

Garland, Texas, Shooting Event Revised - Shining a Spotlight on FBI's Role Before Attack

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According to official reports over the last week, key details concerning the shooting outside the Curtis Culwell Center in Garland, Texas – have suddenly changed...

This past May 3rd, [it was reported that two gunmen opened fire](#) outside of a cartoon 'art' exhibition and "free speech contest" featuring images of the Prophet Muhammad in Garland, Texas.

Incredibly, government scribes have change their official story line this week, with investigators now saying that the two named suspects, [Elton Simpson and Nadir Hamid Soofi](#) were shot dead, but [not by a single traffic officer as was originally stated by authorities](#), by heavily armed SWAT Team officers.

This latest change radically differs from what the [Garland Police Department had originally released shortly after the incident occurred](#).

The crime scene revision adds intrigue to the story surrounding the 'unnamed officer' initially believed to have shot both suspects, as he was confidently declared a "hero," following the incident.

Why would the Garland Police declare such a dramatically different description of the events, after displaying so much adulation for the unnamed officer and his apparent actions?

Initially, Garland police spokesman Joe Harn had stated that the traffic officer who requested not to be identified, was at the event as part of a heavy security detail prior to the drawing contest, as described in this early [NBC Dallas affiliate report](#):

"Harn added that off-duty officers work events at the Culwell Center every weekend, but that organizers paid the department around \$10,000 for additional security that included agents with the ATF and FBI, security officers from the school district, off-duty police officers as well as SWAT officers and the bomb squad."

We see a clearer picture emerging regarding Harn's account of the heavy security presence and are offered a small window into the financial component related to the highly orchestrated exhibition as mentioned [here at 21WIRE](#):

"Officer Harn then notified the media — "The evacuation of all businesses in

the area – just in case.” Notice how teams organized an evacuation, and not “shelter in place” – more evidence that points to a drill.”



‘Secrets in Garland?’ – What really happened during the apparent 15 second incident at the Curtis Culwell Center in Garland, Texas. (Photo link trbimg.com)

Additionally, as we [previously reported at 21WIRE](#) shortly after the story first broke, the main suspect named in the incident, Elton Simpson, had been under the [watchful eye of the FBI for nearly a decade](#) and was in close contact with an undercover informant during that time. The following is an excerpt from that report, which also discloses that Simpson served 3 years probation after being arrested by the FBI in 2010 making a ‘false statement’ concerning an alleged attempt to join serving only 15 days in jail:

“Elton Simpson, was already under surveillance by the FBI and was even the subject of a terror investigation. More importantly, we can also confirm [Simpson was being handled by an FBI informant](#). Court papers filed in Arizona name the FBI undercover informant as Mr. Daba Deng, a Kenyan and who, from 2007, was paid \$132,000 by the FBI to “become friends with Mr. Simpson”, and who appears to have groomed Simpson through a local mosque, and helped to develop Simpson’s ideas about “jihad”.”

The same report outlined the relationship Nadir Hamid Soofi, the apparent ‘second’ shooter had with Simpson and likely with authorities:

“Elton Simpson’s roommate and that they both shared an apartment in Phoenix, Arizona, and also attended the same mosque – the Islamic Center of North Phoenix. Is it not safe to assume then, that FBI informant Deng also knew and was interacting with Soofi as well?”

In a Reuters clip on YouTube below, Sharon Soofi, the apparent mother of Nadir tearfully describes how her son has never been violent. Strangely, she didn’t appear to know Nadir’s roommate Elton, even calling him by a different name...

In [21WIRE’s initial report](#) regarding the highly suspicious events in Garland, we once again see how media often ignites a politically charged narrative for the masses:

“USA Today then inserted this familiar talking point to round-out the basic “Twitter” narrative: “Al-Qaeda and ISIS have shown a deft ability to use the Internet, particularly YouTube and social media, to spread their message and recruit followers around the globe.

According to Garland’s Mayor, Douglas Athas, and other media reports, a ‘SWAT Team’ was put into place BEFORE the event because of “safety concerns”.

The Story in Garland Takes U-turn

The rearranging of information regarding the Garland’s “ISIS” shooting incident were outlined by Garland Police Chief Mitch Bates on Monday, May 11th, stating that the FBI had not contacted his department in the hours before the shooting. Continuing, Bates denied having any prior warning about either of the suspected gunmen – *a story which directly contradicts what FBI Director James B. Comey stated at a news conference last week.*

 ‘The Watchful Eye’ – FBI director James B. Comey. (Photo link star.com)

In a May 8th report [appearing in the NY Times](#), we see the extent FBI was actively monitoring Simpson prior to the apparent attack outside a small event in Garland:

“The F.B.I., which investigated Mr. Simpson from 2006 to 2014, reopened its investigation in March when he began to post messages on Twitter about the Islamic State.”

Additionally, the report continues by outlining the level at which the FBI was involved before the cartoon contest:

“Law enforcement officials had recognized that the cartoon contest, staged by anti-Muslim activists in what they called a defense of free speech, might be a target for violence. The F.B.I. set up a command center nearby in Dallas and issued a number of intelligence bulletins about the possibility of trouble, Mr. Comey said.”

“As early as April 23, Mr. Simpson had referred on Twitter to the planned cartoon contest. Mr. Comey declined to say whether agents had seen that post or what specifically had prompted the bureau to warn the Garland police 10 days later about Mr. Simpson.”

According to another [excerpt from the NY Times](#) piece from May 11th, the FBI insists it issued a warning prior to the event:

“The F.B.I. director, James B. Comey, told reporters in Washington on Thursday that three hours before the attack, the F.B.I. sent a bulletin to the Garland police warning them that Mr. Simpson might show up at the event.”

If the FBI had followed Simpson for sometime, as outlined above, it seems likely they would have known exactly where the suspected gunmen was – why then, would Garland police state


on the record they did not receive a warning?

Additionally, what are we to make of the FBI setting up a command center nearby Garland in Dallas?

Watch this Reuters news clip featuring Mitch Bates of the Garland police discussing the new developments in the Garland shooting case. Decide for yourself if the latest claims in the Garland case create more uncertainty about what happened...

"The identities of the two suspects were not known to us until many hours after the shooting occurred." – Garland Police Chief Mitch Bates

While the mainstream [media has noted the shift in the story](#) between the Garland police force and that of the FBI as a somewhat insignificant detail, the reality is, there is now a glaring change in the official narrative and the case should be examined more closely for its authenticity.


'Weird Scene' – This is an aerial view of the car said to have been used by both suspected gunmen in Garland. All of this damage we're told – happened in just a matter of seconds.
(Photo link politicomag.com)

Staged Terror?

Shortly after the incident, many media outlets released a flurry of reports early on May 5th, stating that ISIS had claimed responsibility for the Garland attack via a radio broadcast on its Al Bayan radio station, [a story which originated from SITE Intelligence Group](#).

As we've noted numerous times here at 21WIRE, the intelligence monitoring group SITE, has ties to [both the CIA and Israeli intelligence](#). The group has also [raised ethical concerns over the years](#) and according to the group's founder, Rita Katz – *they've managed to the [release terror related material linked to ISIS prior to the group itself](#)*.

The staged events in Copenhagen, Paris, and now Garland, repeat the same script, all with intelligence linked gunmen who are allegedly extremists.

And when you consider SITE's involvement in the Garland story line, linked with that of anti-Islamic media personality [Pamela Geller](#), who is the president of the well-funded organization, the [American Freedom Defense Initiative](#), the organizer of Garland's Mohammed cartoon event, a polarizing political narrative emerges.

Additionally, when reports suggested that ISIS had somehow orchestrated the apparent attack on "US soil," in Garland, Texas without any forensic proof. The claims seemed much like the [fake "ISIS in Mexico" story](#), where authorities and the media had to [back away from the fuzzy claims](#) in favor of a new meme – one stating that the suspected gunmen Simpson and Soofi were instead inspired by the terror group.

Here's a recent interview on the Sunday Wire with host Patrick Henningsen along with whistleblower and legal analyst Kurt Haskell, listen as they dissect the highly orchestrated

affair in Garland...

In an *Associated Press* article by Julie Watson entitled, "[Doubts raised about Islamic State claim in Texas attack](#)," brought to light an important aspect of the story – the fact that there was no credible evidence ISIS was directly involved:

"It was unclear whether the group actually directed Sunday's shooting in the Dallas suburb of Garland or if the two gunmen were inspired by the group to act on their own before they were shot and killed.

Such lone wolf attacks pose a daunting challenge to law enforcement, and Islamic State has a history of claiming responsibility for attacks in which it played no operational role, counterterrorism experts said."

Continuing the report outlined possible outside links to the case, but had come up empty:

"Federal investigators were looking for links to overseas terror groups, but as of Tuesday afternoon had not disclosed any connection or evidence to back up the group's claims."

'Confusion in Garland' – An officer looks on at the apparent crime scene. (Photo link [cyprus-mail.com](#))

Down the ISIS Rabbit Hole

On May 11th, the [NY Times reported](#) that Simpson tweeted to an account allegedly linked to Junaid Hussain a 20-year-old British hacker, a [person with multiple online identities](#), who authorities also believe is the cyber hacker TriCk, connected the group TeaMp0isoN.

TeaMp0isoN, as it turns out, was a former blackhat hacker crew from 2008, which has now reemerged as [a whitehat computer-security team in 2015](#) that "specializes in penetration testing," and other testing for security reasons.

In other words, they're now a legal hacking group...

Hussain has been [simultaneously linked to ISIS](#) and mentioned as a key figure behind the apparent hack of [CENTCOM's Twitter account](#) by a group calling themselves the "[Cyber Caliphate](#)."

If we are to believe that Hussain is working with ISIS and TeaMp0isoN a now 'whitehat' group which has also been linked to working alongside Anonymous – wouldn't that expose

the CENTCOM hack as a sham, as it reveals the various connections between government entities and hacking groups now associated with ISIS?

For the record, the same *NY Times* article above mentions the dodgy claims of the events in Garland being linked to ISIS:

“Mr. Simpson posted, promoting a Twitter account believed to belong to Junaid Hussain, a young computer expert from Birmingham, England, who moved to Syria two years ago to join the Islamic State and has become one of the extremist group’s celebrity hackers.”

“This seemingly routine shout-out is an intriguing clue to the question of whether the gunmen, Mr. Simpson and Nadir Soofi, 34, both of Phoenix, were acting in concert with the Islamic State.”

Over the past week, the public was also told that Hussain was behind [an apprent plot to attack London](#) with his presumed wife, 45-year-old Sally Jones, an unemployed mother and former rocker via Twitter.

The very same week, the [Daily Mail released a report](#) outlining a recent recruitment campaign by British security services:

“MI5 is launching an ambitious campaign to recruit intelligence officers to convince the thousands of Jihadi extremists it is monitoring to spy for them.

A staggering 700 Britons are thought to be fighting alongside ISIS extremists in Iraq and Syria while an estimated 300 have already returned to the UK.

It will be the responsibility of operational intelligence officers – known as ‘handlers’ – to convince them into providing vital information to the security services instead.

Successful candidates will receive £41,900 salary plus benefits if they pass a nine-step qualification process which starts with an online ‘pre-screening’ and ends with an eight-week ‘foundation agent-handling course’.”

The MI5’s recruit program seemingly goes hand in hand with the rise new terror plots.

The symbiotic relationship between British security services, [the FBI and terror schemes](#) unfortunately – *is nothing new...*

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