



Alleged Terror suspect accused of trying to hit FBI agent

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The Associated Press (AP) on September 30, 2011 released the following:

“By DAVID N. GOODMAN, Associated Press

DETROIT (AP) — A federal judge in Michigan has ordered a man suspected of supporting terrorist groups held on allegations he tried to crash into the car of an FBI agent who was following him as part of heightened security for the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks.

Reed S. Berry, 26, of St. Joseph, Michigan, was under surveillance because of his suspected terrorist links, according to an FBI affidavit filed in U.S. District Court in Grand Rapids.

The government has said the links include Internet communication with one or more groups involved in international terrorism.

Defense lawyer Elias Muawad said what the government has labeled terrorist links in court filings appear to be online speech protected by the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution which guarantees freedom of speech. He also said his client, Berry, has been upset about being under investigation for months, subject to searches and barred from air travel.

“He was feeling like a caged person,” Muawad told The Associated Press on Sunday.

According to the Sept. 23 complaint that charged Berry with assaulting a federal officer, the FBI executed a search warrant March 9 seeking evidence linking Berry to foreign terrorist groups.

Special Master Sheila L. Birnbaum Announces Opening of September 11th Victim Compensation Fund

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September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (VCF) Special Master Sheila L. Birnbaum today announced that the fund is officially open for claimants.

“The FBI investigation to date has developed information that Berry was using the Internet both to contact and to provide affirmative support to one or more FTOs,” or foreign terrorist organizations, the complaint said.

The FBI then got a warrant May 11 to search Berry’s Yahoo email account, and investigators now are reviewing its contents, the complaint said.

In anticipation of the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks, “the FBI decided to maintain around-the-clock knowledge of Berry’s whereabouts that weekend,” the complaint said.

FBI Special Agent Samuel Moore and Michigan State Police Detective Sgt. Larry Dyksterhouse were watching Berry the night of Sept. 9 and had been told that their “target” was aware he was under surveillance, the complaint said.

The agents followed Berry as he drove around Benton Harbor and St. Joseph. They said he traveled to various locations and at one point turned his headlights off and just sat in the vehicle.

Moore said Berry eventually put his car in reverse and began speeding toward Moore’s stopped vehicle. The agent said he “immediately accelerated forward and to the hard left, avoiding a direct collision” with Berry.

On Wednesday, U.S. Magistrate Hugh Brenneman in Grand Rapids ordered Berry detained before the assault trial. “In addition to the present offense, defendant is well aware the FBI is using considerable resources to investigate whether defendant has been participating in terrorist-related activities,” Brenneman

wrote in his order that Berry stay behind bars until trial.

Brenneman also cited the fact that Berry has a wife in London and “has told the FBI he wants to leave this country and never return.” And, the judge said, Berry’s state criminal record shows “a repeated disregard of the judicial system” with bond and parole revocations.

Berry was freed from a Michigan prison this year after serving a sentence for delivery or manufacture of marijuana, according to state Department of Corrections records. The records show the offense happened in Berrien County on Oct. 13, 2006, when he was 21.

Muawad said the handling of his client has been excessively harsh. He said there has been no evidence released so far that links Berry to plans for any terrorist actions, weapons or methods.

“Flight was a minor issue,” Muawad said. “They took away his passport. Where’s he going to go?”

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Colorado Couple Charged with Allegedly Operating \$17 Million Ponzi Scheme

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on September 30, 2011 released the following:

“TOPEKA, KS— A Colorado couple is charged in a federal criminal complaint unsealed today with operating a \$17 million Ponzi scheme that lulled investors in 13 states with claims of big potential returns on investments in diamonds and trading international notes, U.S. Attorney Barry Grissom said today. The couple has been arrested in Atlanta and will be returned to face the charges in U.S. District Court in Denver.

Prosecutors from U.S. Attorney Barry Grissom’s office have been appointed as special counsel in the case.

Richard Dalton, 65, and Marie Dalton, 60, both of Golden, Colo., are charged with one count of conspiracy to commit mail fraud, wire fraud and interstate transportation of stolen funds. The complaint alleges the couple operated a company called Universal Consulting Resources LLC that defrauded investors with claims of guaranteed investment returns of 48 to 120 percent. In fact, the company operated as a Ponzi scheme in

which investor moneys were commingled and used to pay out profits to early investors to create the false appearance to new investors that the investments were performing as promised.

The indictment alleges the Daltons used investor funds to pay \$936,000 for their home in Golden, Colo., as well as to purchase a \$35,000 Toyota Highlander and to make a \$5,000 deposit for their daughter’s wedding.

The indictment alleges that when the Daltons learned they were under investigation by the Securities Exchange Commission they discontinued making payments to investors and falsely represented to investors that they could expect payments soon. They also misled investors with false claims that the company’s European trader was switching banks, that the company was liquidating a cache of diamonds to pay investors back, that a plane carrying diamonds had been forced to land in Amsterdam because three engines had gone out and that the company had discovered it was holding 18,000 fake diamonds.

“This investigation is not over as we are committed to following the money trail,” said Sean P. Sowards, IRS Criminal Investigation Special Agent in Charge.

“We will continue to pursue the evidence wherever it leads.”

If convicted, they face a maximum penalty of 20 years in federal prison and a fine up to \$250,000. The FBI, IRS-Criminal Investigations, and the Securities Exchange Commission investigated.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard Hathaway and Assistant U.S. Attorney Christine Kenney are serving as Special Attorneys to prosecute the case.

In all cases, defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. The indictments merely contain allegations of criminal conduct.”

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