



# Plot to Bomb Riverdale Synagogues

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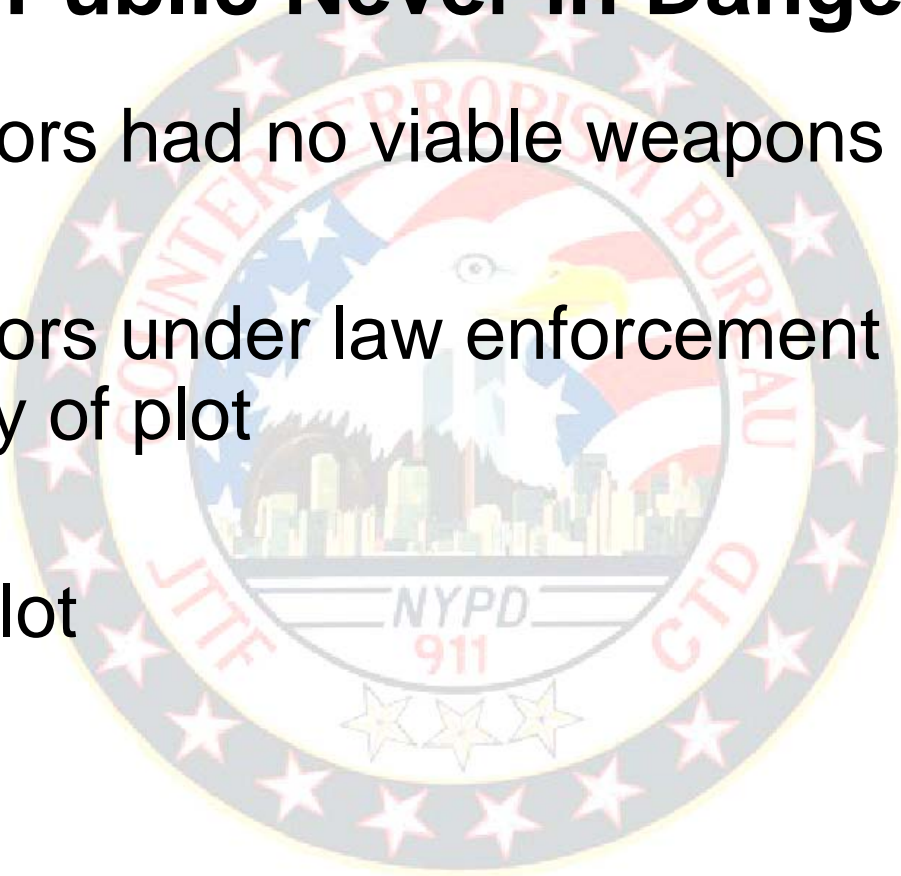
## Overview

- Tonight, the FBI-NYPD Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) disrupted a plot to bomb two Jewish synagogues in the Riverdale section of the Bronx
- Four individuals arrested without incident at approximately 9:00 PM



## Public Never in Danger

- Conspirators had no viable weapons
- Conspirators under law enforcement surveillance for entirety of plot
- Isolated plot





## Plot

- To detonate improvised explosive devices (IEDs) at two synagogues in Riverdale
- To shoot down a military plane with a Stinger surface-to-air missile at a New York Air National Guard Base



## Timeline

- June 2008: Conspirator speaks of martyrdom and doing “something to America”
- July 2008: Conspirator expresses interest in joining Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM), a terrorist group based in Pakistan
- October 2008: Conspirators discuss desire to attack a synagogue in the Bronx and target military aircraft
- April 2009: Conspirators select targets, conduct surveillance, and buy 9MM semi-automatic pistol
- May 2009: Conspirators acquire IEDs and surface-to-air missile



## Joint Law Enforcement Effort

- Represented the joint efforts of several law enforcement agencies at the federal, state, and local level
- Result of cooperative effort among:
  - FBI-NYPD Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF)
  - New York City Police Department (NYPD)
  - U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of New York
  - New York State Police
  - Newburgh City Police Department
  - Town of New Windsor Police Department
  - Air Force Office of Special Investigations



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