



(U//FOUO) Unconfirmed Report of Terrorists Plotting to Attack New York Transit Systems

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(U//FOUO) The FBI has received a plausible but unsubstantiated report indicating that al-Qa'ida terrorists in late September may have discussed targeting transit systems in and around New York City. These discussions reportedly involved the use of suicide bombers or explosives placed on subway/passenger rail systems.

(U//FOUO) We have no specific details to confirm that this plot has developed beyond aspirational planning, but we are issuing this warning out of concern that such an attack could possibly be conducted during the forthcoming holiday season.

(U//FOUO) We have no further information on the threat at this time; however, we are working closely with the US Intelligence Community, State and Local Law Enforcement and Homeland Security Officials to vet and corroborate this reporting and will continue to investigate every possible lead. We will provide updates as we obtain further information.

(U//FOUO) We remind recipients to remain vigilant during the holiday season and report suspicious activity to authorities immediately.

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