



Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C. 20535

March 28, 2013

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Mr. Dan Christensen  
[Redacted]

FOIPA Request No. 1176403-002  
Subject: 4224 Escondito Circle  
Sarasota FL (2001-2003)  
Civil Action No.: 12-cv-61735 (SDFL)

Dear Mr. Christensen:

The enclosed documents were reviewed under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), Title 5, United States Code, Section 552. Deletions have been made to protect information which is exempt from disclosure, with the appropriate exemptions noted on the page next to the excision. In addition, a deleted page information sheet was inserted in the file to indicate where pages were withheld entirely. The exemptions used to withhold information are marked below and explained on the enclosed Explanation of Exemptions:

Section 552		Section 552a
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35 pages were reviewed and 31 pages are being released.

Document(s) were located which originated with, or contained information concerning other Government agency(ies) [OGA]. This information has been:

- referred to the OGA for review and direct response to you.
- referred to the OGA for consultation. The FBI will correspond with you regarding this information when the consultation is finished.

In accordance with standard FBI practice and pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(7)(E) [5 U.S.C. § 552/552a (b)(7)(E)/(j)(2)], this response neither confirms nor denies the existence of your subject's name on any watch lists.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S. C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV (2010)). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

You have the right to appeal any denials in this release. Appeals should be directed in writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), U.S. Department of Justice, 1425 New York Ave., NW, Suite 11050, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's eFOIA portal at <http://www.justice.gov/oip/efoia-portal.html>. Your appeal must be received by OIP within sixty (60) days from the date of this letter in order to be considered timely. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so that it may be easily identified.

The enclosed material is from the main investigative file(s) in which the subject(s) of your request was the focus of the investigation. Our search located additional references, in files relating to other individuals, or matters, which may or may not be about your subject(s). Our experience has shown when ident, references usually contain information similar to the information processed in the main file(s). Because of our significant backlog, we have given priority to processing only the main investigative file(s). If you want the references, you must submit a separate request for them in writing, and they will be reviewed at a later date, as time and resources permit.

See additional information which follows.

Sincerely,



David M. Hardy  
Section Chief  
Record/Information  
Dissemination Section  
Records Management Division

Enclosures (2): Explanation of Exemptions; Bates pages SARASOTA-1 through SARASOTA-35  
cc: Carole Fernandez, Assistant United States Attorney

In response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to FBI Headquarters, enclosed is a processed copy of responsive FBI documents.

Documents were located which originated with, or contained information concerning an Other Government agency [OGA]. This information was referred to the OGA for consultation and their response had been incorporated in this release.

## EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

### SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified 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 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 to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information ( A ) could be 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 be reasonably expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, ( D ) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by 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.

### SUBSECTIONS OF 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 an Executive order 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 qualifications 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/her 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/her identity would be held in confidence.

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**COUNTERTERRORISM DIVISION  
GUANTANAMO DETAINEE PROSECUTION SECTION  
9/11 PROSECUTION UNIT  
15 September 2010**

**(U) ALLEGED SARASOTA LINK TO 9/11 HIJACKERS**

(U) The FBI found no evidence that connected the family members mentioned in the Miami Herald article to any of the 9/11 hijackers, nor was any connection found between the family and the 9/11 plot.

**BACKGROUND**

(U) In the aftermath of the 9/11 attacks, among the large volume of calls received by the FBI from the public to report on suspicious activity, the FBI received at least three calls regarding the alleged abrupt departure before 9/11 of the residents of 4224 Escondido Circle, Sarasota, FL. One of the callers, the local Postal Inspector, advised that mail was piling up at the house and that the family did not leave a forwarding address. Interviews of the Postal Inspector and the property manager of the gated community in which this residence was located identified the residents of the house to be [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and his wife [REDACTED] and the owner of the house to be [REDACTED] (father of [REDACTED])

(U) [REDACTED] and her mother [REDACTED] were interviewed in July 2002, after FBI Tampa learned that they had returned to the United States (note: this information was obtained from the then-security officer of the gated community, who is quoted in the Herald article). [REDACTED] advised that she and her family left the United States in late August/early September 2001 on a planned departure. She denied that they had fled, advised that her husband had found employment in Saudi Arabia, and provided a contact telephone number for them in Saudi Arabia. b6 b7C

**INVESTIGATION**

(U) The FBI's PENITBOM investigation found no evidence of any contact between the hijackers and the [REDACTED] family, to include telephone, email, or financial contact. The FBI also found no evidence of hijacker vehicles having visited the [REDACTED] residence (note: the FBI appears not to have obtained the vehicle entry records of the gated community, given the lack of connection to the hijackers).

(U) All known telephone numbers for the [REDACTED] family were searched through available databases with negative results. The numbers also were specifically searched against call records from all telephones and calling cards used by the hijackers, again with negative results.

**OTHER INVESTIGATIVE ACTIVITIES**

1. [REDACTED] aka [REDACTED]

(U) In 2002, there was reporting that a "family member" of [REDACTED] known as [REDACTED] aka [REDACTED] was a flight student at Huffman Aviation in

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Venice, Florida. Hijackers Mohamed Atta and Marwan Al-Shehhi attended Huffman Aviation [redacted] was interviewed multiple times after 9/11 and identified Atta and Al-Shehhi as individuals [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted] flight training at Huffman. However, investigation did not reveal any other connection between [redacted] and the hijackers and the 9/11 plot. In addition [redacted] denied knowing [redacted] [redacted] There is no further information to substantiate the claim that [redacted] [redacted] as a relative of the [redacted] family.

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U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Legislative Affairs

Office of the Assistant Attorney General

Washington, D.C. 20536

November 22, 2011

The Honorable Patrick Leahy  
Chairman  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This responds to your letter to Attorney General Holder and FBI Director Mueller dated September 14, 2011, seeking information about alleged links between a Saudi family living in Florida and the 9/11 hijackers. Specifically, your letter asks whether this matter was investigated by the FBI and whether information developed by the FBI was disclosed to Congress and to the 9/11 Commission's inquiry. This letter supplements information provided orally by the FBI to your staff last month.

In the aftermath of the 9/11 attacks, the FBI received a large number of calls from the public reporting suspicious activity. Among those, the FBI received at least three calls regarding the alleged abrupt departure of residents of a specific address in Sarasota, Florida shortly before the 9/11 attacks. During the course of its investigation of the attacks, known as the PENTTBOM investigation, the FBI followed up on these calls but found no credible evidence of any contact between the hijackers and the family; nor did the investigation find any evidence whatsoever of any physical visits or telephone, email or financial contact between the hijackers and family. Members of the Saudi family were subsequently located and interviewed. Contrary to suggestions in media reports, the FBI did not develop any evidence that connected the family members to any of the 9/11 hijackers or to the 9/11 plot.

During the course of the Joint Congressional Inquiry into the events of 9/11, congressional investigators were granted access to virtually all PENTTBOM-related documents, with the exception of material protected by Rule 6(e) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure. The records concerning the Sarasota matter are not protected by Rule 6(c) and were therefore available to congressional investigators. During the eight-month period of the inquiry, the Joint Inquiry staff reviewed tens of thousands of documents in the FBI's possession and the FBI formally produced records to staff investigators upon request. In total, the FBI produced more than 24,000 pages of records through this process. The records of the Joint Congressional Inquiry were subsequently transferred to the 9/11 Commission. As a result of their review of FBI records, congressional investigators focused on several aspects of the PENTTBOM investigation originating in Florida, but the FBI is unable to ascertain whether these investigators

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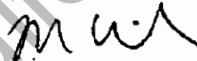
The Honorable Patrick Leahy  
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reviewed records concerning the Sarasota family. The FBI also has not identified any specific requests made by the investigators concerning the Sarasota family.

We very much appreciate the concern that prompted your inquiry. We can assure you that the FBI's response to the 9/11 attacks was comprehensive and unprecedented. Special agents responded to more than 500,000 investigative leads, collected and processed more than 150,000 pieces of evidence and conducted more than 167,000 interviews in order to find out everything possible about the attack. In addition, the investigations conducted by the Joint Congressional Inquiry and the 9/11 Commission were exhaustive efforts to understand the events leading up to the attacks. The FBI cooperated fully with those efforts and provided voluminous information to congressional and Commission staff.

We hope this information is helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact this office if we may be of further assistance in this or any other matter.

Sincerely,



Ronald Weich  
Assistant Attorney General

cc: The Honorable Charles E. Grassley  
Ranking Member

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 04/16/2002

To: Tampa

From: Tampa

SQ 6/Ft. Myers RA

Contact: [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

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(U) Case ID #: (SECRET) [REDACTED]

(Pending)

(U) Title: (SECRET) [REDACTED]

(U) Synopsis: (X) To request a [REDACTED]

be opened.

(U) (SECRET)

Derived From: G-3  
Declassify On: X1

(U) Details: (X) Pursuant to the investigation into the 09/11/01 terrorist attacks, the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Tampa Division became aware of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] is allegedly a wealthy and successful international businessman. [REDACTED] and his family resided in a \$530,000.00 in an affluent section of Sarasota, Florida. On or about 08/27/2001, the [REDACTED] fled their home.

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(U) (X) Based upon repeated citizen calls following September 11, the FBI and the Southwest Florida Domestic Security Task Force became aware of the [REDACTED] family. Following an inspection of their home by agents of the Southwest Florida Domestic Security Task Force, it was discovered that the [REDACTED] left their residence quickly and suddenly. They left behind valuable items, clothing, jewelry, and food in a manner that indicated they fled unexpectedly without prior preparation or knowledge.

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(U) (X) Further investigation of the [REDACTED] family revealed many connections between the [REDACTED] and individuals associated with the terrorist attacks on 09/11/2001. More specifically, a [REDACTED] family member, [REDACTED] also

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DATE: 03-14-2013  
CLASSIFIED BY NSICG F54M93K42  
REASON: 1.4 (c)  
DECLASSIFY ON: 03-14-2038

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To: Tampa From: Tampa  
(U) Re: (SECRET) [redacted] 04/16/2002

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known as, [redacted] DOB [redacted] last  
known address [redacted] Florida, b6  
was a flight student at Huffman Aviation. b7C

(U) ~~(S)~~ Additionally, [redacted] DOB [redacted]  
last known address [redacted]  
Florida, was also a flight student at Huffman Aviation.

(U) ~~(S)~~ Additionally, [redacted] DOB [redacted] also known  
as, [redacted] DOB [redacted] last known address [redacted] b6  
[redacted] Florida, was arrested b7C  
numerous times by Sarasota County Sheriff's Office.  
lived with flight students at Huffman Aviation. [redacted]

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 09/16/2002

To: Tampa

From: Tampa

Fort Myers Resident Agency

Contact: SA [redacted] tel [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted] MLF

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(U) Case ID #: ~~(S)~~ [redacted] (Pending)

(U) Title: ~~(S)~~ [redacted]

(U) Synopsis: ~~(S)~~ To forward information.

(U) ~~(S)~~ Derived From : G-1  
Declassify On: X1

(U) Enclosure(s): ~~(S)~~ 1-A envelope containing photocopy of contact telephone numbers for [redacted] provided by [redacted] photocopy of letter from [redacted] to Special Agent [redacted] [redacted] Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) regarding [redacted] and [redacted]

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(U) Details: ~~(S)~~ On 07/22/2002, the writer interviewed [redacted] and [redacted] regarding possible terrorist activity involvement. [redacted] and [redacted] denied any involvement in criminal activity nor terrorist activity.

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[redacted] parents are [redacted] and [redacted] [redacted] is currently in Saudi Arabia. [redacted] and her mother are in the United States, but planning to return to London tomorrow. [redacted] denies any involvement in nor any knowledge of any criminal or terrorist activity. Further, [redacted] denies her father being involved in a criminal or terrorist activity.

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[redacted] advised that her father is a businessman involved in import and export.

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To: Tampa From: Tampa  
(U) Re: (X) [redacted] 09/16/2002

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[redacted] and her mother denied any knowledge of the following individuals:

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nor [redacted]

[redacted] advised that last year, in late August and early September, she and her family members left the United States for Saudi Arabia on a regularly scheduled departure. When asked about their seemingly hurried departure from the United States, [redacted] denied that they fled. [redacted] was surprised that law enforcement was interested in her or her family and she wished to cooperate in any way possible.

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[redacted] advised that she does not know when she or any her family members will return to the United States. Her husband, [redacted] recently found employment in [redacted] Saudi Arabia. They can be reached at telephone number [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that her father, [redacted] is not planning on returning to the United States any time soon.

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NOV-21-2011 16:22 From:  
SEP-15-2011 16:16

To: [Redacted] P.6/6 b7E  
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[Redacted]

Home: [Redacted]

[Redacted] cell: [Redacted]

[Redacted] husband: [Redacted]

Fax: [Redacted]

[Redacted] Home: [Redacted]

[Redacted] office: [Redacted]

[Redacted]

Fax: [Redacted]

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[Redacted]  
Sarasota, Florida 34238  
U.S.A.

27 June 2002

To: [Redacted] Via Fax 941-278-7042  
From: [Redacted]

[Redacted] and mother, [Redacted] arrived in Prestancia Saturday evening.

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Their friends, [Redacted] Sarasota 34238..Phone [Redacted] were in the [Redacted] house earlier in the week and turned lights on and also readied their three vehicles for operation. The Jeep Wagoneer is being used by [Redacted]

[Redacted] just picked up another new cell phone and its number is [Redacted] Their home phone number is [Redacted]

You are aware that the Prestancia Community Association has filed [Redacted] the owner [Redacted] has been made in Saudi Arabia. [Redacted] could be effected with a few days but we have put this on hold since [Redacted] have agreed that these matters will be properly resolved.

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[Redacted] oldest son, [Redacted] has been in touch with our Attorney and the conversation got rather heated. [Redacted] said they would pay the homeowners fees but wanted a breakdown of cost for [Redacted] portion.

I was asked by the Prestancia Board of Governors to make a return phone call to [Redacted] which I did last night, 26 June. He is a typical huffy person who wanted me to know that he planned to file a lawsuit against our attorney for Racial Profiling. I explained to him that our conversation would be very short unless he limited the conversation to the issues of money owed to the Community Association. He did apologize and then he said they would be very happy to pay the dues but would withhold the [Redacted] fees. [Redacted] issues will follow.

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They had the home mortgage and utilities on [Redacted]

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[redacted]  
I did find out that [redacted] is involved with [redacted]. This information was given to me by his mother who advised that he spends a lot of time in both Washington DC and New York City. His cell number in Washington DC is [redacted] and his fax number in DC is [redacted].

[redacted] advised me his father's fax number in Saudi Arabia is [redacted].

[redacted] had [redacted] several months ago and has been having it treated here. She said she will be staying here for about four weeks.

They are arranging to have the house listed for sale. All furniture is going to be moved from the house but a destination was not provided me. I believe that I can obtain this information at a later date.

There has been no unusual activity going through the gates to their residence.

Please let me hear from you if there is anything more specific you might need.

Regards,

[redacted]

[redacted] UNE02

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: IMMEDIATE

Date: 09/19/2001

To: TAMPA

Attn:

From: TAMPA

Approved By: JPL

Drafted By:

Case ID #: 265D-NY-280350-TP-2499

Title: WORLD TRADE CENTER

Synopsis: ICF #: TP2441

Details:

INFORMATION CONTROL FORM

Control Number: TP2441

Priority: IMMEDIATE Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Method of Contact: Telephone/Radio

Source:

Affiliation: U.S. POSTAL INSPECTOR (TAMPA)

Phone Number: (813) 281-5241

Information Received Date: 09/18/2001 Time: 10:55 AM

Prepared By:

Component/Agency: I&I/USC

Event: ABOVE POSTAL INSPECTOR CALLED TO PROVIDE SEVERAL LEADS ON SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS NEAR TAMPA. LEAD 1: HE ADVISED THAT AT  IN TAMPA, A CARRIER REPORTED THAT THE HOUSE LOCATED AT THIS ADDRESS IS CURRENTLY OCCUPIED BY 4 MIDDLE EASTERN MALES. THE MALES HAVE BEEN RUDE TO THE CARRIER. THE INSPECTOR ADVISED THAT THEY ARE NOT SURE HOW LONG THEY HAVE BEEN RESIDING AT THAT LOCATION HOWEVER; THAT APPROX. 1 WEEK AGO, THE MAIL STARTED BACK LOGGING IN THE MAILBOX. ALSO THE 3 TO 4 CARS HE OBSERVED IN THE PARKING LOT WERE ALSO GONE. THIS WEEK (YESTERDAY) ON 9/17/2001, HE NOTICED THAT THE

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MAIL WAS PICKED UP AND THE CARS WERE BACK. THE CARRIER REPORTED THAT THE 4 MALES (ALL OF MIDDLE EASTERN DECENT) RECEIVED VERY LITTLE MAIL. ONE OF THE NAMES ON A LETTER/DOCUMENT WAS OBSERVED TO BE [REDACTED] THE CARRIER ADVISED THAT THE HOUSE SEEMS TO BE LOCATED ON A SINKHOLE. THE POSTAL INSPECTOR WILL TRY TO OBTAIN VEHICLE TAG NUMBERS AND CALL BACK.

LEAD 2: THE SAME POSTAL INSPECTOR REPORTED THAT AT 4224 ESCONDITO CIRCLE, SARASOTA, FL 34238 THE BARTOW GROUP (REALITY CO) POC: MRS [REDACTED] AT [REDACTED] REPORTED THAT THIS HOUSE IS LOCATED AT AN UPSCALE NEIGHBORHOOD \$350,000-\$500,000 DOLLAR HOMES. ADVISED THAT THE PROPERTY WAS LEASED TO [REDACTED] THE FEMALE (MIDDLE EASTERN TYPE) ASKED THE REALTOR HOW WOULD SHE FORWARD HER MAIL TO SAUDI ARABIA. THE POSTAL INSPECTOR ADVISED THAT THE PROPERTY LOOKS ABANDONED NOW AND THAT THE OCCUPANTS LEFT IN A HURRY. MRS. [REDACTED] MIGHT HAVE THE OCCUPANTS EMAIL ADDRESS.

LEAD 3: THE POSTAL INSPECTOR ALSO ADVISED THAT A LADY BY THE NAME OF [REDACTED] RECEIVED A LETTER HAVING A SUDDAM HUSSEIN STAMP ON IT AT HER PO BOX [REDACTED] IN [REDACTED] FL. SHE PROMPTLY RETURNED THE LETTER YESTERDAY TO THE CARRIER. SHE ADVISED THE CARRIER THAT THE LETTER DID NOT BELONG TO HER AND THAT IT WAS OBVIOUSLY SENT TO PO BOX [REDACTED] BY MISTAKE. THE LETTER WAS NOT ADDRESSED TO ANYONE, IT JUST HAD THE PO BOX. THE POSTAL INSPECTOR ADVISED THAT HE OPENED THE LETTER AND IT WAS WRITTEN IN ARABIC. HE WILL HAVE THE LETTER DELIVERED TO THE FBI TAMPA FIELD OFFICE-5TH FLOOR THIS AFTERNOON. WRITER INFORMED INSPECTOR TO ADDRESS THE PACKAGE CONTAINING THE LETTER TO SSA [REDACTED] AT THE COMMAND CENTER. SSA [REDACTED] WILL ATTACH THE DOC/LETTER TO THIS INFORMATION CONTROL WHEN RECEIVED. LAST KNOWN ADDRESS FOR [REDACTED] (AS OF 1995) WAS [REDACTED] FL 34652, PHONE [REDACTED] NOTE RECEIVED LATTER ON 9/18/2001 AT 1240 HOURS.

Event Date: Time:

References:

Categories: INFORMATION

Event Reviewed By: JPL

Lead Required?: YES

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LEAD (s):

Set Lead 1:

TAMPA

AT TAMPA, FL

Lead Control Number: TP2441

Assigned To  on 09/18/2001 at 1:05 PM

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ITEMS #1 AND #2 - NO FURTHER ACTION.

ITEM #3 - TRANSLATOR TO REVIEW MAIL PROVIDED BY POST OFFICE.  
ADVISE WHETHER BELIEVED TO BE PERTINENT TO MAJOR CASE.

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09-26-1998

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: IMMEDIATE

Date: 09/20/2001

To: TAMPA

Attn: [REDACTED]

From: TAMPA

Approved By: TDC

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: 265D-NY-280350-TP - 2641

Title: WORLD TRADE CENTER

Synopsis: ICF #: TP2844

Details:

INFORMATION CONTROL FORM

Control Number: TP2844

Priority: IMMEDIATE Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

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Method of Contact: Telephone/Radio

Source: [REDACTED]

Affiliation: U.S. POSTAL INSPECTOR (TAMPA)

Phone Number: (813) 281-5241

Information Received Date: 09/19/2001 Time: 12:25 PM

Prepared By: [REDACTED]

Component/Agency: I&I/USC

Event: POSTAL INSPECTOR [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT HE HAS  
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE 4224 ESCONDIDA CIRCLE,  
SARASOTA ADDRESS AND THE MIDDLE EASTERN FAMILY THAT MOVED  
QUICKLY FROM THAT ADDRESS AFTER THE ATTACK. [REDACTED] SAID  
THAT HE CALLED ON 09/18/2001, YESTERDAY AND THAT HE WAS  
CALLING BACK TO PROVIDE THE TAG# OF THE SUV OBSERVED AT  
THAT ADDRESS [REDACTED] (TAHOE) CHEVY - RESIDENT  
[REDACTED]

Event Date:

Time:

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References:

Categories: INFORMATION

Event Reviewed By: TDC

Lead Required?: YES

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LEAD (s):

Set Lead 1:

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AT TAMPA, FL

Lead Control Number: TP2844

Assigned To [REDACTED] on 09/19/2001 at 7:00 PM

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CONTACT INSP. [REDACTED]

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 09/25/2001

[redacted] Postal Inspector, Tampa, Florida, work telephone number (813) 281-5241, was advised of the identity of the contacting Agent and the purpose of the interview. [redacted] thereafter provided the following information:

[redacted] advised that one of his mail carriers, First Name Unknown (FNU) Last Name Unknown (LNU), in Sarasota, Florida, advised him that mail was accumulating at 4224 Escondito Circle, Sarasota, Florida. [redacted] advised that the recipient of mail at the aforementioned address is [redacted] provided a license plate number for a vehicle in the driveway at this address: [redacted] (Florida).

[redacted] further advised that the U.S. Postal Service is no longer delivering mail to 4224 Escondito Circle, Sarasota, Florida. [redacted] advised that the U.S. Postal Service will hold on to the mail destined for this address for a period of thirty days. After that period, the mail will then be returned to sender.

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HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 03-13-2013 BY NSICG F54M93K42

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File # 265A-NY-280-350-TP Tampa Control#2844 Date dictated 4962  
by SA [redacted] SARASOTA-18

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 09/21/2001

To: TAMPA

From: TAMPA

Approved By: TDC

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: 265A-NY-280350-TP-3706

Title: WORLD TRADE CENTER

Synopsis: ICF #: TP3181

Details:

**INFORMATION CONTROL FORM**

Control Number: TP3181

Priority: ROUTINE Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Method of Contact: Telephone/Radio

Source: [REDACTED]

Affiliation:

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Information Received Date: 09/13/2001 Time: 11:38 AM

Prepared By: [REDACTED]

Component/Agency: I&I/FBI

Event: INDIVIDUALS HUSBAND/WIFE [REDACTED] AT 4224  
ESCONDITO CIRCLE, SARASOTA, FL ARE FROM MID-EAST. NEVER  
SPOKE TO PEOPLE/NOT FRIENDLY. A COUPLE DAYS AGO THESE  
PEOPLE SUDDENLY LEFT AREA AND DID NOT TAKE FURNITURE OR  
VEHICLE. [REDACTED] SPOKE TO THE PROPERTY MANAGER OF THE HOUSE  
[REDACTED] LNU WHO INDICATED THAT IT WAS ODD

Event Date: Time:

References:

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Categories: INFORMATION

NO ACTION

Event Reviewed By: TDC

Lead Required?: NO

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 09/21/2001

To: TAMPA

From: TAMPA

Approved By: TDC

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: 265A-NY-280350-TP -3771

Title: WORLD TRADE CENTER

Synopsis: ICF #: TP3167

Details:

INFORMATION CONTROL FORM

Control Number: TP3167

Priority: ROUTINE Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Method of Contact: Telephone/Radio

Source: [REDACTED]

Affiliation:

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Information Received Date: 09/14/2001 Time: 9:25 AM

Prepared By: [REDACTED]

Component/Agency: I&I/FBI

Event: ARAB FAMILY LIVING AT 4224 ESCONDITO CIRCLE, PRESTANCIA, 34238, LIVED THERE 3 OR 4 YEARS. ABOUT 2 OR 3 WEEKS AGO HEARD THAT HOUSE WAS FOR SALE. FOR LAST WEEK NO MOVEMENT AT HOUSE BUT THERE IS STILL A CAR IN THE DRIVEWAY. THE HOUSE IS STILL IN NAME OF FAMILY. THEY KEPT TO THEMSELVES [REDACTED] OFTEN SAW OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS COME AND GO. THE WIFE DROVE A [REDACTED] BEETLE. THERE WAS A GREY JEEP CHEEROKE AND GMC SUV. STILL SOME FURNITURE IN HOUSE AND LIGHT GO ON AUTOMATICALLY EACH NIGHT...OR LEFT ON ALL DAY. THERE ISN'T A 4-SALE SIGN B/C PRESTANCIA DIESN'T ALLOW SIGNS. LISTED WITH A REALTOR.

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PRESTANCIA WOULD HAVE RECORD.

Event Date: Time:

References:

Categories: INFORMATION NO ACTION

Event Reviewed By: TDC

Lead Required?: NO

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: IMMEDIATE

Date: 09/25/2001

To: Counterterrorism

Attn: UBLU/RFU

From: Tampa

Squad 6

Contact: SA [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

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Case ID #: 265A-NY-280350-TP (Pending)

Title: PENTTBOMB  
MAJOR CASE 182  
OO:NY

Synopsis: To report coverage of lead at Tampa, Florida.

Administrative: Tampa Control #2844

Enclosure(s): One photocopy of a bank deposit ticket a cancelled check for [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] and a debit authorization form for [REDACTED] One FD-302 of [REDACTED] One FD-302 of [REDACTED]

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Details: Tampa Postal Inspector [REDACTED] advised on 09/18/01 that one of his mail carriers indicated that mail was accumulating outside the residence located at 4224 Escondito Circle, Sarasota, Florida, 34238-4520, in the gated up-scale community of "The Estates of Prestancia."

Telephonic contact during the latter part of the week of 09/17/01 with [REDACTED] of the Barlow Group, Inc., which oversees "The Estates of Prestancia," indicated that [REDACTED] left his residence at the aforementioned address approximately two weeks before the terrorist attacks on 09/11/01. [REDACTED] wife, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] left the residence one week before the attacks on 09/11/01.

Additional telephonic contact with Tampa Postal Inspector [REDACTED] on 09/26/01 revealed that the U.S. Postal Service is no longer delivering mail to the [REDACTED] residence. The Post Office will hold the [REDACTED] mail for thirty days and then return their mail to the respective sender if the [REDACTED]

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To: Counterterrorism From: Tampa  
Re: 265A-NY-280350-TP, 09/25/2001

do not contact the postal service in the interim. The [redacted]  
provided no forwarding address.

A 1995 four-door Chevrolet vehicle is registered to an [redacted] b6  
[redacted] at 4224 Escondito Circle, Sarasota, Florida b7C  
34238-4520 [redacted] date of birth (DOB) is listed as  
[redacted]

The telephone number for the [redacted] residence is  
[redacted]

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To: Counterterrorism From: Tampa  
Re: 265A-NY-280350-TP, 09/25/2001

LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Adm)

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AT WASHINGTON, DC

For information.

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Date of transcription 09/25/2001

[redacted] Date of Birth (DOB) [redacted] home address [redacted] Florida 34231, home telephone number [redacted] cellular telephone number [redacted] [redacted] was advised of the identity of the contacting Agent and the purpose of the interview [redacted] thereafter provided the following information:

[redacted] advised that her company, the BARLOW GROUP, Inc., is the Managing Agent for "The Estates of Prestancia Homeowners Association, Inc." [redacted] noted that The Estates of Prestancia consists of 524 homes in a gated, affluent community.

[redacted] advised that the residents of 4224 Escondito Circle, Sarasota, Florida 34238 [redacted] and [redacted] vacated their residence several weeks ago. The [redacted] family had resided at the aforementioned address for approximately six years. [redacted] indicated that [redacted] vacated his family's residence approximately two weeks before the terrorist attacks of 09/11/01, while his wife [redacted] and [redacted] left the residence approximately one week before the attacks. [redacted] advised that the [redacted] did not advise anyone of their destination, nor did they leave a forwarding address. b6 b7C

[redacted] noted that the [redacted] realtor, [redacted] of Jennette and Rossi, Inc., telephone number (941) 953-6000, extension [redacted] does not have a forwarding address for the [redacted] either. [redacted] further advised that the [redacted] left their furniture in the residence, and that their mail had not been collected for approximately two weeks.

[redacted] noted that [redacted] holds a degree in computer engineering. [redacted] advised that [redacted] was employed as a [redacted] at Ophelia's Restaurant, an up-scale establishment on Siesta Key.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] recently graduated from the University of South Florida (USF) with a degree in interior design. [redacted] further advised that [redacted] [redacted] approximately two or three months ago. b

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by SA [redacted] SARASOTA-26

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] parents are [redacted] b6  
[redacted] and [redacted] provided an address for the [redacted] b7C  
[redacted] of [redacted]

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NOV-2--2011 16:22 From:  
SEP-15-2011 16:07

To [redacted] P. 1/6 b7E  
[redacted] P. 01

From [redacted]  
To [redacted]  
Cc [redacted]

Sent: Thu Sep 08 14:59:52 2011

Subject: Fw: 7 on Miami Herald article and new info on 9/11 hijackers

[redacted]

Former SRA JTTF TFA and now FDLE ASAC [redacted] fwd'd this report. I am not in the office now to see how this incident was documented in ACS. Investigating agent [redacted] was a former SRA TFA. Also [redacted] (co'd) remembers that family leaving, but the rest of the story is news to him. Thanks [redacted] ?

[redacted]

Sent via Blackberry

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[Redacted] (TP) (FBI)

From: [Redacted] (TP) (FBI) b6  
Sent: Wednesday, February 06, 2013 4:36 PM b7C  
To: [Redacted] (TP) (FBI)  
Subject: FW: Article in St. Pete Times and Purported Connection to 9/11 Hijackers -- ~~SECRET~~

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Derived From: FBI NSISC-20090615  
Declassify On: 20381231  
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From: [Redacted] (TP) (FBI)  
Sent: Monday, September 12, 2011 4:51 PM b6  
To: [Redacted] (TP) (FBI); [Redacted] (TP) (FBI) b7C  
Cc: [Redacted] (TP) (FBI)  
Subject: RE: Article in St. Pete Times and Purported Connection to 9/11 Hijackers

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Declassify On: 20360912  
Derived From: FBI NSISC-20090615  
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Thank you all!!! Very much appreciated [Redacted] ROCKS!!!

From: [Redacted] (TP) (FBI)  
Sent: Monday, September 12, 2011 4:03 PM b6  
To: [Redacted] (TP) (FBI); [Redacted] (TP) (FBI) b7C  
Cc: [Redacted] (TP) (FBI) b7E  
Subject: Article in St. Pete Times and Purported Connection to 9/11 Hijackers

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Declassify On: 20360912  
Derived From: FBI NSISC-20090615  
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Hey [Redacted]

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A [redacted] request. I looked into the allegations made in the newspaper article over the weekend that a Saudi family living in the Sarasota area pre-9/11 may have assisted the hijackers and that the FBI knew this information and failed to report it to Congressional oversight or the 9/11 Commission.

The paper alleged that a Saudi Arabian family - who lived in the gated PRESTANCIA community at 4224 ESCONDITO CIRCLE in Sarasota - had phone contacts with 11 terrorist suspects, including 9/11 ringleader MOHAMED ATTA. The residents were said to be [redacted] and his wife [redacted].

The home was owned by [redacted] father [redacted]. The family is alleged to have left the US in haste around two weeks before the attacks. They are also alleged to have had contact with another hijacker who the newspaper identified as WALID AL-SHEHHRI, as well as AQ operative [redacted]. The paper specifically says that *phone records* (my emphasis) linked the home of the family to the hijackers. The article further states that records of incoming and outgoing calls at the Escondito home were obtained from phone company under subpoena.

**My research and conclusions:**

I could not substantiate the allegations based on my research. I do not believe there is a connection between any of the above named members of this family and any of the 9/11 hijackers or [redacted] based on phone records that I see in FBI and high-side systems as well as database searches.

I did confirm that after the events of September 11th, 2001, the FBI and the RDSTF looked into allegations that this family fled quickly before the attacks and was concerned that they had connections to the hijackers.

Specifically, on 09/25/2001, the Tampa Division drafted a response to a CTD lead (Tampa PENTTBOMB Control #2844). This document is a synopsis of two interviews, one with postal inspector [redacted] who had reported on 09/18/01 that one of his mail carriers stated that mail was piling up outside the [redacted] home at 4224 ESCONDITO CIRCLE. The second interview the document summarizes is a 09/17/01 interview of [redacted] of the BARLOW GROUP (also named in the newspaper article) [redacted] claimed that [redacted] (note name variation) left the residence approx. two weeks before the attacks, while his wife [redacted] left the residence one week before the attacks.

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On April 16, 2002, the FBI opened up [redacted] investigation [redacted] (CLOSED) of the owner of the property [redacted] the father of the wife [redacted]. The predication was as follows: "Based upon repeated citizen calls following September 11, the FBI and the Southwest Florida Domestic Security Task Force became aware of the [redacted] family. Following an inspection of their home by agents of the Southwest Florida Domestic Security Task Force, it was discovered that the [redacted] left their residence quickly and suddenly. They left behind valuable items, clothing, jewelry, and food in a manner that indicated they fled unexpectedly without prior preparation or knowledge. Further investigation of the [redacted] family revealed many connections between the [redacted] and individuals associated with the terrorist attacks on 09/11/2001. More specifically, a [redacted] family member, [redacted] also known as [redacted] DOB [redacted] last known address [redacted] Florida, was a flight student at Huffman Aviation."

Analyst note: [redacted]  
[redacted]

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[Redacted]

The case file of the investigation of [Redacted] only has three serials. SA [Redacted] interviewed [Redacted] (who returned to the US in 2002) in serial 3 and found no nexus to terrorism. The wife denied any connection to the hijackers or even knowing who the above named individual was. Perhaps SA [Redacted] would know more but it does not look like the investigation turned up anything.

In sum, while this matter was known to the FBI and RDSTF, it was investigated and found to be without merit. I ran all the domestic telephone numbers I had for the family and could find no connection to any of the 9-11 hijackers and almost no connections to any IT cases. If the newspaper or complainants have phone records that show the connection I don't see it in our systems, nor do I see that the records were ever [Redacted]

(S) Just for your notes I ran the following numbers through [Redacted] plus three numbers I found not listed in FDI E's report: [Redacted] (listed to the wife [Redacted] as of September 28, 2002) [Redacted] and [Redacted] - none had connections to the hijackers. b6 b7C b7E

Finally, thanks to IA [Redacted] who helped with some of the research above.

Hope this helps!

[Redacted]  
Intelligence Analyst, Tampa [Redacted]  
Squad 4/ITTE Embedded IA  
(Open phone)  
(Secure phone)  
(Unclassified Fax)  
Unclass E-mail [Redacted]  
SIPRNET [Redacted]  
JWICS [Redacted]

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