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## Wisconsin Man Sentenced for Conveying “Sick” Terrorism Hoax to Detonate Dirty Bombs at U.S. Football Stadiums

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NEWARK, N.J. – A 22-year-old Wisconsin man was sentenced today to six months in federal prison for conveying a terrorism hoax in his repeated posting of an Internet message claiming that terrorists would detonate radioactive “dirty bombs” at football stadiums in seven states, including New Jersey, U.S. Attorney Christopher J. Christie announced.

U.S. District Judge Jose L. Linares also ordered Jake J. Brahm, of Wauwatosa, Wis., to serve six months of home confinement following his prison term. Judge Linares ordered Brahm to surrender to the federal Bureau of Prisons by July 21.

Additionally, Judge Linares ordered Brahm to pay restitution totaling \$26,750. That amount represents \$18,000 to the Cleveland Browns and \$8,750 to the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority, which operates Giants Stadium in East Rutherford. The costs cover expanded public- and privately-funded security mobilized in response to Brahm’s bogus threats, including bomb-sniffing dogs, extra police and security.

Judge Linares characterized Brahm’s actions as a “sick hoax.”

Christie agreed, noting that Brahm’s original Internet posting included an embedded photo of the World Trade Center towers after the jets had been flown into them.

“I’d also characterize his conduct as cruel and dangerous,” said Christie.

Brahm pleaded guilty on Feb. 28 to a one-count Indictment charging him with willfully conveying false information indicating that the seven stadiums would be attacked by terrorists with weapons of mass destruction and radiological dispersal devices.

Brahm admitted composing and posting a message approximately 40 times throughout September and October 2006, stating that on Oct. 22, 2006, seven “dirty” explosive devices would be detonated during football games at stadiums in Miami, Atlanta, Seattle, Houston, Oakland, Cleveland and New York City. Brahm admitted that the message’s reference to New York City was intended to indicate Giants Stadium, in East Rutherford, where the New York Jets had been scheduled to play the Detroit Lions on the date of the purported attack.

The message Brahm posted went on to say that the bombs would be delivered by trucks and that “the death toll will approach 100,000 from the initial blasts and countless other fatalities will later occur as result from radioactive fallout.”

Brahm further wrote in the posting that the stadium explosions would be lauded by Osama bin Laden as “America’s Hiroshima” and that global conflicts would erupt in their wake.

Until they were determined to be a hoax, Brahm's messages caused a significant mobilization of law enforcement, public safety and security resources.

Brahm turned himself into the U.S. Marshal's Service in Milwaukee on Oct. 20, 2006, after a federal criminal Complaint and arrest warrant had been issued. He was indicted on Feb. 28, 2007.

Christie credited Special Agents of the FBI in Newark, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Agent in Charge Weysan Dunn, for their work in the investigation leading to the charges against Brahm. Christie also credited FBI Special Agents and the Joint Terrorism Task Force in Milwaukee, for their work in the investigation, as well as the Wauwatosa, Wis. Police Department for its assistance in the case.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys L. Judson Welle and Camelia M. Valdes, assigned to the U.S. Attorney's Terrorism Unit, in Newark.

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