



## Memorandum

9/11 Law Enforcement Privacy

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**DATE:** September 20, 2001

**RE:** Authentication of Lebanese Passport of Ziad Jarrah

[redacted] FBI QD examiner visited the FDL to seek assistance in the examination of a passport recovered from United flight 93, which crashed in PA.

I confirmed that the passport was Lebanese. Many of the pages were missing; those recovered were extensively charred by fire. All of the pages examined were vacuum sealed in plastic for preservation. The pages were associated by common serial number perforations.

An examination of the passport remains revealed that it was genuine. The following observations support this finding:

1. Evidence of watermarks in the pages
2. Evidence of intaglio and microline printing on inside front cover
3. Conformity of background printing
4. Conformity of overall general descriptors of the passport pages (dimensions, etc.)

What was initially believed to be tape along the binding (assumption by the FBI) was identified as being the counter-tab of the photograph laminate which had melted along the binding.

The biographical data page was missing, however a partial remnant of the MRV was intact. An examination of the MRV remains indicated that it was also genuine. The following observations support this finding:

1. Physical appearance of teslin
2. Intaglio and microline printing were intact
3. Conformity of background printing
4. Presence of UV security feature (however faint)

Data in the machine readable area that was present provided some insight into the bearer's name (Ziad Jarrah), DOB, place of issuance and passport number. This information was forwarded to [redacted] [redacted] Senior Intelligence Officer.

The above mentioned information was verbally provided to the FBI (acting as a consultant). A forensic report was not generated.



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Date	LName	FName	DOB	Doc	DocNum	Flight	Embar	POE	US Address	City	State	Dep
6/27/00	Jarrah	Ziad	5/11/75	LB	1619505	DL 131	MUC	ATL	150 Airport Ave	Venice	FL	10/7/00
10/29/00	Jarrah	Ziad	5/11/75	LB	1619505	DE 7178	FRA	TPA	150 Airport Ave	Venice	FL	
11/25/00	Jarrah	Ziad	5/11/75	LB	1619505			MIA	150 E Airport Ave	Venice	FL	12/26/00
1/5/01	Jarrah	Ziad	5/11/75	LB	1619505	CO 37	DUS	NEW	150 Airport Ave	Venice	FL	1/26/01
2/25/01	Jarrah	Ziad	5/11/75	LB	1619505	CO 37	DUS	NEW	106 Falls of Venice	Venice	FL	3/30/01
4/13/01	Jarrah	Ziad	5/11/75	LB	1619505	KL 621	AMS	ATL	106 Falls of Venice	Venice	FL	7/25/01
6/27/01	Al Ghamdi	Saeed	11/21/79	SA	C573895	VS 15						
6/27/01	Banihammad	Fayez	3/19/77	AE	A0929256	VS 15						
8/5/01	Jarrah	Ziad	5/11/75	LB	1619505	CO 37	DUS	NEW	4641 Bougainville Dr	Fort	FL	

The FBI people brought over the remains of a visa, on which the passport number and identity information were still legible. NIIS queries show that the subject, Ziad JARRAH (DPOB 11 May 1975, Lebanon) had made six entries to the United States since spring of 2000. He appears to have travelled alone on these flights. The particulars are attached.

Also on the attachment is the entry information on another identity queried by FBI, identified from a photo-copied Saudi passport also retrieved. That person, Saeed AL GHAMDI (DPOB 21 November 1979, Saudi Arabia), had one entry in summer 2001. A passenger on the same flight had a UAE passport and also listed a hotel address. This appeared unusual, as most of the people on that flight were families visiting Disney World and other Orlando attractions, so it is possible that this person, Fayez BANIHAMMAD (DPOB 19 March 1977, United Arab Emirates), was related to AL GHAMDI.

NIIS printouts for all of the above were given to the FBI representatives.