

PI # 05/09

**POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF NEW YORK**

May 26, 2009

From: Intelligence Collection Coordinator and Intelligence Analysis Coordinator
To: Commanding Officer, Intelligence Division
**SUBJECT: REQUEST TO CONDUCT A PRELIMINARY INQUIRY
CONCERNING MUFTI MUHAMMAD NAEEM, MOHAMMAD
FARHAN AND STUDENTS OF MOHAMMAD FARHAN
INCLUDING TANBEER BHUIYAN AND FARHAN AHMED**

1. Pursuant to the modified Handschu Guidelines, the undersigned requests that the Intelligence Division be authorized to conduct a Preliminary Inquiry concerning the individual more fully described in paragraph 2, below. Responsible handling of the information currently known requires the opening of a Preliminary Inquiry. The requested Preliminary Inquiry is necessary so that accurate and reliable information may be obtained regarding any plans on the part of the subject of this Preliminary Inquiry to engage in unlawful conduct or activities. Such information will also be utilized by the Department to gather sufficient evidence to maximize the potential for successful prosecution of legal proceedings concerning the subject of this Preliminary Inquiry and to facilitate the efficient deployment of police resources to ensure public safety and security.

2. The subjects of this Preliminary Inquiry are Mufti Muhammad Naeem, Mohammad Farhan and his students, including Tanbeer Bhuiyan and Farhan Ahmed. This is the first request to open a Preliminary Inquiry concerning these individuals.

3. The facts and circumstances justifying this request to conduct a Preliminary Inquiry include:

- A. Information reported in TEI # 12/05 indicated the following: Mohammad Farhan, is a 29 year old Pakistan citizen who lived in the United States from 1994 to 2006, returned to Pakistan in 2006 to receive religious training and re-entered the United States on August 26, 2008 under the sponsorship of Masjid Al

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Baqi in Bethpage, New York for the purpose of teaching religion. He currently teaches religious classes at Masjid Al Baqi. Farhan Ahmed, one of Mohammad Farhan's students, stated that Farhan studied under Mufti Naeem at the Jamia Binoria Sindh Industrial Trading Estate ("SITE") madrasa in Paksitan and that Mufti Naeem has visited Masjid Al Baqi. On Farhan's arrival at JFK International Airport on August 26, 2008 his possessions were searched by CBP and he was found to be carrying a business card from Jamia Binoria SITE, Karachi, Pakistan.

- B.** Open source information indicates the following: The Jamia Binoria SITE is a large madrasa sponsored by the Deobandi party. A number of the madrasa's former students fought in the anti-Soviet Afghan jihad throughout the 1980s. It has been reported that Taliban leader Mullah Omar lived at the Jamia Binoria SITE. According to an International Crisis Group report on radical madrasas in Pakistan, leaders of Jamia Binoria have publicly adopted a pro-jihad, anti-Western stance.
- C.** The founder and administrator of the Jamia Binoria SITE madrasa is Mufti Muhammad Naeem. Mufti Naeem is the subject of a terrorism investigation by a law enforcement agency other than the NYPD based on his alleged ties to extreme Muslim fundamentalists groups, including the Taliban.
- D.** Information obtained in TEI #12/05 indicated that Mufti Naeem has traveled to New York over ten times since 2001 using two different Pakistani passports or a green card.
- E.** Information obtained in TEI # 08/03 concerning Tablighi Jamaat indicated the following: Student Jamaats are sent from Masjid Al-Falah, the North American headquarters of Tablighi Jamaat, to Pakistan and that Mufti Naeem directs where the students go when they arrive in Pakistan. During a visit to New York in September 2006, Mufti Naeem was driven around New York with two other passengers where the group allegedly surveyed New York landmarks including Webster Hall, the Javits Center, Madison Square Garden, and the Empire State Building. The group faxed notes about the expedition to South Africa from a Manhattan fax number.
- F.** Information obtained in TEI #12/05 and TEI # 08/03 indicated the following: Mohammad Farhan first arrived in the United States on September 03, 1994, on an F-22 Visa because of his status of the child of a parent in the United States on a valid visa. Farhan's father is an individual named Khadim Mughal, who has engaged in recruiting for Tablighi Jamaat (a subject of TEI # 08/03) at Makki Masjid and in July 2007, led a Tablighi Jamaat sponsored forty day Jamaat to Puerto Rico.
- G.** Information obtained in TEI # 11/03 and TEI # 12/05 indicated the following: After Mohammad Farhan re-entered the United

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States at the end of August 2008, he initially taught religious classes at both Masjid Al Baqi and Masjid Noor located in Huntington, New York. However, he was asked to leave Masjid Noor at the end of January 2009. He now teaches three days each week at Masjid Al Baqi.

- H.** Information reported in TEI # 12/05 indicates the following: Tanbeer Bhuiyan is a 29 year old United States citizen who is a student of Mohammad Farhan; He claims to have been thrown out of StonyBrook University because he got carried away with studying religion. Tanbeer stated on January 07, 2009, that he would train if someone declared jihad and promoted the website (www.anwar-alawalki.com) as a good source for training to prepare for jihad.
- I.** Open source information confirmed that the anwar-alawalki website at one point provided information on ways one could mentally prepare for jihad. Information obtained by law enforcement agencies other than NYPD indicated that the sponsor of this website, Anwar al-Awlaki, is a well known Yemeni lecturer and teacher who currently lives in Yemen and is alleged to have ties to members of Al Qaeda, including the perpetrators of the 9/11 attacks.
- J.** Information obtained in TEI # 12/05 indicates the following: Farhan Ahmed is a 24 year old United States citizen who is a student of Mohammad Farhan. He frequently travels to Pakistan with his family and has participated in Tablighi Jamaat activities. He has sought advice from Farhan's father about the Tablighi Jamaat community in South Africa for the stated reason that Ahmed's father plans to travel to South Africa on business.
- K.** The undersigned concludes that the foregoing information indicates that there is a possibility that Mufti Muhammad Naeem and or Mohammad Farhan have engaged in, are engaged in, or are planning to engage in unlawful conduct related to terrorism and that there is a possibility that students of Mohammad Farhan, including Tanbeer Bhuiyan and Farhan Ahmed may be involved in or become involved in unlawful conduct in which Naem and/or Farhan are engaged or planning to engage.
- L.** Responsible handling of the information currently known requires that Preliminary Inquiry # 05/09 be approved.

4. For your consideration.

Paul Ciorra
Deputy Inspector

Mitchell Silber
Director

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ACTION BY AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL

The request to conduct Preliminary Inquiry # 05/09 is hereby:

APPROVED

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Assistant Thomas Galati
Commanding Officer, Intelligence Division
Dated: May , 2009

FINAL ACTION
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER INTELLIGENCE

The request to conduct Preliminary Inquiry # 05/09 is hereby:

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David Cohen
Deputy Commissioner Intelligence
Dated: May , 2009