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**CANADIAN TERRORISM SUSPECT ENTERS GUILTY PLEA**

The United States Attorney's Office for the District of New Mexico announced a guilty plea in *United States v. Alfred Heinz Reumayr* (99-CR-1338 BB). The Defendant, a Canadian citizen, pled guilty to attempted terrorism transcending national boundaries and causing a risk of serious personal injury, as charged in the first count of the indictment.

The charges in the case resulted from an undercover investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) which revealed the defendant's plot to use explosives to rupture the Trans-Alaska Pipeline using time bombs set to go off at and in the days following Y2K. The defendant planned to buy oil futures at low prices before Y2K, cause a spike in prices by bombing the Pipeline and then sell the oil futures at a large profit.

The United States and the defendant agreed to a definite sentence of thirteen years, with the defendant expected to get credit for time served, given that he has been held on these charges since his arrest in 1999. (The efforts to extradite the defendant from Canada lasted until he was transferred to the United States in early 2006.)

ATF Senior Special Agent Frank Ortiz III directed the undercover operation in coordination with Constable Mitchell Rasche of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP). The investigation began in early 1998 with a call to federal authorities from an ex-federal prisoner (and ex-Green Beret) who had met the defendant in prison. The ex-Green Beret reported that the defendant was interested in obtaining explosives, and agreed to cooperate with the ATF. After numerous communications, the investigation culminated with meetings in Canada on July 22 and August 17, 1999. On July 22, the defendant provided the ex-Green Beret with a high explosive called PETN for him to bring the August 17 bomb-building session. (Law enforcement did not allow that because of safety concerns.) On the 17th, the defendant brought the bomb casings and projectiles (six inch diameter steel disks meant to penetrate the Pipeline), along with fourteen timers to set off the bombs. Video cameras later captured these timers firing at the times the defendant had set them for.

The former Green Beret died in November 2007 after an extended illness. It is noteworthy that he was not in trouble with the law, took no payment beyond expenses and stated that he cooperated out of patriotism.

US Attorney Gregory J. Fouratt said "This case was a challenging one, from the international investigation to the seven year extradition fight and the technical issues because no explosives could be taken to the last undercover meeting. And, it got more challenging when the former Green Beret passed away. Nonetheless, the evidence collected by ATF Agent Ortiz, in coordination with the RCMP Constable Rasche, and analytic support by the FBI, was strong enough that the defendant pled guilty to the principle charge of attempted terrorism transcending national boundaries - and agreed to a substantial sentence of thirteen years."

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