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OWLA SPRING TRAINING CONFERENCE

April 4 & 5, 2019

Inn at Spanish Head, Lincoln City, Oregon

Case Study: Mohamed Osman Mohamud

Presenter: FBI Supervisory Special Agent Ryan Dwyer



*Convicted Terrorist
Mohamed Osman Mohamud*

On the evening of November 26, 2010, Mohamed Osman Mohamud sat in the front seat of what he believed was an 1800lb Vehicle-Borne Improvised Explosive Device (VBIED) parked among thousands of families gathered for Portland's annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony. Mohamud armed the device, walked through crowds of revelers, traveled a short distance and attempted to detonate it. The VBIED was inert, constructed by law enforcement at the conclusion of a six-month FBI undercover investigation. Mohamud was arrested and, after a highly-publicized trial, convicted of attempting to use a weapon of mass destruction. He is now serving a thirty-year sentence in federal prison.

This case study will cover Mohamud's path to radicalization from high school student in Beaverton to convicted terrorist. Mohamud's path has numerous similarities to today's other homegrown violent extremists. We will also discuss the challenges and decisions faced by the FBI and numerous state and local law enforcement agencies throughout the investigation, ranging from the sharing of national security intelligence to planning multiple complex undercover meetings.

SSA Dwyer is the senior supervisory special agent in the Eugene Resident Agency of the FBI, responsible for territories surrounding both Eugene and Medford, Oregon.



Case Study: Malheur National Wildlife Refuge

Presenter: Sheriff Dave Ward, Harney County Sheriff's Office



On January 2, 2016, a group of armed militants took over the headquarters of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge in rural Harney County, Oregon. The takeover turned into an ongoing armed protest, which resulted in one death, more than twenty arrests, and lasted for 41 days.

This presentation will cover how this event affected a small rural community, the law enforcement response to the situation, and lessons learned along the way.

Serial Homicide Case Study – Steven Zelich

Presenter: FBI Supervisory Special Agent Karie Gibson

This presentation focuses on the crimes committed by Steven Zelich, a former police officer, and his successful prosecution. Zelich killed Jenny Gamez in August 2012 and Laura Simonson in November 2013. Zelich met both women online through the BDSM community. Both women were killed through the BDSM activity of “breath play.” After killing them, Zelich kept both for an extensive period of time in his refrigerator and car (Jenny 18 months/Laura 7 months) before discarding their bodies on the side of the road. The FBI and their Behavioral Analysis Unit (BAU) had extensive involvement in the investigation and prosecution of Zelich. The investigation was multi-agency and spanned over two states, three counties, ten agencies, and led to three successful prosecutions. Through discussions with BAU about the unique behavioral aspects of this case, the prosecution was successful in showing these two cases were inextricably intertwined, allowing evidence from Laura’s case to be used in the prosecution of Zelich for Jenny’s homicide. Ultimately, Zelich pled guilty in all three prosecutions and will be in prison the rest of his life.

Killer Classmate: The Murder of Beautiful Alla Bogdanov

Presenters: Tigard Police Department Detective Kevin Dresser
and Washington County Senior District Attorney Bracken McKey

On November 14, 2007, Tigard Police officers responded to a “welfare check” call wherein a request had been made to check on the well-being of 21-year-old Alla Bogdanov. Upon arrival at the residence associated with Bogdanov, officers discovered that the home was on fire.



Alla Bogdanov

Upon extinguishing the fire, a badly burned body was found on the second floor of the home. The body was ultimately identified as being Alla Bogdanov. Bogdanov’s body was discovered with restraints attached to her wrists and ankles.

Veteran Tigard Police Department Detective Kevin Dresser and Washington County Senior DA Bracken McKey present this fascinating and brutal case. The investigation spanned three western states and involved multiple agencies, local and federal, as well as the Oregon State Crime Lab.

Pistols & Crystals

Presenter: Multnomah County Sheriff’s Office Special Investigations
Unit Detective Joshua Zwick

Multnomah County Sheriff’s Office Special Investigations Unit Detective Joshua Zwick was a lead investigator in a large white gang case dubbed “Operation White Christmas.” During the first six months of the investigation, over 22 search warrants were served, forty suspects were charged in federal court, and three separate drug trafficking organizations were identified and dismantled. Seizures included 74 firearms, seven pounds of methamphetamine, three bulletproof vests, explosives, \$50,000 in cash and recovered stolen property, to include guns, cars, credit cards, high end musical instruments, bicycles, and binders of stolen IDs and social security numbers.

Detective Zwick will discuss current trends in the drug culture, how drugs are currently being smuggled into Oregon and Washington, and how bulk cash is being smuggled out. Detective Zwick will talk about the involvement of white gang members and their involvement with guns and drugs in the Northwest.



REGISTRATION FEE:

\$175 for OWLA Members (Includes \$25 Annual Membership Dues) & \$175 Non-Members (Members save \$25 on the fall conference if they attend both the spring and fall 2019 OWLA conferences).

***NOTE: Registration fee includes breakfast Thursday & Friday and lunch on Thursday**

REGISTER ON-LINE ON THE OWLA WEBSITE: OREGONWASHINGTONLAWMEN.ORG

Mail conference payment to OWLA, PO Box 462, Chehalis, WA 98532

LOCATION & LODGING:

Location: Inn at Spanish Head, Lincoln City, Oregon

Lodging Rates: \$98* for single, \$124 for studio, \$174 for one-bedroom suite

*Per diem rate current at time of stay will be charged. Confirm room rate with Inn at Spanish Head.

**For room reservations contact the Inn at Spanish Head at
1-800-452-8127 or 541-996-2161**

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 4, 2019

0715 – 0800	Conference Registration & Breakfast <i>(Included in Registration Fee)</i>
0800 – 1000	Killer Classmate: The Murder of Alla Bogdanov
1000 – 1200	Pistols & Crystals
1200 – 1300	Lunch <i>(Included in Registration Fee)</i>
1300 – 1700	Case Study: Mohamed Osman Mohamud

Visit our complimentary hospitality room Thursday evening!

Friday, April 5, 2019

0715 – 0800	Breakfast <i>(Included in Registration Fee)</i>
0800 – 1000	Malheur National Wildlife Refuge
1000 – 1200	Steven Zelich Serial Homicide Case Study

***Periodic rest breaks will be taken at the instructors' direction.
Twelve (12) training hours.***

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Training Dates: April 4 & 5, 2019 – 12 Training Hours

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