

Thwarted Terrorist Attacks Since 9/11

- December 2001, the first post - 9/11 plot was thwarted
 - Captured an al Qaeda operative named Ali Salih al-Mari in the United States who we believe was targeting water reservoirs, the New York Stock Exchange, and United States military academies.
 - Al-Mari offered himself as a martyr to Khalid Sheikh Mohammad (the mastermind of 9/11) who sent him to the U.S. after he received training in poisons at an al Qaeda camp.
- May 2002, Jose Padilla 'Dirty Bomb' Plot
 - American citizen accused of seeking radioactive-laced "dirty bomb" to use in an attack against America.
 - Padilla was convicted of conspiracy in August, 2007
- 2002 Aviation Plots
 - Al Qaeda leader in Southeast Asia known as Hambali recruited Jemaah Islamiyah operatives of Asian origin (less conspicuous)
 - Plot derailed in early 2002 with international cooperation.
 - Library tower is the tallest building west of the Mississippi (1,018')
 - Among the 25 tallest buildings in the world.
- September 2002, Lackawanna Six
 - FBI Thwarted the locally recruited terrorist cell the "Lackawanna 6" by the capture of Juma al-Dosari in Afghanistan and subsequent interrogation while imprisoned at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.
 - Six American citizens of Yemeni origin convicted of supporting Al Qaeda after attending jihadist camp in Pakistan.
 - Five of six were from Lackawanna, N.Y.
 - Summer/Fall 2001: FBI agents in New York receive anonymous tips from Yemeni-American community in New York that a local group of men is conspiring and training with Al Qaeda to commit acts of terrorism against the U.S.
 - Several implicated men are put on the FBI terrorist watch list and detained upon return from Pakistan.
 - Al Dosari is captured in Afghanistan in November 2001 and subsequently reveals the greater plot in New York to recruit.
 - "Lackawanna 6" were arrested and convicted of supporting Al Qaeda and plotting terrorist acts.
- May 2003, Brooklyn Bridge Plot



- American citizen Iyman Faris was charged with plotting to use blowtorches to collapse the Brooklyn Bridge.



- After being introduced to Al Qaeda operatives, NY & federal authorities intercepted a plan to collapse the Brooklyn Bridge by cutting suspension cables as well as potentially derailing a train en route to Washington, D.C.
- Faris was arrested by the FBI after they intercepted a phone call to Al Qaeda operatives in Pakistan
- Faris was offered and accepted a deal to work as a double-agent for the U.S., helping the FBI with their anti-terrorist intelligence collection.

- June 2003, Virginia Jihad Network

- 11 men from Alexandria, VA, trained for jihad against American soldiers, convicted of violating the Neutrality Act, conspiracy.
- 11 Muslim men were charged in U.S. District Court in Alexandria with training with and fighting for Lashkar-i-Taiba - a group fighting the Indian government that the U.S. government considers a terrorist organization.
- Several members of the group were found to have trained for future attacks by using paintball facilities in the Northern Virginia area.

- August 2004, Financial Centers Plot

- Dhiren Barot Indian-born leader of terror cell plotted bombings on financial centers.
- Barot plotted a “memorable black day of terror” via a dirty bomb that targeted financial institutions in NY, D.C. and Newark.
- Barot was arrested at his home in Pakistan with the cooperation and help of U.S. and U.K. anti-terror authorities.

- August 2004, Penn Station Plot

- James Elshafay and Shahawar Matin Siraj sought to plant a bomb at New York's Penn Station near Madison Square Garden during the Republican National Convention.
- The New York City Police Departments Intelligence Division helped to conduct an investigation leading to the arrests.
- An undercover agent infiltrated the group, provided information to authorities, and later testified against Elshafay and Siraj.

- August 2004, Pakistani Diplomat Assassination Plot

- Two leaders of an Albany, New York, mosque Yassin Aref and Mohammed Hossain, were charged with plotting to purchase a shoulder-fired grenade launcher to assassinate a Pakistani diplomat.
- An investigation by the FBI, the Treasury Department's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, and the local police contributed to the arrest.
- With the help of an informant, the FBI was able to set up a sting that lured Mohammed Hossain into a fake terrorist conspiracy. Hossain brought Yassin Araf, a Kurdish refugee, as a witness. The informant offered details of a fake terrorist plot, claiming that he needed the missiles to murder a Pakistani diplomat in New York City. Both agreed to help.
- June 2005, Father and son Terror Camp Plot
 - In California, Pakistani immigrants Umer Hayat and Hamid Hayat, father and son, were arrested in June 2005 after allegedly lying to the FBI about the son's attendance at an Islamic terrorist training camp in Pakistan.
 - Umer and Hamid Hayat were charged with attending terrorist camp training in Pakistan and later found guilty of supporting terrorism and customs violations.
 - The son, Hamid Hayat, was sentenced to 24 years for supporting terrorism while the father, Umer Hayat, was convicted of customs violations including an attempt to carry \$28,000 into Pakistan.
- August 2005, Orange County, California, Terror Plot
 - In August 2005, Kevin James, Levar Haley Washington, Gregory Vernon Patterson and Hammad Riaz Samana were arrested in Los Angeles, California, and charged with conspiring to attack Los Angeles National Guard facilities, synagogues, and other targets in the Orange County area.
 - Kevin James allegedly founded a radical Islamic prison group and converted Levar Washington and others to the group, which was known as J.I.S., short for Jamiyyat Ul-Islam Is-Saheeh
 - The J.I.S. allegedly planned to finance their operations by robbing gas stations.
 - After Washington and Patterson were arrested for robberies, police and federal agents began a terrorist investigation when a search of Washington's apartment revealed a suspicious target list.
- December 2005, Gas Lines Plot
 - Michael C. Reynolds was arrested by the FBI in December 2005 and charged with being involved in a plot to blow up a Wyoming natural gas refinery; the Transcontinental Pipeline, a natural-gas pipeline stretching from the Gulf Coast to New York and New Jersey; and a New Jersey Standard Oil refinery.
 - He was arrested trying to pick up the \$40,000 owed him for planning the attack.
 - His purported contact, Shannen Rossmiller, was a Montana judge who was working with the FBI.
 - The FBI later found explosives in a locker in his home town, Wilkes-Barre, PA.



- Reynolds claimed that he was working as a private citizen to find terrorists.
- Reynolds was convicted of providing material support to terrorists, soliciting a crime of violence, unlawful distribution of explosives, and unlawful possession of a hand grenade and sentenced to 30 years in prison.
- February 2006, Iraq Bomb Building Plot
 - In Toledo, Ohio, Mohammad Zaki Amawi, Marwan Othman El-Hindi, and Wassim Mazloum were arrested in February 2006 for "conspiring to kill or injure people in the Middle East" and providing material support to terrorist organizations.
 - They allegedly intended to build bombs to be used in Iraq.
 - The investigation was begun through the help of an informant who was approached to help train the group.
- April 2006, U.S. Capitol & World Bank Plot
 - Syed Haris Ahmed and Ehsanul Islam Sadequee from Atlanta, Georgia, were accused of conspiracy, having discussed terrorist targets with alleged terrorist organizations.
 - They allegedly met with Islamic extremists and received training and instruction in how to gather videotape surveillance of potential targets in Washington area.
 - They videotaped places such as the U.S. Capitol and the World Bank headquarters as potential targets and sent the videos to a London extremist group.
 - They were indicted for providing material support to terrorist organizations and have pled not guilty.
- June 2006, Sears Tower Plot
 - Narseal Batiste, Patrick Abraham, Stanley Grant Phanor , Naudimar Herrera, Burson Augustin, Lyglenson Lemorin, and Rotschild Augstine were arrested in Miami and Atlanta in June 2006 for allegedly being in the early stages of a plot to blow up the Sears Tower in Chicago, as well as the FBI offices and other buildings.
 - The arrests resulted from an investigation involving an FBI informant. It is alleged that Narsearl Batiste was the leader of the group and first suggested attacking the Sears Tower in December 2005.
- July 2006, New York City Train Tunnel Plot
 - Eight suspects, including Assem Hammoud, an al-Qaeda loyalist living in Lebanon, were arrested for plotting to bomb New York City train tunnels.
 - Conducting on-line surveillance of chat rooms, the FBI discovered a plot to attack underground transit links with New Jersey.
 - Hammoud was a self-proclaimed operative for al-Qaeda and admitted to the plot. He is currently in custody in Lebanon, and his case is pending. Two other suspects are in custody in other locations, and investigators continue to hunt down the other five suspects.
- August 2006, Liquid Explosives Plot

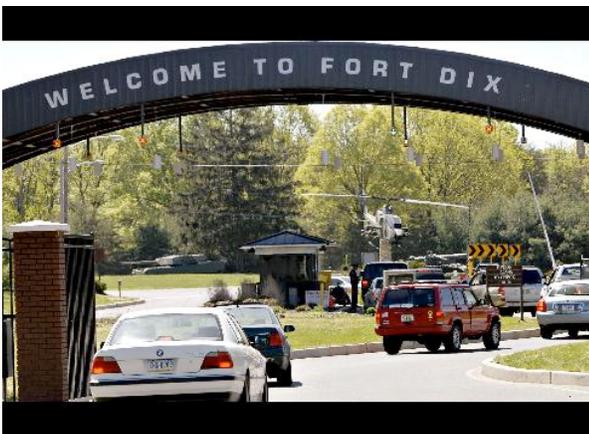


- Planned to blow up as many as 12 U.S.-bound passenger jets using liquid explosives hidden in carryon luggage.
- U.S./British authorities had the group under surveillance for many months.
- Many of the suspects were British citizens of Pakistani origin.

- March 2007, Skyscraper Plot

- Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, mastermind of Sept. 11 and author of numerous plots confessed in court in March 2007 to planning to destroy skyscrapers in New York, Los Angeles and Chicago.
- Mohammed also plotted to assassinate Pope John Paul II and former President Bill Clinton.

- May 2007, Fort Dix Plot



- Result of a 16 month investigation by Justice Dept and FBI .
- Tipped off by an alert citizen (a video processing worker) .
- Suspects had taken an incriminating video to the store to be transferred to DVD.
- Video showed calls for jihad and radical and violent ranting in Arabic, included images of the men firing assault weapons.
- “The Ft. Dix Six” thought to be a leaderless, homegrown cell of immigrants from Jordan,

Turkey and Yugoslavia (not believed to be tied to Al Qaeda).

- All six suspects were convicted in December 2008.

- June 2007, JFK Plot

- Suspects planned to hit fuel farms and a 40-mile aviation fuel supply pipeline.
- Specifically, they targeted the symbolism of JFK, seeking to invoke an emotional reaction saying “It’s like killing the man twice.”
- Suspects were tied to extremists groups in South America and Caribbean, specifically Guyana and Trinidad .
- One suspect was a former airport cargo worker.



- September 2007, Americans Terrorists in Germany

- German authorities disrupted a terrorist cell that was planning attacks on military installations and facilities used by Americans in Germany.

- The Germans arrested three suspected members of the Islamic Jihad Union, a group that has links to Al Qaeda and supports Al Qaeda's global jihadist agenda.
- 29 Jun 2007, London's West End Car Bombs
 - Heightened public awareness and quick police action prevented detonations of two Mercedes car bombs in two separate locations.
 - One in the Theater District and one outside a popular nightclub with up to two thousand people in vicinity.
 - Vehicles were loaded with gallons of gasoline and canisters of propane surrounded by boxes of nails for added lethality.
 - Eight suspects were detained, six of whom were doctors or training to be doctors, two of them expressed interest in training in the U.S.
 - Suspects included an Iraqi doctor (Bilal Abdullah) and a husband, wife and three family members of the same Indian Muslim family.