# DOCUMENTS REQUESTED BY COMMISSION STAFFER THOMAS ELDRIDGE

## HOW FBI DETERMINED THE 19 HIJACKERS'S IDENTITIES

# RESPONSIVE to MISCELLANEOUS REQUEST #43 from COMMISSION

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### **Travel Documents**

Travel documents provided by U.S. Immigration, U.S. Customs and Department of State identifying the hijackers requesting entry to the United States and entering the United States. A copy of all available travel documents such as visa applications, photocopies of available passports, I-94's and Customs forms were previously provided to the "Commission." The travel documents of the hijackers have also been scanned into the "Concordance" system.

### **Hijacked Flights**

Identified names of all individuals onboard the four hijacked flights using flight manifests. (Flight manifests for hijacked flights scanned into "Concordance" and information related to manifests can be located on ACS, 315N-NY-280350-302, Serial 7134. Note: information concerning Saeed Alghamdi in Serial 7134 is incorrect.)

American Airlines Flight 11, Flight Attendants Betty Ong and Madeline (Amy) Sweeney contacted American Airlines via phone and identified the seat numbers assigned to the hijackers:

Betty Ong identified hijackers in seats 2A, 2B and 10B;

Seat 2A was assigned to Wail Al-Shehri Seat 2B was assigned to Waleed Al-Shehri Seat 10B was assigned to Satam Al-Suqami

Madeline (Amy) Sweeney identified hijackers as being in seats 10B, 9C or 9D and 9G;

Seat 9C unoccupied (note that Mohamed Atta was assigned seat 8D) Seat 9D unoccupied (note that Abdul Aziz Alomari was in seat 8G) Seat 10B was assigned to Satam Al-Suqami (ACS 315-NY-280350-CE 1021 and 302-57614)

Obtained identifying information from the airline passenger name records and flight booking information. (Passenger name records scanned into Concordance.)

PENTTBOM compared the names and identifying information of the hijackers to information from Customs and INS when these individuals entered the United States. The information matched. (Travel documentation scanned into Concordance.)

PENTTBOM compared the recovered identity documents (passport, etc) from the crime scenes. These documents matched the flight manifest records and the INS/Customs records. (Recovered

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identity documents can be located on the PENTTBOM Photo Database by Laboratory numbers: K75, K77, K78, K80, K84, K117, K118, K139, K400, K752, K791, K792, K1037, K2396, K2446, K2447, K2514, K2574, K2579, K2887, K2888, K2893, K2894, K2895, K2904, K2905, K2907, K2913, K2944, K3128, K3774, K3782, Q1, Q2, Q3, Q7, Q19, Q165, Q166, Q169, Q409, Q568, Q1109 and Q1110.)

Requested the governments of Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Lebanon and Egypt to contact the hijackers families, show photographs of the hijackers to family members and interview family members. (Search following subfiles and serials in the File 315N-NY-280350: CZ - 385; RY - 69; RY - 149; RY - 160; RY - 210; RY - 408; RY - 809; MAIN - 5327; MAIN (Secret) - 27774.)

### **DNA**

United Airlines Flight 93 had a crew of seven (7) and thirty seven (37) passengers. The seven (7) crew members and thirty three (33) passengers have been identified by DNA. Four (4) sets of unknown human remains have not been identified. Next of kin for Ziad Jarrah, Saeed Al-Ghamdi, Ahmed Al-Nami and Ahmed Al-Haznawi have not provided DNA samples for comparison.

The Bundeskriminalamt (BKA - German Federal Police) provided DNA profiles obtained from search warrants conducted on Ziad Jarrah's girlfriend (Aysel Sengun) residence. The FBI Laboratory compared the DNA profiles provided by the BKA, with DNA profiles from the four sets of unknown human remains recovered at the crash site of UAL Flight 93.

The DNA profiles provided by the BKA matched the sample of one of the sets of unknown human remains. (ACS 315N-NY-280350-OUT, Serial 4417.)

American Airlines Flight 77 had a crew of six (6) and fifty eight passengers (58), including the five (5) hijackers. Remains of all six (6) crew members and fifty two (52) passengers were recovered from the Pentagon crash site and positively identified (the 53rd passenger was a child and no remains were recovered.) Five sets of recovered human remains have not been identified and do not match reference DNA profiles of any of the victims. Two (2) sets of these unidentified human remains were determined to be biologically related. Next of kin for Hani Hanjour, Khalid Al-Mihdhar, Majed Moqed, Nawaf Al-Hazmi and Salem Al-Hazmi have not provided DNA samples for comparison.

The total number of victims at the World Trade Center stands at 2749. This number is comprised of: 1538 victims identified based upon physical remains, 1208 on the basis of a death certificate issued after sufficient evidence was submitted to a state court that the person was at the World Trade Center or on one of the airplanes, and three people who died outside New York City from injuries received in the attack. To date the next of kin for Mohamed Atta, Satam Al-Suqami, Waleed Al-Shehri, Wail Al-Shehri, Abdulaziz Al-Omari, Marwan Al-Shehhi, Fayez Banihammad, Ahmed Al-Ghamdi, Hamza Al-Ghamdi and Mohand Al-Shehri have not provided DNA samples for comparison.

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