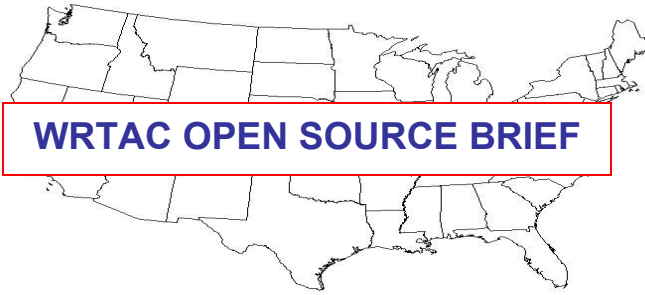


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**Bank Robbery in McLean Area**

(NCR BOLO)

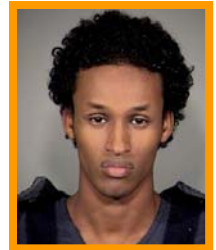
A man entered the Wachovia Bank at 1300 Chain Bridge Road, around 9:13 a.m. and robbed two tellers, a 42-year-old woman and a 63-year-old woman, on Wednesday, November 24. The suspect displayed a gun, demanded money and fled with an undisclosed amount of cash. **The suspect was described as black, in his mid to late 30s, about 5 feet 8 inches tall and between 150 and 170 pounds. He was wearing an “elderly white man” costume mask and dark clothing. Robbery detectives believe this suspect may be linked to prior robberies in the county.** No one was injured. Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477.

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/news-releases/2010/112410bankrobmccl.htm>

**FBI foils elaborate bomb plot in Oregon**

(Terrorism TTP)

Federal agents arrested an Oregon man intent on exploding a bomb and killing thousands of people at a nighttime Christmas tree lighting. The arrest culminated a sting in which the FBI worked extensively with the man and assembled the fake bomb that he twice tried to detonate. Agents arrested Mohamud moments after he tried to detonate a van he thought was packed



with explosives in the crowded public square. The bomb was an elaborate dud, assembled by FBI technicians. There were no indications of any U.S. collaborators, and officials emphasized that Mohamud's device posed no real danger to the public. [http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/11/27/AR2010112700546.html?wpisrc=nl\\_headline](http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/11/27/AR2010112700546.html?wpisrc=nl_headline)

Analyst note: Although this incident has not been connected to a larger plot, the suspects’ actions remind us that large gatherings, specifically during this holiday season, continue to be a target for terrorist activity. Alert first responders could avert a potential terrorist or criminal incident by observing and reporting suspicious activities. “See something, say something!” **In the District, suspicious activity in progress, life or property in danger should be reported to 9-1-1. To report previous suspicious activity, call 202-727-9099 or via e-mail to SAR@dc.gov using the attached SAR report form.**

### Napolitano says scanners may be used for trains, subways, and boats

(DHS Initiative)

DHS secretary Janet Napolitano says that full-body scanners may be deployed in train stations, on subway platforms, and in marinas; experts point out that terrorists would not necessarily need to board a train to do damage. She gave no details about how soon the public could see changes in security or about what additional safety measures the DHS was entertaining. Trains have already been terrorist targets in England, Russia, and Spain, with catastrophic results; just last month, a Pakistani-American was arrested after a thwarted plot to bomb the Washington, D.C. metro system. [http://thehill.com/homenews/administration/130549-next-step-for-body-scanners-could-be-trains-boats-and-the-metro-](http://thehill.com/homenews/administration/130549-next-step-for-body-scanners-could-be-trains-boats-and-the-metro)



### US 'to drop color-coded terror alerts'

(DHS Initiative)

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has drafted a proposal sent to the White House to end its five-colored system. "The goal is to replace a system that communicates nothing with a system that communicates precise, actionable information based on the latest intelligence," a senior Homeland Security official told The Washington Post and The New York Times. **The new system "could come in the form of a DHS-FBI bulletin to local law enforcement, a briefing to cargo carriers" or a statement from public officials "to residents of a particular metropolitan area,"** a Homeland Security official told the Post. [http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20101125/ts\\_alt\\_afp/usattackssecuritytravel###](http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20101125/ts_alt_afp/usattackssecuritytravel###)



### Smishing and Vishing and Other Cyber Scams to Watch Out For This Holiday

(Criminal TTP)

People should be wary of criminal efforts targeting their cell phones, the FBI is warning. The agency's Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) said that creative criminals will be using scams called "smishing" or "vishing" to steal people's personal information, such as bank account numbers, personal identification number (PIN) codes, or credit card numbers. Smishing is a combination of SMS texting and the common online practice of phishing, which uses e-mails to direct people to Web sites where they are asked to give up personal information. [http://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/2010/november/cyber\\_112410/cyber\\_112410](http://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/2010/november/cyber_112410/cyber_112410)



### Virtual "bomb factory" found at home, prosecutors say

(Criminal TTP)

Authorities are trying to piece together how, and why, a 54-year-old Serbian emigre acquired large quantities of explosive ingredients that could be used to make the kind of bombs favored by terrorists. **Among the items are several kinds of acid, as well as hexamethylene triperoxide diamine (HMTD) and pentaerythritol tetranitrate (PETN). PETN is a plastic explosive that was used by so-called shoe-bomber Richard Reid and is considered by terrorism experts as the weapon of choice of Al Qaeda bombers. Also seized at the house were homemade grenades, blasting caps, firearms and 50 pounds of hexamine, a bomb-making material,** according to court documents. <http://articles.latimes.com/2010/nov/27/local/la-me-bomb-house-20101127>



### Shelter-in-Place

(Emergency Preparedness)

One of the instructions you may be given in an emergency where hazardous materials may have been released into the atmosphere is to shelter-in-place. This is a precaution aimed to keep you safe while remaining indoors. (This is not the same thing as going to a shelter in case of a storm.) Shelter-in-place means selecting a small, interior room, with no or few windows, and taking refuge there. It does not mean sealing off your entire home or office building. If you are told to shelter-in-place, follow the instructions provided in this Fact Sheet. For more information and fact sheet visit: <http://www.nationalterroralert.com/shelterinplace/>



### Smarten Up About Antibiotics, CDC Urges

Knowing when to take antibiotics -- and when not to -- can help fight the rise of deadly "superbugs," say experts at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. About half of antibiotics prescribed are unnecessary or inappropriate, the agency says, and overuse has helped create bacteria that don't respond, or respond less effectively, to the drugs used to fight them. The CDC is urging Americans to use the drugs properly to help prevent the global problem of antibiotic resistance. To that end, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), numerous national medical and scientific associations, as well as state and local health departments have collaborated on the CDC's <http://www.businessweek.com/lifestyle/content/healthday/646178.html>

(Public Health)



Get Smart initiative.

### Passengers soon allowed guns on most Amtrak trains

Passengers will soon be allowed to carry guns aboard some Amtrak trains. Beginning Dec. 15, guns can be carried aboard trains that have checked baggage service. Gun owners must inform Amtrak officials 24 hours ahead of departure, and unloaded firearms must be packed in hard-sided containers for storage in train lockers. Rail cars are being retrofitted with weapons storage lockers. <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/11/30/AR2010113001561.html>



### Israeli air security experts insist their methods better than U.S.

Israel has long held the reputation as home to the world's most stringent airport security procedures. Israel's approach allows most travelers to pass through airport security with relative ease. But Israeli personnel do single out small numbers of passengers for extensive searches and screening, based on profiling methods that have so far been rejected in the United States, subjecting Arabs and, in some cases, other foreign nationals to an extensive screening that comes with a steep civil liberties price. Still, Israeli experts say they believe it is inevitable that the United States will move in their direction, rather than continuing to evaluate millions of passengers as if they are potential threats. [http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/11/26/AR2010112603025.html?wprss=rss\\_world/mideast](http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/11/26/AR2010112603025.html?wprss=rss_world/mideast)



### Global Weekend Incidents

- AFGHANISTAN - 2 Children Killed - 1 Wounded In IED Attack In Southern Afghanistan
- AFGHANISTAN - 2 US Tanks Blown Apart In Maiwand
- AFGHANISTAN - Afghan Troops Kill 5 Insurgents - Detain 4
- AFGHANISTAN - Armed Men Kidnap 9 Security Guards Near Afghan Capital
- AFGHANISTAN - Bomb Blast Kills 1 Civilian - Wounds 1 In North Afghanistan
- AFGHANISTAN - Cleanup Operation Kills 7 Taliban Militants - Wounds 3 In N Afghanistan
- AFGHANISTAN - Gunmen Shot Dead 3 Including Member Of Afghan Provincial Council
- AFGHANISTAN - NATO Captures Insurgent Leader In Afghanistan
- AFGHANISTAN - Roadside Bomb Rocks Afghan Southern Town, Wounds 4
- AFGHANISTAN - Suicide Bombing Leaves Bomber Dead In Afghan Province
- AFGHANISTAN - Updated - 12 Policemen Killed In Suicide Bomb Attack In Eastern Afghan Province
- ARABIAN SEA - ONI Advisory - Merchant Vessel Reports Coming Under Fire
- AUSTRALIA - Anti Whaling Vessel Gojira To Chase Japanese Whalers
- AUSTRALIA - Bomb Squad Called To Esplanade Hotel
- AUSTRALIA - Victoria Premiers Office Evacuated - White Powder In Package
- BANGLADESH - Another JMB Leader Held
- BANGLADESH - Bombs Recovered In Chuadanga - Narayanganj
- BANGLADESH - Police Recover 2 Live Bombs In Bangladesh
- CHINA - Chinese Man Jailed For Publishing Bomb-Making Tips Online
- CHINA - SOUTH KOREA - China Urges Emergency 6 Party Talks Over North Korea - South Says No
- COLOMBIA - Seven Die In Guerrilla Attacks In Colombia

**UNCLASSIFIED - OPEN SOURCE INFORMATION**

COLOMBIA - Shooting Kills 4 In Southern Colombia  
DR CONGO - Travel Warning US Department Of State Bureau Of Consular Affairs  
EGYPT - Egyptians Riot - Burn Cars  
FLORIDA - Bomb Threat At Fifth Third Bank In East Lake  
FRANCE - Italy Extradites Suspected Jihadist To France - Official  
GAZA - Palestinian Boy Wounded By IDF Gunfire In Gaza  
GEORGIA - Bomb At Labor Party HQ Kills 1 - Damages Buildings  
HAWAII - 2 Arrested - Trying To Access Several Secure Military Sites - Bomb Squad Called  
INDIA - 2 Maoists Surrender In Jharkhand  
INDIA - 2 Militants Arrested In Imphal  
INDIA - 2 Militants Killed In Gunfight In Indian-Controlled Kashmir  
INDIA - 2 Militants Killed Near Jammu  
INDIA - 2 Suspected LeT Militants Nabbed In Thane  
INDIA - Explosives Cache Near Pavagad Unearthed  
INDIA - Lashkar Planned To Bomb Ganesh Chaturthi In Pune  
INDIA - Maoists Blow Up Ambulance Killing 3  
INDIA - Maoists Blow Up Civic Building In Jharkhand  
INDIA - Militants Abduct 5 Government Officials  
INDIA - Militants Abduct Government Engineers In Manipur  
INDIA - NATO Says 6 Troops Shot Dead In East Afghanistan  
INDIA - Updated - 3 Guerrillas - 1 Cop Killed In Srinagar Shootout  
INDIAN OCEAN - ONI Advisory - Merchant Vessel Reports Coming Under Fire  
INDONESIA - Pizza Hut Attacked With Molotov Cocktail  
IRAN - Iran Arrests 4 Members Of Al-Qaeda  
IRAN - Man Attempts To Hijack Aircraft With Iranian Parliament Members  
IRAN - Two Blasts In Tehran - Nuclear Scientist Killed - Another Hurt  
IRAQ - 1 killed - 5 Injured In Iraq Attacks  
IRAQ - 2 Cops - Civilian Wounded In Baghdad Blast  
IRAQ - 3 Electric Power Towers Blown Up In Anbar  
IRAQ - 3 People Killed - Qaida Leader Captured In Iraq  
IRAQ - 3 Wounded In Mortar Attack On US Army Camp In Hilla  
IRAQ - Bomb Blast Injures 7 Including 3 Police  
IRAQ - Citizens Foil Second Attack On Christian Family In Mosul  
IRAQ - Explosion Kills 4 - Wounds 30 In Diyala  
IRAQ - Explosive Charge Blows Up In Central Baghdad  
IRAQ - Iraq Airport Shut Down After Shooting  
IRAQ - Iraqi Official - French Embassy Attack Thwarted  
IRAQ - Iraqi Railways Staff Killed - Another Injured In Landmine Explosion  
IRAQ - Iraqi Security Forces Capture Al-Qaida Militants Responsible For Baghdad Church Attack  
IRAQ - Iraq Sunni Waqf Official Targeted With Sticky Bomb In Baghdad  
IRAQ - Senior Officer Assassinated In Baghdad  
IRAQ - Terrorist Group That Attacked Lady Of Salvation Church Arrested  
ISRAEL - Gaza Terrorists Resume Missile Attacks On Israel  
ISRAEL - Palestinian Terrorists Fire Another Rocket At Israel  
ISRAEL - Sub-Machine Guns Seized In Rahat Arms Raid  
KYRGYZSTAN - Blast Rocks Kyrgyz Capital Wounding 2 Police  
KYRGYZSTAN - Bomb Disposal Technicians Dispose 2 Ammunition Items In Osh  
KYRGYZSTAN - Kyrgyz Govt Says 4 Militants Killed In Osh Raid  
KYRGYZSTAN - Kyrgyz Security Forces Avert Terrorist Attacks Preparing By Nationalist-Separatist Move  
MASSACHUSETTS - Boston Police Station Evacuated In Bomb Scare  
MEXICO - Mexican Troops Find 18 Bodies Near US Border  
MEXICO - Woman Police Chief Murdered In Mexico  
NEPAL - Bomb Defused In Jorpati  
NEPAL - Cops Defuse Socket Bomb Linked To Unknown Group  
NEPAL - Cops Discover Suspected Bomb Outside Rupandehi Court  
NEVADA - Authorities Looking For Stolen Dynamite  
NEVADA - Bomb Squad Investigating Suspicious Package On Strip

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NEW YORK - Suspicious Package In Tompkinsville Sparks Emergency Response  
OHIO - Bomb Threat At Arbys Restaurant  
OREGON - Arson Causes Fire At Oregon Bomb Suspect Attended Mosque  
OREGON - Reward Offered In Connection With Fire At Oregon Islamic Center  
PAKISTAN - 2 Militants Killed By Security Forces In Matta  
PAKISTAN - 3 Cops Hurt In Peshawar Bomb Blast  
PAKISTAN - 4 Killed In US Drone Attack In Northwest Pakistan  
PAKISTAN - ANP Activists Kidnap - Torture 2 Rangers Personnel  
PAKISTAN - Bomb Planted Under Bridge Found And Defused  
PAKISTAN - FC Constable Killed By Terrorists  
PAKISTAN - Indian National Nabbed In Northwest Pakistan Suspected As Terrorist  
PAKISTAN - Miscreants Set Nato Container On Fire  
PAKISTAN - MQM - SSP Activists Killed In Karachi  
PAKISTAN - Pakistan Identifies 20 More Mumbai Suspects - Report  
PAKISTAN - Panic Grips Lakki Marwat Village After Blast  
PAKISTAN - Roadside Bomb Near Bridge Injures 3 Police  
PAKISTAN - Swat Taliban Commander Arrested In Karachi  
PAKISTAN - Terrorists Blow Up School In Mohmand  
PAKISTAN - Terrorists Planning Attacks On Foreigners In Pakistan  
PALESTINIAN TERRITORY - IDF Arrests 2 Firebombers At El-Khadr  
PARAGUAY - Wikileaks - US Believes Paraguay Shelters Iran and Islamic Terrorists  
PHILIPPINES - 4 People Wounded In Grenade Blast In South Philippines  
PHILIPPINES - 6 Civilians Hurt As Gunmen Attack Crowded Gymnasium In South Philippines  
PHILIPPINES - Militants Kidnap 12 People In Southern Philippines  
PHILIPPINES - Predawn Explosion Rocks Residential Area In Manila  
PHILIPPINES - Suspected Leftist Rebels Shot Dead Former Policeman In Southern Philippines  
PHILIPPINES - Suspected Members Of Separatist Group Captured In South Philippines  
PHILIPPINES - UN Truck Helper Delivering Rice Shot Dead In Mindanao  
RUSSIA - 2 Militants Killed In Dagestan  
RUSSIA - Ammunition And Explosives Found In Ulyanovsk  
RUSSIA - Railway Section Blown Up In Dagestan  
RUSSIA - Unidentified Gunmen Kill 1 Police In Dagestan  
SOMALIA - 18 Civilians Killed In Somali Clashes  
SOUTH KOREA - New Artillery Fire From North Korea Heard  
SOUTH KOREA - South Korea Accidentally Fires Artillery Into DMZ  
SOUTH KOREA - South Korea Advises Reporters to Leave Yeonpyeong Island  
THAILAND - 1 Troop Injured In Yala Bomb Attack  
THAILAND - Home-Made Bombs Found  
THAILAND - Police Arrest Red Shirt Supporter Suspected of Firing Grenades  
TURKEY - Turkey Arrests PKK Members  
UNITED KINGDOM - Antrim House Target of Viable Pipe Bomb  
UNITED KINGDOM - Britain Steps Up Security - Fearing Mumbai-Like Attack  
UNITED KINGDOM - Nottingham Railway Station Evacuated Due To Suspicious Package  
UNITED KINGDOM - Pipe Bomb Is Made Safe  
UNITED STATES - Car Bomb Plot at Christmas Tree Ceremony Thwarted  
VIRGINIA - Arkansas Man Arrested In Smyth Co For Possession Of Explosives  
VIRGINIA - Police Investigating Reports Of Bomb Making Near Old Dominion University  
VIRGINIA - Somali Man Gets 30 Years For US Ship Attack  
WASHINGTON - Bomb Squad Called To Suspicious Package At Police Dept  
WISCONSIN - Gunman Takes Class Hostage At School In Wisconsin  
YELLOW SEA - North Korea Places Missiles In Yellow Sea  
YELLOW SEA - North Korea Warns US To Halt Navy Drills In Yellow Sea  
YEMEN - Pirates Attack - Abandon Turkish Ship  
YEMEN - Qaeda Wants To Hemorrhage Aviation Industry By Planting More Bombs On Planes  
YEMEN - Saudi Hospital Head Abducted In Yemen -Officials (Since released in return for jailed al Qaeda man)  
YEMEN - Suicide Bomber Rams Car Bomb Into Police Station Wounding 3 Officers  
YEMEN - Yemen-Based Al-Qaida Claims Responsibility For Twin Bomb Attacks On Northern Shiites

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## Resources

**GlobalIncidentMap.com**

A Global Display of Terrorism And Other Suspicious Events

**DomesticTerrorMap.com**

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Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency <http://hsema.dc.gov/dcema/site/default.asp>

DC Department of Health <http://dchealth.dc.gov/doh/site/default.asp>

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