

39 Terrorist Plots Against the U.S. Foiled Since 9/11

Sheer luck and civilian bravery played roles in thwarting some of these attacks. Additionally, U.S. efforts in the war on terrorism, including operations in Afghanistan, have helped to weed out terrorist sanctuaries before they can organize attacks. Finally, domestic counterterrorism tools put in place since 9/11 have helped stop terrorists from operating on U.S. soil.

 Individuals directly involved in plot

#6. Nuradin M. Abdi is arrested and charged for plotting to bomb a shopping mall in Columbus, Ohio (November 2003).

#8. James Elshafay and Shahawar Martin Siraj are arrested for plotting to bomb a subway station near Madison Square Garden before the Republican National Convention (August 2004).

#10. Umer Hayat and Hamid Hayat are arrested in California for allegedly lying to the FBI about Hamid's attendance at an Islamic terrorist training center in Pakistan (June 2005).

#12. Michael C. Reynolds is arrested for a plot to blow up an oil refinery, a gas refinery, and pipelines in Wyoming and New Jersey (December 2005).

#14. Syed Haris Ahmed and Ehsanul Islam Sadequee are accused of conspiring to target the Capitol and the World Bank in Washington, D.C. (April 2006).

#16. Eight men including Assem Hammoud are arrested for plotting to attack train tunnels between New York and New Jersey (July 2006).

#18. Derrick Shareef is arrested for planning to set off hand grenades inside a Chicago shopping mall (December 2006).

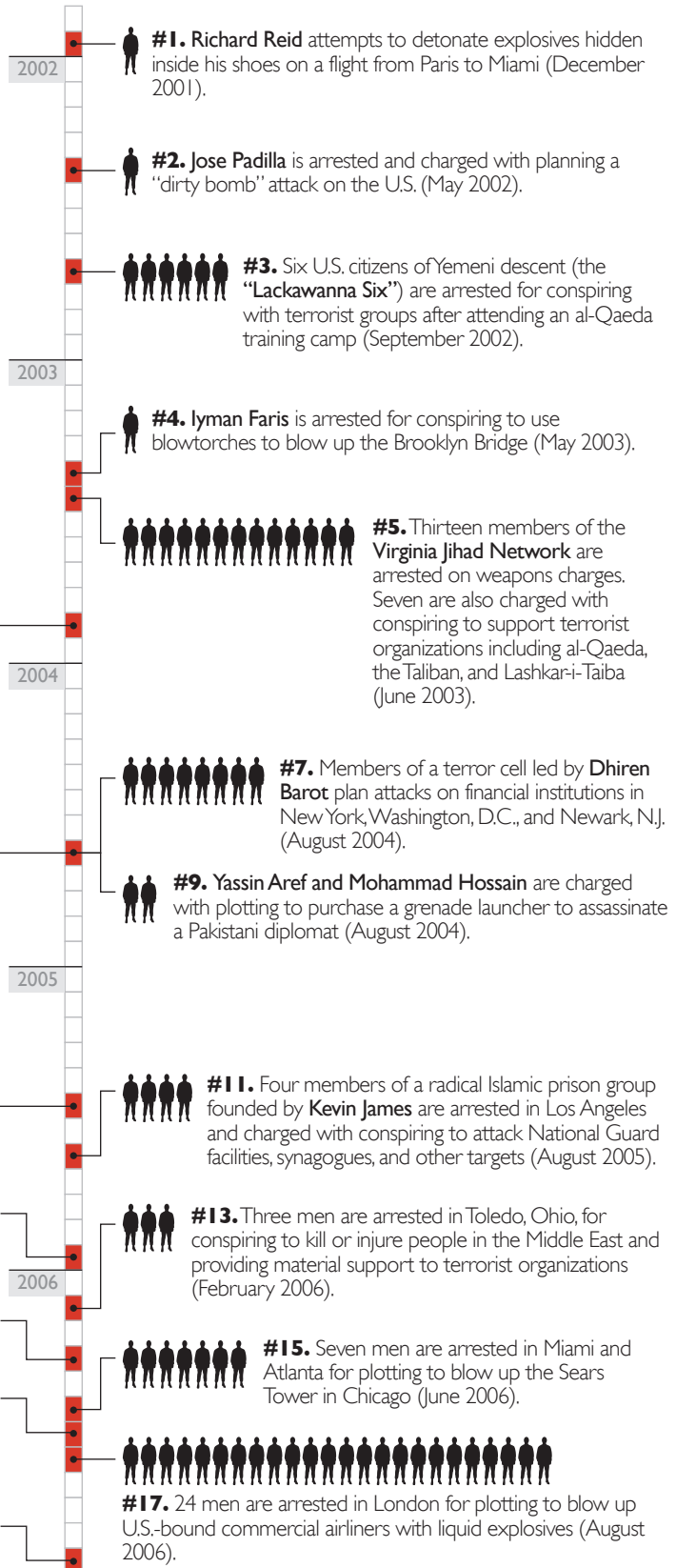


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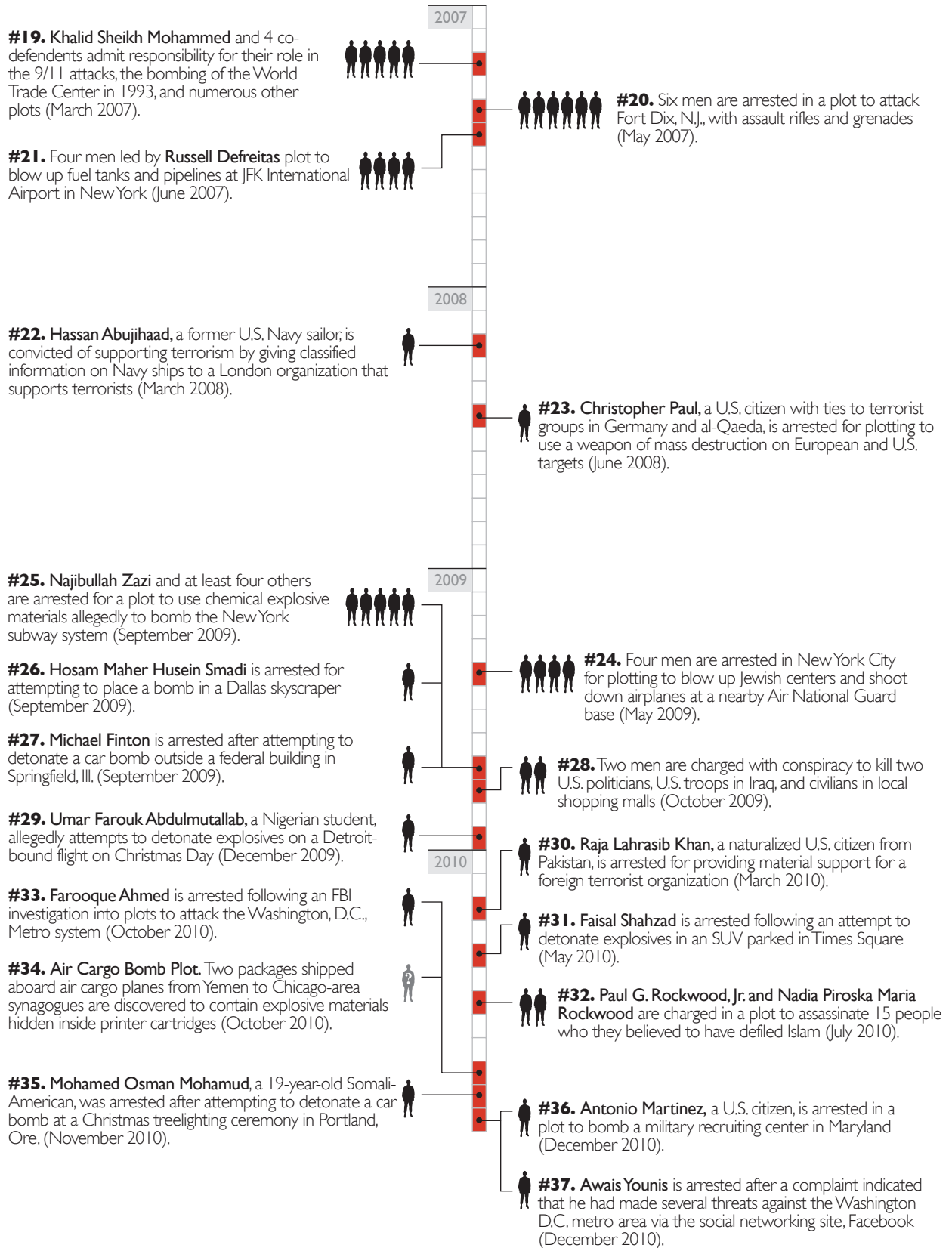
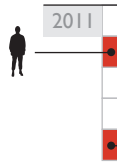


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#38. Khalid Ali-Aldawsari is arrested after buying toxic chemicals online to use in explosive attacks against various targets in the U.S. (February 2011).



#39. Ahmed Ferhani and Mohamed Mamdouh are arrested by the New York City police after attempting to purchase a hand grenade, guns, and ammunition to carry out an attack on an undetermined Manhattan synagogue (May 2011).

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