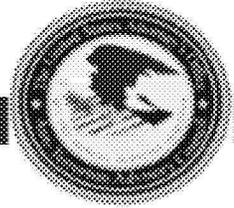


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NATIONAL SECURITY AND TERRORISM NEWS

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 Coulombe, ahead of his Feb. 3 appearance before the Senate Committee on National Security and Defense. The document does not offer explicit information about their activities, though it makes it clear that not all were involved in combat. While some individuals may have *engaged in paramilitary activities*, *others are believed to have studied in extremist Islamic schools or provided logistical or fundraising support*.

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

British Jihadist in Syria encourages others to join War in Recruitment Video - A British man fighting with an extremist group in Syria has released a call to arms to "brothers and sisters" back home

to join the country's civil war. Speaking with a London accent, the man, a member of the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS), says the "doors of jihad are still open", encouraging people to fight in the "holy war". Dressed in camouflage and wearing a balaclava, he addresses his British "brothers" telling them to join the growing ranks of foreign mujahideen. ([The Daily Telegraph \(UK\)](#) - 3/21)

United Kingdom: Ibrahim Hassan and Shah Hussain Plead Guilty to Terror

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

Britain Says Readers of Al Qaeda-Linked Magazine may be prosecuted - British authorities are taking provocative messages in an *Al Qaeda-linked online magazine* seriously and have warned that readers of the site may be prosecuted. The latest edition of *Inspire Magazine* -- an English-language online magazine published by the Yemen-based *Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula* (AQAP) -- is inciting its readers to attack public targets in the West. Britain's Metropolitan Police issued a warning that anyone reading the radical Islamist site could face prosecution and issued a formal advisory to other police forces, making them aware of the content of the publication's spring 2014 issue. *The magazine urges jihadists to target heavily populated events such as political rallies and sporting events, both in the U.S. and abroad - including in the U.K., France and other "crusading" countries.* Would-be bombers are encouraged to attack during "election seasons" and between Christmas and New Year's Eve. ([Fox News](#) – 3/24)

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

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

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

Kenya Extradites Suspected Extremists to Belgium - Kenya has extradited three men facing

charges of membership of a jihadist network to Belgium, a Belgian newspaper reported Monday quoting public prosecutors. Federal prosecutor Jean-Marc Trigaux told DH newspaper that the men -- a Belgian, a Frenchman and an Algerian -- arrived in Brussels on Saturday morning to join a trial in which they were being prosecuted in absentia. Mustapha Bouyahbaren, Rachid Benomari and Mohamed Said had been serving a one-year jail sentence in Kenya, after being found guilty in July 2013 of illegally entering the country. Kenyan authorities authorized their extradition to face terrorism charges as part of a trial involving 19 Belgians which began in Brussels on March 10. ([AFP](#) – 3/24)

DOMESTIC EXTREMIST THREATS

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

HOMELAND RESPONSE

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

Miscommunications in Waco, Texas Siege - Malcolm Gladwell profiles the FBI's siege of the **Branch Davidian compound** in Waco, Texas in 1993. Gladwell explains the miscommunications that escalated the standoff, noting that to the FBI agent, Mount Carmel was a *hostage situation*, and the purpose of the '*negotiation*' was to get the man behind the barricade to release some of his captives, but Davidian leader **David Koresh** believed that his cohabitants were students and stayed of their own free will. Gladwell writes that the disconnect between the FBI's understanding and Koresh's stance proved disastrous. ([New Yorker](#), [Business Insider](#) - 3/31)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Feds Notified U.S. Companies of Over 3,000 Cyber Intrusions in 2013 - White House officials have told industry executives that Federal agents notified more than 3,000 U.S. companies last year that their computer systems had been hacked. White House cybersecurity coordinator Michael Daniel said in a statement, "*When companies are notified that they have been victimized by malicious cyber actors, it should be a wake-up call. ... U.S. businesses must improve their cybersecurity.*" Special agent Tim Marsh of the FBI's cyber division said, "One of the frustrating parts for industry was agencies going out

and saying, 'You're a victim, you're being targeted, and I can't tell you anything else.' So we spend a lot of time making sure that before we send an agent or an investigator out that they have quality information to provide to the company." (The Washington Post - 3/25)

Auburn University Officials Disclose Cyberattack on Business School's Computer

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

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

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

NATIONAL, STATE, AND DISTRICT CRIMINAL LAW

Illinois: Motorcycle club member gets five years in prison for role in armed robbery -

Gerald R. Utterback, 45, of Barry, IL, was sentenced Tuesday to five years in the Illinois Department of Corrections by Adams County Circuit Judge William Mays. In January, a jury found **Utterback** guilty of aggravated robbery, robbery and theft of a person for a May 20, 2012, incident in downtown Quincy. Utterback was one of four members of the Midwest Percenters motorcycle club who surrounded members of the *Tunnel Rats motorcycle club* and stole their vests during the incident. Utterback was found not guilty of the most serious charge, armed robbery, for which he could have been sent to prison for up to 15 years. *Mays' sentence was one year over the minimum allowed by law.*

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

CDIL: Don't Shoot participant pleads guilty to federal weapons charges -

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

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

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

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

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

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

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