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EXPOSING THE COMING BIO-TERROR PANDEMIC

BIOTERRORBIBLE.COM: Despite the number of high-profile bio-terror plots and patsies, the historical record indicates that 99% of all bio-terror plots, attacks, “tests”, “accidents” and drills are conducted by the government who has the means, the motive and the opportunity.

Title: Homemade Acid Bombs Found On College Campus In Florida

Date: January 29, 2012

Source: [Fox News](#)

Abstract: Police are investigating after several homemade acid bombs were planted on the Valencia College campus in Orlando, Fla., cfnews13.com reports.

A total of seven bottles were found in parking lots along walkways near buildings, the station reports. Two of the bottles exploded Friday night, about 100 yards apart.

The bombs are made using soda bottles and household chemicals, according to cfnews13.com.

Earlier, three acid bombs were found in an alley behind a student building and a parking lot as students were returning from winter break. Two of those bombs exploded.

No one has been hurt in the incidents ([Fox News, 2012](#)).

Title: Pakistan Says Prime Minister Was Mailed Anthrax Spores

Date: February 1, 2012

Source: [New York Times](#)

Abstract: Pakistan’s prime minister, [Yousaf Raza Gilani](#), received a postal package containing [anthrax](#) spores four months ago, his spokesman said Wednesday, adding a new dimension to the security threats faced by the country’s political and military leadership.

The package was intercepted by the prime minister’s security staff in October, according to the spokesman, Akram Shaheedi. The Pakistan Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, a government laboratory, established that the suspicious white powder it contained was anthrax spores, he said. A criminal case was filed on Tuesday, according to an Islamabad police officer, The Associated Press reported.

Government officials gave contradictory accounts of the identity of the sender, and they offered little sense of motive. While Islamist militants have repeatedly targeted senior government officials in suicide and bomb attacks, an assassination attempt using biological weapons would be an anomaly.

Mr. Shaheedi said that law enforcement authorities had identified the sender as an associate professor at Jamshoro University in the southern province of Sindh. But he could not say whether the professor, a Ms. Zulekha, had been arrested or detained.

A senior police officer in charge of presidential security, Hakim Khan, gave a different account. He denied any knowledge of the suspect Mr. Shaheedi named, but he confirmed that a police team had been sent to Jamshoro to investigate. The packet had been sent from a small post office on the Jamshoro University campus, he said.

Mr. Khan said the case had been registered under a provision of Pakistan's penal code that deals with the act of sending poison with the intention of causing harm.

In November 2001, suspicious letters containing anthrax spores were sent to three private businesses, including the country's largest Urdu-language daily, Jang, in the southern port city of Karachi. No motive was ever determined ([New York Times, 2012](#)).

Title: Pakistani Officials Send Mixed Signals On Identity Of Anthrax Mailer

Date: February 2, 2012

Source: [NTI](#)

Abstract: Pakistani officials have issued conflicting statements on the identity of the individual who mailed anthrax spores to Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani in October, the *New York Times* reported on Wednesday (see [GSN](#), Feb. 1).

Government spokesman Akram Shaheedi said security officials have singled out a Jamshoro University associate professor, identified only as Ms. Zulekha, as the culprit. He was not able to answer whether she had been taken into custody.

Hakim Khan, a high-ranking law enforcement officer who heads presidential protection, however, rejected the assertion that Zulekha had been identified as the culprit; he did verify that investigators had been dispatched to Jamshoro to probe the matter. The anthrax package was mailed from a university postal site in the Sindh province city, Khan said.

Gilani was never exposed to the deadly bacteria as the packet containing the spores was headed off by his protective team. The package was sent to the Pakistan Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, which tested the contents and verified the substance was anthrax.

Though assassination plots against government personnel are not unusual in Pakistan, the country does not have a history of attempted targeted killings using anthrax or other weaponized pathogens. A leading newspaper and two other Pakistani companies received anthrax spores in November 2001, but the reason for the mailings remains unknown (Salman Masood, [New York Times](#), Feb. 1).

The lethality of the spores is not yet known, along with how the mailer would have been able to acquire the material, Agence France-Presse reported.

Anthrax occurs naturally in animals and is particularly common in regions of Asia, the Middle East and Africa, according to the [U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#).

"After the laboratory test confirmed that the parcel contained anthrax, we registered a case against unknown people" on Tuesday, Khan said.

Authorities provided no reason on why a criminal case was opened months after the incident. Gilani's office first intercepted the package -- comprised of an envelope containing a smaller envelope that held the anthrax powder -- on Oct. 18, according to the police report.

Authorities declined reporter requests to view the laboratory results confirming the authenticity of the anthrax ([NTI, 2012](#)).

Title: Teacher Accused Of Spraying Febreze On "Fishy" Student

Date: February 9, 2012

Source: [NBC](#)

Abstract: This time the teacher got a time out.

An elementary school teacher in Newfoundland, Canada has reportedly been put on paid leave as district officials investigate a claim she sprayed a student with an odor eliminator to mask his fishy-smelling lunch.

Patti Rideout told [CBC News](#) she was "very hurt and very angry" after learning the teacher of her 10-year-old son, Christian Roberts, had put him in the hallway then sprayed him with Febreze last week.

Other kids at Twillingate Island Elementary School had teased him over the fried capelin meal she'd made him, she said.

"I feel like he's been embarrassed, bullied, and I think what she [did] was very disgraceful," Rideout told CBC News. "I think my son was treated not like a human being — I think he was treated like a dog, or a cat ... I'm very hurt and very angry over this."

Rideout told CBC that when she first called her son's teacher for an apology she hung up.

After taking her concerns to the school board, Rideout received a written apology from the school's principal and vice principal, St. John's newspaper [The Telegram](#) reported.

"The teacher has offered to make an apology to your son in front of the class," the letter said ([NBC, 2012](#)).

Title: Indianapolis Man Jailed For Anthrax Threat

Date: February 14, 2012

Source: [Bio Prep Watch](#)

Abstract: An Indianapolis man was recently taken to Marion County Jail in Marion, Ohio, after threatening to mail a letter to the jail filled with anthrax powder.

Jason Fancher first called the Marion County Sheriff's office and said that they would soon receive an envelope filled with anthrax, according to [WishTV.com](#).

Deputies called the number back and spoke with Fancher, who admitted that he had made several calls. He then hung the phone up. Investigators traced the number and found Fancher outside the apartment where the calls originated from.

Fancher admitted to making the calls, but denied that he had possession of any anthrax powder. He told deputies he was known to have a problem with his temper.

Deputies took Fancher into custody after he refused to allow them to search his apartment. He faces a charge of intimidation, [WishTV.com](#) reports.

Anthrax is an infectious disease caused by the bacteria *Bacillus anthracis*. It most commonly affects hoofed animals, but can be extremely dangerous when contracted by humans.

Anthrax is considered a major potential weapon of bioterrorism. In 2001, a series of anthrax filled letters were sent through the U.S. Postal Service. In those attacks, 22 people were infected, five of whom died ([Bio Prep Watch, 2012](#)).

Title: Colorado Man Faces Prison Over Anthrax Hoax

Date: February 22, 2012

Source: [Bio Prep Watch](#)

Abstract: A Colorado man faces up to five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine for lying to federal investigators about mailing threatening letters to tax collectors in the state that contained a white powder.

Matthew O'Neill pled guilty to the charges, which stem from an incident in 2011 in which a mail room employee received a legal-sized manila envelope that contained an unidentified white powder. The letter was mailed to the Colorado Department of Revenue and included post marks for Kremmling, Colo., [Government Security News](#) reports.

The employee and a co-worker contacted the Colorado State Patrol and 911 and waited for the Hazmat and Denver Fire Department teams to arrive. The teams evacuated the building and tested the substance, finding it to be harmless baking soda.

According to the letter's intended recipient, O'Neill had previously sent documents expressing beliefs that he doesn't have to pay federal or state taxes as a sovereign citizen. Postal inspectors and the FBI determined that O'Neill had visited the Kremmling post office several days before the envelope arrived.

"Those who mail a threat, especially one containing material simulating a biological or chemical agent, will face felony criminal consequences," John Walsh, the U.S. attorney, said, according to [Government Security News](#).

While the powder was not harmful, threatening mailings count as a federal crime.

"All threatening communications are taken seriously, the recipient of these types of threats cannot determine the true nature of the implied, or stated danger," James Yacone, the FBI Denver special agent in charge, said, according to [Government Security News](#). "The FBI wants to remind everyone that mailing a threatening communication that contains a hoax of any kind in a parcel will be aggressively investigated. We will continue to respond to such threats, along with our federal, state, and local law enforcement partners, through the combined resources of the Joint Terrorism Task Force" ([Bio Prep Watch, 2012](#)).

Title: Texas Nurse's Bleach Injection Deaths Trial Begins

Date: March 5, 2012

Source: [Fox News](#)

Abstract: An East Texas nurse violated the trust of a noble profession when she injected kidney dialysis patients with toxic bleach, killing five of them and injuring five others, a prosecutor said as the woman's murder trial began Monday.

Kimberly Saenz, 38, faces a possible death sentence if convicted of capital murder in the April 2008 deaths.

Saenz stood in court holding her hands behind her back as Angelina County District Attorney Clyde Herrington read the six-count indictment against her. Her lawyer, Ryan Deaton, answered "Not guilty, your honor," on her behalf when the judge asked for a plea after each count.

Herrington told jurors in his opening remarks that evidence would show there was bleach in the IV dialysis lines of victims who were being treated at a DaVita dialysis clinic in Lufkin, about 125 miles northeast of Houston.

"The defendant in this case is the one that put it there," he said.

He said investigators also found Internet searches on Saenz's computer about bleach poisoning in blood and whether bleach could be detected in dialysis lines.

"The profession of nursing is one of the most respected," Herrington told jurors. "Health care providers devote their career to those who are sick and ill ... But involves a great deal of trust. And if that trust is violated, very serious things can happen."

Saenz was charged a year after the Lufkin clinic closed for about two months following a rash of illnesses and deaths.

Emergency crews had been called to the clinic many as 30 times that April, including seven for cardiac problems, and made at least 19 runs. Four people had died.

There had been only two calls during the previous 15 months, according to the Texas Department of Health Services.

Denver-based health care giant DaVita Inc. investigated along with local, state and federal agencies.

Inspectors were present on April 28, 2008, when two dialysis patients said they suddenly didn't feel well and two others reported that they saw Saenz inject bleach into tubing used by two fellow patients.

Saenz, who had held her entry-level position as a licensed vocational nurse for eight months, was sent home. Police were summoned. The next day she was fired.

In his opening defense statement, Deaton said the stories told by the two patients who complained about Saenz varied widely and said DaVita officials waited eight hours before calling police.

"DaVita Inc. is the puppet master in this case," he said, drawing an immediate objection from Herrington that was upheld by the judge.

But he continued to blame the company, insisting DaVita "has manipulated the evidence ... and the science in this case."

Deaton said he would present evidence to contradict the charges. For example, a syringe patients saw Saenz using was being used to measure bleach for a cleaning solution so Saenz could get the precise amount and adhere to clinic rules, he said.

"When Kim supposedly is doing this, there's a monitor watching her, there's people in the clinic," Deaton said. "Patients are watching what's going on."

"Everybody's freaking out," he continued. "People were dying. Everybody's on edge. This whole thing is just a firecracker."

Federal investigators examined blood tubing, IV bags and syringes used by the DaVita patients, who spent up to three days a week tethered for hours to a machine that filtered their blood — a job their kidneys could no longer do.

Joel Sprott, an attorney for clinic operator DaVita Inc., has said the Denver-based company turned over more than 10,000 pages of records in the case. Through 2011, DaVita operated or provided services to 1,809 dialysis facilities in the U.S., serving some 142,000 patients and employing more than 41,000 people.

Citing a gag order imposed by the judge, DaVita spokesman Vince Hancock would only say last week only that the company looks forward "to continuing our steadfast commitment to the Lufkin community."

A [Food and Drug Administration](#) report found some samples linked to some victims tested positive for bleach while others showed bleach "may have been present at one time."

Clinic policy calls for bleach to be used in various concentrations for cleaning and then chemical reactive agents are used to confirm bleach residue was removed and the cleaned areas are safe.

"The point is, bleach is used in every aspect of dialysis," Deaton said ([Fox News, 2012](#)).

Title: Canadian Sentenced For Planned Bio-Terrorist Attacks

Date: March 8, 2012

Source: [Bio Prep Watch](#)

Abstract: Adel Mohamed Nagi Arnaout, nicknamed the Vendetta bomber, was sentenced to an indefinite prison term on Wednesday in Ontario, Canada, for planned terrorist acts, including attempted poisonings, letter bombings and exploding packages.

Ontario Superior Court Judge Todd Ducharme pronounced Arnaout to be a dangerous offender with little hope for rehabilitation. Arnaout was arrested in 2007 as police found evidence that he had searched for tips on purchasing detonators, grenades, and biological and chemical weapons such as anthrax and sarin, the [Globe and Mail](#) reports.

"I found that his intent was to kill his targets," Ducharme said, according to the [Globe and Mail](#). "Judged from the perspective of his intent, his actions closely resemble acts of terrorism but for the non-political, utterly banal nature of his cause. If Mr. Arnaout had been more competent, the results of his actions could have been truly horrific."

Arnaout created a list of 452 targets that included jails, courthouses, Jewish schools and government officials.

"Mr. Arnaout has a greatly magnified sense of his own victimhood," Ducharme said, according to the [Globe and Mail](#). "He blames others for problems that either do not exist or that he has brought on himself. This is accompanied by a sense that he is entitled to avenge himself no matter how minor the original slight."

Police were convinced that Arnaout was serious about his plans and had tested some of his explosives on stuffed animals and dolls. Ducharme convicted Arnaout of 11 counts of attempted murder, three counts of delivering an explosive device and one count of possessing an explosive device.

"He lacks any remorse or guilt for his actions," Ducharme said, according to the [Globe and Mail](#). "Indeed, he seems to believe that his actions were justified. Such a stunning lack of insight raises a very real concern about Mr. Arnaout engaging in similar activities in future" ([Bio Prep Watch, 2012](#)).

Title: Man Arrested Over White Powder Hoax Letters

Date: March 12, 2012

Source: [Bio Prep Watch](#)

Abstract: A man was arrested on Friday in connection with the mailing of threatening letters that contained suspicious white powder to members of Congress and multiple media organizations.

Christopher Lee Carlson was indicted on two criminal counts after an investigation into approximately 100 envelopes that were mailed that contained white powder. All of the letters, which were postmarked Portland, Ore., tested negative for anthrax or any other toxic substances, [Associated Press](#) reports.

Carlson was charged on Friday by a federal grand jury after being arrested at his home in the Portland area. Carlson allegedly mailed a threatening communication to House Speaker John Boehner (R-Ohio) and mailed a letter that threatened to use a biological weapon to U.S. Sen. Barbara Mikulski (D-Md.).

Carlson will be arraigned on Monday.

More than 100 letters were sent in total that were addressed to U.S. representatives and senators.

"Threatening letters – whether hoax or real – are serious concerns that federal law enforcement agencies will aggressively pursue," Greg Fowler, the special agent in charge of the FBI in Oregon, said, according to [Associated Press](#).

The sender said that he wanted to end corporate personhood, end corporate lobbying and money, and start a new constitutional convention. The letters had a fake return address from a sender calling himself "the MIB" ([Bio Prep Watch, 2012](#)).

Title: Canadian Man Given Indefinite Prison Term Over Ricin-Laced Water

Date: March 13, 2012

Source: [Bio Prep Watch](#)

Abstract: A Lebanese-born man who was convicted of 11 counts of attempted murder for sending poisoned water and letter bombs to multiple targets has been labeled a dangerous offender in Canada, receiving an indefinite prison term.

Arnaout was an aspiring actor. In July 2004, he sent water tainted with ricin to two talent agencies he felt weren't advancing his career. He also sent the tainted water to a judge and the CIBC. He dropped off a homemade bomb at the home of a one-time roommate that left his former roommate with cuts to his feet and arms. He also sent a bomb to his former lawyer and to a former landlord, the [Record](#) reports.

"I reject the suggestion that Mr. Arnaout is willing to change, or has developed any insight into his condition," Ducharme said, according to the [Record](#). "Sadly, he has not."

According to Superior Court Justice Todd Ducharme, Adel Arnaout has major problems with revenge-oriented thinking and controlling his anger along with a "greatly magnified sense of his own victimhood." In addition to 11 attempted murder charges in Guelph and Toronto, Arnaout also possessed three explosive devices in the trunk of his car.

Ducharme said that effective therapeutic supervision would be difficult and that Arnaout continued to scribble notes about making bombs while in custody waiting to be arrested.

"The fact that he engaged in this behavior and so resolutely maintains that he was justified in so doing, underscores how difficult it will be to control his risk through supervision and therapeutic intervention," Ducharme said, according to the [Record](#).

Arnaout will be able to apply for parole after seven years, though a very low percentage of dangerous offenders ever get released ([Bio Prep Watch, 2012](#)).

Title: Former University Of Texas Student Arrested With Ricin Strains

Date: March 13, 2012

Source: [Bio Prep Watch](#)

Abstract: A former student at the University of Texas allegedly stole multiple vials and plastic droppers from a UT laboratory, including a harmless strain of the bioterrorism agent ricin.

Karl Jasheway was charged with driving while intoxicated on December 21. While searching the car, the arresting officer found a box addressed to the university containing 13 vials, 12 plastic droppers and a notebook. The discovery led to the seizure of 44 measuring tubes from Jasheway's apartment in North Austin, [Statesman.com](#) reports.

Despite concerns that the materials stolen were related to terrorism, Austin campus officials said that the searches revealed no dangerous materials in Jasheway's apartment or car. Two of the vials contained ricin A-chain DNA, which is a harmless substance. While the potent toxin ricin is a bioterrorism concern, the non-toxic A-chain component is used by the lab to search for possible antidotes to ricin. Jasheway was the lead author of a scientific paper on the ricin antidote subject.

The lab has not used the toxic form of ricin in research for 25 years. The lab materials theft led to tightened lab safety and security rules.

Jasheway allowed police to search his apartment without a warrant. The FBI would neither confirm nor deny that an investigation was underway and Jasheway was not available for comment, according to [Statesman.com](#) ([Bio Prep Watch, 2012](#)).

Title: Anthrax Tip From Hoaxer's Wife Led To Arrest

Date: March 15, 2012

Source: [Bio Prep Watch](#)

Abstract: A Vancouver, Wash., man who allegedly sent letters containing a white powder to Congress members came under FBI scrutiny after his wife told an officer he laced the envelopes with corn starch and celery salt.

Christopher Lee Carlson was focused on after a Vancouver police officer told the FBI about a March 4 interview he had with Carlson's wife about the recent turmoil Carlson was going through. A federal grand jury indicted Carlson on March 9 on charges that he mailed threatening letters to Democratic Sen. Barbara Mikulski of Maryland and Republican House Speaker John Boehner of Ohio, [Associated Press](#) reports.

The counts arose after an investigation into 100 envelopes that were mailed containing white powder. The letters, which were postmarked in Portland, Ore., have tested negative for toxic substances.

"Adrienne (Carlson) told me that a few months ago, Chris had talked about sending letters to members of the Senate and the media to express his frustration with certain things," Leah Supriano, a Vancouver police officer, said, according to [Associated Press](#). "About two weeks ago, they were driving in Portland ... and when they passed a post office somewhere off Stark (Street), he pointed at the post office and told her that he was worried and wondered if they had surveillance cameras."

When Adrienne Carlson asked her husband if he sent the letters, Christopher Carlson acknowledged that he had. Adrienne Carlson said her husband planned to send a second round of letters that would contain the highly corrosive chemical lye.

Christopher Carlson is expected to be arraigned this week ([Bio Prep Watch, 2012](#)).

Title: Suspects In Monroe Drano Bomb Case Go To Court Today

Date: March 20, 2012

Source: [CBS 12 News](#)

Abstract: The suspects accused of making home-made chemical bombs and leaving them scattered in a Butler County neighborhood are due in court. Three men and a woman are accused with making the devices, some of which blew up.

Police and explosives experts say the bomb-makers could have really hurt someone or even themselves had they been nearby when the bombs went off. The Butler County Sheriff's Department and explosives experts displayed what they confiscated earlier this week from the Lemon Township neighborhood.

Monroe police say nine of the Drano bombs were found by neighbors on Hickory Street. Eight of the bombs blew up. Some of the neighbors say it sounded like gunshots. No one was hurt.

Four people are due to be arraigned today charged with making the explosive devices. Michael Akers, Steven Bolin, Claire Garrett and William Carr, who are all 19 years old, are set to go before a judge. Akers and Carr are both said to be residents of Hickory Street, where the bombs were found, according to our partners at the Hamilton Journal News ([CBS 12 News, 2012](#)).

Title: Indonesian Man Faces Seven Years In Prison Over Ricin Plot

Date: March 22, 2012

Source: [Bio Prep Watch](#)

Abstract: Indonesian prosecutors recently announced that a man accused of plotting to poison police officers with ricin faces seven years in jail.

Ali Miftah, an herbal medicine seller whose real name is Amri Firmansyah, allegedly planned to help a group of six other suspects ship water bottles tainted with ricin to several regional police headquarters throughout Indonesia, according to [TheJakartaGlobe.com](#).

"He was involved in an evil conspiracy," prosecutor Ricky Rommy said, [TheJakartaGlobe.com](#) reports. "[He attempted] to help or commit a premeditated act of terrorism."

Ricky said Ali has also been charged with two other crimes under Indonesia's 2003 Law on Terrorism.

"We declare that Ali Miftah is [also] guilty for helping hide [then] terrorist fugitive Umar Patek and for his possession of pen guns," Ricky said as he read the indictment, [TheJakartaGlobe.com](#) reports.

The alleged mastermind behind the conspiracy, as well as the group's chemist, face six years in prison for their roles in the plot.

The group appears to be only loosely affiliated with other known terrorist groups. Ali was linked to a terrorist training camp in Aceh, according to [AsiaNewsNet.com](#).

Most of the members of the cell had stable jobs and appear to have been inspired, in part, by the 2002 Bali nightclub bombings that killed 202 people, mostly foreign tourists. They said they decided to attack the police for their efforts in arresting mujahedeen, or holy warriors ([Bio Prep Watch, 2012](#)).

Title: Inmate To Plead Guilty To Anthrax Hoax Letters

Date: March 23, 2012

Source: [Bio Prep Watch](#)

Abstract: A former inmate at a federal prison near Terre Haute, Indiana, will plead guilty to mailing a death threat and anthrax hoax to a federal judge in 2009.

Michael Disch will face a sentence of up to eight years as part of a plea agreement. Disch has been charged with mailing threatening communications, [USA Today](#) reports.

The 2009 letter, which was addressed to Judge Larry McKinney, was opened at the Terre Haute courthouse before reaching the judge. The powdery substance inside was later found to be benign.

Investigators do not yet know why Disch targeted McKinney, but Disch had complained about the conditions at the prison and had previously sent letters to the judge. Disch is currently an inmate at the federal prison in Lewisburg, Pa.

The letter contained both powder and instructions along with a threat to smell the contents of the package and die. The letter also threatened to find out where McKinney lived and to have his family killed, the [Tribune-Star](#) reports.

“Our message is a consistent and strong one,” Joseph H. Hogsett, the U.S. attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, said, according to the [Tribune-Star](#). “We are committed to protecting the inmates from each other, and the safety of those who work there, and we take seriously threats made against authorities” ([Bio Prep Watch, 2012](#)).

Title: Suspect In Congress Mail Threats Pleads Not Guilty To Added Charges

Date: April 6, 2012

Source: [Bio Prep Watch](#)

Abstract: A registered nurse from Portland, Oregon, entered a not guilty plea on Thursday to additional charges relating to more than 100 threatening letters he allegedly mailed to members of Congress in February.

Christopher Carlson has been jailed without bond since his March 9 arrest for allegedly mass mailing envelopes from Portland that contained a suspicious white powder. The powder, later found to be harmless, triggered security alerts on Capitol Hill and among several media outlets, [Reuters](#) reports.

The 10 additional felony counts against Carlson were contained in an expanded indictment returned on March 28 by a federal grand jury. The charges came after Carlson entered not guilty pleas to two earlier charges. He pleaded not guilty to 12 charges – six counts of mailing a threat to use a biological weapon and six counts of mailing a threatening communication to a member of Congress.

If Carlson is convicted, he could face a maximum penalty of 90 years in prison. More than 100 threatening letters were received by various media offices and lawmakers, including National Public Radio and House of Representatives Speaker John Boehner. Authorities have yet to offer a possible motive, according to [Reuters](#).

A trial date is currently set for June 5. The security alert in February was the largest postal scare in Washington, D.C. since deadly anthrax-containing letters were sent to several Senate offices and news organizations in 2001. Seventeen people were sickened by the letters and five were killed ([Bio Prep Watch, 2012](#)).

Title: Russia Confirms Discovery Of Sarin Capsule

Date: April 10, 2012

Source: [Bio Prep Watch](#)

Abstract: Security services in Russia confirmed on Monday that a capsule believed to contain sarin, an extremely toxic nerve agent, has been discovered in the county's Bryansk region.

Reports over the weekend quoted local ecological organizations as saying that residents of Bryansk brought a capsule, containing the inscription of the word sarin, to a local scrap metal recycling shop on Saturday. The capsule was then put into a sealed box, [Pan Armenian](#) reports.

"The item has been seized by police, the situation is under control," a spokesman for the Bryansk regional security services, said, according to [Pan Armenian](#).

Tests have begun to determine whether the capsule actually contains the toxic chemical. The spokesman would not speculate on where the capsule came from. A chemical weapons destruction facility is located in the Bryansk region near the town of Pocheпа. The facility stores aviation chemical bombs filled with organophosphorus chemicals, including sarin.

Sarin is an odorless, colorless liquid that is more than 500 times more poisonous than cyanide. The chemical was outlawed by the Chemical Weapons Convention of 1993. The United States, Iraq, Russia and Libya are known to have possessed stockpiles of sarin.

The Japanese cult Aum Shinrikyo used sarin during a terrorist attack in 1995 on the Tokyo subway. Ten people were killed during the attack and thousands were injured ([Bio Prep Watch, 2012](#)).

Title: Iowa Man Sent To Federal Prison After Violating Release In White Powder Case

Date: April 11, 2012

Source: [Bio Prep Watch](#)

Abstract: An Iowa man who spent time in a federal prison for sending a police officer a threatening letter containing a white powder is going back to prison for violating the terms of his supervised release.

America Yegile Haileselassie of Bettendorf, Iowa, was recently sentenced to 14 months in a federal prison at a hearing held in Davenport by U.S. District Judge John Jarvey, according to [QCTimes](#).

In September 2010, Haileselassie pleaded guilty to sending a Bettendorf detective an envelope containing a white powder and a letter saying, in part, "enjoy the anthrax spores!" The powder was tested and proved to be nothing more than a mixture of baby powder and carpet cleaner.

At the time, Haileselassie was sentenced to 21 months in federal prison, but was credited for time served since his arrest. He was ordered to serve three years on supervised release after completing his prison term.

Haileselassie violated the terms of his release in several ways before being sent back to prison, including calling the Bettendorf detective he had threatened and hanging up. He was also expelled from Scott Community College for violating the school's internet usage policy.

In addition, Haileselassie was required to secure employment, which he did not do. He also attempted to deposit a Social Security check from 2010. He later attempted to use his ATM card to withdraw funds from a bank account after fraudulently making a deposit, [QCTimes](#) reports ([Bio Prep Watch, 2012](#)).

Title: Elderly Georgian Militiamen Plead Guilty To Weapons, Explosives Charges

Date: April 13, 2012

Source: [Bio Prep Watch](#)

Abstract: A group of elderly Georgia militiamen recently plead guilty to conspiring to obtain explosives and a silencer as part of a terror plot uncovered in November.

The U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Georgia said that Frank Thomas of Cleveland, Georgia, and Dan Roberts of Toccoa, Georgia, entered their pleas in federal court on April 10, according to [GSNMagazine.com](#).

Thomas, the suspected ringleader, was arrested on charges that the self-styled militia group planned to make the biotoxin ricin and use it to kill American citizens and government employees. Authorities arrested two other Toccoa men, both over the age of 65, in the alleged conspiracy.

The U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation said that Thomas and Roberts could face five years in prison if convicted of the weapons and explosives charges.

The case is being used in Washington as an example that potential terror threats are possible from groups other than radicalized Muslims. Roberts' attorney said the plot was a fantasy concocted by a group of grumpy old men, [GSNMagazine.com](#) reports.

The four men were arrested after their group was infiltrated by a government informant who recorded their conversations about overthrowing the U.S. government by killing government officials and creating chaos throughout the country.

"Civilian government operatives is who we're going to be shooting at: IRS, ATF, FBI, and the cops," Thomas said, [GSNMagazine.com](#) reports ([Bio Prep Watch, 2012](#)).

Title: Neil Heywood 'Poisoned By Cyanide Drops' In China

Date: April 15, 2012

Source: [Telegraph](#)

Abstract: Neil Heywood was murdered on the orders of a fallen Communist Party chief, according to the reports.

The Mail on Sunday quoted "respected Mandarin-language websites" saying Mr Heywood, 41, died from cyanide poisoning after allegedly having an affair with lawyer Gu Kailai, wife of Bo Xilai, seen until recently as a future leader of China.

Mr Heywood was found dead on November 15 in Chongqing, in central China.

Britain asked China to investigate his death and it emerged last week that Mrs Gu was being probed for "intentional homicide".

The newspaper said it was alleged that Mr Heywood was murdered after helping Mrs Gu to siphon nearly £800 million of assets overseas.

A city official has allegedly confessed that he prepared the poison and handed it to an employee of Mr Bo, who administered it to Mr Heywood on the party chief's instructions.

Mr Heywood was a friend of the family of Mr Bo, a former rising star in Chinese politics who served as local party chief in Chongqing.

At the time, Chinese officials said the British expat died of "excessive alcohol consumption".

But friends questioned this, saying the businessman was not a heavy drinker.

In February, Mr Bo's former Police Chief Wang Lijun sought refuge in the US consulate in China.

It is thought he made a number of claims against the politician and Mrs Gu, including her alleged role in Mr Heywood's death.

State media reported on Tuesday that Mrs Gu and Zhang Xiaojun, an orderly at Mr Bo's home, had been arrested.

Meanwhile Mr Bo has been suspended from the Communist Party's 25-member Politburo amid allegations of "serious discipline violations".

A Foreign Office (FCO) spokeswoman said yesterday: "We are aware of the latest media reports. As there is an ongoing Chinese police investigation into this case it wouldn't be appropriate to comment further. We remain in close touch with the Chinese authorities and Mr Heywood's family."

It was reported on Saturday that the Foreign Office was facing increasing questions over delays in its intervention.

Reports said it had emerged that a British diplomat and two Chinese policemen attended Mr Heywood's cremation in Chongqing shortly after he was killed.

But the British did not raise questions with the Chinese until three months later, despite locally based British businessmen urging the Foreign Office to intervene, the newspaper said.

An FCO spokesman said: "As we became more concerned about this case, including following suggestions from the business community, we took the decision to ask the Chinese authorities to launch an investigation.

"We acted as soon as we thought concerns about the case justified it.

"We are pleased that the Chinese have now launched that investigation. We were in constant contact with the family throughout and kept them informed of our actions."

Prime Minister David Cameron said on Wednesday during a Far East tour that he was pleased the Chinese authorities were taking action over the murder.

He said: "We did ask the Chinese to hold an investigation and we are pleased that they are now doing that.

"It is very important we get to the truth of what happened in this very disturbing case, this very tragic case."

Mr Heywood had lived in China for 10 years and was fluent in Mandarin. He had two children with his Chinese wife ([Telegraph, 2012](#)).

Title: Oregon Man Sentenced For Anthrax Hoax

Date: April 19, 2012

Source: [Bio Prep Watch](#)

Abstract: The perpetrator of an anthrax hoax was recently sentenced to prison for threatening a postal carrier in Oregon with the deadly biological agent.

Kelsey Van Hook was sent to federal prison for one year and one day for placing a white powder in a mailbox and claiming it was anthrax, according to [OregonLive.com](#).

In 2009, a U.S. postal carrier in Oregon City, Oregon, pulled a stack of envelopes out of a mailbox and noticed that his hands were covered in white powder. Among the envelopes was one with a message that read, "anthrax what now mr mailman(?)"

The postal worker immediately contacted his supervisor. A postal inspector soon arrived to conduct field tests on the substance. The testing determined that the substance was harmless. Later, it was identified as cream of tartar.

Van Hook recently stood before U.S. District Judge Anna J. Brown in a Portland courtroom where he apologized for committing the act along with a friend. He also said he was sorry for failing out of a diversion program that would have eliminated his felony record.

"I screwed up and I'm sorry for doing it," Van Hook said, [OregonLive.com](#) reports.

In addition to prison time, Brown also sentenced Van Hook to three years of post-prison supervision and 50 hours of community service. Brown told Van Hook that he should earn his GED while behind bars and grow up ([Bio Prep Watch, 2012](#)).

Title: Fla. Man Charged With Mailing Powder And Threats

Date: April 23, 2012

Source: [Bio Prep Watch](#)

Abstract: A Miami Gardens, Florida, man charged with mailing threatening letters that contained powder to the Broward County Courthouse and the Broward Sheriff's office was ordered held without bail on Friday.

Tarvess David Taylor was arrested after investigators found forensic evidence that connected him to the hoax letters. He was held without bail because he may still pose a threat to the community. Five envelopes he allegedly sent contained a powder, later found to be the cleaning substance Ajax, the [Sun Sentinel](#) reports.

Taylor also allegedly sent four expletive-filled anonymous letters that threatened himself and his family in October.

One employee who came into contact with the powder suffered a burning sensation on their hands and in the eyes, and the sheriff's office headquarters and the main county courthouse closed for a short period of time after the envelopes were found.

Taylor pleaded not guilty to five counts of making a hoax threat on Friday. Taylor was already facing multiple felony charges in state court due to an incident in December 2008 when he allegedly tried to run over a Pembroke Pines police office.

"Although the powder contained in the envelopes mailed by the defendant contained non-biohazardous materials, they nonetheless caused anxiety and emotional distress to the recipients and incurred a disruption of government operations," Michael Walleisa, a prosecutor on the case, said, according to the [Sun Sentinel](#) ([Bio Prep Watch, 2012](#)).

Title: London Siege Ends As Man With Gas Canisters Arrested

Date: April 27, 2012

Source: [Independent](#)

Abstract: More than 1,000 office workers were evacuated from Tottenham Court Road in London today after a man wearing gas canisters took office workers hostage and threatened to blow himself up.

Tube stations were closed, businesses evacuated and the capital's busiest shopping street shut as armed police laid siege to the central London office just weeks before the Olympics take place.

The suspect, thought to be enraged after failing a HGV training course, was removed from Shropshire House in Tottenham Court Road by police officers who then began searching the building.

The [Metropolitan Police](#) said: "We have arrested a man at Tottenham Court Road. A search of the building is under way.

"We are not aware of any hostages at this stage. Search of the building continues on Tottenham Court Road."

The central London street was closed after police received emergency calls at midday.

[Scotland Yard](#) sent a hostage negotiator to the scene amid reports that the man was holding people captive inside the building several floors up.

Pictures emerged of computer and office equipment being thrown through one of the office windows.

Abby Baafi, 27, the head of training and operations at Advantage, a company which offers HGV courses, said the man targeted her offices and held four men hostage.

In a [YouTube](#) video Ms Baafi said the man, calling himself [Michael Green](#), entered her office.

"I recognised him because he was one of our previous customers but he is not quite stable - mentally stable," she said.

"He turned up, strapped up with gasoline cylinders, and threatened to blow up the office.

"He said he doesn't care about his life.

"He doesn't care about anything, he is going to blow up everybody.

"He was specifically looking for me but I said 'My name's not Abby' and he let me go."

Ms Baafi said the man failed the HGV training course and wanted his money back.

The man was named at the scene as Michael Green, 49.

Sarah O'Meara, who also works for the [Huffington Post](#), said they evacuated their offices in nearby Capper Street after being alerted by a woman who ran into the building.

"A woman ran in off the street saying 'There is a guy with a bomb and he is threatening to blow himself up' and that we needed to evacuate," she said.

"Everyone got out."

John Lillis, a consultant at furniture shop Designer Sofas, witnessed the incident unfold from the back of his showroom.

He said: "The buses had been stopped and there was an ambulance crew there, as well as police cars. The road was then cordoned off.

"The police asked us to move to the back of the showroom.

"I looked across the road to an office block opposite our showroom, and I saw computer screens and computers come out of the window, and then a filing cabinet.

"About half an hour after it all started, we were asked to move behind the cordon on Goodge Street, and it has moved back further since then."

Asked if he could see who was throwing the items out on to the street, he said: "All I saw was someone in a shirt, I couldn't see him or her."

Rajesh Kalia, of Goodge Law solicitors, who works two floors below where the incident was unfolding in Shropshire House, said: "We were in the office and suddenly we were told by the police that there was some problem in the building and asked to evacuate immediately.

"The police were very clear about the instructions. There was no panic or anything but they were very firm and got everybody out of the building very, very quickly.

"I overheard someone say that there was a man in there with some wires coming out of his jacket.

"Now, I don't know how much of that is true but that's the impression they gave us.

"They mentioned something about a flame-thrower, the jacket and wires coming out of it, and that's about it.

"We're two floors below where this was happening.

"We heard some shouting in the stairwell and then were asked to leave by the police so I think the police got there pretty quick."

It is not known how the suspect arrived at the scene, whether by vehicle or on foot ([Independent, 2012](#)).

Title: Milwaukee Man In Custody For Mailing Suspicious Envelope

Date: April 30, 2012

Source: [Bio Prep Watch](#)

Abstract: A man has been taken into custody after he filmed himself mailing a suspicious package on Milwaukee's lower east side and notified multiple media outlets on Saturday.

The man said that the envelope, addressed to the Department of Workforce Development, was laced with anthrax. Milwaukee police shut down streets near the mailbox and investigated the package, which turned out to be a hoax, [FOX 6 News](#) reports.

The incident occurred at the corner of Knapp St. and Astor and forced the closure of the two streets from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. No businesses were closed and no evacuations took place during the incident.

The man, who has not yet been named or charged, recorded a video of himself mailing the letter with a woman by his side. He spoke nonsense during the recording, mailed the letter and sent an email to multiple news outlets in Milwaukee stating that a letter laced with anthrax could be located at East Knapp St. The emails contained a link to the video, according to [Fox 6 News](#).

The person who allegedly made the threat used to work at Accurate Metal Products, where he used computers to draw up designs. After getting the job in February, he was fired in early April following a conflict that took place between the man and a co-worker. One video showed the man making threats against his former employee. He was arrested after the incident on Saturday evening ([Bio Prep Watch, 2012](#)).

Title: Woman Accused Of Putting Bleach In Daughter's Eyes

Date: May 1, 2012

Source: [Fox 8 News](#)

Abstract: Prosecutors have accused a Washington state woman of repeatedly putting bleach into her daughter's eyes, causing permanent vision loss in the toddler's right eye.

Jennifer Mothershead was arrested Friday and was charged with assault after a lengthy investigation.

Authorities say her daughter was airlifted to Harborview Medical Center in Seattle in May 2011 after sustaining a serious head injury. The girl, who was 14 months old at the time, also had an eye infection. Doctors called the Pierce County Sheriff's Department because they suspected the head injury was a result of abuse.

Mothershead told a detective her daughter started to have an eye issue in March 2011 after playing in a barn. She said the girl received antibiotics and eye drops, but Mothershead didn't provide an explanation for the head injury and, according to the detective, didn't show any emotion about her daughter's injuries.

The detectives placed the girl in state protective custody.

Mothershead had brought the eye drops to the hospital, and a staff member later opened the drops and noticed a foul odor.

Investigators sent the drops to the Food and Drug Administration's Forensic Chemistry Lab for analysis. The lab determined the drops contained bleach.

"The staff at Harborview determined that the damage to the child's eyes was consistent with repeated exposure to bleach, and ruled out any possibility that the eye dropper had been merely cleaned with bleach," prosecutors said in a statement.

The girl's condition improved in the hospital, but doctors noted she'd lost vision in her right eye. The girl now lives with her father.

Mothershead, 29, of Buckley pleaded not guilty to first-degree assault of a child Monday. Mothershead was ordered held in lieu of \$150,000 bail ([Fox 8 News, 2012](#)).

Title: Minnesota Authorities See First Case Of Chemical Suicide

Date: May 2, 2012

Source: [Fox News](#)

Abstract: Authorities in eastern Minnesota say first responders are dealing with a new and dangerous phenomenon -- chemical suicide.

Washington County Sheriff's Cmdr. Brian Mueller says his department dealt with its first case over the weekend. A person had committed suicide by mixing household chemicals in a bucket, creating a deadly gas. The body of a man from Prescott, Wis., was found in a car in Point Douglas Park.

Mueller says when first responders arrived they detected a faint smell of chemicals and called St. Paul hazardous materials squad. He says more training is needed for first responders because they "may not know what they're walking into when they open the car door."

Mueller tells the St. Paul Pioneer Press the haz-mat squad has dealt with similar incidents in the Twin Cities metro area ([Fox News, 2012](#)).