe Staff / February 26, 2014

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," Abdulbaki 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," Abdalbaki Todashev, the father of Ibragim Todashev, said in a letter he e-mailed to the White House this month.

Abdalbaki 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 Abdalbaki 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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## 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 Kenyan 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)

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## 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. (KTMF - 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.

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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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The FBI has refused to comment on the reports and has ordered that Todashev's autopsy and all other medical records be sealed and has not issued a report on the shooting.

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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.

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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.

"[Abdulkali 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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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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Wants details of FBI shooting

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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.

Abdulkali 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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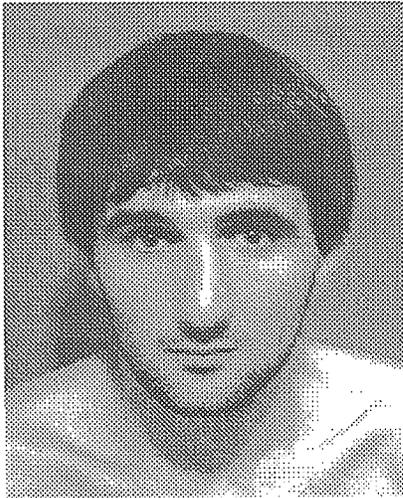
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# States urged to look into Ibragim Todashev's death

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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.

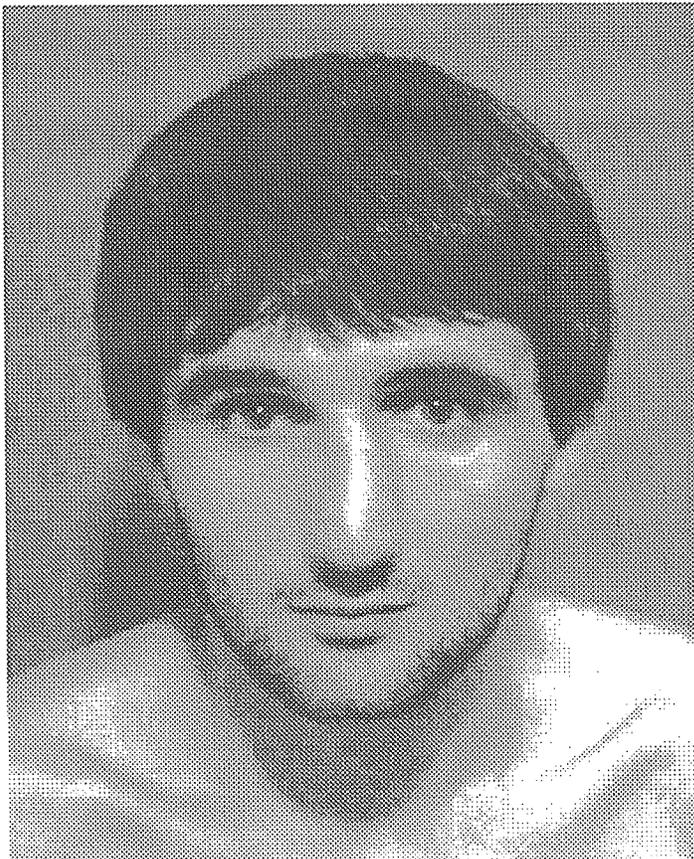
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# FBI bars Fla. from releasing Todashev autopsy

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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.