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On March 1, 2015, United Kingdom citizen MINH QUANG PHAM, also known as (a.k.a) MUHAMMAD AMIN PHAM, a.k.a. AMIN (hereinafter referred to as PHAM), date of birth [REDACTED], place of birth Vietnam, United Kingdom passport number: [REDACTED] was voluntarily interviewed in [REDACTED] New York. Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Special Agents (SA) [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] conducted the interview. The interview began at approximately 10:40 a.m. (Eastern Standard Time; EST) and concluded at approximately 3:30 p.m. (EST). After being advised his rights (FD-395) and his rights to a speedy presentment, PHAM waived his rights and provided the following information:

At an unspecified date prior to mid-June 2011, PHAM approached AULAQI and offered to conduct a suicide attack and "sacrifice himself" on behalf of al-Qaeda upon his return to the United Kingdom (UK). PHAM told AULAQI that he would need approximately 4000 GBP to carry out the attack. AULAQI ultimately gave PHAM approximately 6000 GBP in case PHAM had any unforeseen expenses during his attack preparation. PHAM planned on using the money to rent a house in the UK to construct the explosive device and to purchase the chemicals and other materials needed for the attack.

In preparation for the attack, in approximately mid-June 2011, PHAM received one day of training on how to make explosives and an explosive device. The training was provided by AULAQI at a house located approximately a half an hour drive from the Marib, Yemen-based house in which PHAM had worked on Inspire. During the training, AULAQI showed PHAM how to mix chemicals to make an explosive powder. PHAM then proceeded to make a small batch of a white powdery explosive material [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] PHAM was approximately a few feet away from the device and tin can when he detonated the device. The explosion generated enough force to launch the tin can away from PHAM and into the air.

PHAM explained the steps AULAQI taught him and that he used when PHAM constructed and tested the small device during training. It was the same process PHAM intended to use for creating the explosive powder and the device when he returned to the UK. The chemicals to be used to create the explosive powder consisted of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PHAM could not recall the exact amount of each chemical that would be needed nor the steps to mix the chemicals. Once they were combined and dried, however, they would produce a white explosive powder. To ignite the explosives, PHAM [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AULAQI had also instructed PHAM to tape bolts around the container to act as shrapnel when the device was activated.

PHAM stated that the instructions to create the explosives and device he was to make were published in Inspire and, if he had forgotten the steps, he could have referred to that edition of Inspire for reference. PHAM did not travel back to the UK with any bomb making instructions.

AULAQI instructed PHAM to target the Arrivals Section of Heathrow International Airport. In particular, PHAM was to target arrivals from the United States or Israel. AULAQI left the exact date and time of the attack to PHAM's discretion. PHAM intended to conduct the attack by concealing the explosive device in a backpack. AULAQI did not provide PHAM any alternative attack locations. PHAM is not aware of AULAQI instructing any other al-Qaeda members to conduct attacks in the West.



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Upon PHAM's return to the UK, the money AULAQI provided PHAM for the attack was confiscated by the authorities. PHAM was aware that his mother kept money in her home that could be used to fund the attack, but PHAM never attempted to take his mother's money. PHAM also noted that he had access to acetone through the nail shop that his sister operated, but he never took anything from the shop either.

