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IN RE: Affidavit and Application to Search and Warrant to Search A blue Nissan Altima automobile, VIN 1N4DL01D81C212547, bearing Massachusetts license plate number 3335VI	)	Misc. No. 01-46-C

GOVERNMENT'S MOTION TO UNSEAL

NOW COMES the United States of America, by and through its attorneys, Paula D. Silsby, United States Attorney for the District of Maine, and Richard W. Murphy, Assistant United States Attorney, and respectfully moves this Honorable Court to unseal the Application and Affidavit for Search Warrant, Search Warrant, and Receipt/Inventory of Property Taken pursuant to Search Warrant, in the above-captioned matter. The government previously moved to seal these items and the Court granted those motions on September 12 and 14, 2001. In light of investigative developments and publicity since those dates, the Government no longer believes that the above items should remain sealed.

Dated at Portland, Maine this 4th day of October, 2001.

Paula D. Silsby
United States Attorney

Richard W. Murphy
Assistant United States Attorney

GRANTED: ✓

DENIED: ____

David M. Cohen
United States Magistrate Judge

Date: 10/4/01

✓ cc: cns1

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In the Matter of the Search of
(Name, address or brief description of person or property to be searched)
A blue Nissan Altima automobile, VIN 1N4DL01D81C212547, bearing Massachusetts license plate number 3335VI

SEARCH WARRANT

CASE NUMBER: 01-46-C

TO: Special Agent James K. Lechner and any Authorized Officer of the United States

Affidavit(s) having been made before me by Special Agent James K. Lechner (Affiant) who has reason to believe that ☐ on the person of or ☒ on the premises known as (name, description and/or location)
A blue Nissan Altima automobile, VIN 1N4DL01D81C212547, bearing Massachusetts license plate number 3335VI

in the District of Maine there is now concealed a certain person or property, namely (describe the person or property)

Maps, interior surfaces of the vehicle, fingerprints, hairs and fibers and other documents and tangible objects that are evidence, fruits and instrumentalities of the crimes of willful destruction of aircraft; willfully performing an act of violence against or incapacitating any individual on such aircraft and conspiracy to commit these crimes in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 32(a)(1), (a)(5) and (a)(7) and that may identify persons involved in the commission of these crimes.

I am satisfied that the affidavit(s) and any record testimony establish probable cause to believe that the person or property so described is now concealed on the person or premises above-described and establish grounds for the issuance of this warrant.

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to search on or before 09-22-2001 (Date)

(not to exceed 10 days) the person or place named above for the person or property specified, serving this warrant and making the search (in the daytime -- 6:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.) ~~(at any time in the day or night as I find reasonable cause has been established)~~ and if the person or property be found there to seize same, leaving a copy of this warrant and receipt for the person or property taken, and prepare a written inventory of the person or property seized and promptly return this warrant to David M. Cohen, U.S. Judge or Magistrate Judge as required by law.

September 12, 2001 at 9:53 am
Date and Time Issued

at Portland, Maine
City and State

David M. Cohen
United States Magistrate Judge
David M. Cohen US Magistrate Judge
Name and Title of Judicial Officer

David M. Cohen
Signature of Judicial Officer

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RETURN

CASE NUMBER:

DATE WARRANT RECEIVED	DATE AND TIME WARRANT EXECUTED	COPY OF WARRANT AND RECEIPT FOR ITEMS LEFT WITH

INVENTORY MADE IN THE PRESENCE OF

INVENTORY OF PERSON OR PROPERTY TAKEN PURSUANT TO THE WARRANT

See Attached Receipt of Property Seized

CERTIFICATION

I swear that this inventory is a true and detailed account of the ~~person or~~ property taken by me on the warrant.

Max W. Aylal

Subscribed, sworn to, and returned before me this date.

David M. Cohen — 9/14/01

U.S. Judge or Magistrate Judge — Date

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Receipt for Property Received/Returned/Released/Seized

On (date) 9-13-01
At (time) 7:45 p.m.
(Name) 2001 Nissan Altima
(Location) Maine State Police Crime Lab, Augusta, Maine

Item(s) listed below were:
☐ Received From
☐ Returned To
☐ Released To
☒ Seized

ITEM#	DESCRIPTION
1	Floor Mat
2	Maps, rental agreement, paperwork
3	Alamo map, pen, tape
4	Floor Mat
5	Floor Mat
6	Tissue and Parking Receipt
7	Map
8	Maps and other documents
9	Rug
10	Hair
11	Hair
12	Hair
13	Vacuum Filter
14	Vacuum Filter
15	Vacuum Filter
16	Vacuum Filter
17	Vacuum Filter
18	Front Passenger Carpet Sample
19	Trunk Carpet Sample
20	Fabric Sample Front Passenger Seat
21	Food
22	Overhead light lense
23	Seat belt buckle
24	Seat Belt Buckle

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ITEM#	DESCRIPTION
25	Seat Belt Buckle
26	Seat Belt Buckle
27	Seat Belt Buckle
28	Chips Ahoy Package; Ashtray
29	Toothpick
30	Rear View Mirror
31	18 Latent Print Lifts

(END OF LIST) Total of 31 Item(s) Listed

This is to certify that Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice, at the time of conducting a search of my person and/or the property (Maine State Police Crime Lab, Augusta, Maine) obtained the above listed items. I further certify that the above represents all that was obtained by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice.

Signature

Witnessed:

Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U.S. Department of Justice

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In the Matter of the Search of
(Name, address or brief description of person or property to be searched)
A blue Nissan Altima automobile, VIN 1N4DL01D81C212547, bearing Massachusetts license plate number 3335VI

A TRUE COPY
ATTEST: William M. Lucy, Clerk

SEARCH WARRANT

CASE NUMBER:

By Melody Montemayor
Deputy Clerk

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September 12, 2001 at 9:53 am at Portland, Maine
Date and Time Issued — City and State

David M. Cohen
United States Magistrate Judge
David M. Cohen — US Magistrate Judge
Name and Title of Judicial Officer

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APPLICATION AND AFFIDAVIT FOR SEARCH WARRANT

CASE NUMBER: 01-44-C

I James K. Lechner being duty sworn depose and say:

I am a(n) FBI Special Agent and have reason to believe
Official Title

that ☐ on the person of or ☒ on the property or premises known as (name, description and/or location)

A blue Nissan Altima automobile, VIN 1N4DL01D81C212547, bearing Massachusetts license plate number 3335VI

in the District of Maine

there is now concealed a certain person or property, namely (describe the person or property to be seized)
Maps, interior surfaces of the vehicle, fingerprints, hairs, fibers and other documents and tangible objects

which is (state one or more bases for search and seizure set forth under Rule 41(b) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure)
evidence, fruits and instrumentalities of crimes and that may identify persons involved in the commission of crimes.

concerning a violation of Title 18 Section(s) 32(a)(1); (a)(5) and (a)(7)

The facts to support a finding of Probable Cause are as follows:

See attached affidavit of James K. Lechner, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Continued on the attached sheet and made a part hereof. ☒ Yes ☐ No

Signature of Affiant

Sworn to before me, and subscribed in my presence

September 12, 2001 at Portland, Maine
Date City and State

David M. Cohen, United States Magistrate Judge
Name and Title of Judicial Officer

Signature of Judicial Officer

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APPLICATION AND AFFIDAVIT OF
SPECIAL AGENT JAMES K. LECHNER

I, James K. Lechner having been duly sworn, do hereby make the following affidavit in application for and in support of a search warrant for the premises described in Section I of this Affidavit entitled "**Premises To Be Searched**". I have probable cause to believe, and do in fact believe, that a search of the said premises will result in the seizure of the items identified in Section II of this Affidavit entitled "**Items To Be Seized**" and that such items constitute evidence of the crimes of in violation of 18 U.S.C §32 (willful destruction of aircraft; willfully performing an act of violence against or incapacitating any individual on any such aircraft and conspiracy to commit these crimes). Because the limited purpose of this affidavit is to establish probable cause to support the issuance of the requested warrant, I have not set forth all facts known to me concerning the current nationwide investigation. I make this affidavit based upon information known to me and provided to me by other agents of the FBI and other federal and state law enforcement officers participating in the current nationwide investigation.

I. PREMISES TO BE SEARCHED

This Affidavit is made in application for and in support of a search warrant for the following item:

A blue Nissan Altima automobile, VIN 1N4DL01D81C212547 bearing Massachusetts license plate number 3335VL.

II. ITEMS TO BE SEIZED

Maps, interior surfaces of the vehicle, fingerprints, hairs and fibers and other documents and tangible objects that are evidence, fruits and instrumentalities of the above referenced crimes and that may identify persons involved in the commission of these crimes.

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III. FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES

1. I have reviewed an Affidavit of FBI Special Agent Mark Hastbacka which was submitted in support of a Search Warrant issued on September 12, 2001 by United States Magistrate Judge Barry S. Seltzer in the Southern District of Florida. I have learned the following:

a. At approximately 8:19 a.m. on September 11, 2001, United Airlines Flight 175 (UA175) departed Logan International Airport in Boston, Massachusetts ("Logan") bound for Los Angeles, California. At approximately 8:48 a.m., UA175 struck a tower of the World Trade Center in New York, New York, causing a massive explosion, fire, and eventual collapse of the tower. Based upon visual observation, it is apparent that UA175 was steered on a path for the purpose of colliding with the tower.

b. At approximately 7:45 a.m. on September 11, 2001, American Airlines Flight 11 (AA11), a Boeing 767 aircraft, departed Logan bound for Los Angeles, California. At approximately 9:08 a.m., AA11 struck the other tower of the World Trade Center in New York, New York, causing a massive explosion, fire, and eventual collapse of the tower. Based upon visual observation, it is apparent that AA11 was steered on a path for the purpose of colliding with the tower. Rescue and recovery efforts are ongoing, but at least hundreds of deaths have resulted from these events.

c. On September 11, 2001, FBI agents interviewed a witness who is an employee of American Airlines at Logan. The witness reported that he had received a telephone call shortly prior to the collision of AA11 with the World Trade Center from a flight attendant on AA11 using a cellular telephone. The witness reported that the flight attendant stated during this telephone call, in substance, that several males of Middle Eastern descent seated in the area of rows 9 and 10 of AA11 were armed with knives and had wounded other passengers and were hijacking the plane.

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d. Review of the passenger manifest for AA11 reveals that a passenger by the name of MOHAM (first name apparently abbreviated) ATTA ("Atta") was on AA11 and was assigned seat 8D. In addition, a passenger by the name of ABDUL ALOMARI ("Alomari") was on AA11 and was assigned seat 8G. Subsequent to the departure of AA11, American Airlines personnel at Logan discovered two bags that had been bound for transfer to AA11 but had not been loaded onto the flight prior to its departure. These two bags, a green Travel Gear bag bearing American Airlines tag number US138530 and a black Travelpro bag bearing American Airlines number US138529, were checked to passenger Atta. These two bags were checked on September 11, 2001 at Portland, Maine and were marked to be transferred at Logan from an inbound flight from Portland to AA11.

e. On September 11, 2001, United States Magistrate Judge Lawrence P. Cohen of the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts issued a warrant authorizing a search of the two bags checked to Atta and recovered at Logan. Search and examination of the contents of these bags is ongoing. Items recovered and identified at present include the following: numerous documents, including a letter of recommendation and education-related documentation, bearing the names "Mohamed Mohamed Elamir Awad Elsayed" and "Mohamed Mohamed Elamir Awad Elsayed Atta"; a hand-held electronic flight computer; a simulator procedures manual for Boeing 757 and 767 aircraft; two videotapes relating to "air tours" of the Boeing 757 and 747 aircraft; a slide-rule flight calculator; and a copy of the Koran

f. Also included among materials recovered at present from the luggage is a handwritten document in Arabic titled "In the name of God all mighty, Death Certificate." This document has been preliminarily translated as including the following statements among others, in substance: "I am Muhammed the son of Muhammed Elamir awad Elsayed"; "When I die, I want the

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people who will inherit my possessions to do the following"; "This was written on April 11, 1996"; and "Written by Mohamed Mohamed Elamir Awad Elsayed." The document includes detailed instructions for the handling and burial of the author's body and possessions following his death.

g. Investigation by FBI agents at the airport in Portland, Maine on September 11, 2001 resulted in the discovery that Atta and Alomari purchased their tickets for travel using SunTrust Visa account number [redacted] (the "SunTrust Account"). Partial records for the SunTrust Account were subsequently retrieved pursuant to a subpoena. Records of the SunTrust account reflect, among other things, numerous charges totaling thousands of dollars for rental cars, airlines tickets, cash withdrawals and other items in the area of Miami and Ft. Lauderdale, Florida between late July 2001 and September 6, 2001. I was involved in the investigation at the airport in Portland, Maine on September 11, 2001. This investigation did not disclose that Atta and Alomari purchased their tickets for travel using SunTrust Visa account number [redacted]; rather, the tickets were purchased using Visa account number [redacted].

h. A review of public records databases for Alomari has determined that his address is reported as 4032 57th Terrace, Vero Beach, Florida. In addition, he is associated with SADA Lines International (a Saudi Arabian airline) and Saudi Flight Ops at John F. Kennedy International Airport.

i. FBI agents have interviewed the property manager for the residence located at 4032 57th Terrace, Vero Beach, Florida. The property manager informed agents, in substance, that she had been intending to contact the FBI, that the occupant of 4032 57th Terrace was in fact Alomari, and that Alomari had a friend who has been taking flying lessons. In addition, on his condominium association paperwork, Alomari had listed two vehicles as authorized to park in his

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parking space. One of those vehicles is registered to Atta.

2. At approximately 11:15 p.m. on September 11, 2001, Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Special Agent Michael R. Saenz spoke with Patricia Venezia, the rental manager for Alamo Rent A Car located at the Portland Jetport, 1000 Westbrook Street, Portland, Maine. Ms. Venezia checked the Alamo database and advised that on September 9, 2001 at 6:08 p.m. an individual identifying himself as Mohamed Atta rented a blue Nissan Altima VIN 1N4DL01D81C212547 (the "blue Altima) bearing Massachusetts license plate number 3335VI at an Alamo rental office in Boston, Massachusetts. He provided a VISA credit card bearing the last four digits 7778. He further provided an address of 10001 Atlantic Boulevard, Coral Springs, Florida 33071-6560 and a telephone number of (954) 815-3004. Ms. Venezia stated that the blue Altima was due to be returned to Boston by 6:00 p.m. on September 11, 2001. She stated that the car had not been returned.

3. On September 11, 2001, after speaking with Special Agent Saenz, I found a blue Nissan Altima VIN 1N4DL01D81C212547 bearing Massachusetts license plate number 3335VI on the first floor of the parking garage at the Portland Jetport. The doors of the car were locked. I was able to observe through the windows a Boston city map on the back seat; an Alamo map on the floor behind the driver's seat; a map located between the driver's seat and the center console; other documents in the driver's door pocket; a kleenex and a parking ticket on the center console.

IV. CRIMINAL STATUTES IMPLICATED

Title 18, United States Code, Section 32(a)(1) makes it a federal crime for any person to willfully damage, destroy, disable or wreck any aircraft in the special aircraft jurisdiction of the United States or any civil aircraft used, operated or employed in interstate commerce. Title 18,

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United States Code, Section 32(a)(5) makes it a federal crime for any person to willfully perform an act of violence against or incapacitate any individual on any such aircraft, if such act of violence or incapacitation is likely to endanger the safety of such aircraft. Title 18, United States Code, Section 32(a)(7) makes it a federal crime for any person to conspire to do anything prohibited under Section 32(a)(1) and (a)(5). Violations of these sections are punishable as felonies.

V. AFFIANT'S EXPERIENCE

I have been a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation since June, 1999. I am currently assigned to the Portland, Maine Resident Agency.

VI. CONCLUSION

Based on the above, I have probable cause to believe, and do in fact believe, that there is probable cause to conclude that the articles described in Section II of this Affidavit are being secreted and maintained at the premises described in Section I of this Affidavit. The items sought to be seized are the fruits, instrumentalities and evidence of willful destruction of aircraft; willfully performing an act of violence against or incapacitate any individual on any such aircraft and conspiracy to commit these crimes under Title 18 of the United States Code. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that a search warrant issue for the seizure of the identified items at the above-described premises.

James K. Lechner
Special Agent, Federal Bureau Investigation

Sworn to me and subscribed in my presence this 12th day of September, 2001 at Portland, Maine.

David M. Cohen
United States Magistrate Judge

Time: 9:51 Am

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