

Hosam Maher Husein Smadi

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Hosam Maher Husein Smadi (born 1990) is a citizen of Jordan who was arrested on suspicion of planning a terrorist bombing of Fountain Place, a downtown skyscraper in Dallas, Texas, on September 24, 2009.^{[1][2][3]}

Smadi was in the United States illegally, and unaware he was under continuous surveillance, and that the other members of his "sleeper cell" were all Federal agents.^[2] The agents in his "sleeper cell" had supplied him with inert chemical, so his bomb had not posed a real threat.^[4]

Immigration officials were trying to determine how Smadi was able to work at a gas station, since he only had a 2007 tourist visa.^{[1][3]}

Smadi admitted leaving what he thought was a truck bomb in a garage beneath the 60-story building September.^[1] The device was a dud provided by FBI agents posing as al-Qaeda members.^[1] Smadi activated a timer connected to the decoy with a cell phone, then rode with an undercover agent and waited to watch the explosion.^[1] Instead, the phone rang an FBI number, and Smadi was arrested.^[1]

Smadi agreed to plead guilty to attempted use of a weapon of mass destruction.^[1] The charge is punishable by up to life in prison and a \$250,000 fine, but prosecutors agreed to suggest to U.S. District Judge Barbara M. Lynn that the sentence not be more than 30 years.^{[1][5]} Under the plea bargain, prosecutors dropped a charge accusing Smadi of bombing a public place.^[1]

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