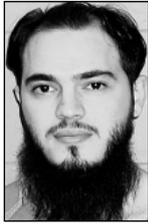
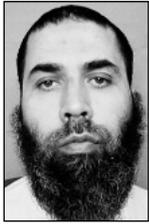


A TIMELINE OF THE CASE

Twenty-eight months after they were indicted, three men were found guilty on all counts yesterday.



Amawi



El-Hindi



Mazloum



U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales announces the indictment.



Informant Darren Griffin leaves the courtroom after testimony.

Feb., 2005 — Three men — Mohammad Amawi, Marwan El-Hindi, and Wassim Mazloum — meet for the first time.

Feb. 21, 2006 — U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales announces the indictment of three men: Amawi, 26, of 4 Chelmsley Ct.; El-Hindi, 42, of 3524 Mayo St., and Mazloum, 24, of 5526 Grey Drive, Sylvania. They face a total of five charges related to the planning of attacks on U.S. military personnel in Iraq.

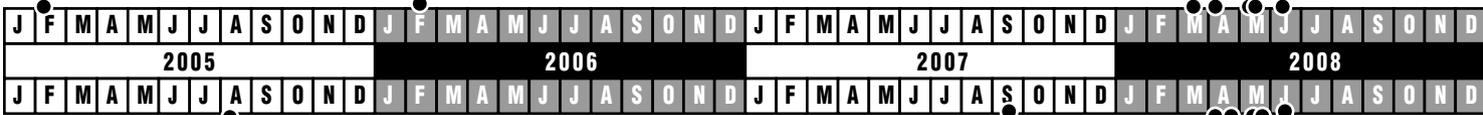
March 18 — Nine men and nine women are selected for a jury of 12 with six alternates.

April 2 — A paid government informant, Darren Griffin, known as “The Trainer,” begins his testimony against the three men.

May 2 — Mr. Griffin testifies that the videos downloaded by the defendants held training value because they showed how to place and detonate roadside bombs, for example.

May 14 — Amawi’s attorney testifies that his client never built or created any materials related to the manufacture and use of poisons, explosives, and surveillance techniques despite hundreds of files found on his computer drives and discs that revealed dozens of such downloaded manuals.

June 10 — Defense attorneys say in their closing arguments that any training desired by the defendants was not for future terrorist activities, but only intended to protect themselves and their families. Justice Department attorney Gregg Sofer disputes those claims and argues the men wanted to go overseas to kill American soldiers. The case is turned over to the jury.



Aug., 2005 — Amawi travels to Jordan. Federal prosecutors later argue this was to further the creation of a terrorist cell, but his defense attorneys argue it was a chance for him to see his family.

Sept. 18, 2007 — Attorneys for the three men say national security restrictions were causing problems for their defense. Justice Department attorneys say they were balancing national security with the rights of the individuals.

April 1 — The trial begins.



A U.S. Marshal with dog conducts a security check around the courthouse in Toledo.

April 10 — Jurors listen to two hours of taped conversation leading up to a meeting that government prosecutors say was the first encounter of the three men. Among the conversations played was one between El-Hindi and Mr. Griffin where the two were attempting to download and save Islamic extremist videos from the Internet.

May 13 — FBI Special Agent Charles Holloway testifies that in his initial interview with members of the area’s Joint Terrorism Task Force, El-Hindi denies recruiting, training, or planning for violent jihad overseas.

May 23 — Several witnesses testify that Mazloum told family and friends he learned to shoot a gun both for fun and to defend himself if he returned to his war-torn homeland of Lebanon.

June 13 — Jurors return guilty verdicts on all charges.