

Suspect(s) Profile:

The construction and deployment of this destructive device strongly suggest that the person responsible – who at this point is an unknown subject (UNSUB), held such a grievance toward the victim, ERIK CHAPPELL, that he was willing to kill him and innocent children to exact his revenge. His use of command detonation, and shrapnel to increase the lethality of the device, support our theory.

It has been our experience that individuals who use explosives to engage in such target-specific violence often exhibit the following personality traits:

- They may be known as individuals who seek excessive revenge for perceived grievances, espousing the motto, “I don’t get mad, I get even.”
- These subjects possess an anger that is noted by others around them; in fact, friends and family members may have suffered verbal, physical and emotional abuse by them due to their tempers.
- This anger may color his thinking so that he blames others for perceived mistakes and shortcomings in his own life. He may not take appropriate responsibility for his actions.
- There is noted self-centeredness to these individuals – it’s all about them. They may display a degree of callousness or lack of concern for the rights of others. In this case the UNSUB’s need for revenge motivated him to intentionally and recklessly endanger the lives of others, including those not even involved with his conflict.
- These subjects may engage in other criminal behavior, such as frauds, schemes, property crimes, and assaults.
- These personality traits and behaviors will cause these subjects problems in their lives, particularly with their relationships and employment.
- The person responsible for the design and construction of this device possesses knowledge of electronics, radio control circuitry, tool and metal working. These skills will have been developed through his employment or hobbies.
- He will have needed access to a private workspace to store, assemble and construct his device.

It may likely be the case that there is more than one subject involved in this crime – that the author of the scheme enlisted the aid of another to carry it out. This factor will increase the likelihood that others beyond the pair may be aware of the truth behind this crime, or possess knowledge of this crime without realizing its significance.