Terrorist Arrests and Plots Stopped in the United States 2009-2012*

(Compiled by Senate Intelligence Committee staff based on publicly available information from the FBI, the Congressional Research Service, and media reports)

(1) Quazi Mohammad Rezwanul Ahsan Nafis—Plot to Bomb New York Federal Reserve Bank—October 2012
On October 17, 2012, the FBI arrested Ahsan Nafis, a Bangladeshi national, as he attempted to detonate what he believed to be a 1,000-pound bomb at the New York Federal Reserve Bank in lower Manhattan’s financial district. The defendant faces charges of attempting to use a weapon of mass destruction and attempting to provide material support to Al Qaeda. According to an FBI press release, the accused, “traveled to the United States in January 2012 for the purpose of conducting a terrorist attack on U.S. soil. Nafis, who reported having overseas connections to Al Qaeda, attempted to recruit individuals to form a terrorist cell inside the United States. Nafis also actively sought out Al Qaeda contacts within the United States to assist him in carrying out an attack.”[1]

(2) Adel Daoud—Plot to Bomb Downtown Chicago Bar—September 2012
On Friday September 14, 2012, Adel Daoud attempted to detonate what he believed to be a car bomb outside a bar in downtown Chicago. Daoud, a U.S. citizen, was arrested as part of an ongoing FBI counterterrorism operation after he was discovered on the Internet seeking information on how to conduct terrorist attacks. According to an FBI press release, “In about May 2012, two FBI online undercover employees contacted Daoud in response to material Daoud posted online and thereafter exchanged several electronic communications with Daoud. According to the affidavit, during these communications Daoud expressed an interest in engaging in violent jihad, either in the United States or overseas.” [2]


*NOTE: This list does not include the arrest of Major Nidal Hasan, Abdulhakim Muhammed, or Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, who were not prevented from attempting or carrying out attacks by the FBI.
These five men were arrested on May 1, 2012 after they attempted to detonate an explosive device set on the Brecksville-Northfield High Level Bridge in Ohio that was given to them by an undercover FBI agent. The accused men are self-proclaimed anarchists who considered carrying out a series of attacks, but ultimately decided to target the bridge in Ohio after an initial plot to use smoke grenades to distract law enforcement in order for co-conspirators to topple financial institution signs atop high rise buildings in downtown Cleveland failed to materialize. “The defendants conspired to obtain C-4 explosives contained in two improvised explosive devices to be placed and remotely detonated,” according to the complaint. [3]

8) Bakhtiyor Jumaev and (9) Jamshid Muhtorov—Conspiracy to Provide Material Support to the Islamic Jihad Union (IJU)—March 2012
On March 15, 2012, the FBI arrested Bakhtiyor Jumaev who was charged with one count of conspiracy to provide material support to the Islamic Jihad Union (IJU). The FBI had been conducting an investigation into the activities of Jumaev and his associate, Jamshid Muhtorov, who was arrested in January 2012 on similar charges. Jumaev and Muhtorov had pledged support for the IJU and Jumaev sent funds to Muhtorov, specifically intended for the IJU. The U.S. Government has designated the IJU as a Foreign Terrorist Organization. [4]

10) Amine El Khalifi—Plot to carry out a Suicide Bomb Attack against the U.S. Capitol—February 2012
Amine El Khalifi, an illegal immigrant from Morocco, was arrested on February 17, 2012 for attempting to detonate a bomb in what was envisioned to be a suicide attack against the U.S. Capitol Building. According to an FBI press release, “El Khalifi allegedly traveled to a parking garage near the U.S. Capitol building. El Khalifi took possession of a MAC-10 automatic weapon and put on a vest containing what he believed to be a functioning bomb. Unbeknownst to El Khalifi, both the weapon and the bomb had been rendered inoperable by law enforcement. El Khalifi walked alone from the vehicle toward the United States Capitol, where he intended to shoot people and detonate the bomb. El Khalifi was arrested and taken into custody before exiting the parking garage.”

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[5] The FBI made initial contact with Khalifi in January 2011. Over the course of the year he cited his anger over the “war on terrorism” and the “war on Muslims” as his rationale behind planned attacks against a military installation and a restaurant in Washington D.C. After acquiring and testing dummy explosives given to him by FBI affiliates, Khalifi modified his plans to conduct a suicide attack against the U.S. Capitol.

On January 7, 2012, the FBI arrested Sami Osmakac, a naturalized U.S. citizen born in the former Yugoslavia (Kosovo) on one count of attempted use of a weapon of mass destruction. The FBI used a sting operation to apprehend Osmakac who was 25 years old at the time of his arrest. According to FBI investigators, in September 2011, an FBI source reported that Osmakac and another person had asked for Al Qaeda flags at the source’s business. The source continued to interact with Osmakac and report to the FBI about his activities. Osmakac allegedly expressed interest in obtaining firearms and explosives for attacks he was planning in the Tampa area, and the source introduced him to an FBI undercover employee reputed to have access to such materials. The undercover employee supplied Osmakac with hand grenades, an assault rifle, a pistol, a car bomb, and an explosive belt. Osmakac was unaware that the items actually did not work. In the course of his plotting Osmakac purportedly discussed targets such as “night clubs in the Ybor City area of Tampa, the Operations Center of the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office in Ybor City, and a business in the South Tampa,” according to a DOJ press release. Muslims in Tampa reportedly aided the FBI in its investigation. Osmakac purportedly exhibited extremist views prompting at least one local Muslim to tell authorities about him. [7]

[12] Jose Pimentel—Plot to Bomb New York City Targets and Troops Returning from Combat Overseas—November 2011
On November 19, 2011, New York City police arrested a convert to Islam named Jose Pimentel on terrorism charges. According to New York City Police Commissioner Raymond W. Kelly, Pimentel purportedly discussed killing U.S. military personnel returning home from Iraq and Afghanistan, in conjunction with bombing post offices in and around Washington Heights and police cars in New York City, as well as a police station in Bayonne, N.J. The alleged would-be bomber was building explosive devices when he was arrested after two years of surveillance by the New York City Police

6 Id.
Department (NYPD). Pimentel reportedly discussed his plans with an individual he did not know was an NYPD criminal informant. Pimentel sympathized with Al Qaeda and drew inspiration from now-deceased radical cleric Anwar al-Awlaki. The alleged would-be bomber purportedly tried but failed to correspond with Awlaki via e-mail, and the cleric’s death may have sped up Pimentel’s plotting. According to the criminal complaint filed in the case, the NYPD tracked Pimentel’s internet activity, finding that Pimentel had posted online pro-Al Qaeda material as well as an article detailing how to make a bomb from Inspire Magazine. Working in the apartment of an NYPD criminal informant, Pimentel supposedly followed Inspire’s bomb making instructions, scraping match heads, collecting the incendiary material, as well as drilling holes in three pipes, among other steps. [8]

(13) Mansour Arbabsiar—Plot to Assassinate the Saudi Ambassador to the United States—October 2011
Mansour Arbabsiar was arrested after he approached a DEA informant, who he believed was a member of Los Zetas, to hire the cartel to carry out a terrorist attack against the Saudi ambassador at a restaurant in Washington. Mr. Arbabsiar had many connections to Iran’s military and the Qods Force. [9]

(14) Rezwan Ferdaus—Plot to Attack U.S. Capitol and Pentagon—September 2011
On September 28, Rezwan Ferdaus, a U.S. citizen from Ashland, MA, was arrested on terrorism charges. He allegedly plotted to attack the Pentagon and the U.S. Capitol with explosives-laden remote-controlled airplanes. According to DOJ, he also planned a ground assault in conjunction with his aerial attack, intending to use firearms and to involve six conspirators in this phase of his plot. Ferdaus also purportedly attempted to provide Al Qaeda with modified cell phones he believed would be used as detonators for improvised explosive devices intended to harm U.S. soldiers abroad. As described by DOJ, FBI undercover employees acting as members of Al Qaeda supplied Ferdaus with money, fake explosives for the airplanes, firearms, and hand grenades. In turn, (among other things) Ferdaus provided the cell phone detonators to these phony Al Qaeda recruiters as well as a training video on how to construct them. Ferdaus supposedly began plotting in 2010. In January 2011, he discussed his plans with an FBI informant. In May 2011, he visited the Washington, DC, area to conduct surveillance of his targets and view the site from which he intended to launch his remote-controlled airplanes.

According to the FBI, Ferdaus believed that one of his airplanes could collapse the Capitol dome. [10]

**15 Agron Hasbajrami—Plot to Fight in Pakistan—September 2011**

On September 6, 2011, Agron Hasbajrami was arrested at John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York City as he tried to board a flight to Turkey. Hasbajrami allegedly planned to join a jihadist fighting group in the Federally Administered Tribal Areas of Pakistan. He also purportedly sent more than $1,000 to Pakistan to support the efforts of a militant with whom he communicated. [11]

**16 Naser Abdo—Plot to Attack Targets Near Fort Hood—July 2011**

On July 27, 2011, U.S. Army Private Naser Abdo was arrested near Fort Hood in Texas for allegedly plotting a shooting spree and bombing in the area—near the same place where Army Major Nidal Hasan reportedly killed 13 individuals in 2009. Abdo, described in the media as a Muslim soldier in the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, KY, was supposedly absent without leave from the Army after applying for conscientious objector status. A November 2011 superseding indictment charged Abdo with one count of attempted use of a weapon of mass destruction, one count of attempted murder of officers or employees of the United States, two counts of possession of a firearm in furtherance of a federal crime of violence, and two counts of possession of a destructive device in furtherance of a federal crime of violence. Abdo allegedly purchased gunpowder, shotgun ammunition, and a magazine for a semi-automatic pistol at a gun store near Fort Hood. An employee at the gun store supposedly brought Abdo to the attention of law enforcement officers. Federal officials have noted that Abdo also possessed a .40 caliber handgun, bomb making materials, and an article on how to construct an explosive device, among other items. The article was from *Inspire*, an English-language magazine produced by Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula. [12]

**17 Ulugbek Kodirov—Plot to Assassinate President Obama—July 2011**

Ulugbek Kodirov, an Uzbek living in Alabama, was arrested when he sought assistance to kill President Obama either by shooting him or using explosives. The affidavit said

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that the source whom Kodirov contacted for help told authorities that Kodirov supported Islamic extremists and regularly viewed jihadist websites. [13]

(18) Emerson Begolly—Plot to Encourage Jihadist Acts in the United States—July 2011
On July 14, 2011, Emerson Begolly, a U.S. citizen from New Bethlehem, PA, was indicted for attempting to encourage jihadists to commit acts of terrorism within the United States and distributing information related to explosives online. In August 2011, he pleaded guilty to “soliciting others to engage in acts of terrorism within the United States and to using a firearm during and in relation to an assault on FBI agents.”[14] According to DOJ, Begolly posted “links to a 101-page document that contain[ed] information on how to set up a laboratory, conduct basic chemistry, and manufacture explosives.” [15]

(19) Abu Khalid Abdul-Latif and (20) Walli Mujahidh—Plot to Attack Seattle Military Processing Center—June 2011
On June 22, 2011, Abu Khalid Abdul-Latif and Walli Mujahidh, were arrested on terrorism and firearms charges for plotting to attack a Seattle military processing center. An FBI sting operation apprehended the two as they took possession of machine guns they had purchased for the plot. The firearms had been rendered inert as part of the sting operation. Assistant Attorney General for National Security Todd Hinnen described the plot as, “driven by a violent, extreme ideology.” [16] While the two reportedly had not worked out all of the details of their plot, they allegedly were frustrated by “American war policies” and hoped for an attack that would garner wide attention.

(21) Yonathan Melaku—Plot to Shoot Targets in Washington, DC, Area—June 2011
On June 23, 2011, DOJ announced that Yonathan Melaku, an Ethiopian native living in Alexandria, VA, was charged with destruction of property and firearm violations. These charges stemmed from five shootings at military installations in Northern Virginia between October and November 2010. No one was harmed in the shootings. It is unclear to what extent Melaku, a Marine Corps reservist, was driven by jihadist motivations;

15 Id.
however, investigators linked Melaku to a spiral notebook with numerous Arabic statements referencing the Taliban, Al Qaeda, Osama bin Laden, “The Path to Jihad,” as well as a list of several other individuals associated with foreign terrorist organizations. Law enforcement officials also found a video when they searched Melaku’s bedroom. It reportedly depicted “Melaku in an automobile driving near what appears to be the U.S. Marine Corps Heritage Museum and repeatedly firing a handgun out the passenger-side window.” In the video, he allegedly states, “that’s my target. That’s the military building. It’s going to be attacked,” and then he shouts, “Allah Akbar.” [17]

(22) Waad Ramadan Alwan and (23) Mohanad Shareef Hammadi—Material Support to Al Qaeda in Iraq—May 2011
Alwan and Hammadi were arrested on May 25, 2011 in Kentucky on charges to commit conspiracy to kill U.S. nationals abroad and provide material support, including weapons, to Al Qaeda in Iraq among other charges. [18]

On May 12, 2011, Ahmed Ferhani (an Algerian native living in Queens, NY) and Mohamed Mamdouh (a naturalized U.S. citizen from Morocco) were arrested for plotting to blow up a synagogue as well as churches in New York City. However, the duo had not chosen a specific target. New York City officials alleged that Ferhani was driven by a hatred of Jews and a belief that Muslims are mistreated the world over. He and Mamdouh allegedly had purchased firearms and a hand grenade from an undercover detective posing as a gun dealer. [19]

Joseph Jeffrey Brice was arrested on charges of manufacturing an unregistered firearm and later an additional charge of providing material support for terrorism. Police began to take an interest in Mr. Brice after he was seriously injured in April 2010 while testing a homemade bomb. Investigators discovered videos Brice posted that depicted suicide bombings in Pakistan and links to a terrorism magazine with instructions on how to make explosives. He also posted bomb making videos to YouTube under the name “StrengthofAllah.” Mr. Brice also plotted with an unidentified man to rob a Zions First

National bank in Idaho although the plot was never acted upon. Authorities believe Brice was not a Muslim; rather, he assumed a Muslim identity online in order to sell his bomb-making expertise. [20]

(27) Hafiz Muhammed Sher Ali Khan, (28) Irfan Khan, and (29) Izhar Khan,— Material Support to the Pakistani Taliban—May 2011
Six individuals located in South Florida and Pakistan were indicted in the Southern District of Florida on charges of providing financing and other material support to the Pakistani Taliban, a designated foreign terrorist organization. Three of them were located abroad. Hafiz Muhammed Sher Ali Khan, Irfan Khan, and Izhar Khan were arrested in the U.S. [21]

(30) Kevin William Harpham—Attempt to Use an Explosive Device—March 2011
On March 9, 2011, Kevin Harpham was arrested for placing an explosive device alongside a planned Martin Luther King Jr. Day Unity March. Harpham admitted that he was a white supremacist and white separatist. [22]

On February 23, 2011, FBI agents arrested Khalid Ali-M Aldawsari, a citizen of Saudi Arabia and resident of Lubbock, TX. He was charged with attempted use of a weapon of mass destruction. He also allegedly plotted to purchase material to make an improvised explosive device and had researched potential U.S. targets. A chemical supplier provided information to the FBI about a suspicious attempted purchase by Aldawsari. Prosecutors have stated that among the targets Aldawsari researched was the home address for former President George W. Bush. He also researched the names and home addresses of three American soldiers who had previously served at Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq. [23]

(32) Roger Stockham—Plot to Attack Shia Mosque in Michigan—January 2011
Roger Stockham was arrested on January 24, 2011 outside the Islamic Center of America in Dearborn, Michigan. Mr. Stockham, a Vietnam veteran from Southern California, was caught with explosives in his vehicle outside the Michigan mosque. Authorities found a large but undisclosed quantity of class-C fireworks including M-80s, which are banned in

Michigan, in his car. Mr. Stockham had a history of mental health issues and criminal acts ranging from kidnappings to attempted bombings. [24]

(33) Antonio Martinez—Plot to Bomb Armed Forces Recruiting Center—December 2010
Antonio Martinez (aka Muhammad Hussain), a US citizen from Baltimore was charged with attempting to detonate a bomb outside of a US Armed Forces recruiting center in Catonsville, Maryland on December 8, 2010. Unbeknownst to him, Mr. Martinez was working with undercover FBI agents the whole time as they had been monitoring him since October 1, 2010 when a confidential source tipped off authorities to the potential danger. Martinez had attempted to recruit up to five other people to his plot, but they all declined to help him. [25]

(34) Mohamed Osman Mohamud—Plot to Bomb Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony—November 2010
Mohamed Osman Mohamud a US Citizen from Somalia was charged with attempting to detonate a vehicle bomb at a Christmas tree lighting ceremony in Portland, OR on November 26, 2010. The arrest was the culmination of a months-long investigation and the explosives he was trying to detonate were inert. Mohamud was in touch with contacts in Pakistan and he was trying to travel overseas to engage in a violent jihad, according to the FBI. Mohamud told undercover agents that he had been trying to commit a violent jihad for 4 years, since he was 15. [26]

(35) Mohamud Abdi Yusuf and (36) Abdi Mahdi Hussein—Material Support to Al-Shabaab and Conspiracy to Structure Financial Transactions—November 2010
On November 1, 2010, Mohamud Abdi Yusuf was arrested on charges of providing material support to al Shabaab and one charge of conspiracy to structure financial transactions. Abdi Mahdi Hussein was arrested one day later on a charge of conspiracy to structure financial transactions. The indictment alleged that Yusuf and Hussein sent funds to al Shabaab supporters in Somalia from licensed money remitting businesses operating in the United States, in part by using fictitious names and telephone numbers to conceal the nature of their activities. [27]

(37) **Farooque Ahmed—Plot to Bomb Washington, DC, Subway Stations—October 2010**

Farooque Ahmed was arrested on October 27, 2010, and charged with conspiring with others he believed to be Al Qaeda operatives to bomb subway stations in Washington, DC. His co-conspirators turned out to be undercover law enforcement officers. [28]

(38) **Abdel Hameed Shehadeh—Travel Abroad to Wage Jihad—October 2010**

Abdel Hameed Shehadeh was arrested on October 22, 2010, in Honolulu, HI. Among the accusations against him were that he tried to join the U.S. military so he could be deployed to Iraq but would desert and fight with anti-American insurgency forces. [29]

(39) **Sami Samir Hassoun—Plot to Detonate an Explosive Device—September 2010**

Sami Samir Hassoun was charged with one count each of (1) attempted use of a weapon of mass destruction and (2) attempted use of an explosive device after placing a backpack which he thought contained an explosive device into a curbside trash receptacle near a crowded nightclub. [30]

(40) **Amina Ali and (41) Hawo Hassan—Material Support to Terrorist Group al Shabaab—August 2010**

On August 15, 2010, 2 Americans and 12 others were charged with terrorism-related crimes linked to the Somali-based organization known as al Shabaab. There were only two arrests—of Amina Ali and Hawo Hassan—women charged with raising money to support al Shabaab through door-to-door solicitations and teleconferences in Somali communities in Minnesota. Indictments were also unsealed in Minnesota, Alabama, and California charging the other 12 individuals who were believed to be fugitives in Somalia. [31]

(42) **Shaker Masri—Attempted Travel to Somalia or Afghanistan to Fight—August 2010**

Shaker Masri was arrested by the FBI on August 3, 2010, just before he was allegedly planning to travel to Somalia or Afghanistan to join either al-Shabaab or Al Qaeda. The

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FBI used a cooperating source who met Masri in November 2008 and subsequently consensually recorded conversations with him for the investigation. According to court documents, Masri encouraged the cooperating source to “review speeches” by Anwar al-Awlaki. [32]

(43) Paul Gene Rockwood and (44) Nadia Rockwood—Charged with Perjury in a Terrorism Investigation—July 2010
Both Paul Rockwood and his wife pleaded guilty to one count of willfully making false statements to the FBI involving terrorism. According to the plea agreements and other documents filed with the court, Paul Rockwood converted to Islam, and later became a strict adherent to the violent jihad-promoting ideology of cleric Anwar Al-Awlaki. According to the filed court documents, after he moved to King Salmon, Alaska in 2006, Paul Rockwood continued his adherence to Al-Awlaki’s ideology and by early 2010, he formalized a target list to include 15 specific locations all outside the state of Alaska. In April 2010, Paul Rockwood gave his written target list to his wife, Nadia, who, knowing of its purpose, carried the list with her on a trip to Anchorage. The FBI’s Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) subsequently obtained the target list. On May 19, 2010, JTTF agents questioned Paul Rockwood and provided him a copy of the target list. In response to agents’ questions, Rockwood made false statements, denying he had created such a list, denying the purpose of the list and denying ever having such a list. JTTF agents also questioned Nadia Rockwood on May 19, 2010, about transporting the target list authored by her husband to another person. In response, Nadia Rockwood also made false statements to FBI agents. [33]

(45) Zachary Adam Chesser and (46) Proscovia Kampire Nzabanita—Conspiracy to Murder “South Park” Creators—July 2010
On July 21, 2010, Zachary Adam Chesser, of Fairfax County, Va., was arrested on charges that he provided material support to al-Shabaab, a designated foreign terrorist organization. According to court documents, Chesser maintained several online profiles dedicated to extremist jihad propaganda. Chesser eventually admitted to encouraging violent jihadists to attack the writers of South Park, including highlighting their residence and urging online readers to “pay them a visit.” [34] Chesser’s wife, Proscovia

Kampire Nzabanita, eventually pleaded guilty to making a false statement to an FBI agent during the course of the FBI’s investigation of her husband. [35]

(47) **Mohamed Alessa and (48) Carlos Almonte—Attempting Material Support to Terrorism—June 2010**

On June 5, 2010, two New Jersey residents, Mohamed Alessa and Carlos Almonte, were arrested at JFK in New York prior to boarding separate flights to Egypt. Authorities alleged the two had hoped to eventually link up with al-Shabaab in Somalia. The following day, they were charged with conspiracy to kill Americans abroad. They are alleged to have vowed to “slice up” troops in “a thousand pieces,” according to the criminal complaint which cites conversations secretly recorded by a NYPD undercover officer. [36]

(49) **Tarek Mehanna—Providing Material Support to Al Qaeda—June 2010**

Tarek Mehanna (of Sudbury, Massachusetts) and Ahmad Aboursamra (a fugitive in Syria) were charged with conspiring to aid Al Qaeda, as well as attempting to commit murder in a foreign country, conspiracy to commit provide false information to law enforcement, as well as a number of other counts of false statements to law enforcement. Only Mehanna was arrested. [37]

(50) **Barry Walter Bujol, Jr.—Attempting to Provide Material Support to Al Qaeda—June 2010**

Barry Walter Bujol, Jr. was charged with attempting to provide material support to AQAP and aggravated identity theft. [38]

(51) **Fasial Shahzad—Attempted Car Bombing in Times Square—May 2010**

Fasial Shahzad was arrested on May 3, 2010 and eventually pleaded guilty to 10 crimes stemming from attempting to detonate a car bomb in Times Square on May 1, 2010. Shahzad was apprehended after being identified at JFK Airport after U.S. Customs agents recognized him from video taken at Times Square. [39] Two other individuals were indicted in connection with this terrorist plot:

(52) Mohammad Younis was arrested in September 2010 and accused of operating an unlicensed money transmitting business which provided funds to Faisal Shahzad. There are no allegations, however, that Younis was aware of the intended use of the money. In the indictment, he was charged with operating an unlicensed money transfer business between the United States and Pakistan and conspiracy to operate an unlicensed money transfer business. In August 2011, he pleaded guilty to the former charge. [40]

(53) Aftab Ali was charged in a criminal complaint in November 2010 with immigration fraud and making false statements. The complaint alleges that Ali provided $4,900 to Shahzad in February 2010 as part of a hawala transaction. The complaint does not allege that Ali was aware of the intended use of the money by Shahzad, but in April 2011, Ali pleaded guilty to charges of unlicensed money transmitting and immigration document fraud. He was sentenced to time served and ordered to be deported. [41]

(54) Khalid Ouazzani—Providing Material Support to Al Qaeda—May 2010
Ouazzani swore an oath of allegiance to Al Qaeda in June 2008. Ouazzani admitted that, from August 2007 to February 2010, he participated in a conspiracy to provide material support or resources to Al Qaeda. Ouazzani admitted that he personally provided more than $23,000 to Al Qaeda and performed other tasks at the request of and for the benefit of Al Qaeda. Ouazzani also had conversations with others about various ways to support Al Qaeda, including plans for them to fight in Afghanistan, Iraq, or Somalia. [42]

(55) Wesam el-Hanafi and (56) Sabirhan Hasanoff—Providing Material Support to Al Qaeda—April 2010
Wesam el-Hanafi and Sabirhan Hasanoff were indicted for conspiring to provide material support, including computer advice and assistance, to Al Qaeda. [43]

(57) Colleen R. LaRose, (58) Jamie Paulin Ramirez, and (59) Mohammad Hassan Khalid—Material Support to Terrorists—March 2010
On March 9, 2010 Colleen LaRose was charged with conspiracy to provide material support to terrorists, conspiracy to kill in a foreign country, making false statements to a government official, and attempted identity theft. The indictment charged that LaRose, an American citizen who went by the alias “Jihad Jane”, was part of a group who

recruited men on the Internet to wage violent jihad in South Asia and Europe, and recruited women on the Internet who had passports and the ability to travel to and around Europe in support of violent jihad. Additionally, LaRose was accused of directly plotting to kill a citizen of Sweden. LaRose, aka “Jihad Jane,” pleaded guilty in February 2011 in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and Ramirez pleaded guilty in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania in March 2011. [44]

On April 2, 2010, Jamie Paulin Ramirez, a U.S. citizen and former resident of Colorado, was also charged with conspiracy to provide material support to terrorists, and linked to the same group as LaRose. The supersedeing indictment charged that LaRose and Ramirez traveled to and around Europe to participate in and in support of violent jihad. [45]

Finally, on October 20, 2011, Mohammad Hassan Khalid was also charged with providing material support to terrorists linking back to the same case as LaRose and Ramirez. The indictment alleged that, from about 2008 through July 2011, Khalid conspired with LaRose, Ramirez, and others to provide material support and resources, including logistical support, recruitment services, financial support, identification documents and personnel, to a conspiracy to kill overseas. [46]

(60 through 68) Nine Members of Militia Group “The Hutaree” Charged with Attempted Use of Weapons of Mass Destruction—March 2010

Six Michigan residents, two Ohio residents, and a resident of Indiana were charged with attempted use of weapons of mass destruction among other charges. The indictment alleged that nine individuals who were part of the Lenawee County Michigan militia group called the Hutaree, conspired to oppose by force the authority of the U.S. government. The indictment further alleged that the Hutaree planned to kill an unidentified member of local law enforcement and then attack the law enforcement officers who gathered for the funeral. According to the plan, the Hutaree would attack law enforcement vehicles during the funeral procession with improvised explosive devices, which, according to the indictment, constitute weapons of mass destruction. [47]

(69) Raja Ladrasib Khan—Provided Material Support to Al Qaeda—March 2010

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Khan was arrested and charged with sending money orders to Ilyas Kashimiri, a Pakistani Al Qaeda Leader on multiple occasions knowing that the money was going to a terrorist organization. [48]

(70) **Hosam Maher Husein Smadi—Attempting to use a Weapon of Mass Destruction—March 2010**
On September 24, 2009, Hosam Maher Husein Smadi was arrested and charged in a federal criminal complaint with attempting to use a weapon of mass destruction after he placed an inert/inactive car bomb near Fountain Place, a 60-story glass office tower in downtown Dallas. Smadi repeatedly espoused his desire to commit violent jihad and had been the focus of an undercover FBI investigation. [49]

(71) **Omer Abdi Mohamed—Conspiring to Provide Material Support to Murder, Kidnap, and Maim Abroad—November 2009**
The indictment alleged that Omer Abdi Mohamed conspired to provide material support to kill, kidnap, maim, or injure persons in a foreign country. Among the activities alleged against Mohamed were that he recruited young men to send to Somalia to fight for al-Shabaab. In July 2011, Mohamed pleaded guilty to the charges filed against him. [50]

(72) **Abdow Munye Abdow—False Statements in a Terrorism Investigation—October 2009**
On October 13, 2009, a federal grand jury returned a two-count indictment charging Abdow Munye Abdow with making false statements to the FBI after being stopped during a road trip from Minneapolis to Las Vegas with young men, allegedly facilitating their travel to Somalia to fight for al-Shabaab. [51]

(73) **David Coleman Headley and (74) Tahawwur Hussain Rana—Terrorism Conspiracy—October 2009**
On October 29, 2009, David Coleman Headley and Tahawwur Hussain Rana were arrested for their alleged roles in conspiracies to provide material support and/or to commit terrorist acts against overseas targets, including facilities and employees of a Danish newspaper that published cartoons of the Prophet Mohammed in 2005.

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Eventually Headley pleaded guilty to a dozen charges of terrorism stemming from the November 2008 terrorist attack in Mumbai, India. Headley also admitted to attending training camps in Pakistan to prepare for terrorist attacks and to traveling to Mumbai to conduct surveillance in 2005. [52]

(75) Najibullah Zazi, (76) Adis Medunjanin, and (77) Zarein Ahmedzay—Conspiracy to Use Weapons of Mass Destruction—September 2009
On Sept. 8, 2009, Zazi drove from Denver to New York, carrying explosives and other materials necessary to build bombs and carry out attacks in New York City, including a plan to bomb the New York subway system. However, shortly after arriving in New York, Zazi learned that law enforcement was investigating his activities, so he traveled back to Denver, where he was arrested on Sept. 19, 2009. Medunjanin and Ahmedzay were later arrested in connection with Zazi’s bombing plot. All three men had traveled to Pakistan for terrorist training and along with others, planned the New York terrorist attacks. [53] Three other individuals were indicted in connection with this terrorist plot:
(78) Mohammed Wali Zazi, Najibullah Zazi’s father was arrested in the fall of 2009 for lying to investigators. On February 1, 2010, he was indicted for conspiring to dispose of his son’s bomb-making materials and chemicals. In July 2011, the elder Zazi was found guilty in federal court on one count of conspiracy to obstruct justice and one count of obstruction of justice. [54]
(79) Ahmad Wais Afzali, a Queens Imam, was arrested for tipping off Zazi to the FBI investigation. Afzali had been a source of information for federal and New York City investigators in the past. On March 4, 2010, Afzali pleaded guilty to lying to federal officials. He stated in court that he lied about a conversation he had with Zazi tipping him off to the FBI’s investigation. [55]
(80) Naqib Jaji, Zazi’s uncle, eventually pleaded guilty to obstructing justice. [56]

On September 23, 2009, Michael C. Finton, who had converted to Islam was arrested after he drove a van he thought was loaded with explosives—but was actually full of inert materials provided to him by the FBI—to the Paul Findley Federal Building in Springfield, IL. Prosecutors say he parked and locked the vehicle, then moved a few blocks away before twice making cell phone calls he believed would trigger a blast that would kill or injure people inside the building. In May 2011, he pleaded guilty to attempting to bomb the building and was sentenced to 28 years in prison. [57]

On July 27, 2009, seven individuals in North Carolina were charged with conspiring to provide material support to terrorists and conspiring to murder, kidnap, maim, and injure persons abroad. The indictment alleged that Daniel Boyd and the other defendants conspired to provide material support and resources to terrorists, including currency, training, transportation, and personnel. The defendants also conspired to murder, kidnap, maim, and injure persons abroad during this period. The object of the conspiracy, according to the indictment, was to advance violent jihad. [58]

(89) James Cromitie, (90) David Williams, (91) Onta Williams, and (92) Laguerre Payen—Plot to Blow up Synagogues and Shoot down U.S. Military Planes—May 2009
These four men were arrested for plotting to bomb synagogues in the Bronx, New York. Additionally, they planned to use Stinger, surface to air missiles, to shoot down military planes at New York Air National Guard Base. The men were contacted by FBI informants and given inert weapons, which they proceeded to try and use, which is when they were apprehended. [59]

(93) Salah Osman Ahmed—Providing Material Support to al-Shabaab—July 2009

On February 19, 2009, Salah Osman Ahmed pleaded guilty to providing material support to al-Shabaab. [60]

(94) Abdifatah Yusuf Isse—Providing Material Support to al-Shabaab—April 2009
On February 19, 2009, Abdifatah Yusuf Isse guilty to providing material support to al-Shabaab. [61]

(95) Kamal Said Hassan—Providing Material Support to al-Shabaab—February 2009
On February 19, 2009, Kamal Said Hassan pleaded guilty to providing material support to al-Shabaab and making false statements to the FBI. [62]