


OPERATION ENCORE

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Multiple Subjects: Fahad al-Thumairy <div style="background-color: gray; width: 100px; height: 15px; margin: 0 auto;">(F)</div> Omar al-Bayoumi <div style="background-color: gray; width: 100px; height: 15px; margin: 0 auto;">(F)</div> Musaed al-Jarrah <div style="background-color: gray; width: 100px; height: 15px; margin: 0 auto;">(F)</div> Iyad al-Rababah <div style="background-color: gray; width: 100px; height: 15px; margin: 0 auto;">(F)</div> Ahmed al-Zahrani <div style="background-color: gray; width: 100px; height: 15px; margin: 0 auto;">(F)</div> Firas al-Bayoumi <div style="background-color: gray; width: 100px; height: 15px; margin: 0 auto;">(F)</div>	 <div style="background-color: gray; width: 150px; height: 50px; margin: 10px auto;">(G)</div>	Field Office POCs: <div style="background-color: gray; width: 150px; height: 150px; margin: 0 auto;">(S)</div> Headquarters POCs <div style="background-color: gray; width: 100px; height: 50px; margin: 0 auto;">(S)</div>
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Operation Encore Update (as of 20 March 2014):

- 19 March 2014 – Interview of (P), Iyad Al-Rababah's (P) at her place of employment (P) in Paramus, NJ. (P) advised that she has been in contact with Al-Rababah, currently in Jordan, as recently as one month ago, and maintains regular contact with him by telephone. (P) agreed to a future interview to provide additional details on her relationship with Al-Rababah, her knowledge of Al-Rababah's former roommate (P) and Al-Rababah's current living situation in Jordan.
- 17 March 2014 – Fox News provided internet link to a 28 minute interview of (P) in (P), NJ in September 2011. Interview will be reviewed (D), (P)
- 06 March 2014 - Case team meeting with FBI Newark regarding Encore subject (P) Several leads pertaining to (D), (P) were discussed to include, (P) relatives in PA, (P) Iyad Al-Rababah, and (P)
- 28 February 2014 – SVTC with San Diego case team re Encore background regarding significance of San Diego subject Mohdar Abdullah, and San Diego based connections to Encore.
- 26 February 2014 - Case strategy meeting with SDNY AUSA (S)

(D), (P)

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- **24 January 2014 – Case strategy meeting with SDNY AUSA** (S) (D) [REDACTED]
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 - 19-20 December 2013 – (G) [REDACTED], FBI LA, FBI WFO interview Mohdar Abdullah (F) [REDACTED]
(F) (G) [REDACTED]
 - December 2013 – SDNY advised that defense counsel [REDACTED] (D), (P)
[REDACTED] (D), (P)
 - 05 November 2013 – (G) [REDACTED] advised they would seek to arrange an interview with Al-Mansoori at the US Embassy in (G) [REDACTED]
 - 14 October 2013 – [REDACTED] (J-3)
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 - October 2013 – [REDACTED] (A), (G), (J-1)
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 - 19 August 2013 [REDACTED] (C-1)
[REDACTED]
 - 13 August 2013 – SDNY advised that [REDACTED] (P), (D)
[REDACTED] (P), (D)
 - 09 July 2013 - [REDACTED] (P), (D)
 - May/June 2013 - Coordination with USAO SDNY regarding [REDACTED] (P), (D)
 - 13 May 2013 – SDNY advised that (P) [REDACTED] is represented by counsel and that discussions are under way for a proffer of (P) [REDACTED] at SDNY in June 2013.
 - 1 May 2013 - [REDACTED] (J-3)
[REDACTED] (J-3)
 - 18 April 2013 FBI Newark agrees to turn over (F) [REDACTED] (P) [REDACTED] to New York for investigation under Operation Encore.
 - 11 April 2013 SDNY confirmed positive contact made with a defense attorney [REDACTED] (D), (P)
[REDACTED]
 - 08 April 2013 - [REDACTED] (A), (G), (J-1) reporting provided by Al-Rababah.
 - 05 April 2013 - [REDACTED] (A), (G), (J-1)
reporting and background of Al-Rababah.
 - 20 March 2013 meeting with SDNY, was held regarding investigative approach on (P) [REDACTED]
DHS's appeal of the U.S. Immigration judge's order granting asylum to (P) [REDACTED] was issued a final denial.
 - March 2013 - [REDACTED] (D)
[REDACTED] (D)
- [REDACTED]

- February 2013 - (A), (G), (J-1) to conduct an interview of Mohamed Al-Mansoori (A), (G), (J-1)
- 25 January 2013 - Encore Case team met with SDNY AUSA (S) SDNY AUSA (S) and DOJ main attorney (S) During the meeting, SDNY and DOJ were advised of case developments.
- 30 November 2012 - (C-2)
- 24 September 2012 - Meeting with AUSA (S) and DOJ attorney (S) at NYO Chelsea. At the request of (G) AUSA (S) will explore potential charges for Mohdar Abdullah, including providing material support to the 9/11 hijackers, as well as lesser crimes, which investigators could present at a future interview with Abdullah (G)
- 10 September 2012 - (G) has assisted Legat Copenhagen in providing information to (C-2) (C-2) advised on 10 September 2012 that (C-2) Upon resolution of the claim and its likely rejection, (G) will coordinate with SDNY (A), (G), (J-1)
- (P) her mother (P) father (P) and mother's sister (P) were sentenced on (P) 2012, in the Southern District of California to five years' probation and a \$2,500 fine, each. The Office of Immigration Litigation is preparing civil denaturalization cases against (P) and (P) (G) including (P) Upon successful denaturalization, (P) (G) will be served with Notice to Appear (NTAs) and placed in immigration removal proceedings. This sentencing stems from guilty pleas from the defendants on (P) 2012 in San Diego, CA for naturalization fraud charges.
- (P) was arrested in Tampa, Florida on 15 May 2012 for Treasury Check Fraud by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia. (P) of the Texaco gas station in San Diego at which Mohdar Abdullah and 9/11 hijacker Nawaf al Hazmi were both employed, along with additional people of interest to Operation Encore. On 17 September 2012 (P) was proffered in Tampa, Florida. During the proffer, (P) echoed previous statement he had made, denying any knowledge of the hijackers' terrorist affiliation and providing no additional details of use to investigators. (P) seemed optimistic about the charges he was facing. (G) investigators anticipate future proffer sessions with (P) on the Operation Encore-related national security issues. During the week of 28 September 2012, (P) proffered a second time. There was no National Security related information disclosed during the second proffer.
- In August 2012 (G) sent a lead to JTTF Los Angeles seeking confirmation of two possible current addresses for (P) and (P) individual who was known to have extremist views, and was identified as having met with Omar al Bayoumi in private on the same day as Bayoumi's alleged "chance" first meeting with 9/11 hijackers Nawaf al Hazmi and Khalid al Mihdhar. FBI Los Angeles confirmed Mana's current residence. (G) is planning to approach (P) for an interview of his role aiding Bayoumi in facilitating the hijacker's arrival and settlement in California, for which (P) has never provided adequate explanation. (G) will conduct the interview with (G) should it be necessary to serve on (P) to obtain a statement.

- (P) (F) an individual who, similarly to Mohdar Abdullah, facilitated the day-to-day life of 9/11 hijackers Hazmi and Mihdhar during their time in San Diego, has been identified by FBI San Diego as living in Canada. (P) is reported to be very concerned about his presence on U.S. no-fly lists (G), in conjunction with the San Diego office, will address seeking an interview of (P)
- In June, 2012, NYO investigators, along with AUSA (S) and HQ analysts, traveled to London, UK, to exploit evidence seized in 2001 in New Scotland Yard's searches of Omar al Bayoumi's residences and offices. Working directly with SO15 section of Scotland Yard, the document exploitation team reviewed materials and New Scotland Yard's procedures for searches/evidence collection, discussed the potential for use in trial, and returned to the United States with copies of hundreds of pages of documentation with potential probative value. (G) is undertaking the translation of these documents, to determine relevancy. To date, documents detailing the visits of Mutaib al Sudairy (F) and Adel al Sadhan (F) as well as directions indicating that Bayoumi was very familiar with trips from the Saudi Consulate in L.A. to the King Fahad Mosque, have been uncovered. Both documents provide evidence contradicting direct claims Bayoumi has previously made to FBI investigators, particularly about his actions on the day he allegedly randomly met the 9/11 hijackers, and highlight gaps in Bayoumi's story that undermine his claims of innocence.
- (A), (G), (J-1)

Details on Mohdar Abdullah and his connection to Operation ENCORE:

The FBI is seeking to indict Mohdar Abdullah (Mohdar) in the Southern District of New York (SDNY) for providing material support to 9/11 hijackers Nawaf al-Hazmi and Khalid al-Mihdhar, pursuant to USC 18 section 2339B. Mohdar is the subject of San Diego's full field investigation, (F) and currently resides in Sweden. The immediate goal of Operation ENCORE is to (A), (G), (J-1)

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Mohdar played a key role facilitating the daily lives and assisting future Flight 77 hijackers Nawaf al-Hazmi and Khalid al-Mihdhar. Shortly after February 4, 2000, al-Bayoumi tasked Mohdar to assist al-Hazmi and al-Mihdhar. Mohdar was also a family friend and associate of Anwar Aulaqi and they may spent time together with the hijackers. After September 11, 2001 Mohdar was investigated by the FBI for assisting the hijackers. On September 19, 2001 he was arrested by FBI San Diego on charges of immigration fraud for his claim of being a Somali asylee (Mohdar is Yemeni). Mohdar pled guilty to the immigration charges and was deported to Yemen in 2004.

While Mohdar was detained in an immigration facility he bragged to two fellow inmates that he assisted the hijackers. The FBI and the SDNY have debriefed these individuals. Both are cooperative, but there is some prosecutorial concern about their value as witnesses.

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In a January, 2012 meeting with FBI NYO,

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The FBI has also provided [redacted] with relevant derogatory information on Mohdar via a DIDO, including details of Mohdar's false U.S. asylum claim.

[redacted] Recent investigation revealed strong indications that prior to September 11, 2001 Mohdar confided details of his conversations with al-Hazmi and al-Mihdhar to a young woman named [redacted] (P) [redacted] (P) and her family are [redacted] (P) although they claimed to be [redacted] (P) refugees. They have now gained U.S. citizenship.

[redacted] On [redacted] (P) 2012, [redacted] (P) her parents and her aunt were arrested and charged with immigration fraud in San Diego. The post-arrest debriefings of [redacted] (P) provided additional evidence of Mohdar's guilt. However, [redacted] (P) continues to conceal additional information concerning Mohdar's involvement with al-Hazmi and al-Mihdhar, as well as the role that [redacted] (P) s family played in assisting Mohdar. The impending possibility of criminal and civil penalties facing [redacted] (P) s entire family may motivate her to cooperate more fully with the FBI. [redacted] (P) and her family are scheduled to next appear in court on [redacted] (P), 2012 for pre-trial motions.

Synopsis of Operation ENCORE:

[redacted] Operation ENCORE is an investigation into individuals known to have provided substantial assistance to 9/11 hijackers Nawaf al-Hazmi and Khalid al-Mihdhar during their time in California, prior to the attacks. Operation ENCORE main subjects include Fahad al-Thumairy, Omar Ahmed al-Bayoumi, and Musaed al-Jarrah. These subjects provided (or directed others to provide) the hijackers with assistance in daily activities, including procuring living quarters, financial assistance, and assistance in obtaining flight lessons and driver's licenses. Operation ENCORE seeks to prove these subjects provided such assistance with the knowledge that al-Hazmi and al-Mihdhar were here to commit an act of terrorism.

[redacted] Fahad al-Thumairy was the Imam at the King Fahad Mosque near Los Angeles, California when al-Hazmi and al-Mihdhar first arrived in the United States. Al-Thumairy immediately assigned an individual to take care of them during their time in the Los Angeles area.

[redacted] Omar al-Bayoumi was living in San Diego on a student visa, despite not attending classes, and receiving a salary from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for job duties he never performed. Shortly after arriving in Los Angeles, the two hijackers had an allegedly accidental meeting with al-Bayoumi, who claims to have been in Los Angeles on personal business. At this meeting, al-Bayoumi advised the hijackers to relocate to San Diego, which they did. Once in San Diego, al-Bayoumi assisted the hijackers with a place to live, opening a bank account, and also assigned two individuals to care for them, one of whom was Mohdar Abdullah.

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[REDACTED] Telephone numbers assigned to the Saudi Arabian Embassy (SAE) in Washington, D.C., where Musaed al-Jarrah was the director of the Islamic Affairs Department, had significant telephonic contact with al-Thumairy and al-Bayoumi while the hijackers were in the Los Angeles and San Diego areas. There is evidence that al-Jarrah had possible links to al Qaeda and tasked al-Thumairy and al-Bayoumi with assisting the hijackers.