

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ) Criminal Action Number: *11cr 10331*  
 )  
 v. ) Violations:  
 ) 18 U.S.C. §844(f) - Attempting to  
 REZWAN FERDAUS, ) Damage and Destroy a Federal Building  
 ) By Means of an Explosive;  
 a/k/a "Dave Winfield" ) 18 U.S.C. §2155 - Attempting to  
 a/k/a "Jon Ramos" ) Damage and Destroy National-Defense  
 Defendant. ) Premises;  
 ) 18 U.S.C. §844(d) - Receipt of  
 ) Explosive Materials;  
 ) 26 U.S.C. §5861 - Receipt and  
 ) Possession of Non-Registered  
 ) Firearms;  
 ) 18 U.S.C. §2339A - Attempting to  
 ) Provide Material Support to  
 ) Terrorists; and  
 ) 18 U.S.C. §2339B - Attempting to  
 ) Provide Material Support to a  
 ) Designated Foreign Terrorist  
 ) Organization.

**INDICTMENT**

The Grand Jury charges that:

**INTRODUCTORY ALLEGATIONS**

1. Beginning in or about 2010 and continuing until his arrest in September 2011, the defendant, REZWAN FERDAUS, a/k/a "Dave Winfield," a/k/a "Jon Ramos" ("the defendant" or "FERDAUS"), a 26 year-old United States Citizen residing in Ashland, Massachusetts, planned to commit acts of violence against the United States. With the goal of terrorizing the United States, decapitating its "military center," and killing as many "kafirs" (an Arabic term meaning non-believers) as possible, FERDAUS extensively planned and took substantial steps to bomb

the United States Pentagon and United States Capitol Building using remote controlled aircraft filled with explosives.

2. Remote controlled aircraft, such as model airplanes and drones, are aerial vehicles that do not carry a human operator, use aerodynamic forces to provide vehicle lift, can be piloted remotely and equipped with a global positioning system ("GPS"), and are capable of carrying a lethal payload (including a large volume of explosives). Further, remote controlled aircraft can use a wide range of take-off and landing environments, and fly different flight patterns than commercial airlines, thus reducing the risk of detection.

3. In addition, beginning in or about January 2011, FERDAUS, a Northeastern University graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in Physics, began designing and constructing detonation components for improvised explosive devices ("IEDs") using mobile phones. IEDs commonly consist of the following: (a) a switch/trigger; (b) an initiator; (c) a power source; and (d) explosives. As described below, the mobile phone devices FERDAUS built and delivered to individuals whom he believed to be al Qaeda operatives constitute the electrical switch or trigger component for an IED, which is necessary to trigger an explosion.

4. Between in or about June 2011 and continuing through September 2011, FERDAUS supplied 12 mobile phones, each of which FERDAUS had modified to act as an electrical switch for an IED,

to FBI undercover employees ("UCEs"), who FERDAUS believed were members of, and recruiters for, al Qaeda, purportedly to be used to kill American soldiers stationed overseas. During meetings with the UCEs, FERDAUS referred to these devices as "detonators," "detonation devices," and "phones." To build these devices, FERDAUS purchased mobile phones, unscrewed the back cover of each phone, and then soldered wires to the phone. On several occasions, FERDAUS explained to the UCEs how these devices worked: when the mobile phone's number is dialed, the phone sends an electrical current through these wires, which would act as the "electrical switch" for the detonation device.

5. When FERDAUS delivered these detonation devices to the UCEs, he intended that they be used to kill members of the U.S. military located overseas. During a meeting with the UCEs on June 27, 2011, FERDAUS appeared gratified when the UCEs (falsely) told him that his first detonation device succeeded in killing three U.S. soldiers and injuring four or five others in Iraq and responded, "That was exactly what I wanted." After each subsequent delivery to the UCEs, FERDAUS was anxious to know how each of his detonation devices had worked and how many Americans had reportedly been killed.

6. A technical examination of the mobile phone devices FERDAUS built and delivered to the UCEs revealed that the devices are components of a detonation device and can be used, at a

minimum, as an electrical switch or trigger for an IED. FERDAUS' mobile phone devices could trigger an explosion provided other IED components (i.e., an initiator and explosives) are attached.

7. The United States Secretary of State designated al Qaeda as a foreign terrorist organization on October 8, 1999 and it remains so designated to this day.

**COUNT ONE: 18 U.S.C. §844(f) (Attempting to Damage and Destroy a Federal Building By Means of an Explosive)**

The Grand Jury charges that:

The allegations contained in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Introductory Allegations are hereby re-alleged and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

From in or about March 2011, and continuing through in or about September 2011, in the District of Massachusetts and elsewhere in the United States,

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a/k/a "Jon Ramos"**

defendant herein, maliciously attempted to damage and destroy a building, to wit: the United States Pentagon and the United States Capitol Building, in whole and in part, owned and possessed by the United States and a department thereof, by means of an explosive.

During his attempt to damage and destroy the United States Pentagon and the United States Capitol Building, defendant FERDAUS took the following actions, among others:

(a) On or about March 9, 2011, FERDAUS described his plan to attack the Pentagon using a remote controlled aircraft filled with explosives to two FBI UCES.

(b) On or about March 26 and 27, 2011, FERDAUS conducted research on remote controlled aircraft in an Internet cafe in New

York.

(c) On or about March 28, 2011, FERDAUS told two FBI UCEs that he had found a website on the Internet that sells remote controlled aircraft that can fly 100 miles per hour and carry a payload of up to 50 pounds. In addition, on this same date, FERDAUS told the UCEs that for his attack on the Pentagon, he planned to obtain a remote controlled aircraft, fill it with grenades, and fly the plane using a built-in GPS system.

(d) On or about April 18, 2011, FERDAUS told the two FBI UCEs that he now wanted to fly two remote controlled aircraft into the Pentagon and one remote controlled aircraft into the U.S. Capitol Building. On this same date, FERDAUS advised the UCEs that he needed "to do more reconnaissance" before executing his plan.

(e) On or about April 19, 2011, FERDAUS told the two FBI UCEs that his attack plan was "very close" to completion; that he knew where to get two of the three components he needed for his plan; and all he needed to do was secure some funding.

(f) Between in or about April 2011 and August 2011, FERDAUS requested funding for his attack plan from the two FBI UCEs whom FERDAUS believed to be members of, and recruiters for, al Qaeda.

(g) On or about May 5, 2011, FERDAUS provided a digital storage device (flash drive) to one of the UCEs, which contained a detailed written plan for FERDAUS' attacks on the Pentagon and

the Capitol Building that included, among other things, technical specifications of a remote controlled airplane and grenades, photographs of his targets and launch site, maps, diagrams, and a financial estimate of cost for the attack plan.

(h) From on or about May 13, 2011 to on or about May 15, 2011, FERDAUS traveled to the Washington, D.C. area, and conducted surveillance and photographed the targets of his planned attack (the Pentagon and the U.S. Capitol Building) and sites at the East Potomac Park located in Washington, D.C., from which he planned to launch his aerial attack vehicles.

(i) On or about June 9, 2011, in a hotel room in Framingham, Massachusetts, FERDAUS provided a second digital storage device (flash drive) to the two FBI UCEs, which contained a detailed report of FERDAUS' Washington, D.C. trip, his expanded attack plan, and photographs he had taken in the Washington, D.C. area. In his June 9, 2011 attack plan, FERDAUS stated that the "[o]verall goal is to shut down this target [referring to the Pentagon] by eliminating key entrances/exits and as many individuals as possible."

(j) On or about June 9, 2011, in a hotel room in Framingham, Massachusetts, FERDAUS told the two FBI UCEs that as a result of his extensive surveillance of the Pentagon, he determined that "more stuff has to be done;" his plan needed to be expanded so as to "totally ... cut out ... everything of the

snake." FERDAUS further told the UCEs that he had decided to couple his "aerial assault" plan with a "ground directive." FERDAUS also told the two FBI UCEs that, although he initially planned to use grenades as the explosive component in his attack planes, he decided that it would be "simpler" to use homemade explosives rather than grenades.

(k) In or about June 2011, FERDAUS identified and researched a storage facility in Framingham, Massachusetts, where he could receive, store, and design his airplane attack vehicles.

(l) On or about June 17, 2011, FERDAUS rented storage space at a Framingham storage facility under a false name.

(m) Between in or about June 2011 and in or about September 2011, FERDAUS requested that the two FBI UCEs supply him with explosives, grenades, fully automatic weapons, and a silencer to be used during his planned attacks on the Pentagon and U.S. Capitol Building.

(n) On or about July 19, 2011, FERDAUS, using a false identity, "Dave Winfield," requested and obtained price quotes for remote controlled aircraft from a distributor in Florida.

(o) In or about July 2011, FERDAUS, for the purpose of ordering and obtaining parts for his attack plan, created a PayPal account under the false identity "Dave Winfield."

(p) On or about July 21, 2011, FERDAUS placed an order for a remote controlled aircraft under his false identity of "Dave

Winfield" with a Florida distributor.

(q) On or about July 21, 2011, FERDAUS told the two FBI UCEs that he wanted to maximize the explosive impact of his attack planes and thus wanted the UCEs to get him 24 pounds of plastic explosives.

(r) On or about August 2, 2011, FERDAUS told the two FBI UCEs that he now needed 25 pounds of plastic explosives for his attack plan and asked them to get that for him.

(s) On or about September 28, 2011, as FERDAUS had requested and instructed, the UCEs delivered to FERDAUS explosives and firearms (material represented to FERDAUS to contain 25 pounds of C-4 explosives, including approximately 1.25 pounds of actual C-4 explosives, 3 grenades, and 6 fully automatic AK-47 assault rifles) for FERDAUS' attack plan. FERDAUS inspected the explosives and firearms in the UCEs' vehicle and inside his storage unit. While inspecting the C-4 explosives while in his storage unit, FERDAUS placed some of these explosives inside a remote controlled aircraft that he had ordered and obtained for his attack plan. FERDAUS then locked the explosives and firearms in his storage unit.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 844(f).

**COUNT TWO: 18 U.S.C. §2155 (Attempting to Damage and Destroy National-Defense Premises)**

The Grand Jury further charges that:

The allegations contained in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Introductory Allegations and paragraphs (a) through (v) of Count One are hereby re-alleged and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

From in or about March 2011, and continuing through in or about September 2011, in the District of Massachusetts, Washington, D.C., and elsewhere in the United States,

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defendant herein, with the intent to injure, interfere with, and obstruct the national defense of the United States, did willfully attempt to injure and destroy national-defense premises, to wit: the Pentagon.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2155.

**COUNT THREE: 18 U.S.C. §844(d) (Receipt of Explosive Materials)**

The Grand Jury further charges that:

The allegations contained in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Introductory Allegations are hereby re-alleged and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

On or about September 28, 2011, in the District of Massachusetts,

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defendant herein, did receive and attempt to receive, in interstate and foreign commerce, explosive materials, to wit: a quantity of C-4 plastic explosives and 3 grenades, with knowledge and intent that said explosive materials would be used to kill, injure, and intimidate a person, and unlawfully damage and destroy a building.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 844(d).























