

## THE BOSTON BOMBING COVER-UP

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On April 15, 2013, twin explosions occurred at the finish line of the Boston Marathon. In the hours after the bombing, some political pundits noted that the attacks had occurred on Patriot's Day, a holiday in Massachusetts and Maine marking the battles at Lexington and Concord, the battles that started the American Revolution. Others suggested some connection with Tax Day. They were all proven wrong in their implication that the attacks were perpetrated by a militia or some patriot group on the far right wing. In some cases they had seemed downright hopeful!

This presentation compiles information I extracted from over 100 mainstream news sources concerning the events in Boston. The aim is to give a comprehensive analysis of the bombing. Evidence will be presented which proves, beyond doubt, that the American government lied to the world in order to cover up certain facts regarding the bombing. I will also show how the alleged bombers are connected to the highest levels of US Intelligence, and how this all ties in with the funding of foreign militants to fight proxy wars for the West.

### PART 1: THE BOMB DRILLS

#### CHAPTER 1: ALASTAIR STEVENSON'S TESTIMONY

Authored in 2008 by Richard Serino, then-Director of Boston's Emergency Medical Services, *Marathons – A Tale of Two Cities and the Running of a Planned Mass Casualty Event (PDF)* provides a detailed and fully operationalized plan for carrying out a mass casualty drill uncannily similar to what transpired at the Boston Marathon bombing on April 15, 2013. In 2009 Serino retired from his post at Boston EMS after being appointed Deputy Administrator at the Federal Emergency Management Administration by President Barack Obama. The 39-frame slide presentation details how emergency personnel and resources are to be coordinated and deployed. It also emphasizes "Working with the media." "Their mission is to get a story," frame 11 instructs. "Building a longstanding relationship with journalists and reporters ensures that they get the right story and that they serve as a resource when needed." Several maps of downtown Boston "based on consistent grid coordinates" and including "zone designations for incident reporting" (frame 26) delineate the Marathon route and finish line area on Boylston Street. Specific procedures for medical providers, including electronic patient tracking via barcodes (frame 31) further indicate the scope and precision of the mock event. The video below provides an overview of Marathons and still footage suggesting Serino's on-the-scene direction of the BMB exercise shortly after 2:50PM when the explosives were detonated. [110]

The Los Angeles Times reported an intelligence assessment distributed five days before the race identified the finish line of the Boston Marathon as an "area of increased vulnerability" and warned extremists may use "small scale bombings." [94]

University of Mobile's Cross Country Coach Alastair "Ali" Stevenson had just completed the Marathon, and was standing near the finish line, when he witnessed a series of explosions going off and ran from the scene. "They kept making announcements to the participants do not worry, it's just a training exercise," said Coach Stevenson. He also said he saw law enforcement spotters on the roofs at the start of the race. [65]

"At the starting line this morning, they had bomb sniffing dogs and the bomb squad out there," he said. "They kept announcing to runners not to be alarmed, that they were running a training exercise." He added, "I've run a lot of races like this one, but I never saw bomb dogs at the starting line of any running event. It led me to believe that something like (a bomb detonation) might have happened." [66] Ali is a veteran marathon runner, having participated in dozens around the globe including the Chicago, D.C., and London Marathons. He's very familiar with the security typically found at marathons. "Evidently, I don't believe they were just having a training exercise," Stevenson said. "I think they must have had some sort of threat or suspicion called in." CNN reports a state government official said there were no credible threats before the race. [65][70][71]

Photographic evidence confirms Stevenson's claim that there were spotters on the roof before the bombs exploded. As the Daily Mail reports, "A picture posted on Twitter shows an individual walking on the roof directly overlooking one of the blasts at the Boston Marathon." The fact that this individual is in such close proximity to the blast suggested that he could be a perpetrator behind the attack or possibly a police officer carrying out surveillance duties as part of the drill. [67]

Stevenson was also interviewed by Anthony Gucciardi of StoryLeak.com. Ali again reported that he heard law enforcement telling the crowd, "It's just a drill" immediately after the explosions. In the interview, Stevenson says: "At the start at the event, at the Athlete's Village, there were people on the roof looking down onto the Village at the start. There were dogs with their handlers going around sniffing for explosives, and we were told on a loud announcement that we shouldn't be concerned and that it was just a drill. And maybe it was just a drill, but I've never seen anything like that — not at any marathon that I've ever been to. You know, that just concerned me that that's the only race that I've seen in my life where they had dogs sniffing for explosions, and that's the only place where there had been explosions." [70]

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### CHAPTER 2: THE THIRD EXPLOSION

A "controlled explosion" was under way on the same day as the marathon explosion. As the Boston Globe tweeted that afternoon, "Officials: There will be a controlled explosion opposite the library within one minute as part of bomb squad activities." [62] Police confirmed that there was a third explosion, at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum. It was not immediately clear how much damage was done or whether it was related to the bombings at the marathon finish line. The library bombing occurred about 4:30 p.m. and more than a mile from the marathon. [69]

A third event just after 3pm at John F. Kennedy library was called either a fire or "an incendiary" device. Boston Police Commissioner Edward Davis said earlier today "a third incident — explosion — was at the JFK Library" on Columbia Point. [59]

The director of the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum told the Reporter on the scene that the 3 p.m. fire inside the building's mechanical room was not caused by "a device." Tom Putnam, the director of the JFK Library, said that the incident was confined to a mechanical room near the archive section of the library. Paul Yazbeck, a JFK Library employee, said he saw a small fire and heard what he defined as "definitely an explosion." [60]

Boston police said on Monday that an explosion occurred at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum in Boston after other blasts in the city near the finish line of the Boston Marathon. Police spokeswoman Neva Coakley said "there has been another explosion at JFK." Rachel Day, a spokeswoman for the John F. Kennedy Library, located about three miles from the marathon's finish line, said that there was a fire at the library but no one was injured. [95]

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### CHAPTER 3: CST/CRAFT PERSONNEL

There has also been much discussion over two individuals fitted with earpieces and military-esque gear spotted at the Marathon. They were initially thought to be employees of the Blackwater-style private military/security firm Craft International, as indicated by an emblem on one of their black hats. Their clothes also matched those of a standard issue Craft International uniform (Craft is a private military firm started by famed sniper Chris Kyle). [73]

The two CSTs are seen in photos with their hands up to their ears, listening to a wired communications device. [73] Right before the blasts, the men are standing and waiting meters away from where the first bomb detonated. The contractor-types suddenly move across the street from the bomb's location and then the blast occurs. They are then pictured using their communication equipment and waiting for other members of their team to show up. A few of these CSTs, numbering between 6 to 8, begin tearing up the skirting around the bleachers erected for this event, just opposite the explosion, before taping it off. What appears to be an FBI bomb squad truck pulls up directly behind the contractor-types' SUV, and a woman (clearly wearing the letters F.B.I. on her tactical vest) emerges and speaks with the CSTs. They all disappear from the scene, leaving their vehicles behind. [75]

After days of speculation and calls for officials to provide an explanation, it emerged that these men were probably part of the National Guard Civil Support Teams (CST) that were pre-scheduled to be at the event. CSTs are the National Guard's full-time response force for emergencies or terrorist events involving weapons of mass destruction, toxic chemicals, or natural disasters.

CSTs are routinely pre-staged at large public events to help mitigate risks and assist civilian authorities. A report published on silive, notes that Defense Secretary Hagel has decided to rescind a decision to defund 24th National Guard Weapons of Mass Destruction-Civil Support Team (WMD-CST). The team is described as “The only U.S. military team assigned to New York City to support first responders in case of a disaster.” Within the report it is stated that “Members of the New York unit were less than a block away from the deadly April 15 explosions at the Boston Marathon. They were part of a survey squad deployed at the request of their counterpart unit in Massachusetts.” The report notes that “Each U.S. state and territory has at least one of the specially trained National Guard response teams,” and that “WMD-CSTs are trained to provide rapid military support to civil authorities in the event of a chemical, biological, radiological or nuclear threat.” [76]

In a separate April 16 report by Global Security Newswire, it is noted that members of the New York CST team were dispatched to Boston on the Friday before the event, and were scheduled to be in place at the Marathon on the Monday: “The roughly 20-person New York unit — based at Fort Hamilton in Brooklyn — dispatched five personnel to Boston after receiving a request last Friday from the Massachusetts state government,” said Eric Durr, public information director for the New York state Military and Naval Affairs Division. “Anytime you’ve got a high-key event where there’s lots of people, there’s usually a ... unit from a civil support team in the area to provide assistance to first responders,” Durr said in a telephone interview. In a report published April 16, one day after the Boston bombing, the Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs featured the activities and exercises of their own state CST team. Within the report, Wisconsin CST commander Lt. Col. David W. May states “There are two CSTs that are engaged out there (in Boston) in the response... In fact, one of the first images that I saw was the Massachusetts CST was actually right there.” [76]

Pictures of CST members from 2011 and 2012 wearing khaki and black uniforms can be found widely on the internet. As to why one of the military types at the scene appeared to be wearing a Navy Seal or Craft International logo on his hat, it has been suggested that it is fairly routine for police and military to receive training from Craft, as well as other private military contractor groups, and from former Navy Seals. It is also possible that this person was an ex Seal or just purchased a Craft baseball cap, which are available to buy online. It is, of course, also possible that he was indeed working for Craft International, in which case his presence remains a mystery. Several other reports also noted the presence of CST teams at the Boston Marathon. The vehicles that were witnessed at the bombing scene also appear very similar to those used by other Army National Guard CSTs. [76]

It should be noted, that with the exception of the CSTs, all other responders at the scene, including the FBI agent, can be clearly identified, from police to firemen to medics. No other uniformed individuals can be seen standing near the bomb site aside from the contractor-types. These men were apparently augmenting public servants at the Boston Marathon, present before and after the bomb blasts in the direct vicinity of the incident. But why were these men carrying large, black bags in the direct vicinity of where a bomb would detonate, moving away just before the blast? Why were they moving amongst the crowd in a semi-covert fashion when all other public servants were wearing proper uniforms and clearly identified? Did police, firefighters, event organizers, and medics know these men were present? It appears that the FBI was fully aware of their presence, and working with them, specifically with what looks like a bomb squad unit. Were these men specialists in explosives? [75]

The FBI could have simply cleared this up by issuing a statement identifying the military types as members of CST teams. Instead, they chose to ignore the pictures altogether and order members of the public not to even acknowledge the existence of the pictures – causing much confusion, speculation and mistrust among those who were following the events closely. [76]

At an April 15th press conference on the Boston Marathon bombing reporters from corporate media outlets arrived to play their typical roles as “stenographers to power,” throwing routine softball questions to federal, state and local authorities, including Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick. Unexpectedly, however, Dan Bidondi, a reporter working for alternative news outlet Infowars.com, was the sole member of the press to fire off two poignant questions—questions that every other media outlet should have been posing, especially in light of recent history and immediate evidence suggesting how the deadly bombing was part of an elaborate emergency drill. After Bidondi persisted with the following questions, officials appeared perturbed and apprehensive, apparently cutting the press conference short to avoid further queries on the nature of the event and its broader implications for civil liberties. Such efforts were almost immediately countered as “conspiracy theories” by the likes of Snopes and Salon—two outlets that have been at the forefront of defending the untenable official account of the Sandy

Hook shooting. Yet in light of momentous historical events over the past twenty years, the questions Bidondi posed are among the first that journalists should be asking after such an incident. Regardless of one's political stance, a free society requires the press to hold those in power accountable. Indeed, if the United States had a genuinely free and independent media such questions would not only be asked, but followed by rigorous interrogation of the event to determine whether public officials are being truthful and calling them out before the public when they are not. A multitude of evidence has already emerged in just the past few days suggesting government involvement in the Boston bombing. Note, however, that none of this information has been ferreted out or acknowledged by major news outlets, all of which appear poised to dutifully play up the emotional elements of the tragic event and its violent fallout, contributing to the mass psychological effect that will provide additional rationale for a heightened police state. [113]

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### CHAPTER 4: THE COVER-UP BEGINS

Alastair Stevenson's eye-witness testimony and the unprecedented security presence, bolsters the notion that there could have had prior knowledge of the bombing (not to mention the fact that the suspects were already well known to the FBI). [76] But the Boston police department is on the record saying there were no drills. People writing about the bomb drills are being called "conspiracy theorists," and yet, the real conspiracy is found in the bomb drill cover-up. Reporter Dan Bidondi confronted Boston Police Commissioner Edward Davis about this issue during a Boston press conference. Davis specifically states they had "no specific intelligence" regarding a drill taking place. [71]

The FBI also attempted to blacklist the photos which showed the CSTs wearing heavy backpacks and appearing to take part in a drill. Instead they focused on the two Tsarnaev brothers proclaiming, "other photos will not be deemed credible." Yet photos taken from the scene of the blast show numerous individuals wearing identical clothing while carrying heavy black backpacks, talking into cellphones and in one case even placing a backpack on the ground. Reporter Dan Bidondi tried repeatedly at the FBI press conferences to get questions answered about the bomb drills that eyewitnesses were taking place on the morning of the marathon. He was ignored and subsequently confronted by two large men at the end of the conference. By attempting to ignore and discredit the photos showing men on the scene of the bombings engaged in some kind of drill, the FBI has signaled its intention to cover-up of what really happened. [74]

Alarming suspicion is raised when the FBI makes no mention of an organization it was clearly coordinating with, particularly in terms of bombs and explosives, before and after the incident, considering the nature of the attack. When an already dubious organization attempts to obfuscate the facts of any given event, it is the right and responsibility of legitimate law enforcement, public representatives and the citizenry itself to demand and get answers. [75]

Explosions being preceded and overlapped by a "drill" of an almost identical nature mirrors other major terror attacks, such as the 7/7 bombings in London, Sandy Hook, 9/11 and countless others. It is important to emphasize that the New York Times recently reported that most recent domestic terror plots in the United States were "hatched by the F.B.I." [63][61] Theoretically, the incident in Boston may have been part of such an operation. It remains to be seen how the government media will exploit this incident, but Rahm Emanuel's "never let a serious crisis go to waste" advisory is sure to be in play. [61]

The checkered, frightening history of the FBI's involvement in fomenting and presiding over false terror attacks, that succeeded in maiming and killing innocent people, should call into question their presence or involvement at ANY public event, especially when seen associating with unidentified, semi-clandestine organizations. [15] It is indisputable that the FBI is actively engaged in carrying out bomb plots in the United States, then halting them at the last minute to "catch the terrorists." It is entirely possible that one of the FBI's many "terror plots" went too far this time and turned into a live bomb instead of a dud, followed by an arrest for "domestic terrorism." [62]

There are only two reasonable explanations why the Boston bomb squad would have had advanced notice of the explosions at the Marathon and the Kennedy Presidential Library. One: Someone called in a warning or threatened to bomb the event. But if a credible threat had been called in, why didn't the Boston police cancel the marathon or try to warn runners? Explanation Two: Government personnel carried out the bombing to achieve a political goal (for example, unleashing TSA on the streets,

blaming right wingers, increasing the bomb squad budget, etc.). It could have been a drill that went terribly wrong (i.e. no explosions were planned but they accidentally went off), or it could have been a deliberate attempt to terrorize the American people using a "strategy of tension." [12] Keep in mind that the US government recently purchased over 7000 assault rifles and 2 billion rounds of hollow-point ammunition, to be used domestically. [73]

## PART TWO: THE SAUDI NATIONAL

### CHAPTER ONE: THE "EVENT" FILE

In less than two hours after the blasts, law-enforcement told the New York Post that a 20-year-old Saudi Arabian National was detained and placed under guard at an undisclosed Boston hospital. The suspect, or "person of interest," was badly burned in the attack. [68] [69] [77] CNN had to backtrack after they announced that a suspect had been arrested, a report that was subsequently denied by authorities. All reports of a "dark skinned man" being arrested were later scrubbed. [81]

Authorities searched the Saudi National's apartment in the nearby Boston suburb of Revere as part of the investigation into the explosions. Sources confirmed that the apartment being searched was on the fifth floor of the building. The source confirmed to Fox News that the person of interest is Abdul Rahman Ali Alharbi, whose Facebook page identifies him as a student at the New England School of English. He is believed to have entered the country on a student visa. Investigators were seen leaving the Revere house early the next day carrying brown paper bags, plastic trash bags and a duffel bag. [77]

On Tuesday morning, a meeting that Secretary of State John Kerry held with Saudi Arabian Foreign Minister Saud Al-Faisal was abruptly closed to press coverage. The State Department initially provided no reason for the change, which was announced just 15 minutes before the scheduled session. "Apologies for short notice," the State Department's press office told reporters as it announced the change. [78]

Later that day, State Department spokesman Patrick Ventrell said the exclusion of the press from the meeting was due to Kerry's busy schedule. "This was just a scheduling change on our part," Ventrell said. That met with a skeptical reaction from journalists, who had been advised that the meeting would include a so-called "camera spray" at the top of the session. "Are you really trying to say that this [meeting was moved from a] camera/photo op, to being closed, for scheduling reasons? Is that seriously your answer: that because the secretary was tired after 10 days on the road and is going to the Hill tomorrow?" the Associated Press's Matt Lee asked. "What I'm saying is he has a very tight schedule here in the building and elsewhere," Ventrell said, adding that the fact Kerry met with Al-Faisal during this busy schedule reflects the importance of the U.S. Saudi-relationship. "So does it save time somehow, canceling the photo op? It doesn't wash," Lee replied. "I find it hard to believe that you expect us to believe that that's the real reason for this." [78]

U.S. President Barack Obama met with Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud al-Faisal at the White House on Wednesday and discussed the conflict in Syria, a spokeswoman said. The meeting was not on Obama's public schedule. The spokeswoman, Caitlin Hayden, said the president joined a meeting between the Saudi official and Obama's national security adviser, Tom Donilon. "The president and Prince Saud al-Faisal reaffirmed the strong partnership between the United States and Saudi Arabia and discussed developments in the region, including the conflict in Syria," Hayden said in a statement. [82]

One source at the FBI and another at the Saudi Embassy also referred to the student as connected to an important Saudi family. [83] Fox News also claimed that the Saudi National had "some connection to the Saudi royal family." [93] An ICE source then claimed that an "event" file had been started on the Saudi student. [84] "just in case he was found to be connected to the crime." This file shows al-Harbi was scheduled to be deported, and it was not a precaution; this was in "orders." According to ICE the reason is under section 212 3B — "Security and related grounds" — "Terrorist activities." One source said they believe a "voluntary" departure has been signed. The file was immediately classified, and the deportation order may now be classified as well, requiring a FOIA to get it. The story was allegedly going to be "he wanted to go home," however he was actually being forcibly sent back to Saudi Arabia. One source said the FBI believes the Saudi student is tied to 2 or 3 more people, and that it "looks like they were trying to make this a 'lone wolf' crime, so the Saudi government would be spared embarrassment, and the U.S. would avoid explaining how a terror cell was active when we had AQ on the run." [83]

The event file created on Abdul Rahman Ali Al-Harbi indicated on page two that he is armed and dangerous. He was admitted into this country under a special advisory option which is usually reserved for visiting politicians, VIPs, or journalists. One of the first excuses given by law enforcement when confronted about his pending deportation was expired VISA. According to the event file his visa was good until 11-Nov-2016. The event file indicates he entered the United States on 08/28/12 in Boston, MA but says subject is a student at the University of Findlay, Ohio. He never showed up for class and this information contradicts al-Harbi's Facebook page. [91]

When an event file is created in the system the author(s) are notified via email when it is accessed and given the email address of the person accessing. As a result we know the following: After the file was created, someone first tried to remove the terrorism and deportation reference. Then someone went back in and tried to destroy both the original and amended versions. They didn't know there were copies. The original event file was reviewed and approved by two high level agents – Chief Watch Commander Maimbourg and Watch Commander Mayfield. [91]

## PART TWO: THE SAUDI NATIONAL AND OTHER SUSPECTS

### CHAPTER TWO: AL-QAEDA CONNECTIONS

Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano had a fiery exchange with Rep. Jeff Duncan during a House hearing that Thursday morning over reports that al-Harbi is being considered for deportation. Duncan asked DHS chief Janet Napolitano about the Saudi being deported for "national security" reasons. Napolitano denied any knowledge of it, and outright refused to entertain a question regarding if it would be "negligence" to deport someone who just days ago was a person of interest. "I'm not going to answer that question," she shot back after being pressed by Duncan and denying any knowledge of such a plan. "That question is so full with misstatements and misapprehensions that it is not worthy of an answer." [83]

Ranking Republican Saxby Chambliss (R-GA) later said the 22-year old Saudi student who was injured during the bombings was no longer a focus of investigators. "He was never categorized as a suspect; he was a person of interest. My understanding is that he totally cooperated and that he is no longer a person of interest," Chambliss said. He went on to say that security around the country would have to change for large public events, including greater involvement by the federal government. "This was a soft target. It was not a target that was able to be totally protected," he said. "This particular incident is going to cause the administration and Congress to evaluate our overall security programs around the country, particularly for major events. We can't leave it just to the communities that host these events to provide the security." [79]

Despite the fact that Chambliss did not seem interested in the Saudi National, many from al-Harbi's clan are absolutely steeped in terrorism, and are active members of Al-Qaeda! Out of a list of 85 terrorists listed by the Saudi government, several members of the al-Harbi clan are listed:

#15 Badr Saud Uwaid Al-Awufi Al-Harbi  
#73 Muhammad Atiq Uwaid Al-Awufi Al-Harbi  
#26 Khalid Salim Uwaid Al-Lahibi Al-Harbi  
#29 Raed Abdullah Salem Al-Thahiri Al-Harbi  
#43 Abdullah Abdul Rahman Muhammad Al-Harbi (leader)  
#60 Fayez Ghuneim Humeid Al-Hijri Al-Harbi  
Source: <http://aalhameed1.net/vb/showthread.php?t=1565>  
Al-Harbi clan members are also being held in Gitmo:  
Salim Salman Awadallah Al-Sai'di Al-Harbi  
Majid Abdullah Hussein Al-Harbi  
Muhammad Abdullah Saqr Al-Alawi Al-Harbi  
Ghanem Abdul Rahman Ghanem Al-Harbi  
Muhammad Atiq Uwaid Al-Awfi Al-Harbi

Source: [http://www.muslim.net/vb/showthread.php?169019-أسماء-\(90\)-لا-سعودياً-ن-زال-وا-لا-سعودياً-\(90\)-أسماء-](http://www.muslim.net/vb/showthread.php?169019-أسماء-(90)-لا-سعودياً-ن-زال-وا-لا-سعودياً-(90)-أسماء-)

There are specific Saudi clans that are rife with members of Al-Qaeda, which makes it quite alarming as to why nearly a hundred thousand student visas have been issued there. Americans are clueless about these extensive family-clan ties when it comes to terrorism. [80]

Saudi student al-Harbi shares the same last name as a major Saudi clan that includes scores of long-standing al-Qaida operatives. Khaled bin Ouda bin Mohammed al-Harbi, for example, is a Saudi national who joined Osama bin Laden's mujahadeen group in the 1980s. He reportedly became an al-Qaida member in the mid-1990s, turning himself in to Saudi authorities in 2004 as part of an amnesty deal. The BBC reported Khaled al-Harbi was married to the daughter of al-Qaida's number two, Ayman al-Zawahri. He even allegedly appeared with bin Laden in a video praising the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. Another top al-Qaida operative is Adel Radi Saqr al-Wahabi al-Harbi, a Saudi national identified by the State Dept. as "a key member of an al-Qaida network operating in Iran." Given the fact that the Obama administration has sent more than half a billion dollars and weapons to rebels in Syria (who pledged allegiance to and are led by Al-Qaeda militants), the notion that one of these militants would carry out an attack on U.S. soil would be extremely damaging to the White House. [81]

A senior law enforcement official with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) said that reports claiming the department was deporting Abdul Rahman Ali Alharbi under section 212 3B ("security and related grounds") and had opened an "event" (or file) on the Saudi Arabian national following the Boston attacks were "categorically false," and that the "alleged source has no idea what they are talking about." The senior ICE official added that Homeland Security is working closely with the FBI to find out who perpetrated the attacks. "Everyone wants to find out who was responsible," the ICE official added. The official said that al-Harbi was never in custody, nor was he ever considered for deportation by ICE, but that the department has a different Saudi national from the Boston area in custody, being detained on visa violation issues only. [84]

The Saudi National spoke to a well-known Saudi news outlet Okaz.com explaining his situation and how events unfolded after the Boston bombings. According to him, officials apologized "profusely" and even promised him "special health care." Hospital and "security officials" also provided him with an international phone to call his family in Saudi Arabia after he lost his during the bombing, and he was in contact with the Saudi Consul-General. [85]

"I was in a state of panic and fear, so I did not think of anything except trying to picture what happened to me, until I realized, hours after I entered the hospital, that my mobile phone fell from me during the explosion..." the outlet quotes him as saying, describing the scene immediately after the bombing. "I spent a day and a half without contact with my family in Saudi Arabia or any of my colleagues, until hospital management and security officials provided me a phone to communicate with my colleagues. But I couldn't remember any number, as I lost my mobile phone at the site of the marathon. I asked to contact my father in the Kingdom, so they provided me a phone with international service, and I had my first contact with my family." Al-Harbi confirmed that his first communication after the bombing with [anyone] outside of his family was with the Saudi Consul-General in New York, Azzam bin Abdulkarim al-Qin, who provided al-Harbi with a list, compiled by local American officials, of Saudis injured in the explosion. [85]

Al-Harbi denied allegations of his detention in a confined room at the hospital because he was a suspect. Regarding his interrogation, he clarified that security officials asked him to focus on what he saw before the bombings, and on the nature of the event [to see] if he remembers what happened around him...he thanked American authorities who refuted media allegations about his status as a suspect..." [85]

Now just when we thought this was another debunked conspiracy theory, a CONGRESSIONAL came forward and contradicted ICE's official claim that the earlier report included "categorically false" information. Documents were presented TO CONGRESS confirming that plans were made to revoke the visa of Abdul al-Harbi. The information sent to Congress showed that a file was created at 4 p.m. on Tuesday by an official with the National Targeting Center, a counterterrorism sub-agency of U.S. Customs and Border Protection and the Department of Homeland Security. The file stated that the individual is "linked to the Boston bombing" and was to be processed for revocation of his visa based on national security grounds. [83]

The Saudi national was also apparently flagged on a terror watch list, according to Fox News reporter Todd Starnes. Al-Harbi was allegedly on this list, but was granted a student VISA without being properly vetted. These accusations come from a source who is purportedly close to the investigation. The source revealed that al-Harbi was deemed inadmissible under the section of the Immigration and Nationality Act. The act declares that any alien who is engaged in, or is likely to engage after entry, in terrorist activity is ineligible for a visa. At least two additional sources have confirmed al-Harbi was set to be deported the

following week, contrary to statements made by DHS Secretary Janet Napolitano. The House Committee on Homeland Security then requested more information on the Saudi national from Napolitano. [89]

Here is a copy of the letter, signed by Chairman Michael T. McCaul, Chairman Jeff Duncan of the subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency, Chairman Peter King of the subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence, and Chairman Candice Miller of the subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security:

“We are writing to request a classified briefing on Department of Homeland Security information and actions related to the case of the original person of interest in the terrorist attack at the Boston Marathon on Monday, April 22, 2013.

On Thursday, April 18th, you testified before the Committee on Homeland Security and responded to a question related to this individual’s immigration status by saying that you “were unaware of anyone being deported for national security concerns at all related to Boston.” However, media reports have continued to raise concerns about this individual and adjustments that may have been made to his immigration status, including possible visa revocation and terrorist watch-listing, in the days following the bombing.

We request the Department provide a detailed overview of the records associated with this individual to include his law enforcement and immigration records prior to April 15, 2013, as well as his current status. We request briefers from the Office of Intelligence and Analysis, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and Customs and Border Protection.

We appreciate your immediate attention to this issue and anticipate your prompt reply.”

The committee says it has copies of the original deportation order, and has confirmed to TheBlaze and several other media outlets that the facts are as we reported last week. [90]

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### CHAPTER THREE: MICHELLE OBAMA’S HOSPITAL VISIT

United States First Lady Michelle Obama went to the hospitals and visited some of the victims of the marathon, including al-Harbi and the other injured Saudi (a female doctor named Nura Khalid Saleh al-Ajaji). In light of recent reports that al-Harbi was scheduled for deportation on ‘national security grounds’, the first lady’s visit takes on much added significance. We already know that the Alharbi clan consists of multiple al-Qaida members. This would seem to bolster the claims of scheduled deportation. Also, consider the track record of this administration (blaming a video for two weeks after the Benghazi attacks). It should have a higher standard to meet, and its credibility should be questioned by the American people. [88]

Photos of a visit Michelle Obama is alleged to have had with Abdul Rahman Alharbi — the Saudi national on the terrorism watch list and considered to be “armed and dangerous,” appeared on a Facebook page associated with an English language school in Boston. The Arabic caption on the photo reads: “واصاحبة أياما م يشد يل مع الحربي ع بد الرحمن اخونا” Filtered through Google Translate, this comes out to: “Brother Abdul Rahman Alharbi with Michelle [untranslatable] and Asahabh.” The photos were originally posted by Yazeed Salem, who appears to be pictured with al-Harbi in the top-left photo. The individual photographs give every appearance of being genuine. Moreover, the business card in the photos belongs to an actual White House Staffer — namely, Robert Schmuck, Special Assistant to the President and Traveling Aide. [92]

When TheBlaze contacted the White House to comment on the First Lady’s alleged meeting with al-Harbi after the first reports surfaced, they declined, sending only the original press report issued on Thursday. When theBlaze asked about the visit a second time, once the photos had surfaced, they were again pointed to the general pool report noting Obama’s visit to the hospitals. Given that the visit took place before the apprehension of the Tsarnaev brothers, one might wonder about the First Lady’s willingness to be in the same room as a recently acquitted “person of interest,” especially one about whom her husband’s administration had been so concerned about to have put him on a watchlist. [92]

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### CHAPTER FOUR: THE HYPOCRISY OF GLENN BECK

Most of this information about the Saudi National came from Glenn Beck’s news outlet TheBlaze. I respect that Mr. Beck was pressing for truth on this matter, but I think it’s worth pointing out that almost immediately following the Boston bombings, TheBlaze attempted to ridicule another truth seeker, Alex Jones (Infowars), for labeling the events a false flag attack. Now, Beck

himself pretty much embraced the notion of “conspiracy theory,” when he said he knows something “those at the highest echelons of government” don’t want unearthed. [86]

Beck was attacking Obama for the Saudi National story, while conveniently forgetting that George W. Bush had his own Saudi problem on September 11, 2001. “We at the Blaze know that this Saudi national is a bad, bad, bad man,” Beck said last week. “This administration is playing an extraordinarily dangerous game. They have very little regard for what it takes to be a citizen.” Beck then called for Obama’s impeachment. Now, Obama should be impeached, but not just for deporting a Saudi. He should be impeached for repeatedly violating the Constitution! He should stand trial for war crimes, as should his predecessor Bush (and Clinton too, for slaughtering Serbian and Iraqi civilians). Beck plays the right-left paradigm like a Stradivarius: he fails to mention that Bush has his own Saudi problem. Following the September 11, 2001 terror attacks, George W. Bush instructed the FBI to spirit a number of Saudi nationals out of the country. He did this despite a nationwide three-day travel ban. Although the Bush administration denied the accusation, officials at the Tampa International Airport confirmed that the flights indeed took place. [87]

In 2009, Bush refused to release a congressional report documenting links between Saudi Arabian officials and the accused 9/11 hijackers. “Bush said he could not comply with a request by the Saudi foreign minister for a chance to clear the Arab kingdom’s name because publication of the report could hurt U.S. intelligence operations.” Former Senator Bob Graham, chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, said the White House blocked investigations into Saudi support for the 9/11 plot because of the Bush family’s close ties to the Saudi royal family. Graham told Salon in 2004 that “there has been a long-term special relationship between the United States and Saudi Arabia, and that relationship has probably reached a new high under the George W. Bush administration, in part because of the long and close family relationship that the Bushes have had with the Saudi royal family.” [87]

Beck supported Bush during the eight long and arduous years of his reign, but criticized him following 9/11 for not killing Arabs and Muslims “at such a rate that it takes their breath away.” For Beck, more than a million Iraqis slaughtered under false pretext – even though Bush ultimately admitted there were no WMDs in Iraq – was not enough. Glenn Beck’s assertion that Saudi Arabia is behind the Boston bombing is part of his desire to ramp up and extend the phony war on Muslim terror. It is terror predominately created by the globalists through proxy wars and false flag events, as they continue their order out chaos campaign to dominate through balkanization. [87]

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### CHAPTER FIVE: SUNIL TRIPATHI, MULUGETA, AND THE ‘BAG MEN’

The story begins with speculation on Twitter and Reddit that a missing Brown student, Sunil Tripathi, was one of the bombers. One person who went to high school with him thought she recognized him in the surveillance photographs. He certainly looked similar to the surveillance photos released by the FBI. It was a leading theory on the subreddit devoted to investigating the bombing that Tripathi was one of the terrorists responsible for the crime. [96]

Meanwhile, at 2:14am Eastern, an official on the police scanner said, "Last name: Mulugeta, M-U-L-U-G-E-T-A, M as in Mike, Mulugeta." And thus was born the newest suspect in the case: Mike Mulugeta. It doesn't appear that Mulugeta, whoever he or she is, has a first name of Mike. A single tweet references Mulugeta at the time his name was said on the scanner. A Twitter user named Carcel Mousineau simply said, "Just read the name Mike Mulugeta on the scanner." It was retweeted exactly once. In the unofficial transcript of the scanner on Reddit, at least as it stands now, the reading of the name was recorded simply: "Police listed a name, unclear if related." [96]

At 2:42am, Greg Hughes, who had been following the Tripathi speculation, tweeted, "This is the Internet's test of 'be right, not first' with the reporting of this story. So far, people are doing a great job. #Watertown" Then, at 2:43am, he tweeted, "BPD has identified the names: Suspect 1: Mike Mulugeta. Suspect 2: Sunil Tripathi." But there is no mention of Sunil Tripathi in the scanner audio preceding Hughes' tweet. Seven minutes after Hughes' tweet, Kevin Michael (@KallMeG), a cameraman for the Hartford, Connecticut CBS affiliate, tweeted, "BPD scanner has identified the names : Suspect 1: Mike Mulugeta Suspect 2: Sunil

Tripathi. #Boston #MIT." More media people started to pick things up around then. Within a few hours, however, NBC's Williams had confirmed with his sources that two Chechnyan brothers were the primary suspects in the case. [96]

The family of Sunil Tripathi, a Brown University student who disappeared last month — and was briefly misidentified as a suspect in the Boston Marathon bombings — confirmed Thursday that his body had been found near Providence, R.I. "On April 23, our beloved Sunil was discovered in the waters off India Point Park in Providence," his family wrote in a statement. [97]

Mr. Tripathi, 22, was taking a leave of absence from Brown when he left his apartment near campus on March 16, leaving his wallet, identification and bicycle at home. He did not return, setting off a round-the-clock search by his relatives, who temporarily moved to Providence and worked with the police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation to try to find him. [97]

"He's very quiet, he's very private, he's very intellectual," Mr. Tripathi's mother, Judy, said in an interview last week. "He admitted to some depression, but he said that he could figure it out, he could handle it." His disappearance mystified the authorities and his family, who said they had been in daily communication with him before he left. [97]

The New York Post was criticized after it published front-page photos of two men who it said were being searched for in connection with the Boston bombings. The Post had already been under fire for both saying that many more people had died in the attacks than turned out to be true, and for pointing the finger at the Saudi national. Eventually, authorities cleared the two men shown on the front page of any connection to the Boston Marathon explosions. "Authorities determined neither had any information or role in Monday's attacks at the Boston Marathon," the Post reported. Salah Barhoun, one of the men identified on the front page of the New York Post, told ABC News that he went to the police to clear his name on Wednesday. The 17-year old teenager said that he had been watching the marathon, and was shocked after people began to circulate his photo online as a possible suspect in the bombings. [98]

Gawker reported that Reddit users had identified one of the men pictured as "a Moroccan-American kid, a local high-school soccer player and track runner... who works at Subway and likes How High and The Hunger Games." Reddit users also found his Facebook page, which has since been made private. According to Deadspin, in one post that has since been deleted, he wrote, "Going to the court righnow!! Shit is real. But u will see guys I'm did not do anything." [98]

The Post immediately came under fire for, at the very least, being ethically irresponsible with its use of the pictures. "Appalling," Time's television critic, James Poniewozik, tweeted. "NY Post sinks to a new low," Salon added. But Post editor Col Allan defended the newspaper's decision, saying, "We stand by our story. The image was emailed to law enforcement agencies yesterday afternoon "seeking information about these men, as our story reported. We did not identify them as suspects." [98]

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### CHAPTER SIX: THE FIRST ARREST AND THE COURTHOUSE BOMB SCARE

The FBI postponed and then ultimately canceled a planned 5 p.m. ET news conference about updates in the investigation of Monday's bombings at the Boston Marathon. A Boston Police Department spokesman made the announcement to more than 100 reporters already gathered at the Westin Hotel near Copley Square where Gov. Deval Patrick and other state and federal officials had been expected to speak. A spokesman for the FBI's Boston office had said officials hoped to reschedule the news conference for later Wednesday night. Shortly after 7:15 p.m., the Boston Police announced the FBI would make a "brief statement" to the press at 8 p.m. ET. But less than 15 minutes later, the police backtracked and said the news conference was canceled. A FBI spokesman did not respond to an immediate request for comment. [99]

The development came after a flurry of activity in the case, including reports that investigators had identified a potential suspect in part through surveillance video provided by a Lord & Taylor department store near the site of the second bombing. CNN and several other news agencies reported the suspect had been arrested or that an arrest was "imminent," but state and federal officials later denied those reports, insisting that no one had been arrested in the case. After scores of reporters rushed to Boston's federal courthouse amid rumors of a possible arrest, the building was evacuated due to an apparent bomb threat.

About a half-hour later, the building was declared safe. However, security in the area was noticeably beefed up, with additional officers on the perimeter and Coast Guard patrols on the water and in the air. [99]

A WCCB reporter inside the Boston federal courthouse said that it was evacuated because of a "code red," and sources told CBS that a bomb threat was called in. "Courthouse evacuated, press cleared by police from in front of courthouse, armored cars forming barrier in front of court," read the tweet. Earlier media descended on the courthouse after CNN and Fox News reported that an arrest had been made in the Boston Marathon bombing case. The Associated Press reported that the suspect was in custody and en route to the courthouse. All three have retracted their stories. The courthouse has now been given the "all clear," but the events have apparently forced the FBI to cancel its scheduled 5 p.m. press conference on the Boston Marathon investigation. State police have also evacuated a plaza in front of one of the entrances to Brigham and Women's Hospital (where the Saudi National was reportedly recovering), a hospital spokesman told Business Insider. He denied reports that the entire hospital had been evacuated. [100]

The federal courthouse in South Boston was evacuated on April 17 as hundreds of reporters were holed up inside and lined around the building in expectation of an arrest in the Boston Marathon attack. The federal courthouse in South Boston was evacuated on April 17 after a "code red" was announced in the building. Reporters and bystanders had gathered at the courthouse after news of a possible arrest in the Boston Marathon bombings was reported. However, the arrest has since been denied by the Boston Police and the U.S. Attorney's Office. [101]

"Federal courthouse is being evacuated," The Boston Globe wrote on Twitter. K9 units were seen entering the courthouse as police shouted for people outside to "get back across the street," the New York Post reports. A "code red" is the highest alert for the building and signifies a bomb threat or a fire. According to the New York Post, an official at the courthouse called the Code Red "very serious." [101]

"Federal courthouse evacuated; hundreds outside. People are being pushed back from building. Coast Guard and police boats in water. The courthouse is where a large contingent of media had gathered for an expected appearance by the suspect in Marathon bombings," The Boston Globe continued to say on their Twitter account. When asked — point blank — if there was a bomb, a cop responded to a Post reporter, "Does evacuate 100 yards mean anything to you? Move!" [101]

A picture from a new surveillance video at Lord & Taylor in Copley Square appears to show a man leaving a bag at the scene of the crime. Local reports said an arrest was "imminent," the Boston Globe reported that investigators were "very close," the Los Angeles Times reported that the video pointed to two suspects, and CBS News's Bob Orr reported the video showed "a white man placing a backpack on the ground while talking on a cell phone." This followed CNN and Fox reporting, falsely, that an arrest had been made, and that "a dark skinned man" was the "suspect." After all that, a bomb threat at the courthouse left hundreds of reporters gathered in the event some unconfirmed suspect made an appearance outside on the sidewalk and a nation in waiting. [102]

CNN, ABC Boston, The Boston Globe and the AP at various points within a one-hour period mid-Wednesday afternoon reported that a person connected to the Boston bombing was taken into custody — CNN and Fox News had, minutes earlier, reported that there had been an arrest — though law enforcement went on to insist that no arrest has been made. It was unclear whether the issue about arrests and custody has to do with semantics or whether or not someone was actually being taken to court — or whether there may be a second person — but CNN hastily walked back parts of its report, with Fox following suit. [102]

Multiple outlets reported that an arrest had been made: CNN, Fox News and the AP had reported an arrest had been made or that a suspect was in custody. CBS and NBC News' sources maintained that NO arrest has been made. The ensuing jumble of information is sorted for you below: [102]

CNN's John King had reported earlier that "substantial progress" has been made in the investigation: Boston officials believe they may have identified a bombing suspect. He said it was a "clear identification of a suspect" based on new video, obtained

with help of a local TV station. King's law enforcement source in Boston called it a "significant breakthrough" and a "game changer," having been told there is "one suspect" — though this doesn't necessarily rule out a second suspect. [102]

Another CNN source told contributor Fran Townsend that an arrest was made based on two separate videos. Law enforcement officials tell WBZ in Boston that "the person has been taken into custody by federal marshals and will be in court Wednesday afternoon." The Boston Globe also now says an arrest has been made, reporting that "official said authorities may publicize their finding as early as this afternoon." A news conference is scheduled for 5 p.m. Eastern. CNN is in the process of verifying its reporting and is stressing that this is breaking news. NBC News sources have been saying no arrest has yet been made. [102]

A second source briefed on the investigation told King that department store video (apparently surveillance footage) from a local Lord & Taylor in Copley Square shows a clear facial recognition; investigators had been looking for video of a suspect placing down a bag and walking away. No confirmation of an arrest has been made and no identifying details have emerged other than what was described to King as a "dark skinned male individual." The Lord & Taylor would appear, from the above Reuters photo that appeared on the front page of today's New York Times, to have been the second blast site. [102]

The Associated Press had reported that a suspect is in custody, and according to television reports there now seems to be a police presence downtown. Update, 3:07 p.m.: Even though law enforcement officials disputed this claim, the AP's source has stuck by his information. [102]

CBS' Bob Orr: sources say bomber was on phone when he dropped second backpack. Cell records led to ID. [103]

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### CHAPTER SEVEN: THE RICIN ATTACK

For local postal workers, it's even more frightening and reminiscent of the anthrax attacks after 9/11. Dena Briscoe was working at the Brentwood postal facility in 2001 when two of her colleagues died from exposure to anthrax-laced mail. Now she is a union official and once again concerned. [104]

The FBI has confirmed that a letter addressed to President Obama has "preliminarily tested positive" for ricin, a day after lawmakers said another letter sent to the Capitol Hill office of Sen. Roger Wicker tested positive for the same substance. The warnings come amid a flurry of reports on suspicious packages. An FBI bulletin obtained by Fox News said the letter sent to Obama is still being screened, though it initially tested positive. The bulletin said both letters included the phrase: "To see a wrong and not expose it, is to become a silent partner to its continuance." Both were signed, "I am KC and I approve this message."

The letter inside included an implied threat to effect of: "You haven't listen to me before. Now you will, even if people have to die," Politico also reported. [105]

The FBI said Thursday it confirmed the presence of the deadly poison ricin in letters sent to President Barack Obama, a U.S. senator and a judge. Earlier, an Elvis impersonator charged in the case appeared in federal court in Oxford Mississippi. During a four-minute hearing, Magistrate Judge S. Allan Alexander ordered Paul Kevin Curtis -- who appeared in court with attorney Christi McCoy -- to remain in custody until a grand jury issues an expected indictment and a preliminary and detention hearing on April 29. In confirming the letters tested positive for ricin, the FBI said it was "not aware of any illness as a result of exposure to these letters." Further tests were being conducted, the FBI statement said. [106]

Curtis, 45, a resident of Corinth, Mississippi, was charged with sending a threat to the president. Curtis' attorney, Christi McCoy, told CNN in an e-mail that "Mr. Curtis vehemently denies the allegations against him." A criminal complaint charged Curtis with "knowingly depositing for conveyance in the mail and for delivery from any post office any letter, paper, writing or document containing threats to take the life of or to inflict bodily harm upon the President of the United States." According to the department, all three letters were typed on yellow paper and read as follows: "No one wanted to listen to me before. There are

still 'Missing Pieces' Maybe I have your attention now Even if that means someone must die. This must stop. To see a wrong and not expose it, is to become a silent partner to its continuance I am KC and I approve this message" [106]

Investigators have not found any ricin in the house of a man accused of mailing poisoned letters to President Barack Obama, a US senator and a local judge, according to testimony from an FBI agent. The letters were intercepted in the post just after last week's bombings at the Boston Marathon, triggering memories of the anthrax letter scare that followed the September 11 terror attacks in America in 2001. [107]

Agent Brandon Grant said that a search of Paul Kevin Curtis's vehicle and house in Corinth, Mississippi, on Friday did not turn up ricin or ingredients for the poison. A search of Curtis's computers has found no evidence so far that he researched making ricin. "There was no apparent ricin, castor beans or any material there that could be used for the manufacturing, like a blender or something," Grant testified. [107]

Ricin was found in the former martial arts studio of the man suspected of sending poison letters to Barack Obama and other officials, prosecutors have said. The affidavit, made public on Tuesday, says an FBI surveillance team saw James Everett Dutschke remove several items from the studio in Mississippi on 22 April and dump them in a rubbish bin down the street. The items included a dust mask that later tested positive for ricin, it said. Traces of ricin also were found in the studio, and Dutschke used the internet to buy castor beans, from which the poison is derived, the court document added. [108]

Dutschke, 41, was arrested on Saturday as part of the investigation into poison-tainted letters sent to Obama, Senator Roger Wicker and Judge Sadie Holland in Mississippi. Dutschke faces up to life in prison if convicted. The FBI has not yet revealed details about how lethal the ricin was. A Senate official has said the ricin was not weaponised, meaning the toxin was not in a form that could easily enter the body. If inhaled, ricin can cause respiratory failure, and no antidote exists. Dutschke told the Associated Press last week that he did not send the letters. Attention turned to him after prosecutors dropped charges against an Elvis impersonator who says he had argued with Dutschke in the past. [108]

The affidavit said that on the evening of 31 December, someone using Dutschke's computer "downloaded a publication, Standard Operating Procedure for Ricin, which describes safe handling and storage methods for ricin, and approximately two hours later, Immunochromatography Detection of Ricin in Environmental and Biological Samples, which describes a method for detecting ricin." The affidavit also said numerous documents found in Dutschke's home had "trashmarks" that were similar to those on the letters sent to the officials. "Trashmarks are flaws or marks that come from dirt, scratches, or other marks on the printer. They are transferred to each piece of paper that is run through the printer," it said. A witness, who is not named in the document, told investigators that Dutschke once said he knew how to make poison that could be sent to elected officials and "whoever opened these envelopes containing the poison would die". [108]

Holland dismissed a civil suit that Dutschke filed in 2006 against the witness, who accused him of making sexual advances toward the witness's daughter, the affidavit said. In April, Dutschke pleaded not guilty to two child molestation charges involving three girls under the age of 16. He was also appealing against a conviction on a different charge of indecent exposure. He told Associated Press his lawyer told him not to comment on those cases. [108]

Dutschke's MySpace page has several pictures with him and Wicker. Republicans in Mississippi say Dutschke used to frequently show up at events. The first suspect accused by the FBI, Paul Kevin Curtis, 45, was arrested on 17 April, but the charges were dropped six days later. After his arrest, Curtis said he was framed and gave investigators Dutschke's name as someone who could have sent the letters, the affidavit said. [108]

### PART THREE: THE TSARNAEV BROTHERS CHAPTER ONE: TAMERLAN AND ZUBEIDAT

Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, 19, is now suspected of launching the twin bombings during the April 15 Boston Marathon with his 26-year-old brother, Tamerlan Tsarnaev. The two bombs — made from ordinary kitchen pressure cookers packed with explosives, nails and ball bearings — killed three people and injured more than 260 others. [3][4] The brothers were from Chechnya, a region with a turbulent history. It declared independence in 1991, after the breakup of the Soviet Union. Chechnya fought wars with

Russia for much of the 1990s, and Chechens have been involved in terrorist attacks in Russia in the years since. In 2002, Chechen militants seized a Moscow theater and held 800 people hostage for two days. Special forces raided the building and killed 41 hostage-takers; 129 hostages were killed, mostly from gas used by Russian forces. In 2004, Chechen insurgents took hundreds of hostages in the Russian town of Beslan. The siege came to a bloody end two days later, and 330 people, about half children, were killed. [26]

Tamerlan said he dreamed of joining the U.S. Olympic team and was married to an American citizen, becoming a legal permanent resident in 2007. Tamerlan Tsarnaev studied at Bunker Hill Community College in Boston and wanted to become an engineer, according to a profile that appeared in a Boston University magazine in 2010. He told the magazine that his family fled Chechnya in the 1990s because of the conflict there, and that he had lived in Kazakhstan. While he had been in the United States for several years by that point, he said in the profile: "I don't have a single American friend. I don't understand them." He also said that he was a Muslim who did not smoke or drink. The father told *Isvestia*, the Russian newspaper, that he had a brain tumor and had returned to Russia in early 2012 to die. Tamerlan Tsarnaev boxed in a 2004 tournament as part of a program called Golden Gloves, according to *The Lowell Sun* newspaper. He said then that his first love was music, and that he played the piano and violin. That was also when he told the newspaper: "I like the USA... America has a lot of jobs," he said. "That's something Russia doesn't have. You have a chance to make money here if you are willing to work." His former boxing coach, John Curran, described him to NBC News as quiet and courteous and said that he was "flabbergasted" by the news. [26]

An ex-girlfriend of Boston Marathon bomber Tamerlan Tsarnaev said the man she started dating in 2006 transformed from a pot-smoking party boy into a jihad-spouting Islamic terrorist during their three-year relationship. Nadine Ascencao, age 25, of Cambridge, Massachusetts, said that she was 17 when she fell in love with Tsarnaev, who loved boxing but became an anti-American Islamist. "One minute, he's this funny, normal guy who liked boxing and having fun. The next, he is praying four times a day, watching Islamic videos and talking insane nonsense," she said. The bomber drifted deeper and deeper into Islamic extremism, trying to "brainwash" his girlfriend. "He became extremely religious and tried to brainwash me to follow Islam. Tamerlan said I couldn't be with him unless I became a Muslim. He wanted me to hate America like he did," Ascencao said. [32]

"He wouldn't let me watch TV or listen to the radio. He'd say, 'TV is the project of Satan' and claimed Satan sent us messages through commercial music." The couple even stopped having sex after he said it was wrong because they were not married. "Tamerlan had taken my virginity and said he loved me because I was pure and hadn't been with any other guys. I was in love and scared he'd leave me if I didn't do what he said. Looking back, I had a lucky escape." She was heartbroken when she learned he was secretly seeing another girl. Her rival was Katherine Russell, a student who was to become Tamerlan's wife after converting to Islam. "He once made me learn a verse of an Islamic prayer and if I got it wrong he'd say, 'Well Katherine can do it.'" "He wanted me to hate America like he did." Tamerlan even attacked Nadine when he found her heading off to a friend's pool party wearing cut-off jeans and a crop top. She said: "He was shouting and screaming at me. He slapped me across the face really hard." The young woman didn't have the similar description of the younger brother. "I was more shocked Dzhokhar was involved. He was a nice kid." [32]

Both men were believed to have entered the country with their family in 2002 or 2003. [26] Dzhokhar Tsarnaev was born in Kyrgyzstan and became a naturalized American citizen on Sept. 11, 2012. He had a Massachusetts driver's license, was enrolled at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth and was living in the Boston suburb of Cambridge. Dzhokhar cracked jokes and made pop-culture references on twitter. Tamerlan had an alleged YouTube page that featured videos about Islamic radicalism. [26]

Evidence is mounting that the accused dead Boston Marathon bomber Tamerlan Tsarnaev became a "radicalized" Muslim while participating in a covert CIA program, run through the Republic of Georgia, to destabilize Russia's North Caucasus region. The ultimate goal of the CIA's campaign was for the Muslim inhabitants of the region to declare independence from Moscow and tilt toward the U.S. Wahhabi Muslim-run governments of Saudi Arabia and Qatar. [46]

Russia's *Izvestia* is reporting that Tsarnaev attended seminars run by the Caucasus Fund of Georgia, a group affiliated with the neo-conservative think tank, the Jamestown Foundation, between January and July 2012. The U.S. media has been reporting that during this six month time frame Tsarnaev was being radicalized by Dagestan radical imam "Abu Dudzhan," killed in a fight

with Russian security last year. However, in documents leaked by the Georgian Ministry of Internal Affairs's Counterintelligence Department, Tsarnaev is pinpointed as being in Tbilisi taking part in "seminars" organized by the Caucasus Fund, founded during the Georgian-South Ossetian war of 2008, a war started when Georgian troops invaded the pro-Russian Republic of South Ossetia during the Beijing Olympics. Georgia was supported by the United States and Israel, including U.S. Special Forces advisers. The Georgian intelligence documents indicate Tsarnaev attended the Jamestown seminars in Tbilisi. [46]

Tsarnaev also visited Dagestan in 2011. On December 16, 2011, WMR reported on the CIA's and George Soros's operations in Georgia that funded the Caucasus Fund, the Jamestown Foundation, and U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) activities. It should also be noted that Tsarnaev's Maryland-based uncle, Ruslan Tsarni (name changed from Tsarnaev) was also contracted to USAID. [46]

"The money from USAID for Russian dissidents is being funneled through the Georgian Ministry of Education. The Georgian Minister of Education Dmitry Shashkin also attended the Tbilisi ceremony (a World AIDS Day ceremony also attended by U.S. ambassador to Georgia John Bass and Georgia First Lady Sandra Roloefs, the Dutch wife of Georgian President Mikheil Saakashvili), which provided cover for the covert aid program to the Russian dissidents. USAID money was used to fund scholarships in Georgia for exiled Chechen "students" who were being trained as CIA agents to interface with Chechen guerrilla forces and the Caucasus Emirate terrorists of Doku Umarov. [46]

Georgia has become the nexus for the U.S. aid to the Russian opposition trying to unseat Putin. In March [2010], Georgia sponsored, with CIA, Soros, and MI-6 funds, a conference titled 'Hidden Nations, Enduring Crimes: The Circassians and the People of the North Caucasus Between Past and Future.' Georgia and its CIA, Soros, and British intelligence allies are funneling cash and other support for secessionism by ethnic minorities in Russia, including Circassians, Chechens, Ingushetians, Balkars, Kabardins, Abaza, Tatars, Talysh, and Kumyks." Note: the Talysh and Kumyks live primarily in Dagestan.

The conference, held on March 21, 2010, was organized by the Jamestown Foundation and the International School of Caucasus Studies at Ilia State University in Georgia. If Georgian counter-intelligence documents had Tamerlan Tsarnaev attending Jamestown conferences in Tbilisi in 2011, could the Russian FSB have tracked him to the Jamestown Hidden Nations seminar in March 2010? In any event, a year later the FSB decided to contact the FBI about Tsarnaev's ties to terrorists. [46]

The first Russian request to the FBI came via the FBI's Legal Attache's office at the U.S. embassy in Moscow in March 2011. It took the FBI until June of 2011 to conclude that Tamerlan posed no terrorist threat but it did add his name to the Treasury Enforcement Communications System, or TECS, which monitors financial information such as bank accounts held abroad and wire transfers. In September 2011, Russian authorities, once again, alerted the U.S. of their suspicions about Tamerlan. The second alert went to the CIA. The Russians were well aware that the Hidden Nations seminar held a year earlier was a CIA-sponsored event that was supported by the Saakashvili government in Georgia. In their second communication with Washington, the Russians were likely making the CIA aware that it was on to one of Langley's assets. [46]

At some point in time after the first Russian alert and either before or after the second, the CIA entered Tamerlan's name into the Terrorist Identities Datamart Environment list (TIDE), a database with more than 750,000 entries that is maintained by the National Counterterrorism Center in McLean, Virginia. On March 31, 2010, shortly after the Hidden Nations conference in Tbilisi, deadly mass casualty suicide bomb blasts in the Moscow Metro system and in Dagestan, and Georgia's Georgia's launching of a Russian-language TV channel targeting the north Caucasus and designed to whip up anti-Russian feelings in the volatile region, WMR reported: [46]

"The Jamestown Foundation is a long-standing front operation for the CIA, it being founded, in part, by CIA director William Casey in 1984. The organization was used as an employer for high-ranking Soviet bloc defectors, including the Soviet Undersecretary General of the UN Arkady Shevchenko and Romanian intelligence official Ion Pacepa. The Russian FSB and the SVR foreign intelligence agencies have long suspected Jamestown of helping to foment rebellions in Chechnya, Ingushetia, and other north Caucasus republics. The March 21 Tbilisi conference on the north Caucasus a few days before the Moscow train bombings has obviously added to the suspicions of the FSB and SVR. [46]

Jamestown's board includes such Cold War era individuals as Marcia Carlucci; wife of Frank Carlucci, the former CIA officer, Secretary of Defense, and Chairman of The Carlyle Group [Frank Carlucci was also one of those who requested the U.S. government to allow former Chechen Republic 'Foreign Minister' Ilyas Akhmadov, accused by the Russians of terrorist ties, to be granted political asylum in the U.S. after a veto from the Homeland Security and Justice Departments], anti-Communist book and magazine publisher Alfred Regnery; and Caspar Weinberger's Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs Kathleen Troia "KT" McFarland. Also on the board is former Oklahoma GOP Governor Frank Keating, the governor at the time of the 1995 Murrah Federal Building bombing. [46]

The Georgian International School for Caucasus Studies is a perfect partner for Jamestown. Its current major project is designed to stir up anti-Russian sentiments in the north Caucasus by creating such new research programs as "Tsarist Russian policy and state-sponsored Soviet ethnic policies conducted in the North Caucasus during the 19th and 20th century." Cooperating with Jamestown in not only its north and south Caucasus information operations, but also in Moldovan, Belarusian, Uighur, and Uzbekistan affairs, is George Soros's ubiquitous Open Society Institute, another cipher for U.S. intelligence and global banking interests. Soros's Central Eurasia Project has sponsored a number of panels and seminars with Jamestown. Soros and his NGO contrivances and constructs provided the impetus for Saakashvili's themed 'Rose Revolution.' Jamestown's Monitor and the Soros-influenced Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty often quote from each others' sources and reports. [46]

On March 9, 2005, the Jamestown Foundation, Soros's Open Society Institute, and the Moldova Foundation sponsored a seminar in Washington on the Moldovan elections. Among the advisory board members of the Moldova Foundation are Bari- Bar Zion, CEO of A4E and Amin in Israel and a former business adviser to the head of the Israel State Lottery, and Sam Amadi, special adviser to the President of the Senate of Nigeria. The Moldova Foundation receives support from Soros's Open Society Institute." [46]

Georgia was a major launching pad for anti-Russia operations by the CIA, Mossad, and Britain's MI-6. Not only did Georgian Imedi TV presented a fake news report about a Russian invasion of Georgia — which also suggested that Russian troops had killed Saakashvili — but Caucasus Emirate terrorists were conducting a number of terrorist attacks inside Russia, including a suicide bombings in Moscow and Dagestan, at the same time NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen was hosting Saakashvili in Brussels. [46]

The Russians indicated in their first communication with the FBI that Tamerlan had changed drastically since 2010. That change came after the Hidden Nations conference in Tbilisi. U.S. support for Chechen and North Caucasus secession came as a result of a public statement on August 2008 by GOP presidential candidate John McCain that "after Russia illegally recognized the independence of South Ossetia and Abkhazia, Western countries ought to think about the independence of the North Caucasus and Chechnya." [46]

What does U.S. ambassador to Moscow Michael McFaul know about Tamerlan Tsarnaev's activities in Russia's North Caucasus? Upon becoming President in 2009, Barack Obama adopted McCain's proposal and authorized CIA support for North Caucasus secessionists and terrorists with money laundered through the USAID, the National Endowment for Democracy, Soros's Open Society Institute, Freedom House, and the Jamestown Foundation. In January 2012, Obama appointed a Soros activist and neocon, Michael McFaul of the right-wing Hoover Institution at Stanford university, as U.S. ambassador to Moscow. McFaul immediately threw open the doors of the U.S. embassy to a variety of Russian dissidents, including secessionists from the North Caucasus, some of whom were suspected by the Russian FSB of ties to Islamist terrorists. [46]

Last year, when Tamerlan Tsarnaev spent six months in the Russian region of Dagestan, he had a guide with an unusually deep knowledge of the local Islamist community: a distant cousin named Magomed Kartashov. Six years older than Tsarnaev, Kartashov is a former police officer and freestyle wrestler — and one of the region's most prominent Islamists. [49]

In 2011, Kartashov founded and became the leader of an organization called the Union of the Just, whose members campaign for Shari'a and pan-Islamic unity in Dagestan, often speaking out against U.S. policies across the Muslim world. The group publicly renounces violence. But some of its members have close links to militants; others have served time in prison for weapons possession and abetting terrorism — charges they say were based on fabricated evidence. For Tsarnaev, these men

formed a community of pious young Muslims with whom he could discuss his ideas of jihad. Tsarnaev's mother Zubeidat confirmed that her son is Kartashov's third cousin. The two met for the first time in Dagestan, she said, and "became very close." [49]

Since April 19, when Tsarnaev and his younger brother Dzhokhar were publicly identified as being the key suspects in the bombing of the Boston Marathon, investigators have been trying to work out how they were radicalized to the point of wanting to kill and maim people in the U.S., the country the brothers had called home for much of their lives. (Tsarnaev was killed during a manhunt for the two men in Boston; his younger brother was shot but survived and has been charged with acts of terrorism including using a weapon of mass destruction resulting in death. If convicted, he could face the death penalty.) Much of the investigators' attention has focused on Tsarnaev's visit to Dagestan in 2012. It appears that investigators have only recently begun exploring Tsarnaev's links to his cousin. [49]

On May 5, three agents from Russia's Federal Security Service, the agency known as the FSB, interrogated Kartashov for the first time about the Boston bombings, according to his lawyer, Patimat Abdullaeva. The FSB agents were interested in whether Kartashov and Tsarnaev had ever discussed Islamic radicalism, Abdullaeva says. Kartashov told them that they had, but claimed that Tsarnaev was the one trying to "pull him in to extremism," says the lawyer, who spoke to Kartashov soon after the interrogation. (It was impossible to ask Kartashov about this directly; he has been in jail since April 27 after a brawl with police in northern Dagestan, and prison officials denied TIME's requests to visit him or have him answer questions in writing. His lawyer agreed to pass a reporter's questions to him in jail.) In recounting her client's replies, the lawyer said: "Kartashov tried to talk [Tsarnaev] out of his interest in extremism." [49]

Kartashov told the FSB roughly the same story, Abdullaeva says, and it matches the accounts of five other men in Dagestan who know Kartashov and spent time with Tsarnaev. All of them dismiss the notion that Tsarnaev was radicalized in Dagestan. Instead, the picture that emerges from their accounts is of a young man who already carried a deep interest in Islamic radicalism when he went to Russia from his home in Massachusetts. But that curiosity evolved during his visit. The members of Kartashov's circle say they tried to disabuse Tsarnaev of his sympathies for local militants. By the end of his time in Dagestan, Tsarnaev's interests seem to have shifted from the local insurgency to a more global notion of Islamic struggle — closer to the one espoused by Kartashov's organization. [49]

The Union of the Just is a tight group of activists based in Kizlyar, a town of about 50,000 people in the plains of northern Dagestan. Tsarnaev, whose parents live 90 miles (145 km) away in the regional capital, Makhachkala, often travelled to Kizlyar to stay with Kartashov and hang out with his friends. In its short history, Kartashov's group has never been linked to any acts of terrorism. It is seen in the region as a civil-society organization, which argues that nonviolent resistance is more effective than militancy in spreading the principles of Shari'a. [49]

The group's core ideology is practically the same as that of Hizb ut-Tahrir, or HuT, a pan-Islamic political party that was founded in Jerusalem in 1953 and operates freely in many parts of the world today. Both groups use the same white-and-black flags and insignia, which decorate the homes, offices and Facebook walls of Kartashov's followers in Kizlyar. Both groups believe that Islam is not just a religion and a way of life but also an ideal political system rooted in Islamic law. [49]

None of the men TIME spoke to in Kizlyar admit to being members of HuT; that would be grounds for arrest in Russia, because the Ministry of Justice banned the party as an extremist organization in 2003. But several members of Kartashov's group admitted that their politics are closely aligned with those of HuT. "We have many of the same ideas," says Mohammed Gadzhiev, who is the acting leader of the group while Kartashov is in jail. "We also believe in the restoration of the caliphates that ruled after the death of the Prophet, may peace be upon him." [49]

As such, they are fiercely against U.S. intervention in the Muslim world and, more broadly, the encroachments of Western liberalism. Within 20 minutes of meeting a TIME reporter, Bilyal Magomedov, one of the group's leading members, poses a rhetorical question: "Tell me, who is not an enemy of America these days?" Asked what he thought about the Boston bombings, he offers a silver lining for the Islamist cause. "In principle, it's good that this happened, even though the [Tsarnaev] brothers suffered," he said. "Don't understand me wrong, but Sept. 11 led many Americans to convert to Islam. It's another

question that people died there, sure. But people also started to wonder why this act was committed ... And when the enemies of Islam try to blacken the religion, Allah creates the opposite effect. More people get interested in Islam. They get curious.” [49]

Kartashov’s group occupies a kind of middle ground in the ultra-conservative Salafi Muslim community in Dagestan. All of the region’s Salafis are strict Muslims. But while the vast majority are peaceful and law-abiding citizens of Russia, a small minority has embraced violent jihad against the Russian state. On an almost weekly basis, Salafi militants, known in Russia as Wahhabis, attack local police and set off bombs in public places. Kartashov’s group sympathizes with the cause of these militants while renouncing their methods. [49]

Shamil Mutaev, a former police investigator and prosecutor in the region, estimates there are about 100 active militants in the forests of Dagestan. But members of Kartashov’s group believe there are many more. “And the actions of the security services are constantly refilling their numbers,” says Gadzhiev. Magomedov agrees. “They push us, they threaten us, they say they’ll shave our beards,” he says. “Many of the people who went to the forests to fight, I know them. And you know why they went? Because of their convictions ... Many of them had everything, and with God’s will, they were killed as martyrs.” [49]

The group’s few dozen active members are a mixed bunch. Some, like Kartashov himself, are well educated, even bookish, with an encyclopedic knowledge of Islamic doctrine. Other members of the group are athletes, mechanics or former convicts with nicknames like Crowbar and Racket. (Kartashov’s nickname among his followers is the Intellectual.) A few of his associates, like Magomedov, are IT experts who run computer stores in Kizlyar. They are very active on Facebook and other social media. And their ties to the militant groups in the hills of Dagestan are often close. [49]

One of Kartashov’s associates, Murad Abdulmuminov, is the brother of two men killed in separate shoot-outs with Russia’s counterterrorism forces in 2010 and 2012. The elder of these brothers, a former imam named Abdulmumin Abdulmuminov, was one of the leading ideologues of the militant underground in Kizlyar, according to statements released by the Russian security services in 2010. Before his death during a counterinsurgency raid that winter, he was wanted in connection with several terrorist attacks. [49]

But for all its familiarity with militants, the Union of the Just has preferred protests to fighting. Usually, the target of the demonstrations is Russia, particularly the abuses that human-rights organizations say are frequently committed by Russian security services in Dagestan. But in October 2012, a few months after Tsarnaev left the region, the group staged a protest against the U.S. At the time, protests were raging across the Muslim world against a crude anti-Islamic film called Innocence of Muslims, which was produced in California and posted on YouTube. The largest of these protests in Russia was held in Kizlyar, and it was organized by Union of the Just. “I’m sorry to tell you. Actually, no, I’m not sorry. We burned an American flag that day,” says Gadzhiev, the acting head of the group. [49]

All of the members of the Union of the Just that TIME spoke to were inclined to believe that the Boston bombings had been a set-up orchestrated by American security services, a common theory in Dagestan. But in Makhachkala one man who encountered Tsarnaev offered a different perspective. Although he is not a member of Kartashov’s circle, the man says he met Tsarnaev during a beach barbecue thrown by Kartashov and his friends last summer. The man asked to remain anonymous so as not to upset his acquaintances from the Union of the Just. [49]

In June or July, toward the end of Tsarnaev’s visit, the man said he attended a cookout at a beach outside Makhachkala, just past the point where the Shura-Ozen river flows into the Caspian Sea. (He took a reporter to see the spot where the barbecue took place.) Locals often go there when the weather is good, driving as close as they can to the water and parking in a copse of white acacia trees where ravens nest by the many hundreds. The beach is littered with debris that floats in from the Caspian, but it is a fine place to grill some meat, play soccer and talk, as Tsarnaev and his friends did that summer day. (Kartashov’s friends in Kizlyar said they vaguely remembered such an outing, but declined to discuss it in detail.) [49]

The man in Makhachkala, who was invited to the picnic by a friend from the city’s main Salafi mosque, said a group of about eight of the guests gathered around a circle on the beach and began discussing religion. Tsarnaev was the center of attention.

“Folks were saying he was the champion of boxing in America,” he says. (Tsarnaev had been a successful amateur boxer.) The man remembers Tsarnaev expressing the opinion that the insurgency in Dagestan is a “holy war.” But others disagreed with him. “Some of our guys started telling him that this is no holy war, that it’s just banditry and has nothing in common with holy war,” he said. “Muslims here are killing Muslims. That’s what we explained to him.” [49]

Eventually the man remembers Tsarnaev ceding the point. Some weeks later — the man could not recall exactly how long — many from the same group of friends, including Kartashov, gathered on the same beach again for another barbecue. This time the discussion was different. Tsarnaev also brought up the issue of holy war, “but in a global context,” the man said. They talked about the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, as well as the civil war in Syria, which some of the men from Kartashov’s circle accuse the U.S. and the U.K. of helping to foment. “Those questions that he brought from America [about the holy war in Dagestan], those didn’t come up anymore,” said the man who attended both barbecues. And what was Tsarnaev asking about then? “Listening,” the man said. “He did more listening.” [49]

The city of Cambridge awarded Dzhokhar Tsarnaev a \$2,500 scholarship toward college in 2011. The scholarships were for students at Cambridge Rindge and Latin School, part of the public school system in Cambridge, a melting-pot city of about 100,000, fairly well-off and home to Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. On a Russian social media site, Dzhokhar Tsarnaev identified his religion as Islam and his priorities as career and money. He posted links to stories about the brutality of the ruling regime in Syria and to a YouTube video of himself doing impressions, to the amusement of his brother, of dialects from regions around Chechnya. [26]

Photos snapped by the Daily News show the unit in a Cambridge, Mass., building where Dzhokhar and Tamerlan lived. It was in disarray with clothes piled everywhere and a half-eaten meal left on the table. The apartment also had a makeshift plywood door. Apartment 3 is at the top of a rickety bannister and stairs, in a nondescript building tucked on a quiet residential block. No signs were found in the apartment indicating that Tamerlan’s wife and child lived there. Athletic gear, including boxing gloves, skis, numerous sneakers and a basketball, was found inside the Tsarnaev brothers’ Cambridge apartment. Nothing overtly menacing was found. The door of their unit was made of makeshift plywood. The apartment bore indications of the brothers’ athleticism — a set of skis, snow boots, boxing gloves, a basketball and assorted sneakers. Other miscellaneous items were found inside the apartment, such as an old stereo, a gas can and a can of motor oil. A bookcase with some cheap pottery stood near the dinner table, while a Crock-Pot was visible nearby. [33]

“I lived right underneath them and they were making bombs,” said Albrecht Ammon, 18, who lived downstairs. “It’s scary.” Ammon remained spooked by the thought of what went on in the apartment in the weeks before the twin blasts that killed three and injured another 183 victims. “How could you do a bombing like that?” he asked Saturday. “They planned it out and they tried to hurt people .... They acted like a normal family.” There were no lingering signs of anything exceptional in the home — just an old stereo, a gas can, a can of motor oil and boxing handwraps hanging from a wire. The front lawn was muddied from the tracks of investigators pouring into the apartment on Friday. Ammon said the brothers were typically quiet and caused no problems in the building. Tamerlan would honk his car horn as a hello when driving on the street. Ammon, who attended High School with Dzhokhar, remained puzzled by one question about his old neighbors. “I just wanted to know, ‘Why?’ ” he asked. “They had a nice life. I want to know why.” [33]

The brothers’ father, Anzor Tsarnaev, told the newspaper IZVESTIA that his children had been set up. Speaking from Russia, the father said that Dzhokhar was a diligent student who dreamed of becoming a great doctor. Sierra Schwartz, who identified herself as a high school friend of Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, told NBC News that he had lots of friends and did not seem to brood. A lifeguard described him as hilarious. “He was a nice guy. He was shy,” Schwartz said. “It was almost physically painful to even call him nice now after this absolute tragedy that happened, but at the time, as we knew him, he was funny.” Robin Young, who said her nephew was on the wrestling team with Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, told NBC News that he was “just a light, airy, curly-haired kid.” “I can’t tell you enough what a beautiful young man this was,” she said. “Somebody radicalized them, but it wasn’t my brother,” the men’s uncle, Ruslan Tsarni, told reporters Friday from Montgomery Village, Md. He said the two had brought shame on Chechens and that he had encouraged his own family to stay away from that part of the family. Chechnya, a separatist region that has warred with Russia for independence and launched devastating terror strikes, is predominantly Muslim. Counterterrorism officials were examining possible links between the brothers and the Islamic Jihad Union of central

Asia, a terrorist group. [26] Investigators are also looking into whether a distant cousin of the Tsarnaev's may have influenced the older brother in his radicalization. The cousin, Magomed Kartashov, is allegedly the founder of a group called The Union of the Just, which reportedly promotes the application of strict Islamic Sharia law and has been known to be anti-American. [28]

A law enforcement official told CNN that at least one of the two bombs -- the second to explode -- was detonated by remote control. Rep. Dutch Ruppersberger, a Maryland Democrat and member of the House Select Committee on Intelligence, also said that the brothers used a remote control device similar to those used to guide toy cars. While video taken near the scene of the explosions shows Dzhokhar Tsarnaev talking on a cell phone, it is not known whether he used it to trigger a device, a law enforcement official said. [25]

The FBI has already come under fire for failing to stop the brothers. [20] In March 2011, the Russian security service sent a stark warning to the F.B.I., reporting that Tamerlan Tsarnaev was "a follower of radical Islam" who had "changed drastically since 2010" and was preparing to travel to Russia's turbulent Caucasus to connect with underground militant groups. Six months later, Russia sent the same warning to the C.I.A. [21]

The Russian warnings to the F.B.I. and the C.I.A. also raised questions about Mr. Tsarnaev's mother, Zubeidat, according to two senior American officials. The Russians were most concerned about Mr. Tsarnaev because they had information that he planned to travel to Russia. The Russians were concerned that mother and son were very religious and strong believers, and they could be militants if they returned to Russia. The mother, the officials said, did not fit the profile of a potential extremist. This led American counterterrorism officials to not express much concern about her. They did not set up a travel alert on her, but they nonetheless added her name to the Terrorist Identities Datamart Environment, or TIDE database, when Tamerlan's name was added to it in October 2011, the official said. [21]

The mother, Zubeidat Tsarnaev, told CNN's Nick Paton Walsh that the bombing was fake. She has seen a video which showed there was no blood -- and that paint was used instead. "That's what I want to know, because everybody's talking about it -- that this is a show, that's what I want to know. That's what I want to understand," she said. [25] While her husband Anzor Tsarnaev has said he plans to fly to the United States, his wife isn't planning to join him. She's wanted on 2012 felony charges of shoplifting and property damage in Massachusetts, according to court officials. [25]

Russian neighbors who did speak to the press said the Tsarnaev family had no noticeable ties to Islamic fundamentalism or terrorist factions. One neighbor said that there was no fanaticism among the family members living there and that the father was not too religious. In her phone call with ABC News reporter Kirit Radia, Tsarnaeva reiterated the claims her husband has made in previous interviews that their two sons were framed by the U.S. government. [20]

U.S. government officials have said the brothers were not under surveillance as possible militants. Yet the FBI says they investigated Tamerlan Tsarnaeva in 2011 at the request of a foreign government, presumably Russia. The request stated that it was based on information that he was a follower of radical Islam and a strong believer, and that he had changed drastically since 2010 as he prepared to leave the United States for travel to the country's region to join unspecified underground groups. The FBI claims that, in response to the request, the bureau culled through its databases and interviewed both Tamerlan Tsarnaeva and members of his family. 'The FBI did not find any terrorism activity, domestic or foreign, and those results were provided to the foreign government in the summer of 2011. The FBI requested but did not receive more specific or additional information from the foreign government,' the bureau's statement read. The FBI statement was the first evidence that the family had come to security officials' attention after they came to the United States from Dagestan about a decade ago. It is not clear when Tsarnaeva and her husband left the United States. [7][20]

Some members of Congress, and former government officials, said a six-month visit to Dagestan which Tamerlan took last year was a missed opportunity to refocus attention on him and potentially prevent the attack. The critical moment came in January 2012, when a Customs database sent an alert about Mr. Tsarnaev's plan to travel to Russia to a Customs agent assigned to the F.B.I.-led Joint Terrorism Task Force in Boston. It is unclear who else saw the information, but it does not appear to have prompted any new scrutiny of Mr. Tsarnaev. [21] Tsarnaev's aunt said he spent most of the six months in Makhachkala, Dagestan, reading the Koran and practicing sports. [29]

Jimmy Gurulé, a former counterterrorism official, said the alert about Mr. Tsarnaev's travel plans should have prompted new attention, since it appeared to give weight to the Russian warning. He said that the authorities should have sought a court warrant to monitor his cellphone and e-mail while he was in Russia. "When he came back to the United States, they should have pulled him out of the Customs line, inspected his belongings, looked at his laptop and cellphone and questioned him about what he had done in Dagestan," said Mr. Gurulé. [21]

According to one interview with his father, Tamerlan went to Dagestan to renew his passport. His father says that he stayed with him in the capital of city, Makhachkala, and that they went to visit relatives in Chechnya. Could Tamerlan have met up with radical groups while he was in Dagestan and Chechnya? It's certainly possible, though his father seemed to downplay that in an interview with the New York Times, saying that he slept til noon every day and "communicated with me and his cousins. There was nobody (else)." Even if he did not actively meet with any extremist groups in Russia, there are some signs that he may have idolized them. On a YouTube account under the name "Tamerlan Tsarnaev" that is widely speculated (though not confirmed) to have been made by the suspect there are a variety of links to videos on Russia, Chechnya, and Islam. [36]

However, there were also two videos on a playlist called "terrorists" created five months ago that have since been deleted. While the videos are gone, their names can be seen on his activity feed: Both of these videos appear to be under the name "амир раббаникалы абу Дуджана," which translates roughly as "Amir Abu Dujana rabbanikaly." Abu Dujana is the name of a historical Islamic warrior. However, амир раббаникалы абу Дуджана also appears to have been a name used by one Dagestani terrorist — at least one Jihadist site suggests it is a name used by Gadzhimurad Dolgatov. According to AFP, Dolgatov was killed by Russian security forces in Makhachkala during December 2012, after a heated gun battle that saw a six-year-old girl taken hostage. He is described as the "chief of the criminal group" by AFP, and a Russian news agency described him as a "warlord" after his death.

Could Tamerlan have met Dolgatov while he was in Makhachkala? If this really was Tamerlan uploading videos of obscure Dagestani warlords to his YouTube account, it does fit into the idea of "radicalization" and double lives. [36]

In 2012, Russian authorities again alerted the FBI about their concerns over Tsarnaeva's links after he was spotted speaking to an Islamic militant six times at a mosque in Dagestan. 'They were all afraid of Tamerlan' his mother told ABC News, referring to the US Government. 'They wanted to eliminate him as a threat because he was in love with Islam. For the last five years they were following him.' Tsarnaeva said the anxiety of losing both her sons has caused her to feel so sick she needs to call for an ambulance every two and a half hours. 'I don't know how to live like this,' she said. [20]

Senator Lindsey Graham, Republican of South Carolina, said that the Boston bombing case "is becoming, to me, a case study in system failure... You have Russian intelligence services contacting two agencies within our federal government responsible for our national security, the F.B.I. and the C.I.A... They tell us, 'We believe you have a radical Islamist in your midst.' Despite the warning and the F.B.I.'s initial follow-up, Mr. Tsarnaev was able to visit Dagestan and return unnoticed, and discuss 'killing Americans' openly on the Internet undetected." [21]

One factor in the failure to follow up may have been Mr. Tsarnaev's ethnicity as a Chechen and his destination, Dagestan, according to both government officials and independent specialists. While those might have set off suspicions in Russia, militants from the Caucasus have generally not targeted the United States. The authorities would most likely have given Mr. Tsarnaev a closer examination when he returned to the United States if he had traveled to Yemen or Pakistan, where multiple plots against American cities have been hatched. [21]

According to a highly placed source who spoke to MailOnline, the Saudis sent a written warning about Tsarnaev to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in 2012. That was long before pressure-cooker blasts killed three and injured hundreds. The official told MailOnline about a written warning from the Saudi government to the Department of Homeland Security, and said he had direct knowledge of that document. But the Middle Eastern nation's embassy in Washington denied that account. It issued a statement which read: 'The Saudi government had no prior information about the Boston bombers. Therefore, it is not true that any information, written or otherwise, was passed to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) or any other US agency in this regard,' an embassy statement claimed. 'The Saudi government also does not have any record of any application by Tamerlan Tsarnaev for any visa to Saudi Arabia.' The Saudis' warning, the official told MailOnline, was

separate from the multiple red flags raised by Russian intelligence in 2011, and was based on human intelligence developed independently in Yemen. [40]

Citing security concerns, the Saudi government also allegedly denied an entry visa to the elder Tsarnaev brother in December 2011, when he hoped to make a pilgrimage to Mecca, the source said. Tsarnaev's plans to visit Saudi Arabia have not been previously disclosed. The Saudis' warning to the U.S. government was also shared with the British government. 'It was very specific' and warned that 'something was going to happen in a major U.S. city,' the Saudi official said during an extensive interview. It 'did name Tamerlan specifically,' he added. The 'government-to-government' letter, which he said was sent to the Department of Homeland Security at the highest level, did not name Boston or suggest a date for his planned attack. [40]

If true, the account will produce added pressure on the Homeland Security department and the White House to explain their collective inaction after similar warnings were offered about Tsarnaev by the Russian government. A DHS official denied, however, that the agency received any such warning from Saudi intelligence about Tamerlan Tsarnaev. 'DHS has no knowledge of any communication from the Saudi government regarding information on the suspects in the Boston Marathon Bombing prior to the attack,' MailOnline learned from one Homeland Security official who declined to be named in this report. The White House took a similar view. 'We and other relevant U.S. government agencies have no record of such a letter being received,' said Caitlin Hayden, a spokesperson for the president's National Security Council. The letter likely came to DHS via the Saudi Ministry of Interior, the agency tasked with protecting the Saudi kingdom's homeland. A Homeland Security official confirmed Tuesday evening on the condition of anonymity that the 2012 letter exists, saying he had heard of the Saudi communication before MailOnline inquired about it. [40]

An aide to a Republican member of the House Homeland Security Committee speculated Tuesday about why the Obama administration contradicted the knowledgeable Saudi official. 'It is possible the Department of Homeland Security received the information from the Saudi government but never passed it on to the White House,' the GOP staffer said. 'Communication between DHS and the White House's national security apparatus isn't always what it should be. I can easily see it happening where one hand didn't know what the other was doing because of a turf war. Just like the different agencies in the Boston JTTF [Joint Terrorism Task Force] want credit for breaking the Tsarnaev case,' the aide added, 'they sometimes jealously guard the very intel they should be sharing the most freely. Sometimes it makes no sense at all.' [40]

House Homeland Security Committee chairman Mike McCaul plans to announce on Wednesday an investigative hearing to probe what U.S. intelligence knew prior to the Boston attacks, two senior Republican sources told MailOnline. Separately, President Obama announced Tuesday that the U.S. government will launch a wide-ranging inquiry into the sharing of information among the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Department of Homeland Security and other intelligence and law-enforcement agencies of the federal government. 'We want to leave no stone unturned,' the president said in a rare White House press conference. [40]

The internal review will be led by Director of National Intelligence James Clapper and several inspectors general. 'This is not an investigation,' Clapper's spokesman Shawn Turner said in a prepared statement. 'This is an independent review of information-sharing procedures. It is limited to the handling of information related to the suspects prior to the attack.' It is not yet clear whether information from Saudi Arabia will be involved in Clapper's inter-agency review. [40]

Utah Republican Rep. Jason Chaffetz appeared on CNN Tuesday afternoon, upbraiding the Obama administration for presuming that the federal government's handling of intelligence prior to the Boston bombings was appropriate and effective. 'As soon as the bombing happened we had officials, locally and from the feds, saying, "Oh, this was an isolated case, there was just one person involved." We didn't know that,' Chaffetz said. The 'starting point' for a federal investigation, he said, must be, 'This is unacceptable, we will not stand for it, we will get to the bottom of it, and we will not rest until we figure it out. Mr. President,' he said, addressing Obama, 'the starting point should be an intolerance that this thing happened.' [40]

The high-ranking Saudi official whom MailOnline interviewed at length provided a wealth of detail about the warning he says his government sent to the United States. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he is not authorized to talk publicly about foreign intelligence, or about Saudi Arabia's diplomatic relationship with the United States. He suggested that the Saudi

Ministry of Interior sent the letter out of an abundance of caution in order to be helpful to the United States, even though its intelligence on Tsarnaev wasn't yet fully developed. 'With Saudi Arabia it's always code red,' he said. 'There's no code orange, or code yellow. Always red.' [40]

The Saudi government, he added, alerted the U.S. in part because it believed American authorities should be inspecting packages that came to Tsarnaev in the mail in order to search for bomb-making components. The written warning also allegedly named three Pakistanis who may be of interest to British authorities. The official declined to provide more details about the warning to the UK, but said the two governments received the same information. The Ministry of Interior, he said, sent the letters in 2012, likely after Tsarnaev returned from Russia to the United States in July. [40]

President Barack Obama's published schedule indicates that he met in the Oval Office with Prince Mohammed bin Naif bin Abdulaziz, the Saudi Interior minister, on January 14, 2013. The Saudis denied Tsarnaev entry to the kingdom when he sought to travel to Mecca in December 2011 for a pilgrimage known as an Umrah – one that is undertaken during months that don't fall within the regular Hajj period of the year. That rejected application came one month before he traveled to Russia, where U.S. intelligence sources believe he acquired training enabling him to construct and detonate the bombs that he and his younger brother placed near the Boston Marathon's finish line. [40]

The Saudi official who spoke to MailOnline speculated that Tsarnaev's residence in the United States might have made it more difficult for him to gain entry into the kingdom. 'U.S.-based Muslims who become radicalized and want to visit Mecca create an unusual problem,' he said, compelling the Saudi government 'to carefully examine applications.' In the wake of the April 15 Boston Marathon bombings, Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud al-Faisal met with Secretary of State John Kerry on April 16, and then had an unscheduled meeting with President Obama on April 17. 'This is the DNA of the Saudi government,' said the Saudi official, referring to officials in the royal court in Riyadh. 'This is how they work. They sent the letter, but that wasn't enough. They then sent the top guy to meet personally with the president.' [40]

He dismissed the idea that Tamerlan Tsarnaev was likely trained by al Qaeda while he was outside the United States last year. The Saudis' Yemen-based sources, he explained, said militants referred to Tamerlan dismissively as 'the volunteer.' 'He was a gung-ho, self motivated jihadi who wasn't tasked by a larger group,' he said. 'There is no reason for anyone in Afghanistan to have in his thinking a scenario like this,' the official added, referring to pressure-cooker bombs at the Boston Marathon. 'He took the initiative. That's why they call him "the volunteer."' 'The Boston thing is beneath them,' he said of al Qaeda. 'They don't think like this. This is like a firecracker to them. They want something big.' [40]

Tamerlan may have boasted about his plans online, the Saudi official said, offering an explanation for how Yemen-based sources first learned of him. Islamist militants have well-developed social networks that can enable news to migrate quickly across vast distances. The Saudi government sometimes tracks such radicals by launching fake jihadi websites to attract extremists. The Ministry of Interior then tracks them electronically, often across the world, and shares information with governments it considers friendly, including the United States. 'The Saudi Arabian government is doing everything it can to wipe out these people and treat America as a true friend,' the official said. [40]

The Saudi intelligence services have a long history of providing credible information to America and Great Britain about looming threats. 'This is the fourth time the Saudi Arabian government has given the U.S. specific intel' about a possible terror plot, the official said, citing prior warnings about Richard Reid, the so-called shoe bomber who repeatedly tried to light a fuse in his shoe to bring down American Airlines flight 63 bound for Miami in December 2001. He also cited the 300-gram 'ink-cartridge bombs' planted on two cargo planes headed for the United States from Yemen in October 2010. Those explosives were intercepted in Dubai, and at an East Midlands airport in Great Britain. [40]

Tamerlan Tsarnaev's namesake was a 15-century Central Asian warlord who referred to himself as 'the sword of Islam.' Sometimes spelled 'Tamerlane' in English, he was known for his cruelty. When he conquered Baghdad, he reportedly made a pyramid of human skulls from unfortunate residents of that city. Although still revered in Chechnya and throughout Central Asia, the original Tamerlane is sometimes vilified in modern-day Saudi textbooks. [40]

Law enforcement officials testified before the House Homeland Security Committee that the FBI never told the Boston police or the Massachusetts State Police about possible Russian terror connections of the suspected Marathon bombers until three and half days after the attack. "My fear is that the Boston bombers succeeded because our system failed," said committee chairman Rep. Mike McCaul (R-Texas). Boston police commissioner Ed Davis also told McCaul that his department was not told before the bombing that the FBI had opened an investigation into Tamerlan Tsarnaev in 2011, or that Tsarnaev had traveled to the North Caucasus in 2012, even though he had three detectives and a sergeant assigned to the Joint Terror Task Force with the FBI. "Would you have liked to know that?" asked McCaul. "Yes," said Davis, although he said later it was not clear that the knowledge would have prevented the bombings. [28]

But in a statement released today, the FBI said the Boston police department not only had access to the shared counter-terrorism incident management system, but the BPD "specifically had representatives assigned to the JTTF [Joint Terrorism Task Force] squad that conducted the 2011 Assessment of deceased terrorism suspect, Tamerlan Tsarnaev." "State and local law enforcement personnel, analysts and FBI personnel at Fusion Centers who have the appropriate security clearances are afforded the same unrestricted access as their FBI colleagues," the FBI said. [28]

Zubeidat Tsarnaeva told the English-language Russia Today state television station in a phone interview obtained by Reuters that she believed her sons were innocent and had been framed. [7] "He (Tamerlan) was 'controlled' by the FBI, like, for three to five years," she said. "They knew what my son was doing, they knew what sites on the Internet he was going to." She lives in Russia's Dagestan region after returning from the United States. Tsarnaeva echoed the boys' father, Anzor, who said on Friday that he believed they had been framed. Both suggested in separate interviews that the FBI had made no secret of the fact that at least one of the brothers was being watched. "I do not believe that my sons could have planned and organized the terrorist act, because they knew U.S. national security services were keeping an eye on them," Anzor Tsarnaev told Russia's Channel One television. "They (the security services) said 'We know what you eat, what you read on the Internet'," he said, without making clear how the security officers had made contact. [7]

In her interview with Russia Today, Tsarnaeva claimed FBI officers had visited her home when she still lived in the United States and told her that Tamerlan "was really an extremist leader and that they were afraid of him... It is really, really a hard thing to hear. And being a mother, what I can say is that I am really sure, I am, like, 100 percent sure, that this is a set-up," she said. She did not say whether the FBI had started to take an interest in Tamerlan although she also referred to the security services' interest in what Internet sites he visited. [7]

The mother of the two Chechnyan brothers suspected of setting off two bombs at the Boston Marathon was arrested last year for allegedly stealing \$1,600 worth of clothes from an upscale department store. Zubeidat K. Tsarnaeva, 45, was charged with two counts of malicious/wanton damage and defacement to property after allegedly swiping the merchandise from a Lord & Taylor in Natick, Mass. in June 2012.

She also spoke today to proclaim that her son's didn't plant the bombs and that they are "100 per cent innocent." Tamerlan Tsarnaev attended Bunker Hill Community College and was studying to become an engineer but took a year off to pursue boxing. He is a two-time Golden Glove champion. "This is a set up, my son would never ever carry out such terror attack," she said Friday. [109]

She went on to say: "FBI knew everything what my son was doing, told me he was serious leader, that they were afraid of him." Mrs Tsarnaeva went on to say that Dzhokhar was raised in the US and insisted that "no one ever talked about terror" in their house. She stole \$1,624 in women's clothes, according to a Patch.com story. Her sons allegedly left two bombs, packed with ball bearings and other materials, near the finish line of the Boston Marathon on Monday. They were captured on CCTV by a different Lord & Taylor store on Boylston Street. They used the carjacking victim's debit card to withdraw \$800 from an ATM. [109]

One of their sisters, who lives in New Jersey, said, "They were great people. I never would have expected it. They are smart – I don't know what's gotten into them," adding that her younger brother is "an amazing child." Several former classmates described Dzhokhar as a friendly, smart kid, and they said they were shocked that he was part of the pair who killed three and injured more than 180 in the marathon bombings on Monday. An unidentified friend told CNN that he "hung out, went to

parties, smoked some weed... its not like he's some foreign dude.' A different uncle, Alvi Tsarni, who lives closeby in Boston was visibly upset when he spoke about his nephews. 'I don't believe any of my nephews are involved in this horrible incident,' Alvi Tsarni told the Boston CBS affiliate WBZ. 'If he did this I'm sorry too. It's crazy, it's not possible. I can't believe it. Who can do this stuff?' [109]

The family tree is unclear, though the Associated Press spoke with the boys' father Anzor Tsamaev who lives in an area of Russia called Makhachkala. 'My son is a true angel,' Anzor said. 'Dzhokhar is a second-year medical student in the U.S. He is such an intelligent boy. We expected him to come on holidays here.' The boys' aunt, Maret, is a surgeon who lives in Canada. She used to be in Chechnya and her acts as a battlefield surgeon are described in a book. [109]

Russian President Vladimir Putin urged closer cooperation between other countries' security services in the wake of the Boston attack. "If we combine our efforts, we will not suffer blows like that," he said during a live televised call-in session in Moscow. In his first on-camera comments since the bombing, Putin also lashed out against those in the West who have slammed Russia for human rights abuses in its actions toward Chechnya. "Russia is among the first victims, and I hate it when our Western partners call our terrorists -- who committed some heinous crimes in Russia -- when they call them freedom fighters and never call them terrorists. They supported them," said Putin, accusing unnamed people or groups of providing Russia's foes with political, financial and "media" support. The Tsarnaevs are originally from the embattled Russian republic of Chechnya but fled from the brutal wars there in the 1990s. The two brothers were born in Kyrgyzstan and moved at different times to the United States. [25]

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Students at the UMass dorm where Dzhokhar lived say he was not a frightening figure at all – and in fact, he liked to party with them. Friends and classmates of Dzhokhar can't grasp how the pot-smoking, party boy they knew is the same young man now accused of carrying out a terrorist attack. Tsarnaev was funny, sarcastic, liked to party and frequently reeked of marijuana, said students in a sophomore residence at the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth where the alleged bomber lived. Several students described a shared shock and disbelief as classmates discovered that Tsarnaev faces federal charges of using and conspiring to use a weapon of mass destruction. [4]

"It's like finding out your best friend is a serial killer," said Jennifer Mendez, who met Tsarnaev last year in their freshmen dorm. Mendez, 20, grew close with Dzhokhar Tsarnaev. Both moved into Pine Dale Hall to start their sophomore year. "He was really social and hilarious. He was one of those people who would crack one joke and make your night." He now faces criminal charges that carry a possible death sentence. [4]

Mendez can't imagine the motives behind Tsarnaev's alleged actions. Like many in Pine Dale Hall, she didn't connect the blurry picture of Suspect Two to their classmate. In the years she knew him, Mendez said Tsarnaev just enjoyed playing soccer, talked about his years wrestling and mulled over the demands of college life: professors, classes, and homework. Partying and drinking filled their days, she said, and Tsarnaev did not show signs he was becoming radical or changing in any way. Her best memories are of the two sitting outside Maple Ridge Hall, the freshman dorm they shared, talking about school and the excitement of being in college. Mendez, a biology and chemistry double major, last partied with Tsarnaev last semester. The demands of her studies slowed her partying down this semester, but Tsarnaev seemed normal when she sat in politics class with him or when she passed him on the way to his third-floor dorm. [4]

Tsarnaev shared that third-floor dorm room with another student, said Patrick Yaghoobian, 20, who lived next-door to the pair all school year. "He smoked a lot of pot," he said of Tsarnaev on Tuesday afternoon. "He smelled like it every day." A strong smell of marijuana emanated from the room throughout the school year while Tsarnaev, himself, reeked of the drug, Yaghoobian said. The smell was absent last Monday when the bombing took place. He said Tsarnaev was a quiet kid who walked around with the same expression seen in many of the photos released by the FBI. The Millbury, Mass., native added that there were no signs of radicalism: "I've looked into his room a few times, and there was nothing religious or nothing that screamed out he was Muslim." [4]

The FBI searched Tsarnaev's dorm room in that building and seized BBs, a large pyrotechnic, and "a black jacket and a white hat of the same general appearance as those worn by Bomber Two at the Boston marathon on April 15," according to the criminal complaint filed against Tsarnaev. [4]

Dzhokhar's alleged Twitter account, unearthed by intrepid journalists, may shed some light on the situation. "I would confirm this as to being his Twitter account. Those users went to my high school," Stefanie Gardner, of the Rindge class of 2011, tells BuzzFeed. Several others have since reported that it is indeed Dzhokhar's account. "The account is listed under the name 'Jahar,' which is what classmates called him because his full name was hard to pronounce," Gawker's Adrian Chen explains. So what can we glean from the "Jahar" account? Well, along with being a consumer of pop culture and certain illegal substances, "Jahar" was apparently a "9/11 Truther": [5]

Idk why it's hard for many of you to accept that 9/11 was an inside job, I mean I guess fuck the facts y'all are some real #patriots #gethip

September 1, 2012

@therealAbdul\_ boston marathon isn't a good place to smoke tho

August 10, 2012 [5]

He may have been talking about the dangers of smoking illegal substances in areas with heavy police traffic. Still, why the Boston Marathon? Eight months before the attacks? Like most everything in this case, the reason is unclear. Surprisingly enough, his account was active as recently as the Wednesday after the bombing when he tweeted, "I'm a stress free kind of guy." Most of his account is fairly harmless, filled with reference to rap songs. Download a collection of his tweets dating back to Oct. 25, 2011 [5]

Allegations that "Jahar" was somehow involved in the Boston Bombings came as a shock to many in his social circle given his, as Chen in his twitter account puts it, "laid-back reputation": "I never would have thought that someone that smoked as much weed as Jahar would be on the News for terrorism." [5]

Some of Dzhokhar's friends believe the older brother, Tamerlan (a boxer and MMA fighter), who never assimilated to life in the United States the way Dzhokhar appeared to, cajoled or brainwashed Dzhokhar into participating in the bombings. [8]

An unnamed US law enforcement official claims Dzhokhar Tsarnaev told investigators that the brothers chose to target the Boston Marathon only a day or two before the event. The source claims that Tamerlan and Dzhokhar initially planned to carry out a suicide-bomb attack on July 4, and that their bombs were ready earlier than they expected, so they decided to move up the date. Earlier media reports, also citing unnamed officials, claimed Dzhokhar told investigators that the pressure cooker bomb was made by Tamerlan, inside his apartment. After making the bombs, they allegedly drove around the city to identify the possible locations for an attack. "They surveyed these police stations, multiple stations in Boston and one in Cambridge. They built the bombs so fast that they decided to move the whole plan up," an unnamed official was quoted as saying. [18]

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#### CHAPTER THREE: AFTER THE BOMBINGS

Just five hours after the bombs exploded at the Boston Marathon last week, Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, 19, was back at his computer, doing what he did almost every day, posting a message on Twitter. "Ain't no love in the heart of the city, stay safe people," he wrote. His brother, Tamerlan, returned to his home in Cambridge, which he shared with his wife and their 3-year-old daughter, and went about his normal activities, including a trip to the supermarket. The brothers picked up their daily routines and blended back into the area that had become enmeshed in trauma. For the most part, they appeared calm, according to people who saw them, raising no suspicions that anything was amiss, let alone that they might have had anything to do with the attack. For more than three days the very ordinariness of their activities let the brothers hide in plain sight. "It's scary to think that he was around here, listening to everyone talking about the bombers and stuff like that," Bobby Kedski, a sophomore at the

University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, said of Dzhokhar, whom he saw working out in a campus gym on Tuesday night. "He was just amongst us, taking it all in. It's scary to think about that." [19]

Dzhokhar may have spent Monday night with his brother in Cambridge, which he often did, because the university had no record of his return to campus on Monday. Wherever he was, he continued to send out Twitter messages. After his first post-bombing message, at 8:04 p.m. on Monday, he picked up a conversation at 12:11 a.m. Tuesday with a friend on Twitter who has since deleted his account. Dzhokhar's end of the conversation is all that is visible, leaving the context unclear. What's new with them? Dzhokhar asked. His next post to the friend, a couple of minutes later said: and they what "god hates dead people?" Or victims of tragedies? Lol those people are cooked." [19]

At 12:34 a.m., the next Twitter message was sent from an iPhone: "There are people that know the truth but stay silent & there are people that speak the truth but we don't hear them cuz they're the minority." He "favorited," or bookmarked, a post on Twitter that had appeared at 1:20 a.m.: "The sad part about the events in Boston today, is that some bs Hollywood director is gonna try n make a movie n profit from tragic events." He was back on Twitter later Tuesday, when he favorited a 11:21 a.m. post from a classmate: "Thanks UMD, a freezing shower is exactly what I needed right now." Between 12:30 and 1 that afternoon, Dzhokhar picked up a car that he had dropped off at a repair shop in Somerville, next to Cambridge, a couple of weeks before to fix a damaged bumper, suddenly saying he needed it immediately. [19]

This was one of the few times during that week when someone described Dzhokhar as appearing anxious and out of character. Gilberto Junior, who owns the shop, thought Dzhokhar was either nervous or on drugs. "He was biting his fingernails, and I noticed he was shaking his legs," Mr. Junior said. Mr. Junior explained that to fix the car's bumper, he had had to remove it, as well as the taillights, so it would be illegal to drive. But Mr. Tsarnaev insisted on taking it anyway, Mr. Junior recalled. "He said, 'I don't care. I need the car right now,' so I gave him the keys," Mr. Junior said. He said he was picking it up for a friend, and explained, " 'I need the car now because my friend, she's upset,' " Mr. Junior quoted him as saying. " 'She wants the car, she wants the car, she wants the car.' So I said, 'O.K.' " [19]

By 1:14 p.m. Dzhokhar was back on Twitter. In an exchange with another fellow student, he dispensed some medical advice: you need to get Claritin clear. The other student has since deleted his account so the reply is no longer visible. Within three minutes, Dzhokhar added: #heavy I've been looking for those, there is a shortage on the black market if you wanna make a quick buck, nuff said. At 5:09 p.m., he called out what he believed was a fake story circulating on the Internet about a man who was going to propose to a woman at the marathon only to discover she was among the victims. "Fake" he wrote to the Twitter account that had shared that post. At 5:22 p.m., he posted a tweet using an iPhone: So then I says to him, I says, relax bro my beard is not loaded. [19]

The university's first indication of his return to campus was from a swipe of his identification card about 8:55 Tuesday night at his residence hall. Ten minutes after that, he swiped his card into the gym, where many students on campus said they often saw him working out. "He was running some cardio on treadmill," said Mr. Kedski, who said he often saw Dzhokhar smoking cigarettes and marijuana outside his dormitory. "He just seemed like a normal kid," Mr. Kedski added. "He blended in very well." A university official said that card swipes indicated that Dzhokhar was on campus Tuesday night, Wednesday and Thursday. It is not clear if he attended classes, but many students said they saw him around. [19]

Derek Juozaitis, a sophomore, said he said hello to Dzhokhar on the way to class after the bombings, though he could not remember whether it was Tuesday or Wednesday. "I stopped by his room a couple times," Mr. Juozaitis said. "He was just playing FIFA on Xbox. It wasn't, like, weird. He was just doing what I do." Dzhokhar spoke to his classmates about the bombing, calling it sad and a tragedy, his classmates said. He seemed to have resumed his habits of staying up late and sleeping in late, and of smoking marijuana, which he did frequently, they said. At 10:29 p.m. Tuesday, his Twitter account posted rap lyrics from Eminem: Nowadays everybody wanna talk like they got somethin to say but nothin comes out when they move their lips; just a bunch of gibberish. [19]

As Tuesday turned into early Wednesday, he was still up, returning to Twitter at 1:43 a.m.: "I'm a stress free kind of guy." There is little indication of his activities on Wednesday, when his tweets slowed down.

Though he may have been quiet, Dzhokhar was hardly a loner — he was quite sociable. Sonja Bergeron, 19, said she would often see him at parties at dorms where he would be drinking and smoking marijuana. (She advised reporters to “look for the potheads” to find people who would have known him better.) “He was a kind of a party animal,” she said. [19]

"He was just relaxed," described a student to the Boston Globe about seeing the surviving Boston bombing suspect Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, 19, at a party attended by Dzhokhar's intramural soccer friends at UMass Dartmouth on Wednesday night, two days after the bombing. University officials also verified Dzhokhar's presence on campus, telling CNN that Dzhokhar attended all classes and was seen at dorm parties at the school until late Thursday afternoon. [22] On Thursday, Dzhokhar's account shared a message from a man named Mufti Ismail Menk. “Attitude can take away your beauty no matter how good looking you are or it could enhance your beauty, making you adorable.” [19]

Dzhokhar left campus on Thursday after the FBI released grainy photos of him and his brother Tamerlan. Until, then he did not raise any red flags around his peers. At Dzhokhar's dorm, his friends joked late Thursday that the photos could look like Dzhokhar: "We made a joke like, that could be Dzhokhar," said Pamala Rolon. "But then we thought it just couldn't be him. Dzhokhar? Never." [22] At 9:06 p.m., an acquaintance sent Dzhokhar a picture that had emerged from many of the photos of the suspects taken at the scene of the marathon. It showed Dzhokhar with his white baseball cap on backward. “Lol...” the friend wrote. “Is this you? I didn't know you went to the marathon!!!!” [19]

While Dzhokhar had returned to college and the trappings of his life, his brother, Tamerlan, was more elusive. Several neighbors said they did not see him after the marathon, but then again, many had not seen him before it. It was not unusual, they said, for him to stay inside his apartment, watching his 3-year-old daughter while his wife, Katherine Russell, worked as a home health aide. At home, he often played video games and posted videos on YouTube. The daughter was learning how to ride a tricycle, which still sat in the front yard of the house. “She was his first kid, so I would give him advice, tell him to take her to the playground and make sure she got to spend time with other kids,” said Joanna Herlihy, the owner of the three-story apartment building where they all lived. [19]

Another neighbor, who refused to give his name for fear of how people might react to him speaking positively about a terrorist suspect, said he had not seen Tamerlan since the Saturday before the bombing. But he described him as friendly and outgoing. Another person said that Tamerlan returned to the normal tasks of daily life that week: he went to Whole Foods at one point, and to a park with his daughter at another. He even commented on the bombing, “Did you see what happened?” [19]

The parents of the suspected Boston bombers have claimed that their oldest son received a call from the FBI accusing him of the attack, to which he responded: 'That's your problem.' Tamerlan Tsarnaeva, called his mother two or three days after the marathon bombings to tell her about the call from the FBI, his father said. The claims, reported by Channel 4 News, reveal how Tsarnaeva believed that the FBI was watching him. While it seems unlikely, if the claim is true, it raises questions over how the FBI handled the case. [20]

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#### CHAPTER FOUR: SUSPECTS IDENTIFIED

The two Marathon bombing suspects on the run last night after allegedly gunning down an MIT cop made a pit stop at a Memorial Drive gas station, where witnesses say they tried grabbing a few snacks before speeding off with cops in pursuit. Joe Holder, 52, said he finished closing the Memorial Drive Dunkin' Donuts around midnight before heading to the nearby Shell station to cash out his tips. There, he told a younger male customer, his arms filled with chips and other snacks, to go ahead of him in line. [116]

On Thursday night, about 10:20 pm, the two brothers allegedly gunned down Massachusetts Institute of Technology police officer Sean Collier as he sat in his police cruiser. [4][17] Police said the brothers killed the MIT police officer and then carjacked a man. [3] When Vice President Biden eulogized Sean Collier, the slain officer, he denounced Tsarnaev and his dead brother as “two twisted, perverted, cowardly knockoff jihadis.” [6] News channels interviewed some of Dzhokhar's college friends, during

the manhunt, who continued to reiterate Dzhokhar as a nice, caring boy, with one friend pleading him to surrender his guns and return to those who love him. [22]

The story is, they walked up to that car and shot the officer in the head unprovoked, that it was an assassination. The operating theory now in the investigation is that they wanted to get a gun for the younger brother and the fastest and most efficient way they could think of doing it was a surprise attack on a cop, to take his weapon and go. But Officer Collier had a locking holster. It's like a three-way lock, and if you don't know how to remove the gun, you're not going to get it out. There was apparently an attempt to yank it and they couldn't get it and left. [56]

The Chechen brothers opened fire on Sean Collier, 26, who joined the Massachusetts Institute of Technology force in January 2012, when they suspected Collier had noticed them and was calling in backup, CBS News reported. Collier was responding to calls of a disturbance around 10:20 p.m. at Vassar and Main Sts. on the MIT campus in Cambridge. "I heard the shots," student Alejandro Perez said early Friday. "It was around five or six shots. They were so quick." [57]

MIT Police Chief John DiFava said Collier was a dedicated officer who was "extremely well liked by his colleagues and the MIT community." Collier recently began volunteering at the same boxing gym where dead bomber Tamerlan Tsarnaev trained several years ago. The Tsarnaev brothers escalated the anarchy after they killed Collier, cops said. They carjacked a Mercedes SUV near Third St. in Cambridge around 10:30 p.m. Cops then chased the vehicle roughly 5 miles into Watertown, Mass., as the mad bombers dropped explosives from their ride, police said. [57]

Vice President Joe Biden, speaking passionately to thousands of memorial attendees, called the Tsarnaev brothers "two twisted, perverted, cowardly, knockoff jihadis here in Boston," and at another point referred to them as "craven, misguided, perverted apostles." Stephanie Chelf Guyotte, a spokesperson for the Middlesex District Attorney's office, told The Boston Herald that Collier "was not responding to anything" when he was killed, correcting previous reports that said he was responding to the scene of a robbery committed by the bombing suspects. "He was just sitting in his car, sort of in a routine patrol location," Guyotte said. "All indications are they approached the officer and they shot him." [58]

A 1999 green Honda Civic registered to the father of the alleged Boston Marathon bombers is emerging as a potential key piece of evidence in the investigation into the brutal April 18 murder of MIT police officer Sean Collier, law enforcement officials say. Collier, 26, was shot multiple times in the head while sitting in his parked patrol car at about 10:30 p.m. that night, just 30 minutes before the end of his shift, police say. The next morning authorities said that 19-year-old Dzhokhar Tsarnaev and his older brother, Tamerlan, committed the murder. [53]

But there are no known witnesses to the shooting and so far, prosecutors at the Middlesex District Attorney's office, which has jurisdiction over the crime, have yet to bring charges in Collier's killing. In recent days, police appear to be using the bullet-riddled Honda to try to build a murder case against Dzhokhar Tsarnaev. Last week police towed the car -- recovered hours after the murder on the same street in Watertown where the Tsarnaev brothers allegedly engaged police in a bloody shootout and where Tamerlan Tsarnaev was killed -- to Cambridge and then staged a re-enactment at the scene of the Collier murder, law enforcement officials tell NBC News. [53]

One source who participated in the re-enactment said police drove the car to a spot near where Collier's body and squad car were found on an off-street plaza. They also drove it around a block of the MIT campus three times -- raising the possibility, according to the source, that they could be trying to match the vehicle to surveillance camera footage from the night of the killing. It is unclear at this stage of the investigation whether authorities have recovered evidence linking a 9 mm Ruger handgun recovered at the scene of the Watertown shootout to Collier's murder, or whether they can prove who fired the weapon. That means placing the green Honda at the murder scene could prove crucial if prosecutors decide to charge Dzhokhar Tsarnaev with killing Collier. [53]

Massachusetts motor vehicle records show that car was purchased on Aug. 29, 2010, and registered the next day to Anzor Tsarnaev, father of the two brothers, at the same Cambridge address where the Tsarnaev family lived. Anzor Tsarnaev, who ran a car mechanic business, later left the U.S. and now lives in Russia. (There has been no suggestion he was in any way

involved in the events in Boston last month. Several accounts have emerged since the April 15 Boston Marathon bombings, which authorities say were carried out by the Tsarnaev brothers, linking Dzhokhar to the Honda. [53]

Gilberto Junior, who runs a Cambridge auto body shop two blocks from the Tsarnaev home, told NBC News that Dzhokhar Tsarnaev came by his store just a few weeks before the bombing, driving the green Honda. New information about the role of Honda in the events that night, including being used to transport explosives, has also come in recent days from a Chinese national known as Danny, whose black Mercedes SUV allegedly was car-jacked by the Tsarnaevs in Cambridge shortly after the Collier murder. [53]

Danny, who has asked that his real name not be used, said he has been questioned repeatedly by the FBI and local police. Portions of his account were cited in an FBI affidavit filed along with a federal criminal complaint last week charging Dzhokhar Tsarnaev with the Boston Marathon bombings. In an interview with TODAY's Matt Lauer, Danny said Tuesday that Tamerlan Tsarnaev approached his parked car that night and, thinking that the stranger was asking directions, he rolled down his window. [53]

Tsarnaev then reached through the window, opened the door, got in and demanded money, aiming a gun "right at my head," he said. He also asked Danny if he had heard about the Boston "explosion," according to his account, adding, "I did that and I just killed a police officer in Cambridge." Danny said Tamerlan Tsarnaev ordered him to drive around the area, looking for an ATM machine, while another car followed them. Danny said the car following them was a "very light-color" Honda. [35]

At one point, Danny recounted, Tamerlan Tsarnaev had him pull over on a street in Watertown, where Dzhokhar Tsarnaev got out of the Honda, transferred bags of material to the trunk of his Mercedes and then got in the backseat of the SUV. The Honda was left on a street in Watertown, he said. The three men — with Tamerlan Tsarnaev now driving, Danny in the passenger seat and Dzhokhar in the back -- then drove back toward Cambridge. With the Mercedes running low on gas, Danny said, Tamerlan Tsarnaev pulled into a gas station that took cash only. When Tamerlan unlocked the doors to the car, Danny said he quickly unfastened his seatbelt and fled across the street to a Mobil station, where he immediately called 911. Police were able to track the Mercedes using the car's GPS system and soon located the two brothers in Watertown, where they believe they may have planned to ditch the Mercedes — unload their explosives—and get back in their Honda to attempt their escape. [53]

Early Friday, April 19, the IB Times and Russia Today had confirmed with Boston Police that the suspect still evading police was indeed Sunil Tripathi. Suddenly, in a 180 degree move, the suspect has changed to Dzhokhar A. Tsarnaev, based on a new AP report. The media started pinning the Russian native and follower of Islam as the new 'confirmed suspect' hours after claiming that Boston Police had detailed the missing Sunil Tripathi as the suspect. It was originally reported that "Boston police on Friday revealed the names of two suspects in the Boston Marathon bombing, one of whom is an Indian origin person, Sunil Tripathi, reported CBS-affiliated television station WFSB." Sunil Tripathi had gone missing the month before and was reportedly 'depressed.' He had left a suicidal note behind before leaving his Philadelphia apartment. Aside from looking very similar to the suspect in the FBI photos, Sunil Tripathi's troubled history painted the very picture of a bomber. Despite the similarities and convenient back story, AP reported that Dzhokhar Tsarnaev was indeed the correct suspect — despite supposed reports from Boston Police. [23]

State Police Superintendent Timothy Alban had originally said the two brothers robbed a 7-Eleven while on the run. It has now become clear that there was a 7-Eleven robbery in Cambridge MA that night, but it had nothing to do with the Boston Marathon bombing suspects. Margaret Chabris, the director of corporate communication at 7- Eleven, says the suspect that did rob a 7-Eleven does not look like Tamerlan or Dzhokhar. "The suspect in the photos for that particular 7-Eleven robbery looks nothing like the suspects," Chabris says. "The police or someone made a mistake. Someone was confused." The suspects were at the 7-Eleven around the time of the robbery but they did not rob the store Alban later said. [14]

The Tsarnaev's allegedly carjacked an asian man named 'Danny' (appearance and voice hidden for safety reasons) and held him hostage. It was near midnight, and Danny said he had pulled over his 2013 Mercedes SUV at the side of the road to send a text message. A man tapped on his window. "I thought it was just a robbery, you know?" he said. But then the carjacker "took out his gun, pointed to me. He told me, 'You know I am serious. Don't be stupid.'" He said the gunman, believed to be Tamerlan,

jumped into the passenger seat. Danny said he took credit for the deadly April 15 bombing at the Boston Marathon, as well as the death of the MIT officer, and promised that if Danny cooperated, he wouldn't be killed. "This is like something you see in a movie, isn't it?" Tamerlan Tsarnaev said at one point during the carjacking. [13][16]

Danny said the brothers described a hatred for America and liked the fact that he was Chinese. At one point during the drive, Danny's cellphone rang. "If you don't want me to pick up the phone, I won't pick it up. I won't say anything," he said he told the gunman. "He told me that you have to answer the phone. But if you use any single word in Chinese, I will kill you." It was Danny's roommate checking up on him. The roommate, speaking in Chinese, wondered why Danny was only responding in English. "Are you okay?" his roommate asked him. "I just told him I'm going to sleep over at a friend's place tonight," Danny told CBS News. "So after, I hang up the phone, Tamerlan was very happy. He said, 'Good job. Good boy.'" [13]

During their 90-minute ride, Tamerlan gave orders, detailed his hatred of Americans, and asked his carjacking victim to remain calm. Tsarnaev kept asking about the 26-year-old driver's heritage and family. Danny played up being Chinese and tried to humanize himself by talking about cell phones and family. Danny told CNN he felt being Chinese helped save his life. While the talkative Tamerlan was the ringleader during the carjacking, the quiet Dzhokhar responded to multiple orders, such as getting money from an ATM. The only question Dzhokhar asked was how much Danny paid for his Mercedes SUV. [16]

Tamerlan had ordered Danny to drive the car so he could rendezvous with Dzhokhar, who was following in another vehicle. The brothers loaded something into the trunk of the SUV, later believed to be more explosives and ammunition. Dzhokhar abandoned his ride, and Danny was forced into the front passenger's seat. Tamerlan started driving, using back streets in the Boston area, trying to avoid police and searching for an open gas station. The brothers spoke to one another in a "foreign language," although Danny said he recognized the word "Manhattan." Dzhokhar has allegedly told investigators that, hours after authorities released images of the two bombing suspects, the brothers spontaneously decided to go to New York's Times Square to blow up their six remaining explosives. This account was revealed by New York's police commissioner Ray Kelly. [13][16]

The 19-year-old initially told investigators from a Boston hospital bed that he and his brother, Tamerlan Tsarnaev, had talked about going to New York to "party." Then he offered a new account during a second round of questioning Sunday evening into Monday, during which Kelly said Dzhokhar was "a lot more lucid" than the first time he was interviewed. Dzhokhar allegedly told investigators that he and his brother decided to bomb Times Square as they talked during the night of April 18 in a Mercedes SUV they'd just carjacked. NYC Mayor Bloomberg also repeated that the two brothers "spontaneously" decided to head to New York City to cause terrorism. [25]

The brothers had five pipe bombs and a "pressure-cooker bomb" -- the latter similar to the bombs used in the Boston blasts -- with them in the SUV that they could have used, Kelly said. "We don't know that we would have been able to stop the terrorists had they arrived here from Boston," Mayor Michael Bloomberg said. "We're just thankful that we didn't have to find out that answer." [25]

Rep. Mike Rogers, chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, said investigators believe the Boston bombing suspects were planning another attack "likely in the Boston area... The notion they decided to go to New York was a rushed event after this thing unraveled on them." There is no evidence that New York City is currently a target of a terror attack stemming from the Boston bombings, Kelly added. Still, he said authorities are investigating two visits that the surviving suspect made to New York City last year. In one of those trips, in April 2012, Dzhokhar Tsarnaev is photographed in Times Square some individuals who are now being charged with helping Dzhokhar dispose of his backpack after the bombing. [25]

Danny heard the word "Manhattan" and thought the brothers were going to drive to New York, kill him on the way, and dump his body under a bridge. [16] The frightened captive was determined to escape, and he finally got his chance when the brothers decided to fill up on gas at a Cambridge Shell station. Dzhokhar went inside to pay, while Tamerlan fiddled with the GPS. "I was counting. I was just, 'one two, three, four.' And I just do it," said Danny, adding, "I can feel Tamerlan trying to grab me. ... I was just running as fast as I can and I never look back." He heard Tamerlan yell an expletive as he fled. Danny bolted for a Mobil station across the street, where a worker called 911. Danny told CNN the fact that his car was low on gas helped save his life.

The brothers didn't give chase. Police were apparently able to track Danny's SUV through its GPS. Danny's testimony is helping authorities build their case against Dzhokhar. [13][16]

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CHAPTER FIVE: DEATH OF TAMERLAN

Officer Donohue and his partner were among the first officers to arrive at the intersection of Dexter Avenue and Laurel Street, moments after the Tsarnaev brothers pulled over in the SUV they had allegedly carjacked in Allston. In the ensuing 10 minutes, police officers fired what may be an unprecedented number of rounds in a single police incident in recent state history. They apparently wounded both suspects, but also sprayed the neighborhood. Shots fired in the battle left at least a dozen nearby houses pockmarked with dozens of bullet holes, including a second-floor bedroom where two children slept. The gunfight included at least a dozen police officers from four departments who exchanged up to 300 rounds of gunfire with Dzhokhar's older brother, Tamerlan. The Tsarnaevs also allegedly set off explosives, including a pressure cooker bomb similar to the ones used in the Boston Marathon bombings. [10]

A criminal complaint filed in federal court in Massachusetts on Monday against Dzhokhar said police recovered a single firearm and half a dozen explosives and homemade bombs from the scene of the shootout. [6] Three neighbors said Tamerlan ran out of bullets, and hurled his handgun at a Watertown police officer before being subdued and handcuffed. There is little evidence that Dzhokhar ever had a gun. Police recovered one weapon at the scene and none on Dzhokhar when he was arrested the next evening. [10]

Dan Dicks of Press for Truth says that when he attempted to conduct an interview with the aunt of Tamerlan Tsarnaev, she told him the man arrested by police in a news video of the shoot-out in Watertown, Massachusetts, last week was her nephew. SHOW VIDEOS [50] Conflicting FBI Reports, Eye-witness Account of Police Running over Boston Marathon Bombing suspect Tamerlan Tsarnaev and Family interviews establish False-Flag Staged Event. In a video released by Chris Geo, an interview with an eye witness tells a story completely contradicting FBI official reports of Tamerlan Tsarnaev's death. According to the female witness, she saw an SUV run over Tamerlan Tsarnaev, causing massive physical damage to his body, as well as shots being fired at Tamerlan. In addition to the eye witness report, the video contains footage from the aerial view of the boat incident. Then, later in the video, an RT.com video clip interview with the mother of Tamerlan Tsarnaev talks about the 5 years that the FBI has been in contact with Tamerlan. [51]

Following the Chris Geo video, is a clip from Alex Jones, who was able to secure an interview with the aunt of Tamerlan Tsarnaev on April 22, 2013 – less than 24 hours ago. This interview was a follow-up to a Dan Dicks interview via cell to Tamerlan Tsarnaev's aunt which is also included. A witness to the incident called into a local radio show and said that the police ran Tamerlan over with their SUV, then shot him several times. This is a direct contradiction to the Watertown police chief who said that his younger brother had run over him. [51]

Video footage from the scene of the shootout with the alleged Boston bombers appears to contain audio of the suspects screaming out, "We didn't do it!" as police fire on the two brothers.

Although by no means clear, the words below appear to be shouted by the suspects as they come under police gunfire. [52]

- 24 seconds: "chill out"
- 26 seconds: "chill out", "chill out"
- 31 seconds: "chill out"
- 37 seconds: "we didnt do it"
- 41 seconds: "we didnt do it"
- 45 seconds: "we didnt do it"
- 1 minute 9 seconds: "hey officer" [52]

Despite being described as a "shootout," the audio suggests that shots are only being fired in one direction by police and that the brothers are not returning fire at this point in the exchange. The tape offers little proof as to the Tsarnaev brother's guilt,

but it follows a number of other intriguing caveats which some have offered as evidence that the suspects were framed and had no actual involvement in the bombings. [52]

A Facebook post attributed to Dzhokhar Tsarnaev although not authenticated reads, "This will be the last message before the police get me. I never done it. They set me up. Father please forgive me. I am sorry it has come to this." The suspects' mother Zubeidat Tsarnaeva continues to insist that her sons are innocent, telling the Associated Press, "It's all lies and hypocrisy." [52]

While police were hunting in Watertown, Mass. for bombing suspects Tamerlan and Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, at one point they arrested a naked man who looks a lot like Tamerlan. Police say the naked man is not Tamerlan, despite various conspiracy theories going around the Internet. According to the official account, Tamerlan died after a shootout with cops, riddled with bullets and shrapnel before being run over by his brother who was fleeing the scene in an SUV. The Watertown police department got back to us via email just to say that the naked man was not Tamerlan Tsarnaev (pictured on right and in high-res here). The shootout with the Tsarnaev brothers occurred on Laurel Street. The journalist interviewed in this video describes naked man's capture near Nichols and Dexter, literally down the street from the shootout. Naked man was apparently stripped, questioned, clothed, questioned some more, and reportedly let go. It's likely police stripped him because they were under citywide bomb threat and wanted to make sure he didn't have a suicide vest, but the police did not comment. [114]

The aunt of Tamerlan Tsarnaev, claims that the footage which emerged of police arresting a naked uninjured man was her nephew, contradicting the official narrative that Tsarnaev was critically injured in a shootout and suggesting he may have been killed while in custody. Eyewitnesses to the shootout contradict claims by authorities that Dzhokhar Tsarnaev ran over his own brother in a car, stating instead that he was run over by police. Despite numerous images of other suspects with large black backpacks at the scene of the bombings, the FBI insisted that these photos not be deemed credible and that the Tsarnaev brothers were the only possible culprits. [52]

Watertown Police Chief Edward Deveau gave more shocking details from the violent scene to CNN's Wolf Blitzer: "We estimate there was over 200 shots fired in a five- to 10-minute period," Deveau said. The brothers were throwing improvised explosives like those that detonated at the marathon, and "came out shooting -- shooting guns, handguns." He relayed the horrific scene where Dzhokhar allegedly drove over his older brother: "[Tamerlan] all of a sudden comes out from under cover and just starts walking down the street, shooting at our police officers, trying to get closer," Deveau said. "Now, my closest officer is five to 10 feet away, and they're exchanging gunfire between them. And he runs out of ammunition -- the bad guy -- and so one of my police officers comes off the side and tackles him in the street. "We're trying to get him handcuffed. There's two or three police officers handcuffing him in the street -- the older brother. At the same time, at the last minute -- they obviously have tunnel vision, it's a very, very stressful situation -- one of them yells out, 'Look out!' and here comes the black SUV, the carjacked car, directly at them. They dive out of the way, and he (the younger brother) drives over his brother and drags him a short distance down the street." [1]

Three neighbors witnessed this climactic moment in the confrontation, when a black SUV drove between police officers amid gunfire. [10] However, early reports state Tamerlan was killed in the firefight with police. [2] The Daily News and many other news outlets said the older Tsarnaev was killed in a police shootout [3][7] And according to police and photos, Tamerlan was shot and fell to the ground. [6] Even the news media was confused: the story suddenly became that Tamerlan was killed in a "confrontation" with police. [4][6] Dr. David Schoenfeld said 26-year-old Tamerlan Tsarnaev had so many penetrating wounds when he arrived at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center early Friday that it isn't clear which ones killed him. The doctors pronounced him dead on arrival after 15 minutes of unsuccessful treatment. [1] [6] Tamerlan's death certificate lists "gunshot wounds of torso and extremities" and "blunt trauma to head and torso" as the cause of death, according to Peter Stefan, owner of the funeral home in Worcester that has Tamerlan's body. [31]

A transit police officer was also seriously wounded in the exchange, in which more than 200 rounds were fired and the suspects lobbed homemade explosives at police. [6] Eyewitness accounts strongly suggest that MBTA Transit Police Officer Richard H. Donohue Jr. was shot and nearly killed by a fellow officer in Watertown April 19 during the hail of gunfire unleashed on Dzhokhar Tsarnaev as he made a getaway in the carjacked SUV. Donohue arrived at the hospital with no pulse but is now expected to recover fully. Jane Dyson, who lives 140 feet from where Donohue was shot on Dexter Avenue, said she saw the

police officer collapse and fall to the ground near the end of the gunfight as 19-year-old Dzhokhar Tsarnaev sped away. She said the officer -appeared to be a victim of “friendly fire.” [10]

“A black SUV appeared, and rapid gun fire was focused on the vehicle,” Dyson wrote in a statement provided to the Globe, referring to the vehicle Tsarnaev allegedly drove in his escape. “It appeared to me that an individual at the corner [of the street] fell to the ground and had probably been hit in the gunfire.” “I later learned that the individual who had been shot was Officer Richard Donohue,” she wrote. The suspects were no longer armed when Dyson saw Donohue fall, suggesting that the shot that wounded him came from police. Two witnesses support Dyson’s account that Donohue appeared to be wounded in the final volley of shots fired at the fleeing younger suspect. None of the witnesses faulted police. “I don’t second-guess the actions the police took to stop these terrorists,” Dyson said in an interview. “The police did a great job.” Dyson said she had offered to make a statement to police. [10]

The shooting of Donohue is the most serious of three possible accidental shootings during the hunt for the suspected bombers. This is now being reviewed by the Middlesex district attorney’s office and the State Police as part of a broader criminal investigation. In a second incident, another Transit Police officer was slightly grazed in the buttocks, while the third incident involved damage to a police vehicle. [10] This is oddly reminiscent of the manhunt for Christopher Dorner in which several accidental shootings took place due to police error. [10] In the third potential friendly-fire incident, a state trooper fired at an unmarked Boston police SUV, en route to the scene. No one was hurt when the trooper, apparently thinking the SUV was the one stolen by the Tsarnaevs, fired multiple rounds at the -vehicle, blowing out the back window. [10]

Dzhokhar, bleeding from wounds, was in such a hurry to leave the scene that he ran over his brother with the stolen SUV, contributing to his death, said police and witnesses. Two neighbors who witnessed the barrage directed at the SUV said it was only afterward that they heard shouted calls for medical help for a wounded officer. Rob Mullen, who watched from a second-floor window of his house on Laurel Street, said the SUV wove between police vehicles, including Donohue’s, to elude officers, but not before the SUV took heavy fire. “Every cop out there just unloaded everything he had on the SUV,” Mullen said. Curtis Hazlett, who watched from the third floor of his house on Dexter Avenue, said the injuries to Donohue became apparent after the shooting stopped. “After the gunfire died down, that’s when I started to hear calls for assistance for the officer,” Hazlett said. Mullen said the scene was chaotic and that it was possible that Donohue was hit by gunfire earlier, before Tamerlan Tsarnaev had run out of ammunition and that police had not noticed. But the calls for help he heard came only after the SUV had blown through the inter-section, he said. [10]

Dyson, in her written -account, said she watched the SUV go through the intersection “with what appeared to be several police officers running close behind, firing weapons, trying desperately to stop the vehicle. The car disappeared from view as it continued down Laurel Street.” At that point, Dyson said she opened her window so she could hear better. “I heard police radios and police officers call for assistance,” she wrote. “Police officers surround the individual who had been shot and worked to keep the person alive. “I heard the police doing chest compressions and saw them working to save the individual who appeared to be seriously injured,” Dyson said. “Moments later an ambulance arrived and quickly backed up to pick up the individual.” Dyson said after hearing officials accounts of what happened she realized it was Donohue whom she had seen treated on the scene. [10]

The gunfire left some residents shaken. Tigran Tadevosyan said his two young children were asleep in a second-floor bedroom on Laurel Street when a bullet penetrated the wall. “We were very lucky no one was badly hurt,” he said. Another resident, Emily McAlpin, said there were at least seven bullet holes in her house, plus one in her fence. One penetrated the living room and smashed the television. “You feel so violated,” she said. The friendly-fire investigation “will take a good amount of time,” because of the existence of “a great deal of physical and ballistics evidence,” as well as the need to interview numerous witnesses and participants. [10]

Emergency room doctors at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center desperately tried to save the life of one of the Boston Marathon bombing suspects early yesterday after he was in a wild chase and shootout with police in Watertown. Tamerlan Tsarnaev, 26, was brought into the ER about 1:20 yesterday morning with gunshot, shrapnel and blast wounds, said Dr. Richard Wolfe, head of the hospital’s Emergency Department. Flanked by armed guards and in handcuffs, he was already in traumatic

arrest showing no vital signs, Wolfe said. For the next 15 minutes, doctors tried in vain to resuscitate Tsarnaev, pronouncing him dead at 1:35 a.m. "Our thought was ... there had been a blast injury with shrapnel," Wolfe said. [54]

When asked about reports that Tsarnaev was run over by a vehicle driven by his fleeing brother, Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, Wolfe said he did not see any obvious injuries that would back up that theory. "I certainly did not see any tire marks or the usual things we see with someone run over by a car," he said. The medical examiner will determine the exact cause of death, Wolfe said. [54]

Just after midnight on April 19, Watertown Police Officer Joe Reynolds received a BOLO (be on the lookout) order for a carjacked black Mercedes SUV. When he passed a car matching that description a few minutes later on Dexter Ave., making eye contact with the driver, he called it in, turned around, and began a cautious pursuit. He knew from the dispatch that the suspect had a gun. Reynolds's sergeant had informed him not to stop the vehicle until backup arrived, so when the Mercedes turned left down Laurel St. he followed—but at a slow pace. He tried not to spook the driver, but the suspect apparently knew he was being followed. [55]

"He stopped his vehicle, and I was about 10-15 yards away," Reynolds recalled to MSNBC's Lawrence O'Donnell on The Last Word Tuesday. "And Tamerlan [Tsarnaev] jumped out and he just started walking toward my cruiser and started firing at me." Officer Reynolds knows only in hindsight that the suspect was Tamerlan Tsarnaev. At the time, the man was only a nameless carjacker shooting at his cruiser. Reynolds put his car in reverse and backed 30 yards away from the barrage. [55]

That's when Sergeant John Macellan arrived on scene. As he put his own cruiser in park, a round burst through the windshield. He ducked down behind the console and tried to unlock the container which held his AR15, but, as he discovered, high adrenaline can impair fine motor skills, and his attempts to retrieve the long-arm from its cage were unsuccessful. Macellan did the next best thing: he put the cruiser in drive, got out, and let the vehicle roll toward the Tsarnaevs, hoping they would waste rounds on the decoy. That's exactly what Tamerlan did. [55]

Between Officer Reynolds and Sergeant Macellan, they had 67 bullets. Reynolds expended his first magazine of 13 rounds in "about eight seconds." The rest of their ammo was dwindling. Macellan took cover behind a tree that barely covered him, and verbally coordinated with Reynolds, who was behind a nearby fence. They were waiting for backup when Reynolds saw an object coming at them through the air. "Sarge, we have to move!" he said. Seconds later, the object exploded. [55]

"I'll never forget that big explosion that went off there," said Officer Miguel Colon, who arrived on the scene in the middle of the chaotic exchange. "It's a dark street as it is, and the whole area just lit up. And everything—a huge cloud of white smoke covered the whole area...My only fear was that they were using [the bombs] to advance on us." But the Tsarnaevs remained at their position by the car. The next on the scene was Sergeant Jeff Pugliese, who was finishing paperwork at the precinct when he heard news of the pursuit. He left to aid in what he thought was a routine chase. On his way to Laurel St., he heard the dispatch which reported shots fired. "I covered the last mile and a half in thirty seconds," he said. [55]

Pugliese arrived during the firefight and quickly identified his fellow sergeant and two officers. He made the decision to flank the suspects, and cut across Laurel St. backyards, hopping over fences, to arrive about 25 feet to the left of the Tsarnaevs. He took careful aim and fired; nothing connected. From his vantage, he could see feet moving under the Mercedes on its opposite side. He tried ricocheting some bullets off the ground; still nothing. Then Tamerlan spotted him. The older Tsarnaev brother ran toward Pugliese, coming within 6-8 feet, according to the sergeant. Both men fired at each other. Both men had to pause: Pugliese for a reload, Tamerlan because of some kind of malfunction. [55]

Pugliese recalled what happened next: "[Tamerlan] looked at his gun, then threw it at me—hit me in the left bicep here—turned, ran back down the driveway to the street, took a left, running toward the other officers that were on scene. And I holstered up and chased after him and tackled him." Miraculously, not one of Tamerlan's rounds hit Sergeant Pugliese. No one can be sure who hit Tamerlan Tsarnaev, or when, but after Pugliese cuffed him with the help of Sergeant Macellan and Officer Reynolds, they found out he had been hit by nine rounds. [55]

"It's not like the movies where you shoot somebody and they get thrown ten, fifteen feet back," says Pugliese. "That's not reality. People can take the bullets and keep on fighting." As Pugliese held his suspect on the ground (who had been run over by his brother, Dzhokhar, in his escape), a fifth Watertown officer, Tim Menton, called out to Sergeant Macellan that MBTA Transit Officer Richard Donahue, who arrived on scene to help in the firefight, had been hit by a bullet in the groin. Menton applied pressure to the wound as Donahue's blood poured out. Officer Reynolds arrived shortly after with a pump-bag to give Donahue oxygen. [55]

When medical help arrived, it was Menton's brother, a firefighter, who jumped out of the ambulance. Menton, Reynolds, and the medical team carried Donahue into the back of the ambulance; he was losing blood fast and had already lost consciousness. His condition was so severe that everyone who could help treat him jumped into the back with him. It was left to Officer Menton to drive the ambulance. This final scene, Sergeant Macellan recalled with a special pride: "That's what I take out of all of this. I call for help. We're in a small town, four cruisers on the street, one supervisor. I call for help during a firefight and by the end of the firefight we have officers from different communities in our community helping us. So [Officer Donahue] comes to save our lives, and [Officers Reynolds and Menton] end up saving his life, which is a perfect circle as far as I'm concerned. That's the Super Bowl of police work: saving another officer's life." [55]

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#### CHAPTER SIX: CAPTURE OF DZHOKHAR TSARNAEV

Some 9,000 cops, SWAT teams, and National Guard troops had descended upon Boston in the effort to find the remaining attacker. It was one of the largest law enforcement operations -- possibly the largest -- in one city in U.S. history. [12] Authorities were hunting Dzhokhar door-to-door in the Boston suburbs, and ordered a lockdown that paralyzed a region of more than 1 million people. [26] Shortly after 5pm on Friday, Boston police told the nation that the second suspect in the Boston Marathon bombings was still on the loose. Authorities had leads, but they didn't know where he was. [15] Dzhokhar Tsarnaev somehow escaped in the chaos by accelerating away. He then abandoned the car and eventually made it on foot just beyond a cordon quickly set up by police. [6] The Boston police commissioner also revealed that not a single student at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth called police after surveillance pictures of the other suspected bomber, 19-year old Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, a student at the school, were made public. [28]

Forced lockdown of a city. Militarized police riding in armored vehicles through the streets. Door-to-door armed searches without warrant. Families thrown out of their homes at gunpoint to be searched without probable cause. Businesses and transport shut down. These were not the scenes from a military coup in a far off banana republic, but rather the scenes just over a week ago in Boston as the United States got a taste of martial law. The ostensible reason for the military-style takeover of parts of Boston was that the accused perpetrator of a horrific crime was on the loose. The Boston bombing provided the opportunity for the government to turn what should have been a police investigation into a military-style occupation of an American city. This unprecedented move should frighten us as much or more than the attack itself. [41]

Three people were killed in Boston and that is tragic. But what of the fact that over 40 persons are killed in the United States each day, and sometimes ten persons can be killed in one city on any given weekend? These cities are not locked-down by paramilitary police riding in tanks and pointing automatic weapons at innocent citizens. This is unprecedented and is very dangerous. We must educate ourselves and others about our precious civil liberties to ensure that we never accept demands that we give up our Constitution so that the government can pretend to protect us. [41]

As journalist Tim Carney wrote last week: "Law enforcement in Boston used cameras to ID the bombing suspects, but not police cameras. Instead, authorities asked the public to submit all photos and videos of the finish-line area to the FBI, just in case any of them had relevant images. The surveillance videos the FBI posted online of the suspects came from private businesses that use surveillance to punish and deter crime on their property." Sadly, we have been conditioned to believe that the job of the government is to keep us safe, but in reality the job of the government is to protect our liberties. Once the government decides that its role is to keep us safe, whether economically or physically, they can only do so by taking away our liberties. That is what happened in Boston. [41]

The “shelter in place” command imposed by the governor of Massachusetts was lifted before the suspect was caught. Only after this police state move was ended did the owner of the boat go outside to check on his property, and in so doing discover the suspect. No, the suspect was not discovered by the paramilitary troops terrorizing the public. He was discovered by a private citizen, who then placed a call to the police. And he was identified not by government surveillance cameras, but by private citizens who willingly shared their photographs with the police. [41]

David Henneberry had stepped outside with his wife for some fresh air at around 5:45 p.m. when he noticed a tarp had lifted off his boat and a strap had been cut. He climbed in for a closer look, when he saw a pool of blood and what he thought was a crumpled body. 'He saw something hunched down toward the forward of the boat, and his mind instantly did the right thing,' his stepson Robert Duffy said. Henneberry dropped off his stepladder, ran inside his house and called 911. Having followed the rolling news coverage of the manhunt, and with SWAT teams already in his street, Henneberry knew almost instantly what, or who, he had uncovered in the boat - and the danger that entailed. By 6pm cavalcades of police began arriving at Mr Henneberry's house. Based on the amount of blood Henneberry saw in the boat, investigators believe Dzhokhar was probably first wounded as long as 20 hours before he was discovered, in the Friday morning battle that left Tamerlan dead. Authorities re-issued their orders for residents to stay inside as dozens of heavily-armed Boston police and federal agents surrounded the house. Mr Henneberry fled to the home of his neighbor, Mr Pizzuto with his ill wife. Soon, officers would be firing on his beloved boat. [15]

Several agencies gathered around the Watertown house as darkness fell. The FBI was in charge of the scene, but there also were officers from the Massachusetts State Police, local police and transit police. “They probably didn’t know whether he had a gun,” said one law enforcement official: “Hours earlier, he and his brother had killed a police officer... and thrown explosives out of their cars as the police were chasing them. They couldn’t assume that he did not have a gun and more explosives.” [6]

Neighbors reported hearing dozens of rounds of automatic weapons fire as police closed on the house. Officers said Tsarnaev fired at them and that they returned fire, but we now know that Dzhokhar had no weapon. Tsarnaev was wounded again by police at some point during a gun battle on Thursday night, authorities say. Orders then went out on Boston police radio that Tsarnaev was to be taken alive and that officers should not fire first and not return fire. A robot was sent into the scene and pulled away the tarp with its mechanical arm. That allowed a state police helicopter used a thermal infrared camera to locate Tsarnaev lying on his back in the rear of the boat. At 7.05pm witnesses reported hearing police lob flash grenades into the boat. Police shouted at Tsarnaev through bullhorns: 'Come out with your hands up!' and 'Come out on your own terms.' By 8.43pm, it was over. A bloodied Tsarnaev emerged from the boat and was taken into custody, loaded into an ambulance and rushed to the hospital. [15]

#### VIDEO OF BOAT DESCRIPTION/WOLF BLITZER AND POLICEMAN [1]

Dzhokhar also allegedly scrawled a note inside the hull of the boat that said the attack was retribution for wars the United States waged in Iraq and Afghanistan, according to two law enforcement officials. The note stated that if you attack one Muslim, you attack all Muslims, one of the officials said, speaking generally about its content. The note was first reported by CBS News, could serve as important evidence against Dzhokhar. [8]

He was taken to Boston’s Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and sedated, being in serious condition after suffering injuries during the police shootout and manhunt. [3] According to CBS, Dzhokhar had been shot in the neck and in the leg. [15] SWAT personnel described a different throat injury to CNN, more like a “cut.” Boston Mayor Thomas Menino said he may never speak again. "We don't know if we'll ever be able to question the individual," Menino claimed. [3]

In the immediate aftermath of Tsarnaev’s capture, police officials said Dzhokhar had fired from the boat and he was reported to have been captured with several weapons. [6] Investigators originally had speculated that Dzhokhar’s throat wound was caused by a self-inflicted gunshot fired through the mouth, as part of a failed suicide bid as cops closed in. [3] Watertown Police Chief Edward Deveau had told CNN's Wolf Blitzer on Saturday that the suspect fired from the boat. [25] But it turns out Dzhokhar had NO firearms when he came under a barrage of police gunfire that struck the boat, according to multiple federal law

enforcement officials. [6] Dzhokhar eventually began communicating in writing and some speech with a special team of FBI interrogators [6] Although his throat injury had initially kept Dzhokhar from talking. [3]

In his hospital room, Dzhokhar Tsarnaev was questioned extensively by law enforcement officials about whether other potential threats existed, all without having his Miranda rights read to him. But unlike those statements, the note scrawled with a pen inside the boat may constitute a plainly admissible statement of Dzhokhar's motivation for his alleged participation in the bombing. The portion of the boat's interior on which Tsarnaev had written would likely be cut from the hull and presented in court as evidence should he go to trial, said a person with knowledge of the investigation. Dzhokhar Tsarnaev has been charged by federal prosecutors with using a weapon of mass destruction and could face the death penalty. [8]

Authorities said they were desperate to capture Dzhokhar Tsarnaev so he could be questioned, so why the explosion of gunfire if the kid was unarmed? The FBI declined to discuss. Other law enforcement officials said the shooting may have been prompted by the chaos of the moment. Some officers may have believed the boy had fired a weapon or was about to detonate explosives. One characterized it as "the fog of war" and said that in a highly charged atmosphere, one accidental shot could have caused what police call "contagious fire." [6]

A spokesman for the FBI said "Law enforcement was placed in an extraordinarily dangerous situation," said FBI spokesman Paul Bresson. "They were dealing with an individual who is alleged to have been involved in the bombings at the Boston Marathon. As if that's not enough, there were indications of a carjacking, gunfire, an ambushed police officer and bombs thrown earlier. In spite of these extraordinary factors, they were able to capture this individual alive with no further harm to law enforcement. It was a tremendously effective outcome under dire circumstances." "You can't second-guess what they were doing on that scene," said a second law enforcement official. "Their own lives were in danger." [6]

#### PART THREE: THE TSARNAEV BROTHERS CHAPTER SEVEN: TIMELINE April 18-19

April 18 5.30pm - The FBI releases CCTV footage and stills of two suspects from surveillance cameras near the explosion sites filmed shortly before the blasts. FBI agent Richard DesLauriers asks for the public's help in identifying the men who are both wearing baseball caps and carrying backpacks. 'We consider them to be armed and extremely dangerous,' Mr DesLauriers said, warning that they should not be approached.

10.30pm - A campus police officer is shot and killed at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in Cambridge, near Boston, after responding to a report of a disturbance. Shortly afterwards, police get a report of a carjacking nearby. The two men are suspected of killing the MIT police officer, then stealing the car at gunpoint and later releasing its driver unharmed. The suspects threw explosives from the car as police followed it to the Boston suburb of Watertown.

April 19 1am - Witnesses report hearing multiple gunshots and explosions in Watertown. Residents are advised to keep their doors locked and not let anyone in. TV footage shows armed officers surrounding a suspect lying on the ground. Police later say one of the two suspects in the MIT officer shooting is dead but the other, who is tied to the Boston marathon bombing, remains at large. Public transport is suspended in the Boston area as the hunt for the remaining suspect continues. A new photo of him on the loose is released showing him in a grey hoodie sweatshirt.

5pm - Police admit at a press conference they don't know where 19-year-old Dzhokhar A. Tsarnaev is. Authorities lift 'shelter in place' orders and allow residents to venture outside.

5.45pm - David Henneberry finds a body in his boat on Franklin Street in Watertown, less than three quarters of a mile from where Tsarnaev ditched his stolen Mercedes SUV.

6pm - Officers surround Mr Henneberry's boat and exchange fire with him.

7.05pm - Flash grenades are reportedly tossed into the boat to stun Tsarnaev.

8.43pm - Tsarnaev surrenders and is taken into custody. He is rushed to the hospital by ambulance. [15]

#### PART FOUR: AFTERMATH CHAPTER ONE: HELP FROM FRIENDS

Three men are accused of helping Dzhokhar Tsarnaev after the bombing, according to federal prosecutors. Kadyrbayev and Tazhayakov are charged with "conspiracy to obstruct justice by conspiring to destroy, conceal and cover up tangible objects belonging to suspected Marathon bomber, Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, namely a laptop computer and backpack containing fireworks," according to the criminal complaint, released by the U.S. Attorney's Office, Massachusetts District. Phillipos is charged with "willfully making materially false statements to federal law enforcement officials during a terrorism investigation," according to the complaint. [16] He is alleged to have met up with Kadyrbayev and Tazhayakov on April 18th—on their way to Dzhokhar Tsarnaev's dorm room—after the photo identifying their friend as a suspect had been shown around the world. [17] The FBI alleges that the young men, acting together that night, recognized Tsarnaev as a suspect and agreed to remove a backpack and other items from his college dorm room in Dartmouth, Mass. All three of their accounts align around the claim that Kadyrbayev was the one who threw the backpack away. [37]

An attorney for Dias Kadyrbayev, one of the three 19-year-olds arrested Wednesday, disputed the allegations against his client and said Kadyrbayev did not know items he admitted to discarding "were involved in a bombing." Another of the suspects arrested Wednesday, Azamat Tazhayakov, is "shocked and horrified" to hear that someone he knew was involved in the bombings, attorney Harland Protass said. The attorney said his client has fully cooperated with authorities in the investigation and looks forward to the truth coming out. Robel Phillipos, a 19-year-old U.S. citizen, has retained private counsel. [16]

In 2011, the four young men start attending the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth, and eventually become close friends. Tsarnaev and Mr. Phillipos are both US citizens and graduates of the same Cambridge, Mass., high school. The other two young men are Kazakhstani nationals who came to study in the US. Around February 2013, Mr. Tazhayakov sees Tsarnaev with fireworks, which they and others set off along the banks of Boston's Charles River. In March, over a meal, Tsarnaev tells Tazhayakov and Kadyrbayev that he knows how to make a bomb, Tazhayakov says. On April 15, the marathon bombings occur, with two blasts near the race finish line in Boston. On April 17, Kadyrbayev sees Tsarnaev on campus, and notices that he seems to have given himself a short haircut.

On April 18, at around 5 p.m., the FBI released photos of two bombing suspects and asked for help locating them. [37] Kadyrbayev texted his friend Dzhokhar to tell him "he looked like the suspect on television." Tsarnaev texted back "lol" and added, "come to my room and take whatever you want." [16] At this juncture, the accounts begin to diverge on important points. The following timeline of information regarding the three friends comes from one side, that of prosecutors. Defense attorneys will offer other evidence or interpretations if cases against these three go to trial. [37]

Kadyrbayev was apparently driving home from Boston at an unspecified time on April 18 when Phillipos calls him and says to put on the news when he gets home, because one of the suspects in the Boston bombings looks familiar. Kadyrbayev gets home to the apartment he shares with Tazhayakov, and sees on TV that bombing Suspect No. 2 looks like Tsarnaev. This is when Kadyrbayev and Tsarnaev begin the text message exchange mentioned at the beginning of this article. Evidence from Kadyrbayev's cellphone pinpoints the texts between 8:43 and 8:48 p.m. It's unclear if the exact wording of the messages, as reported by the FBI, has been verified using evidence from the phone. It's also unclear if the message "come to my room and take whatever you want" represents a veiled invitation by Tsarnaev to his friends to find and conceal evidence – or whether the friends ever inferred that meaning from the text. [37]

The three friends meet on campus after the texting – between 6 and 7 p.m. – and go to Tsarnaev's dorm room, where a roommate lets them in and says Tsarnaev left a couple of hours earlier. The three watch a movie for a while and notice "a backpack containing fireworks" (as the complaint obliquely puts it) and see that the fireworks have been emptied of powder. Kadyrbayev's defense attorney, Robert Stahl, says his client denies the allegation that he instantly recognized Tsarnaev's photo or realized that the items in the backpack were "of any interest" in the bombing investigation. The FBI claims Kadyrbayev said he "knew when he saw the empty fireworks that Tsarnaev was involved in the Marathon bombing." He decides to remove the backpack "to help his friend Tsarnaev avoid trouble," according to the FBI. He takes Tsarnaev's laptop "because he did not want Tsarnaev's roommate to think he was stealing or behaving suspiciously by just taking the backpack." The three head to the nearby apartment where the two Kazakhstani nationals live. At about 10 p.m., Kadyrbayev places the backpack in a black garbage bag and throws it in a dumpster. [37]

Tazhayakov was apparently shopping when he gets a text from Kadyrbayev at about 9 p.m.: "Have you seen the news?" He learns that a man looking like Tsarnaev is an FBI suspect, and returns to meet Kadyrbayev at their apartment. Kadyrbayev texts Phillipos to go to Tsarnaev's dorm room. The roommate lets the three in. Kadyrbayev shows Tazhayakov a text from Tsarnaev saying "I'm about to leave if you need something in my room take it." Tazhayakov at that point thinks he will never see Tsarnaev alive again. Tazhayakov is frightened when Kadyrbayev finds a backpack with fireworks emptied of powder. Kadyrbayev also finds a jar of Vaseline and says he believes Tsarnaev used that in making bombs. Tazhayakov concludes Tsarnaev was involved in planting the marathon bombs. The three take the backpack, Vaseline, and laptop back to Kadyrbayev's nearby apartment. At about 6 a.m., the three see CNN reports identifying the Tsarnaev brothers by name and learn that Dzhokhar's older brother, Tamerlan, has been killed in a gun fight with police. Kadyrbayev decides to throw away the backpack, and does so with Tazhayakov in agreement. [37] They started to "freak out," Phillipos told investigators, according to the affidavit. Kadyrbayev and Tazhayakov were speaking mostly in Russian, which Phillipos couldn't understand. Then Kadyrbayev asked Phillipos, presumably in English, what they should do about the backpack. Phillipos told him to "do what you gotta do." [17]

According to Phillipos: the three discuss throwing away the bag around 11 p.m. Phillipos then takes a two-hour nap, and when he wakes up, the backpack is gone. The FBI notes that Phillipos told varying stories, including denying any visit to the suspect's dorm room, before giving this account in a fourth interview. So, at least according to the FBI criminal complaint, there's general agreement that the three removed the backpack and laptop – and that Kadyrbayev dropped the bag in the trash. Investigators have recovered the backpack from a nearby landfill, and CNN reports they have also recovered the laptop. [37] Inside the backpack, they found the fireworks, the Vaseline, and a few other things, including some of Dzhokhar's college papers. Cieplik, the F.B.I. special agent, writes: "I have determined that the homework assignment sheet is from a class in which Tsarnaev is currently enrolled." [17] Investigators recovered other items from Dzhokhar's on April 21st, stuff his friends had left behind: "BBs, a large pyrotechnic and a black jacket and white hat of the same general appearance as those worn by Bomber Two at the Boston Marathon." [17]

Murat Kadyrbayev, father Dias Kadyrbayev, said that his son and Tazhayakov own a BMW that garnered attention in the investigation. The car had a decorative license plate reading "Terrorista #1." The plate was a joke from friends in Spain, Murat Kadyrbayev said. [16] Kadyrbayev and Tazhayakov had already been in immigration court that Wednesday, charged with violation of their student visas. All three appeared in the United States District Court in Boston, where they waived their rights to a bail hearing. [17] Why didn't they notify the police or F.B.I. when they recognized Dzhokhar as a suspect? All three young men wanted to help their friend "avoid trouble." [17] . Kadyrbayev and Tazhayakov face a maximum sentence of five years in prison and \$250,000 fine. Phillipos faces a maximum sentence of eight years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. Lawyers for Tazhayakov and Kadyrbayev told CNN the two had been in federal custody on immigration charges already. [16]

One of the reasons Kadyrbayev was of immediate interest involved activity on his Facebook page. The source says that while Dzhokhar was on the run -- at 3 a.m. on April 19, Kadyrbayev deleted a photo showing him and the suspect having dinner together, according to the source briefed on the investigation. The source said that Kadyrbayev and Dzhokhar Tsarnaev both changed their Facebook photos early Friday morning within 15 minutes of each other. [16]

The University of Massachusetts Dartmouth issued a statement regarding the enrollment status of the three men arrested Wednesday. According to the university, Kadyrbayev and Phillipos are not enrolled currently, and Tazhayakov is enrolled but has been suspended pending the outcome of the case. Kadyrbayev, Tazhaykov, Phillipos and Tsarnaev began attending UMass Dartmouth at the same time in 2011, according to a criminal complaint filed by the FBI in U.S. District Court. Investigators originally thought Kadyrbayev was a student at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; a screen grab of his Facebook page had him listed as being in MIT's class of 2015 and that he was in the school of engineering. [16]

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#### CHAPTER TWO: KATHERINE RUSSELL

One key question that investigators are still examining is what, if anything, Tamerlan Tsarnaev's wife, Katherine Russell, knew about the attack. The Tsarnaev brothers, a person briefed on the investigation said, could easily have constructed the pressure-

cooker bombs and other explosive devices in the apartment shared by Katherine and Tamerlan. Dzhokhar has allegedly told investigators that Katherine Russell was not involved in any way with the attack. [8] Tamerlan's wife also claims she knew nothing about the attacks. She reportedly worked 70 to 80 hours a week as a home health aide to support her husband and 3-year-old daughter. [29] But it turns out Katherine is the grand-daughter of Skull and Bones member Richard W. Warren. SHOW VIDEO

Katherine Russell told investigators that she spoke to her husband after his picture appeared on national television as one of two suspects being sought in connection with the Boston Marathon bombings, two sources told CNN. [16] A lawyer for Katherine Russell, who married Tamerlan Tsarnaev in 2010, said that Ms. Russell found out that her husband was a suspect in the bombings only after the authorities released the photos on Thursday. "She was shocked," said the lawyer, Amato A. DeLuca. "She had no idea." Mr. DeLuca said that he had been speaking with law enforcement authorities but declined to say whether Ms. Russell had. He also declined to elaborate on whether his client had seen changes in her husband recently. He did say that his client did not speak Russian, so she could not always understand what her husband was saying. [30]

Tamerlan and Katherine were receiving taxpayer-funded state welfare benefits along their 3-year-old daughter. The state's Executive Office of Health and Human Services said those benefits ended in 2012 when the couple stopped meeting income eligibility limits. Russell's attorney has claimed Katherine — who had converted to Islam — was working up to 80 hours a week as a home health aide while Tsarnaev stayed at home. In addition, both of Tsarnaev's parents received benefits, and Dzhokhar and Tamerlan were recipients through their parents when they were younger, according to the state. [9]

Radical Islamic materials and an al Qaeda magazine were found on the computer of Boston Marathon bomber Tamerlan Tsarnaev's widow — and there was explosive residue throughout their house. The residue was found at the kitchen table, the kitchen sink and the bathtub, sources say. It wasn't clear whether the files belonged to Russell, 24, or her husband, 26. The explosive residue was found on the kitchen sink and table and in the bathtub at their home in Cambridge, Mass., a source told CNN. The surviving bomber, Tsarnaev's brother, Dzhokhar, allegedly told investigators they built the bombs in Tamerlan's basement. Officials said female DNA and fingerprints on a piece of pressure cooker found in the explosive debris did not match Russell's. Authorities were also searching a wooded area of Dartmouth, Mass. in connection with the bombings. Posters in support of Dzhokhar sprung up on walls in Chechnya, the BBC reported. The posters declare the terror suspect "not guilty" and ask for donations to pay his medical and legal bills. Pro-Tsarnaev leaflets have also spotted in the Kyrgyzstan capital of Bishkek. [18][31]

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##### CHAPTER THREE: UNCLE RUSLAN

Ruslan Tsarni, the uncle of the two suspects in the Boston Marathon bombings, erupted in fury over his nephews' alleged role in the Boston Marathon bombings, telling a local television station that the suspects "do not deserve to live on this earth." In a subsequent press conference with reporters, a visibly angry Tsarni lashed out at the two suspects. Tsarni told WBZ-TV in Boston that the two suspects do not deserve to live, and he apologized to their victims. "He deserved his. He absolutely deserved his," Tsarni said of Tamerlan, who was killed early Friday morning. "They do not deserve to live on this earth." In the press conference, Tsarni said "What I think was behind it: Being losers." "I respect this country. I love this country," said Tsarni, who was visibly angry throughout the press conference. "This country gives chance to everybody else." [11]

The uncle of the Boston Marathon bombing suspects told TODAY Saturday that he believes Dzhokhar and Tamerlan Tsarnaev were pawns in a deadly scheme. "I strongly believe they were just puppets and executors of something of bigger scale," Ruslan Tsarni told Savannah Guthrie. He said Dzhokhar, the younger of the brothers, was "used by his older brother. He's just another victim of his older brother. He victimized others, but he's been used by his older brother." Tsarni, a Maryland resident who is the brother of the suspects' father, believes Tamerlan was radicalized by others. He noted that the suspects were in his house as children, and recalled a surprising transformation the last time he saw Tamerlan in 2009. "There certainly were mentors," Tsarni said. "I was shocked when I heard his words, his phrases, when every other word he starts sticking in words of God. I question what he's doing for work, (and) he claimed he would just put everything in the will of God. It was a big concern to me. He called me 'confused' when I started explaining to him, make yourself useful to yourself and to your family and maybe you'll

have extra to share with everybody else. It wasn't devotion, it was something, as it's called, being radicalized. Not understanding what he is talking (about). He is just using words for the sake of the words and not understanding the meaning of it." [35]

The suspects' parents told NBC News they believe their sons were framed, but Tsarni only said a family friend told him of outside influence on Tamerlan. "He said there is someone who brainwashed him, some new convert to Islam," Tsarni said. The suspects' uncle believes the radicalization occurred in the United States, not overseas. Tamerlan Tsarnaev traveled to Russia last year. "It has nothing to do with Russia, (or) with Chechnya, which he had nothing to do with," Tsarni said. "It started here." [35]

Tsarni later said he was "angry" when he first told reporters outside his home the brothers were "losers," and that he was grateful that Dzhokar was captured alive. Tsarni also expressed his condolences to the families of the three people killed in the marathon bombing and the college police officer who was allegedly shot and killed in his cruiser. "I was relieved that he is alive," Tsarni said. "At least he has a chance to ask for forgiveness for those that he victimized, as well as there is a chance now for enforcement agencies to get to the bottom of it. For a 19-year-old kid, I do not even believe (that) he would (have) been in full comprehension of what he's been doing. For the sake of seeking forgiveness for himself, I don't know how long his life is going to be, but I know it will be way easier for him if he receives that forgiveness for those he made to suffer." [35] VIDEO

Another US Intelligence official, this time from the CIA, figures in the direct family of the accused brothers. Ruslan Tsarnaev, the outspoken uncle of the brothers was married to Samantha A. Fuller until 2004. Samantha's father is Graham Fuller, a senior CIA agent, the architect of the Afghan Islamic fundamentalist Mujahideen war against the Soviets and after, throughout Central Asia, including Chechnya and Kazakhstan. He is also implicated in creating a global jihad network, presumably acting on behalf of CIA interests. [24] Both Ruslan and Tamerlan were married to women whose fathers were top US intelligence officials. Coincidence?

Ruslan Tsarnaev, who changed his name to Ruslan Tsarni, lives in a posh Washington DC suburb of Bethesda Maryland. He has worked in the past with Dick Cheney's Halliburton as well as a "consultant" in Kazakhstan with the State Department's USAID, which is rumored to be a CIA front. The discovery of the connection between a very, very senior CIA man, Graham Fuller, to the uncle of the accused Boston bombers was more than a bit embarrassing for Fuller. He took an extraordinary step of issuing a public denial. In an exclusive interview on what reportedly is a CIA-linked website, "Back Channel—Al-Monitor," Fuller hurriedly denounced media links of his CIA connection to the bombers' uncle: "...possible connections between Ruslan and the Agency through me are absurd." Fuller then went on to admit, "Samantha was married to Ruslan Tsarnaev (Tsarni) for 3-4 years...They also lived in our house in [Maryland] for a year or so..." Fuller went on to claim Ruslan was "homesick" for Chechnya, and that his English was "shaky." [24]

So let's talk more about Graham Fuller. He was perhaps THE most instrumental person inside the CIA during the 1980's. He convinced CIA Director Bill Casey and the Reagan Administration to recruit fundamentalist Muslim Salafists or Jihadists from Saudi Arabia, Pakistan and elsewhere, train them in techniques of guerilla insurgency and send them against the Soviet-occupied Afghanistan. They were called Mujahideen. One of the more famous of those Mujahideen was a young Saudi from a very wealthy family named Osama bin Laden. In a sense then we might call Graham Fuller the "Godfather of Al Qaeda." Fuller was also the key CIA figure in convincing the Reagan Administration to tip the balance in the eight-year-long Iran-Iraq war by using Israel to channel weapons to Iran in what became the Iran-Contra Affair. As well, in 1999, around the time his daughter Samantha and "Uncle" Ruslan Tsarni (aka Tsarnaev) lived at his home near Washington, Fuller, former Deputy Director of the CIA's National Council on Intelligence, then a senior figure at the Pentagon and CIA-linked neo-conservative RAND corporation, advocated using Muslim forces to further US interests in Central Asia. He stated, "The policy of guiding the evolution of Islam and of helping them against our adversaries worked marvelously well in Afghanistan against [the Russians]. The same doctrines can still be used to destabilize what remains of Russian power, and especially to counter the Chinese influence in Central Asia." [24]

This is precisely what happened in the Tsarnaev's native land of Chechnya with hundreds of CIA-trained Jihadists and Al Qaeda fighters sent into there and Dagestan and other parts of the former Soviet Union, where Uncle Ruslan and his two Tsarnaev

nephews came to the USA from. The 1994-1996 Chechen war, instigated by the main rebel movements against Moscow, served to undermine secular state institutions. The adoption of Islamic law in the largely secular Muslim societies of the former Soviet Union served US strategic interests in the region. Also note that Russia's main oil pipeline route out of the Caspian Sea basin transits through Chechnya and Dagestan. [24]

Graham Fuller is also involved in the creation of what is rapidly becoming an Islamic fundamentalist dictatorship in Turkey and across the Islamic world. Graham Fuller is the tip of a very secret and very explosive network of international terror whose ties with Langley and the US Government are inadvertently coming into daylight in what might well be an important revelation of destructive secret intelligence operations. When Graham Fuller proclaims these CIA ties to be "absurd," he draws the spotlight onto himself and his accomplices & activities. [24]

Is it mere "coincidence" that the uncle of the two young men accused of the Boston bombings was related in marriage to the CIA figure who advocated using the networks which were later named "Al Qaeda" across Central Asia, including Chechnya, where the Tsarnaev brothers had roots? The more you look into the evidence around the Boston terror bombings, the more the official US Government version of events stinks (as usual). Reports of eyewitnesses of police over loudspeakers telling marathon runners there was a "terrorism exercise." The conflicting stories told by eye witnesses and police. Combine that with the US intelligence ties of Ruslan and Tamerlan. It presents an incredible set of coincidences. It is time for an open and serious citizen commission of inquiry to be formed on this issue, since the media and government officials seem reluctant to do so. If what we're seeing here is what it seems to be, this is nothing less than an attempt to manipulate entire parts of the human population. [24]

The uncle of the accused Boston Marathon bombers incorporated, in 1995, a company called the "Congress of Chechen International Organizations." Even as the company was sending aid to Islamic terrorists in Chechnya, its listed address was in the home of former top CIA official Graham Fuller. Ruslan Tsarni was listed as the company's resident agent. The company's address was 11114 Whisperwood Ln in Rockville MD., the home of Graham Fuller, the one-time Vice-Chairman of the National Intelligence Council at the CIA under President Reagan. Documents have surfaced which cast a long shadow of doubt on Graham Fuller's "absurd" assertion, which amounts to a beat cop waving his baton, and saying, "There's nothing to see here folks. Move along." The documents include a letter written by the President of Tsarni's Congress of Chechen Organizations International that, at least on the surface, could not have seemed more ordinary. It was all about shoes. [43]

In the letter, Congress of Chechen Organizations International President Mohammed Shoshani is interceding with the Board of Directors of Benevolence International, a "charity" that would later be designated "financiers of terrorism" by the Treasury Department, and shut down by US Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald after the 9/11 attack. This Saudi-based charity operated for years in Russia and Chechnya, pumping \$50 million into mujahideen coffers, estimated Russian intelligence. Shoshani was interceding with Benevolence on behalf of a new military commander in Chechnya named Sheikh Fathi, who had just arrived from spending 10 years fighting in Afghanistan. [43]

Sheikh Fathi was a "military commander in the violent jihadist movement in Chechnya," as well as an influential "preacher of violent jihad." In a Benevolent International indictment, it says "Sheikh Fathi was a major conduit for providing material support to the Chechen rebels." So was Uncle Ruslan part of that conduit? Just how connected are these people? Fathi would gain a measure of infamy several years later when he introduced the top Al-Qaeda operative in Afghanistan, Al Khattab, into the Chechen conflict. The move had disastrous results, turning what had been a civil war into a jihad. Later Al-Khattab became the so-called 20th hijacker Zaccarias Moussaoui's commander in Chechnya, according to French intelligence, and had close links with Osama bin Laden, according to former New York Times journalist Phil Shenon's book "The Commission." [43]

But back to the letter, and the shoes. On behalf of Sheikh Fathi, Mohammed Shoshani is thanking Benevolence International for the receipt of 2000 pairs of "Anti-Mine Boots for the Chechen Mujahideen." Sheikh Fathi's eagerness to procure 5000 more pairs of American protective shoes had been to minimize the damage caused by small Russian-made camouflage mines, called Frog mines, which were wreaking havoc in the ranks of his Chechen fighters. The President of "Uncle Ruslan's" Congress of Chechen Organizations International, Shoshani, was an expatriate Penn State engineering professor who conducted almost all of his business through another organization he led, called the Chechen-Ingush Society of America. [43]

All of his aboveboard business, that is. Ruslan's outfit surfaced for the covert side of the Chechen's cause. Was Ruslan Tsarni's organization acting as a free agent? Or was it a "cut-out" for the CIA, a convenient way to establish plausible deniability while executing decisions made by U.S. intelligence agencies, who were apparently interceding on the side of people we called "rebels" instead of "terrorists" for no reason other than it suited American objectives for Russian forces to get bogged down in a series of bitter civil wars? [43] This is exactly what's going on in Libya and Syria, the whole Benghazi mess is undoubtedly tied up in this activity, and I hope to explore the topic in a future video.

Our fostering a jihadist mercenary force in Afghanistan led directly to the blowback that became the 9/11 attack. The creation of a "second Afghanistan" in the Caucasus may also have led to blowback: the unintended consequences of a covert operation. The result was in bombs going off in Boston. Were two young jihadis from the North Caucasus region of Russia recruited to become Islamist terrorists and attack the United States at the Boston Marathon? Questions remain. No, questions don't "remain." They "abound." [43]

The elder Fuller had retired from the agency almost a decade before Ruslan's marriage to his daughter. If he'd retired, and taken up horticulture, or origami, or golfing in Florida wearing lime-green sweater-slack combinations, rumors that his ex-son-in-law had connections with the CIA might indeed be absurd. Was that how Mr. Fuller was spending his well-deserved retirement? Nope... He was working for RAND Corporation! [43]

The bottom line is, Uncle Ruslan's company, back in 1996, was actively aiding Islamic terrorists in Chechnya. And there's no telling what he's up to now, because a story last week revealed that he was working for the US Government, again. And again, it was USAID, this time since 2008. He was using the home address of a top CIA official under President Ronald Reagan, who had also been the author of a famous memo that eventually led Oliver North to step off a plane in Iran with TOW missiles in one hand and a cake for the Ayatollah in the other. Ruslan Tsarni's Congress of Chechens put into practice the CIA's unacknowledged policy in the former Soviet Republics. Ruslan's been stirring things up on Russia's southern border for quite a while now. [43]

Ruslan Tsarni also had a decade-long business relationship with Halliburton, the multinational juggernaut run by Dick Cheney before he became Vice President of the United States. Digging through Ruslan Tsarni's history has yielded clues to unlocking the puzzling riddles left behind after the Boston bombing. Tsarni did a two-year stint, beginning in 1992, as a "consultant" for the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), in the former Soviet Republic of Kazakhstan. At a time when vast natural resources and enormous fortunes were 'in play' during the economic free-for-all after the collapse of the Soviet Union, the 24-year old Tsarni was already a 'player.' Its long been an open secret that USAID is often used overseas to house CIA and other US intelligence operatives. Oddly enough, just six months ago the country competing with the US for influence in the region, Vladimir Putin's Russia, unceremoniously kicked USAID out of Russia for, Putin spokesmen alleged, encouraging his political opposition. Bolivia has also taken similar actions. However Ruslan's involvement with USAID, while suggestive, might still be irrelevant, were it not for the discovery of his decade-long involvement with Halliburton. [44]

In April 2005, Ruslan Tsarni was named an officer in an oil company in Kazakhstan, being run at the time by a man named S.A. (AI) Sehsuvaroglu. "Big AI" had somewhat inexplicably left behind a 25-year career as a top executive at Dick Cheney's Halliburton—his last job was as Senior Account Manager, Caspian Region; and Country Director, Kazakhstan—and had, just three months before 'Uncle Ruslan' was hired, taken over a penny stock oil play called Big Sky Energy Corp. Big AI and Uncle Ruslan already knew each other. Both men did time at Nelsen Resources, yet-another Halliburton-connected oilfield company active in Kazakhstan. Even before that, Tsarni had landed, between 1999 and 2001, at Golden Eagle Partners LLC in Kazakhstan. Golden Eagle worked so closely with Halliburton, reported London's Financial Times, that both firms were convicted of collusion to breach confidentiality agreements. [44]

For Uncle Ruslan, who was Golden Eagle's Head of Legal Affairs, it would have been, very much, a case of "my bad." In a story headlined "Halliburton ethics called into question," on Jun 22, 2004, London's Financial Times reported that both companies had been convicted in Federal Court and fined a total of \$70 million. "At a time when Halliburton is being charged with immoral and even illegal business practices in countries ranging from Iraq to Nigeria," the paper reported, "a close reading of the court

documents provides a disturbing backdrop." Moreover the questionable business practices for which Halliburton was convicted took place under Dick Cheney, who court documents revealed had been very aware of what his minions like Ruslan Tsarni at Golden Eagle had been doing on his behalf. These were not, to put it kindly, self-made men [44]

Still, while militant Chechen groups have been blamed for terror attacks in the past, their targets have usually been Russia, their bitter foe in the Caucasus wars. But consider this: In the last several months, Tamerlan Tsarnaev had allegedly posted videos to YouTube indicating his interest in radical Muslim ideologies. The Tsarnaev brothers are of Chechen heritage, born into the cauldron of the Caucasus; into a war which quickly boiled over until it had engulfed Chechen separatists, Russian security forces, Islamic extremists, and organized crime. [44]

Also, in Tokmok, home to a large ethnic Chechen community, the former home of Ruslan Tsarni and Anzor Tsarnaev sits right next door to that country's top Mob Boss, a man named Aziz Batukaev, who to the surprise of no one locally, just secured his early release from prison. Ruslan Tsarni's estrangement with his brother Anzor's family began because of tensions between him and Anzor's wife, Zubeidat Tsarnaev, he said, describing her as overbearing and meddling in her children's lives in a dangerous way. [44][45]

U.S. authorities first said they had no proof that anybody beyond the two Tsarnaev brothers was involved in the marathon attacks. But they were not done looking. All of a sudden, two law enforcement officials stated that they believe there is a "Chechen connection" to the bombings. Ruslan Tsarni's personal and business background are in the same troubled region—Chechnya and the former Soviet Republics collectively known as the Stans—that is crucial to piecing together the narrative of the Boston Marathon bombing. [44]

"Uncle Ruslan" Tsarni's vehement denunciation of his nephews won him thumbs up from everyone from Keith Olbermann, who called him the "definition of a great American," to John Podhoretz, who said "Ruslan Tsarni was the only good news of the week." It seemed too good to be true. And it was. [44]

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##### CHAPTER FOUR: TRIPLE MURDER

Law enforcement officials say they've collected "mounting evidence" connecting the Boston bombing suspects to a 2011 triple murder. The 2011 killing in question involved Brandon Mess, "a friend and former roommate of Tamerlan Tsarnaev, [who] was murdered along with two other men in Mess's apartment in Waltham, Mass., one town over from Watertown, where Dzhokhar was captured, and two towns over from Cambridge, where the Tsarnaevs most recently lived." [2]

The victims in the unsolved case had their "throats slashed" with a knife or ice pick and "their bodies covered in seven pounds of marijuana." \$5,000 cash was also left at the apartment. Now, officials say that some crime scene forensic evidence provided a match to the two Tsarnaev brothers. The officials also said records of cell phones used by the Tsarnaevs appear to put them in the area of the murders on that date. These anonymous law enforcement officials said they were waiting on further DNA evidence before bringing an indictment against Dzhokhar. [2][29]

At the time of the killing, prosecutors said they believed the victims knew their killer or killers. Christopher Medeiros, who described himself a close friend of Mess, said he believes the killings were drug-related. He said Mess and another one of the victims, Erik Weissman, were marijuana dealers and had been trying to start a major growing operation. "The Friday before he died, (Mess) told me, 'Listen, I'm getting ready to make this big move,'" Medeiros said. "And I think that's what cost him his life." The motive for the killings is unclear. [38] Stephanie Guyotte, a spokesperson for the Middlesex district attorney's office, said "We're eager to pursue any new leads of information," and "It remains an open and active investigation." [2]

Medeiros said he did not see any signs of tension between Tsarnaev and Mess. He said Mess began spending time with Tsarnaev in late 2010 or early 2011. The two were part of a group of people from Cambridge who hung out together smoking marijuana, Medeiros said. Tsarnaev stood out a bit because he "didn't really smoke weed at all," Medeiros said. Still, Tsarnaev seemed to get along especially well with Mess, Medeiros said. Tsarnaev described Mess as his "best friend" to the owner of the

gym where he and Mess worked out. [38] However, BuzzFeed apparently spoke with former "associates" of Tamerlan Tsarnaev who told the site they now have suspicions about his potential involvement in the 2011 killing. [2]

About a month after the bombing, another friend of Tsarnaev's, Ibragim Todashev, was shot to death in Orlando, Fla., after allegedly trying to attack an FBI agent while he was being interrogated. Two officials told The Associated Press that Todashev had implicated himself in the 2011 Waltham killings before he was shot. The officials said they did not know if Todashev had also implicated Tsarnaev. [38] It was not clear what role Todashev may have played in the murder, but he was "about to sign a statement" admitting to a role with Tsarnaev in the triple homicide that happened in Waltham on Sept. 11, 2011, when he "went crazy." Sources said Todashev pulled a knife and stabbed the FBI agent "several times, ABC reported. "There was some sort of aggressive movement that led the FBI agent to believe he was under threat and he opened fire," the law enforcement official told ABC News. [27]

Todashev and another man, named Khusen Taramov, were being questioned as part of the bombing investigation, by the FBI official and law enforcement officers in Orlando. Taramov said Todashev, 27, knew Tamerlan because they were all MMA fighters. [27] Taramov said the men were questioned for hours by the FBI at the Orlando apartment. "(The FBI) took me and my friend, the suspect that got killed. They were talking to us, both of us, right? And they said they need him for a little more, for a couple more hours, and I left, and they told me they're going to bring him back. They never brought him back," Taramov said. He said Todashev spoke with Tsarnaev one month before the April 15 attack, but adamantly denied that Todashev had anything to do with the bombing. "He felt inside he was going to get shot," Taramov said about Todashev. "I told him, 'Everything is going to be fine, don't worry about it.' He said, 'I have a really bad feeling.'" [27]

Todashev was from Russia, but had lived in the Boston area before moving to Orlando, Florida, over the past couple of years. The FBI gave no details on why it was interested in Todashev. In an interview with the AP, Todashev's wife, Reni Manukyan, 24, who lives in Atlanta, confirmed her husband knew Tsarnaev, but said she has no reason to think they had anything more than social ties. "Everybody knows everybody where you are from," she said of the immigrant community in Boston. "They were not good friends." Manukyan also confirmed that federal authorities had been talking to her husband over the last several weeks. She said authorities on Wednesday came simultaneously to Todashev's home, her home in the Atlanta area, and her mother's place in Savannah, Ga. "It was only because he knew" Tsarnaev, she said. "That was it." As for the victims of the triple slaying – Mess, Weissman and Raphael Teken – "we never knew any of them," Manukyan said. [38]

Investigators now claim that Tamerlan may have sold pot as a way to finance his alleged Boston Marathon bombing plot. CBS News attributes this marijuana-dealing revelation to investigative sources. The brothers allegedly used the funds to buy three pounds of black powder at a New Hampshire fireworks shop and other components to make two shrapnel-packed pressure-cooker bombs. [29]

The New York Review of Books says it has found the mysterious Misha. Mikhail Allakhverdov says he's no Svengali. When Dzhokhar and Tamerlan Tsarnaev's family members started mentioning a mysterious man named Misha, and suggested he was a driving force behind Tamerlan's descent into radical, violent Islam, it didn't seem like it should be too hard to find the man: How many balding, red-bearded Armenian Muslim converts live in the Boston area? Then days passed with no news but lots of speculation. Many Armenians protested that no such figure could exist, since the stalwartly Christian nation's bloody history with its Muslim neighbors would prevent any Armenian from converting to Islam. Here at TheWeek.com, Walter Katz suggested that Misha might be an FBI informant who started grooming Tamerlan for a federal sting operation before giving up (prematurely). On Saturday, anonymous law enforcement sources released a dribble of news: The FBI had identified Misha, they told The Associated Press, but found he had no ties to terrorism generally or the Boston bombings specifically. On Sunday evening, Christian Caryl at the New York Review of Books introduced the world to the man he says is Misha: Today I was able to meet "Misha," whose real name is Mikhail Allakhverdov. Having been referred by a family in Boston that was close to the Tsarnaevs, I found Allakhverdov at his home in Rhode Island, in a lower middle class neighborhood, where he lives in a modest, tidy apartment with his elderly parents. He confirmed he was a convert to Islam and that he had known Tamerlan Tsarnaev, but he flatly denied any part in the bombings. "I wasn't his teacher. If I had been his teacher, I would have made sure he never did anything like this," Allakhverdov said. [115]

A 39-year-old man of Armenian-Ukrainian descent, Allakhverdov is of medium height and has a thin, reddish-blond beard.... Allakhverdov said he had known Tamerlan in Boston, where he lived until about three years ago, and has not had any contact with him since. He declined to describe the nature of his acquaintance with Tamerlan or the Tsarnaev family, but said he had never met the family members who are now accusing him of radicalizing Tamerlan. He also confirmed he had been interviewed by the FBI and that he has cooperated with the investigation. That seems pretty cut-and-dry — Allakhverdov wouldn't be the first person wrongly accused of involvement in this case. But also on Sunday, the AP's David Caruso, Michael Kunzelman, and Max Seddon published their report on the recent radicalization of another character in this drama: The suspected bombers' mother, Zubeidat Tsarnaeva. And Tsarnaeva says she became religious thanks to the influence of, yes, Misha: In photos of her as a younger woman, Zubeidat Tsarnaeva wears a low-cut blouse and has her hair teased like a 1980s rock star. After she arrived in the U.S. from Russia in 2002, she went to beauty school and did facials at a suburban day spa. But in recent years, people noticed a change. She began wearing a hijab and cited conspiracy theories about 9/11 being a plot against Muslims.... [115]

Zubeidat said she and Tamerlan began to turn more deeply into their Muslim faith about five years ago after being influenced by a family friend, named "Misha." The man, whose full name she didn't reveal, impressed her with a religious devotion that was far greater than her own, even though he was an ethnic Armenian who converted to Islam. "I wasn't praying until he prayed in our house, so I just got really ashamed that I am not praying, being a Muslim, being born Muslim. I am not praying. Misha, who converted, was praying," she said. Both these accounts can't be true. Caryl, for example, talks to a "close friend of the family in Boston" who says that "Misha was not known to have visited Tamerlan at home" — a point contradicted now by Tamerlan's mom, uncle, and former brother-in-law. Maybe it was always inevitable that the media would find Misha, and it's probably good for Allakhverdov that a Russian-speaking journalist was the first to break the story. But now that his name and state of residence are out there, it's safe to say this isn't the last we've heard about Misha. [115]

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##### CHAPTER FIVE: DEAD FBI AGENTS

Two members of the FBI's elite counterterrorism unit, who were involved in the arrest of Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, died about a month after the bombing, while practicing how to quickly drop from a helicopter to a ship using a rope. The FBI gave few details regarding the deaths of Special Agents Christopher Lorek and Stephen Shaw, other than to say the helicopter encountered unspecified difficulties and the agents fell a "significant distance." The incident happened about 12 miles off the coast of Virginia Beach. Officials blamed bad weather was blamed for the incident, and said the two agents — members of the FBI's Hostage Rescue Team — fell into the water. Officials said they believed the agents died as a result of the impact. A spokesman for the medical examiner's office, said it could be months before a final cause and manner of death would be released. They have to wait for the results of toxicology tests. [39]

In interviews Monday, the founder of the Hostage Rescue Team and other former special agents called the unit "elite" while outlining the difficult training exercises members must endure. "It's the most rigorous training regimen in law enforcement, probably in the world," said Danny Coulson, a former deputy assistant director of the FBI who started the team 30 years ago and served as its first commander. "They have to be able to do any mission, at any time." Among other things, members of the Hostage Rescue Team are trained to rappel from helicopters, scuba dive and use explosives to break down doors and walls. The team can deploy within four hours to anywhere in the U.S. "Whenever things go really wrong, the FBI calls in the Hostage Rescue Team. It's the government's 911," Coulson said. [39]

Irvin Wells, a former FBI special agent who retired in 1990 after leading the Norfolk field office for three years, stressed that the Hostage Rescue Team is different from the FBI's regular SWAT teams. He noted that agents assigned to a field office's SWAT team also must perform other jobs inside the bureau, while agents assigned to the Hostage Rescue Team have no other duties. "Not to take anything from SWAT, but these guys train full time for the most dangerous of missions," Wells said of the Hostage Rescue Team. "Like the SEALs, they are highly trained and train continuously." [39]

Nancy Savage, executive director of the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI, said SWAT teams handle "normal dangerous situations," while the Hostage Rescue Team handles larger-scale incidents that involve more specialized skill sets.

"It's like one level up," Savage said. "They are a very, very elite team." Coulson stressed that it takes more than brute strength to become a member of the Hostage Rescue Team. "It's not just biceps and triceps. It requires intellectual muscle, too," he said. To join the team, FBI agents must pass a special physical fitness test and complete a two-week selection class, Coulson said. Then, the agent must complete a 14 to 16 week "New Operator Training School." "It's a national loss," Coulson said about the deaths of Lorek and Shaw. "These are the best-trained individuals in the world." [39]

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#### CHAPTER SIX: MIRANDA RIGHTS

The initial debate over the treatment of Dzhokhar Tsarnaev focused on whether he should be advised of his Miranda rights or whether the "public safety exception" justified delaying it. As it turns out, though, Tsarnaev wasn't Mirandized because the DOJ decided he should be. Instead, that happened only because a federal magistrate, on her own, scheduled a hospital-room hearing, interrupted the FBI's interrogation which had been proceeding at that point for a full 16 hours, and advised him of his right to remain silent and appointed him a lawyer. Since then, Tsarnaev ceased answering the FBI's questions. [42]

The original controversy was merely about whether he would be advised of his Miranda rights. But now, the Los Angeles Times, almost in passing, reports something which, if true, would be a much more serious violation of core rights than delaying Miranda warnings - namely, that prior to the magistrate's visit to his hospital room, Tsarnaev had repeatedly asked for a lawyer, but the FBI simply ignored those requests, instead allowing the interagency High Value Detainee Interrogation Group to continue to interrogate him alone: "Tsarnaev has not answered any questions since he was given a lawyer and told he has the right to remain silent by Magistrate Judge Marianne B. Bowler on Monday, officials said. Until that point, Tsarnaev had been responding to the interagency High Value Detainee Interrogation Group, including admitting his role in the bombing, authorities said. A senior congressional aide said Tsarnaev had asked several times for a lawyer, but that request was ignored since he was being questioned under the public safety exemption to the Miranda rule. [42]

Delaying Miranda warnings under the "public safety exception" - including under the Obama DOJ's radically expanded version of it - is one thing. But denying him the right to a lawyer after he repeatedly requests one is another thing entirely: as fundamental a violation of crucial guaranteed rights as can be imagined. It is virtually unheard of for the "public safety" exception to be used to deny someone their right to a lawyer as opposed to delaying a Miranda warning. To ignore the repeated requests of someone in police custody for a lawyer, for hours and hours, is just inexcusable and legally baseless. [42]

As law school dean Erwin Chemerinsky explained in the Los Angeles Times, the Obama DOJ was already abusing the "public safety" exception by using it to delay Miranda warnings for hours, long after virtually every public official expressly said that there were no more threats to the public safety. As he put it: "this exception does not apply here because there was no emergency threat facing law enforcement." The Obama DOJ already unilaterally expanded this exception far beyond what the Supreme Court previously recognized by simply decreeing (in secret) that terrorism cases justify much greater delays in Mirandizing a suspect for reasons well beyond asking about public safety. [42]

if the LA Times report is true, then it means that the DOJ did not merely fail to advise him of his right to a lawyer but actively blocked him from exercising that right. This is a US citizen arrested for an alleged crime on US soil: there is no justification whatsoever for denying him his repeatedly exercised right to counsel. And there are ample and obvious dangers in letting the government do this. That's why Marcy Wheeler was arguing from the start that whether Tsarnaev would be promptly presented to a federal court - as both the Constitution and federal law requires - is more important than whether he is quickly Mirandized. Even worse, if the LA Times report is accurate, it means that the Miranda delay as well as the denial of his right to a lawyer would have continued even longer had the federal magistrate not basically barged into the interrogation to advise him of his rights. [42]

The problem is that we're unlikely to get much transparency on this issue because to the extent that national politicians in Washington are complaining about Tsarnaev's treatment, their concern is that his rights were not abused even further: "Lawmakers were told Tsarnaev had been questioned for 16 hours over two days. Injured in the throat, he was answering mostly in writing. ""For those of us who think the public safety exemption properly applies here, there are legitimate questions

about why he was [brought before a judge] when he was,' said Rep. Adam B. Schiff (D-Burbank), a former federal prosecutor who serves on the House Intelligence Committee. [42]

"Rep. Mike Rogers (R-Mich.), chairman of the committee, wrote Atty. Gen. Eric H. Holder Jr. asking for a full investigation of the matter, complaining that the court session 'cut off a lawful, ongoing FBI interview to collect public safety information.'" So now the Washington "debate" is going to be whether (a) the Obama DOJ should have defied the efforts of the federal court to ensure Tsarnaev's rights were protected and instead just violated his rights for even longer than it did, or (b) the Obama DOJ violated his rights for a sufficient amount of time before "allowing" a judge into his hospital room. [42]

That it is wrong to take a severely injured 19-year-old US citizen and aggressively interrogate him in the hospital without Miranda rights, without a lawyer, and actively denying him his repeatedly requested rights, won't even be part of that debate. As Dean Chemerinsky wrote, "Throughout American history, whenever there has been a serious threat, people have proposed abridging civil liberties. When that has happened, it has never been shown to have made the country safer. These mistakes should not be repeated. Dzhokhar Tsarnaev should be investigated, prosecuted and tried in accord with the US Constitution." [42]

There is no legal or ethical justification for refusing the request for someone in custody to have a lawyer present. What's most amazing is not that his core rights were so brazenly violated, but that so few people in Washington will care. They're too busy demanding that his rights should have been violated even further. In March of last year, the New York Times' Editorial Page Editor, Andrew Rosenthal - writing under the headline "Liberty and Justice for Non-Muslims" - explained: "it's rarely acknowledged that the [9/11] attacks have also led to what's essentially a separate justice system for Muslims." Even if you're someone who has decided that you don't really care about (or will actively support) rights abridgments as long as they are applied to groups or individuals who you think deserve it, these violations always expand beyond their original application. If you cheer when Dzhokhar Tsarnaev's right to counsel is denied, then you're enabling the institutionalization of that violation, and thus ensuring that you have no basis or ability to object when that right is denied to others whom you find more sympathetic (including yourself). [42]

For those who are still having trouble comprehending the point that objections to rights violations are not grounded in "concern over a murderer" but rather concern over what powers the government can exercise - just as objections to the US torture regime were not grounded in concern for Khalid Sheikh Mohammed - perhaps the great American revolutionary Thomas Paine can explain the point, from his 1795 A Dissertation on the First Principles of Government: "He that would make his own liberty secure must guard even his enemy from oppression; for if he violates this duty he establishes a precedent that will reach to himself." That's the same principle that led then-lawyer-and-revolutionary John Adams to vigorously defend five British soldiers (of the hated occupying army) accused of one of the most notorious crimes of the revolutionary period: the 1770 murder of five colonists in Boston as part of the so-called Boston Massacre. As the ACLU explained, no lawyers were willing to represent the soldiers because "of the virulent anti-British sentiment in Boston" and "Adams later wrote that he risked infamy and even death, and incurred much popular suspicion and prejudice." [42]

Ultimately, Adams called his defense of these soldiers "one of the most gallant, generous, manly and disinterested actions of my whole life, and one of the best pieces of service I ever rendered my country." That's because Adams understood what Paine understood: if you permit the government to trample upon the basic rights of those whom you hate, then you're permitting the government to trample upon those rights in general, for everyone. This is not a platitude they were invoking but an undeniable historical truth. Governments know that their best opportunity to institutionalize rights violations is when they can most easily manipulate the public into acquiescing to them by stoking public emotions of contempt against the individual target. For the reasons Paine and Adams explained, it is exactly in such cases - when public rage finds its most intense expression - when it is necessary to be most vigilant in defense of those rights. [42]

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CHAPTER SEVEN: DEFENDING DZHOKHAR

Dzhokhar was shot in the head, neck, legs, and hand. According to CBS News senior correspondent John Miller, he can say about one word at a time. "His account so far is that this was driven by his brother. It was mostly done online in terms of radicalization, finding instructions, and so on and so forth and there's no international terrorism organization or Mr. Big behind it," Miller said. "Now, there's an important caveat there, which is, everything he said or wrote has to be checked out. They're not taking that at face value." [56]

Lying grievously wounded in a hospital bed, the surviving suspect in the Boston Marathon bombings allegedly admitted to playing a role in the attacks, said law enforcement officials. Dzhokhar was charged with using a weapon of mass destruction that resulted in three deaths and more than 170 injuries. Uttering the word "no" once, but mostly nodding his responses, he was charged in a brief but dramatic bedside scene in the intensive care ward of Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, where he was recovering from multiple gunshot wounds sustained during his capture last week. [30]

Mr. Tsarnaev allegedly made his admission on Sunday morning to FBI agents who had been waiting outside his hospital room for him to regain consciousness. After he woke up, they questioned him, invoking what is known as the public safety exception to the Miranda Rule, a procedure authorized by a 1984 U.S. Supreme Court decision which in certain circumstances allows interrogation after an arrest without notifying a prisoner of the right to remain silent. He allegedly said that he knew of no other plots, that he and his brother had acted alone, and that he knew of no more bombs that had not been detonated. At the legal hearing Monday, he shook his head in response to most questions. The brief bedside session began when Magistrate Judge Marianne B. Bowler asked a doctor whether Mr. Tsarnaev was alert, according to a transcript of the proceeding. [30]

"You can rouse him," the judge told the doctor. "How are you feeling?" asked the doctor, identified in the transcript as Dr. Odom. "Are you able to answer some questions?" He nodded. Judge Bowler then read Mr. Tsarnaev his rights. Also present were two United States attorneys and three federal public defenders that will be representing him. Judge Bowler asked if he understood his right to remain silent, to which he nodded affirmatively, according to the transcript. The only word Mr. Tsarnaev uttered, apparently, was "No," after he was asked if he could afford a lawyer. Judge Bowler said, "Let the record reflect that I believe the defendant has said, 'No.'" At the end of the session, Judge Bowler said: "At this time, at the conclusion of the initial appearance, I find that the defendant is alert, mentally competent, and lucid. He is aware of the nature of the proceedings." If convicted, he faces the death penalty or life behind bars. [30]

Mr. Tsarnaev is being treated for what court papers described as possible gunshot wounds to the "head, neck, legs and hand." The charges were lodged in a criminal complaint unsealed Monday in United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts, the first step in a lengthy process. The charges against Mr. Tsarnaev were made public about the same time that Boston, like many cities across the country, held a moment of silence at 2:50 p.m., the time of the explosions the week before. Hundreds of people gathered in Copley Square, near the scene of the attacks, after which church bells rang. [30]

New details were included in the affidavit accompanying the criminal complaint, which also outlined the evidence that law enforcement agencies have collected linking the two suspects to the bombings. However, there was no mention in the affidavit of the killing of the campus police officer, nor any explanation why it was not mentioned. The affidavit, sworn by Daniel R. Genck, an F.B.I. special agent assigned to the Joint Terrorist Task Force in Boston, cited surveillance video as it detailed the movements the brothers made around the time of the bombings. In chilling detail, the affidavit described how a man it referred to as "Bomber Two," Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, could be seen "apparently slipping his knapsack onto the ground." [30]

Video from a nearby restaurant, Forum, showed the bomber remaining in place, checking his cellphone and even appearing to take a picture with it, the affidavit said. Then he seemed to speak into his phone. "A few seconds after he finishes the call, the large crowd of people around him can be seen reacting to the first explosion," the court papers said. "Virtually every head turns to the east (towards the finish line) and stares in that direction in apparent bewilderment and alarm. Bomber Two, virtually alone among the individuals in front of the restaurant, appears calm. He glances to the east and then calmly but rapidly begins moving to the west, away from the direction of the finish line. He walks away without his knapsack, having left it on the ground where he had been standing," the court papers said. "Approximately 10 seconds later, an explosion occurs in the location where Bomber Two had placed his knapsack." [30]

The affidavit said that as the police closed in on the brothers in the carjacked SUV, the two suspects drove around and tossed at least two small homemade bombs from the car window, the affidavit said. When the police caught up with the men on Laurel Street, they engaged in a gunfight. At the scene of the shootout, the F.B.I. found two unexploded bombs and the remnants of “numerous” exploded devices, which were similar to those found at the scene of the marathon bombings — and at least one was in a pressure cooker, the affidavit said. “The pressure cooker was of the same brand as the ones used in the Marathon explosions,” it said.[30]

In the first indication of a tactic that lawyers may use to defend Boston Marathon bombing suspect Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, his legal team won permission Friday to have the 19-year-old periodically photographed in prison to document his recovery, in an effort to challenge whether his initial statements to investigators were made voluntarily. Defense lawyers, in arguments made public in a federal judge’s ruling on Friday, argued that the photographs, contrasted with images of him shortly after his capture, would provide evidence of his “evolving mental and physical state” since that time, and call into question his ability to make any admissions of guilt to authorities. [47]

By underscoring his weakened condition shortly after his arrest, images of his improved health could also bolster the defense’s arguments against the death penalty, a federal judge ruled. “It is true that photographs may provide probative evidence to support sentence mitigation arguments,” US Magistrate Judge Marianne Bowler wrote in a five-page decision. Under questioning by FBI agents, Dzhokhar Tsarnaev allegedly admitted that he and his brother were behind the bombings. Those statements came before investigators informed Tsarnaev of his rights to counsel and to remain silent, which could make them inadmissible in a trial. [47]

Evidence of his injuries, which included a gunshot wound to the neck, could be used to argue that Tsarnaev was in no condition to make statements to investigators, legal specialists said. “The argument would be that you weren’t in the appropriate mental state, given your physical health, to voluntarily agree to anything,” said Robert L. Sheketoff, a prominent Boston attorney. Documenting his current health condition establishes a baseline for improvements, Sheketoff said. [47]

While granting the defense’s motion, Bowler ruled that the US Bureau of Prisons must take the photos, rather than Tsarnaev’s lawyers, to comply with security policy at Federal Medical Center Devens, the detention facility where the bombing suspect is being held. The defense lawyers can be present when the photos are taken. Initially defense lawyers sought to keep the photographs private under attorney-client privilege, but the judge ruled that prosecutors could have access to the photographs. The full nature of the defense request, which was filed in secret on May 7, was not known. The judge shared the request with prosecutors so they had the opportunity to raise objections. [47]

“If you have some permanent injury, in a sense you’ve paid a price,” said Sheketoff, who is not involved in Tsarnaev’s defense. “If you sustained that punishment during the capture, you could argue that it’s some retribution that’s already been exacted, especially if it resulted in a permanent injury.” US Attorney General Eric Holder Jr. would make the final decision on seeking the death penalty, after a recommendation from the US attorney. In Massachusetts, the US attorney traditionally appoints a committee to hear defense arguments on why the defendant does not deserve the death penalty. That committee then makes a recommendation to the US attorney. [47]

Judy Clarke, the lawyer heading the defense for Dzhokhar, is well-versed in capital cases and the long, emotionally charged process that would come if federal prosecutors seek the death penalty, according to legal observers and her own colleagues. Three other public defenders from Boston have also been assigned to the case, including one who speaks Tsarnaev’s native Russian. Clarke most recently defended Jared Loughner, the man behind the Tucson shooting rampage in 2011 that killed six people and injured a dozen others, including Representative Gabrielle Giffords, his target. She defended Theodore John “Ted” Kaczynski, known as the Unabomber, as well as Atlanta Olympic bomber Eric Rudolph and Susan Smith, a South Carolina woman who murdered her 3 children. In each of those cases, the defendants were found guilty, but Clarke helped them escape the death penalty, and it will undoubtedly be her priority as she embarks on the Tsarnaev case. Clarke and others on the defense team will probably cite Tsarnaev’s age, his lack of a criminal history, and his older brother’s reportedly negative influence on him as reasons why he should not be executed. [48]

PART FOUR: AFTERMATH

CHAPTER EIGHT: CONFLICTING REPORTS OF INJURIES

The bombings are said to have killed three people and injured over 260, 14 of whom had limbs amputated (initial reports stated that 12 people were killed). [69][85] An official tally from the Boston Public Health Commission puts the number at an incredible 282 injured and four killed, including MIT police officer Sean Collier. “Only two patients wounded in the Boston Marathon bombings remained in critical condition” on April 22, the Boston Globe reported, “but the count of injured people who were treated in area hospitals has risen sharply to 282, according to the Boston Public Health Commission. That is far higher than the initial estimate of 170.” According to the Globe, the number rose because dozens of victims delayed seeking medical care for minor wounds or symptoms that they thought would go away on their own, said Nick Martin, a spokesman for the health commission. He said the latest data ... show patients were seen at 27 hospitals in Greater Boston. The threshold for allegedly having sustained a bomb-related injury is not high. “One of the best examples is hearing issues,” Martin said. “People might have first thought their hearing problems would be temporary.” Instead, hearing loss or continuous ringing or buzzing in their ears remained. Others sought delayed care for minor shrapnel wounds.[111]

On the same day Reuters reported 264 people injured. Each of the exorbitant figures trumpeted by these organs differs sharply with the tallies provided by the New York Times-owned Boston Globe and listed on the popular Globe-owned website Boston.com. Here one finds only 55 victims out of the purported 268 (Reuters) or 286 (City of Boston and Boston Globe) injured and deceased. “This is a list of confirmed deceased and injured victims of the Marathon explosions and their aftermath,” the website reads. “We will continue to update this list. If you have some information, please click here ... If you would like to donate to the victims of the Boston Marathon bombings, please visit onefundboston.org. The 55 victims listed on Boston.com are categorized below by name, age, hometown, injury description, and the news source where initial reportage of their injuries or deaths appeared. [111]

Name	Age	Hometown	Injury	News Source
Krystle Campbell	29	Arlington	Fatal injury	<a href="http://Boston.com">Boston.com</a>
Martin William	8	Dorchester	Fatal injury	<a href="http://Boston.com">Boston.com</a>
Lingzi Lu	23	China	Fatal injury	<a href="http://The Boston Globe">The Boston Globe</a>
Sean Collier	26	Wilmington	Fatal injury	<a href="http://Boston.com">Boston.com</a>
Sydney Corcoran	17	Lowell, Lowell High School Senior [sic]	-	<a href="http://The Boston Globe">The Boston Globe</a>
Richard H. Donohue Jr.	33	Woburn	Severe injury	<a href="http://Boston.com">Boston.com</a>
Kaitlynn Cates	25	Boston	Severe leg injury	<a href="http://The Boston Globe">The Boston Globe</a>
Heather Abbott	38	Newport, R.I.	Severe leg injury	<a href="http://The Boston Globe">The Boston Globe</a>
Jeff Bauman Jr.	27	Chelmsford	Severe leg injury [sic]	<a href="http://The Boston Globe">The Boston Globe</a>
Roseann Sdoia	45	Dracut	Severe leg injury	<a href="http://The Boston Globe">The Boston Globe</a>
David Yopez	15	Andover	Head and arm injuries	<a href="http://The Boston Globe">The Boston Globe</a>
Jarrold Clowery	35	Stoneham	Hearing loss, leg injuries	<a href="http://The Boston Globe">The Boston Globe</a>
Aaron Hern	11	Martinez, Calif.	Leg injury	<a href="http://The Boston Globe">The Boston Globe</a>
Remy Lawler	25	Amesbury	Upper leg injuries	<a href="http://The Boston Globe">The Boston Globe</a>
JP Norden	31	Wakefield	Severe leg injury	<a href="http://The Boston Globe">The Boston Globe</a>
Paul Norden	33	Stoneham	Severe leg injury	<a href="http://The Boston Globe">The Boston Globe</a>
Beth Rothe	59	Highland, Ind.	Severe leg injury	<a href="http://The Boston Globe">The Boston Globe</a>
Marc Fucarile	34	Stoneham	Severe leg, chest injuries	<a href="http://The Boston Globe">The Boston Globe</a>
Michelle Connolly	52	South Boston	Head injuries	<a href="http://The Boston Globe">The Boston Globe</a>
Nicholas Yanni	32	Boston	Temporary hearing	<a href="http://The Boston Globe">The Boston Globe</a>

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Ascer Barlatier	35	Boston	Wounded in chest and leg	<a href="#">The Boston Globe</a>
Jenny Chung	-	-	Shrapnel wounds	<a href="#">The Boston Globe</a>
Dan Soleau	36	-	Hearing loss	<a href="#">The Boston Globe</a>
Unidentified female	9	-	Severe leg injury	<a href="#">The Boston Globe</a>
Zhou Danling	-	China	Chinese student studying actuarial sciences [sic]	<a href="#">The Boston Globe</a>
Gillian Reny	17	Boston	Senior at Buckingham Brown & Nichols School in Cambridge [sic]	<a href="#">The Boston Globe</a>
Marilyn Kight	63	Redding, Calif.	Severe leg injury	<a href="#">The Boston Globe</a>
Erika Brannock	NA	Towson, Md.	Severe leg injury	<a href="#">The Boston Globe</a>
Darrel Folkert	42	Redondo Beach, Calif.	Leg injuries	<a href="#">The Boston Globe</a>
Unidentified male	5	-	No longer in critical condition, severe injuries,	<a href="#">The Boston Globe</a>
Celeste Corcoran,	47	Lowell, Sydney's mother	Severe leg injury	<a href="#">The Boston Globe</a>
Denise Richard	-	Dorchester	Severe upper body injury, Martin Richard's mother [sic]	<a href="#">The Boston Globe</a>
Jane Richard	7	Dorchester	Severe leg injury, Martin Richard's sister [sic]	<a href="#">The Boston Globe</a>
Lee Ann Yanni	31	-	Severe leg injury	<a href="#">Boston.com</a>
John Odom	NA	-	-	<a href="#">Boston.com</a>
J.P. Craven	24	Hingham	Head injuries	<a href="#">Boston.com</a>
Patrick Downes	30	Cambridge, BC alumnus [sic]	Severe leg injuries	<a href="#">Boston.com</a>
Jessica Downes	32	MGH nurse [sic]	Severe leg injuries	<a href="#">Boston.com</a>
Brittany Loring	29	Ayer Boston College JD/MBA student	Severe head, leg and arm injuries	<a href="#">Boston College</a>
Liza Cherney	-	Boston College MBA student was a spectator [sic]	-	<a href="#">Boston College</a>
Jacqui Webb	-	-	Severe leg injury	<a href="#">Fundraising website</a>
Ryan C. McMahon	33	Longmeadow	Back and arm injuries	<a href="#">MassLive</a>
William White	-	Bolton	Severe leg injury	<a href="#">Worcester Telegram &amp; Gazette</a>
Mary Jo White	-	Bolton	Hand injury	<a href="#">Worcester Telegram &amp; Gazette</a>
Kevin White	-	Bolton	Moderate injuries [sic]	<a href="#">Worcester Telegram &amp; Gazette</a>
Nicole Gross	31	Charlotte, N.C.	Leg injuries	<a href="#">Charlotte Observer</a>
Michael Gross	38	Charlotte, N.C.	Head injuries	<a href="#">Charlotte Observer</a>

Eric Whalley	65	Charlestown	Severe head injury, other wounds	<a href="#">Eagle-Tribune</a>
Ann Whalley	65	Charlestown	Severe flesh wounds	<a href="#">Eagle-Tribune</a>
Kevin Corcoran	-	Lowell, Sydney's father [sic]	Minor injuries	<a href="#">The Lowell Sun</a>
Denise Spenard	-	Manchester, N.H.	Abdominal injury	<a href="#">GreenwichTime.com</a>
Victoria McGrath	20	Northeastern student	Severe leg injuries	<a href="#">Connecticut Post</a>
Sarah Girouard,	20	Falmouth, Maine	Injuries to lower extremities, received surgery	<a href="#">Portland Press Herald</a>
Michelle L'Heureux	NA	Quincy	Severe arm and leg injuries	<a href="#">Lewiston-Auburn Sun Journal</a>

As indicated in the above table, The Boston Globe and Boston.com are responsible for the initial and in many cases only reportage on 37 of the 55 victims, with Boston.com otherwise referring readers to either Boston College's website, eight local or regional newspapers' sites, and in one instance a donation page, for information on the remaining 18 injured. The 231 added to the overall City of Boston count of April 23 appear to be phantom victims who might have sought care for modest injuries in the week following the incident but for which no records have been made publicly available. Even Boston.com's list of 55 has numerous informational gaps. For example, eleven of the 55 have no age recorded, an especially glaring oversight for medical authorities administering care, while five have no injury listed. [111]

Boston.com provides an online form for victims to submit a description of their injuries and the hospital where they are being treated. When the Boston Globe newsroom was contacted via telephone on May 11, 2013 to clarify why the injury list had not been updated in accord with the City of Boston's figures, or whether entire names and injury descriptions might still remain unpublished, a reporter identifying herself as Mary Covlu responded that the website "is just for people with serious injuries." When asked whether "temporary hearing loss," listed as the medical condition of 32-year old Nicholas Yanni of Boston, could be considered a "serious injury," the reporter expressed astonishment and could not respond. Repeated email inquiries by Memory Hole Blog to Boston Globe's chief and associate editors asking whether the newspapers have obtained autopsies or death certificates for the four decedents remain unanswered. If temporary hearing loss can indeed be counted as a demonstrable injury and the figures provided by Boston's Commission on Public Health are comprised primarily of those complaining of such minor problems, then roughly eighty percent of the BMB-related injuries might be negligible. The 248/286 figures stand in even greater contrast with the original injury count in the immediate wake of the BMB, which was reported as a much less sensational 23 injured and two deaths—figures in rough accord with the number of individuals whose images were recorded on CCTV and surveillance cameras involved in and around the initial blast that exhibited ostensible injuries. [111]

This estimate of injured also conforms with arguably excessive eyewitness accounts, such as those of Roupen Bastajian, an off-duty Rhode Island State Trooper who told the Associated Press that he just completed the race when he heard the first detonation. "I started running toward the blast. And there were people all over the floor," Bastajian recalls. "We started grabbing tourniquets and started tying legs. A lot of people amputated. ... At least 25 to 30 people have at least one leg missing, or an ankle missing, or two legs missing." Early reports lend further credence to the event's drill-like qualities, with acknowledgment from "a senior U.S. intelligence official" who said "on condition of anonymity" that "two other explosive devices found nearby were being dismantled." According to the AP, a third explosion was heard about an hour after the first two after authorities warned spectators to expect a loud noise from a water cannon that police apparently were using to destroy one of the devices. This account closely conforms with reports in alternative media outlets that drills were being carried out around the Marathon. [111]

Carlos Arredondo has been widely praised by an array of corporate news media as among the most valorous figures of the Boston Marathon bombing. He was "heralded as a true American hero," having allegedly "risked his life to help the victims of the two explosions that rocked the Boston Marathon." A resident of Bangor Maine who tragically lost his son in the Iraq War in 2004 and thereafter turned to peace activism, Arredondo and friend John Mixon were at the Boston Marathon to support

participants running in honor of Maine's fallen Iraq War veterans. Following the blast, the two say they crossed Boylston Street and began tearing down the snow fence and scaffolding to get to the bombing victims. "Arredondo vaulted it and tried using his clothes and towels to stanch the victims' bleeding but they were hurt too badly," Maine's Portland Press Herald reports. "Both men helped get one of the spectators, missing both legs, into a wheelchair that race medical staff had brought. 'I kept talking to him. I kept saying, "Stay with me, stay with me," Arredondo said.'" [112]

Followers of the story will recall that while in the hospital and through a narcotic-induced stupor Bauman uncannily came to and provided a stark recollection of the Tsarnaev brothers as the bombers. "He woke up under so much drugs [sic], asked for a paper and pen and wrote, 'bag, saw the guy, looked right at me,'" Bauman's brother Chris told Bloomberg.com. In the above photo Arredondo is seen allegedly holding onto an artery as he helps rush Jeff Bauman to an awaiting ambulance. Newspapers report "After jumping the security fence to help on Monday, Arredondo rushed to help the young man whose legs were so badly damaged. He asked the man his name – Jeff Bauman – and then told him, "Stay still. The ambulance is here." [112]

The Washington Post ran an even more sensationalistic account that wholly excerpted Arredondo's efforts at moving the fencing and scaffolding: Carlos Arredondo ran across Boylston Street, jumped the security fence and landed on a sidewalk smeared in blood. In front of him, two women lay motionless. Another woman walked around in black-powder smoke, looking down at the fallen bodies. "Oh, my God," he said she repeated, dazed. "Oh, my God." Arredondo had been a Boston Marathon spectator, carrying a camera and a small American flag. He dropped the flag. He took four pictures — focusing on a young man crumpled on the sidewalk. The man had a blank expression, and a leg that was only bone below the knee. Then Arredondo put the camera away. He asked the injured man his name. "Stay still," he remembered saying, in accented English. "The ambulance is here." [112]

There's a major problem with the above scenario. The photos taken that day of the overall scene and Arredondo's activities therein suggest that he went about his purported heroic exploits in a much more time-consuming—and perhaps somewhat less noble—fashion. This CCTV video at 2x indicates that at exactly 3:05 Arredondo commences his valorous gallop with Bauman to the waiting ambulance. This is over six minutes after the initial ordnance was detonated. What exactly was Boston's "Cowboy Hero" doing in the interim as Mr. Bauman lay suffering on the nearby sidewalk? Arredondo can be seen here on the left waiting by the fence before donning his hat and springing into action as the wounded lay before him. Bauman appears to be behind the black woman dressed in dark pants, white shirt and red jacket. [112]

Rather than rushing to assist the man who allegedly lost both his legs, as we are told he "instinctively" did by the Washington Post, Arredondo now pauses here to attend to the fencing. Here is another shot of Arredondo still far more preoccupied with the fencing and scaffolding than the injured and maimed. With the fence finally dismantled, Boston's "Cowboy Hero" now has his back entirely turned away from the fallen. Arredondo the Boston Cowboy Hero is seen here continuing to wrestle with the scaffolding. As Arredondo assists with the fencing, a severely maimed Jeff Bauman is left unaided on the ground. Arredondo the Cowboy Hero now appears to be leaning against the scaffold framework and possibly partaking in another slight breather. [112]

Meanwhile no one is assisting the severely injured Jeff Bauman. Army Reservists are among those who appear to assist Arredondo the Cowboy Hero in his struggle with the scaffolding, while the injured and maimed continue to be left unattended. Here the fencing and scaffolding are wholly removed. Yet Arredondo has still not proceeded to assist Mr. Bauman. Further, while the entire area is swarming with uniformed emergency medical personnel, the would-be severely injured and traumatized Bauman is left unattended. A high resolution version of the photo above shows the precise time on the overhead timers for the marathon (over the road) as 4:12:06. This is 2 minutes and 23 seconds after the blast (timer reading 4:09:43 at time of blast). This is a very long time for the many bombing victims with reportedly lost limbs and devastating shrapnel wounds to be left unattended while potential responders who have been presented as unyielding and chivalrous defenders of the massacred struggle with fencing. [112]

The series of photos suggests how it will be several more minutes before Bauman is taken to the ambulance. Why is it that proper medical personnel in the interim didn't attend to the grievously wounded man? Perhaps this is nothing a dramatic photo shoot couldn't take care of. Boston's Cowboy Hero Arredondo adjusts his hat as he finally locates and rescues Jeff Bauman, prior to accompanying him in the wheelchair. The last photo which shows the timers is where they are being removed (why?).

The time shown is 4:14:26 which is close to five minutes after the blast. In this photo Arredondo may be seen bending over where the injured lay, yet he is mostly obscured. Thus in contrast to mainstream media's account of Arredondo's heroism, it appears that six minutes transpired before Boston's Cowboy Hero escorted Bauman to hospital. And finally a key photograph successfully captured that will strongly imbue the severity of the Boston Marathon bombing into the public mind. In summary, in spite of there being ample personnel attending to the wounded at the bombing, and despite apparently having both legs blown off, Jeff Bauman was left completely unattended for at least 2 minutes and 20 seconds. [112]

Then, after going so long without attention it is not even medical personnel who attend to him. He is instead in the care of a civilian in a cowboy hat who, after several more minutes, puts him in a wheelchair to wheel him to an ambulance. Why didn't medical personnel take over at some point in time? Why didn't the ambulances go to the actual scene where the injured lay? If the police vehicles can come and go, then why couldn't the ambulances? Is Carlos Arredondo really the hero US news media portray him as? Are such news outlets perhaps perpetuating a misconception? Did Arredondo really jump the fence and rush to assist Bauman? Or was this perhaps a contrived scene where Arredondo fulfilled a particular predetermined role? Was the apparently maimed man who would later play a key role in identifying the Tsarnaev brothers as the alleged evil culprits deliberately left unattended for a photo shoot? Why otherwise would Bauman be ignored by everyone including his valiant rescuer for so long? Moreover, why have the major and even certain alternative media failed to forthrightly examine what appears to be an increasingly curious and implausible event? [112]

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