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GUANTANAMO DETAINEE PROFILE

Detainee ISN: AG-694

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Detainee Name	Sufiyan Ibn Muhammad Barhumi
Detainee Aliases	Sufiyan Barhoumi; Abdoul Kareem; Abu Obaida; Abu Ubaydah al-Jizari; Khalid Stofe; Stouff Khalid; Shafiq al-Jazairi; Shafiq; Shafiq Bin Ammour Bin Salim
Nationality	Algerian
Date of Birth	23 July 1973
Arrival at Guantanamo	June 2002

Sufiyan Ibn Muhammad Barhumi (AG-694) illegally immigrated to the United Kingdom (UK) from Algeria in the 1990s and was radicalized and recruited at the Baker Street Mosque in London to travel to Afghanistan for jihad. AG-694 obtained a falsified passport in the UK and traveled to Afghanistan in 1999, intending to fight in Chechnya but ultimately deciding to stay in Afghanistan because of tight Russian border security and because of an injury he suffered to his left hand while training to disarm land mines.

AG-694 received advanced training at several camps in Afghanistan, including at Khaldan and Derunta. While he probably was not a member of al-Qa'ida or the Taliban, he worked with multiple violent extremist groups as part of the Khaldan group^a, was well known by several leaders in al-Qaida, and traveled to several training camps and guest houses throughout Afghanistan between 2000 and 2001 to provide training in remote control improvised explosive devices (RCIEDs). Following the onset of Coalition operations, AG-694 most likely traveled to Tora Bora with members of al-Qa'ida, eventually fleeing to Pakistan and staying at several safehouses along the way while evading Pakistan authorities before finally agreeing to provide training on how to construct RCIEDs at well-known al-Qa'ida facilitator Abu Zubaydah (GZ-10016) at his safehouse in Faisalabad. While at Zubaydah's safehouse, AG-694 probably agreed to join Zubaydah's Martyr's Brigade and plot further attacks against the United States. He was arrested during a raid by Pakistani Police, along with Zubaydah and several al-Qa'ida members at Zubaydah's safehouse in Faisalabad on 28 March 2002. AG-694 probably blames Zubaydah for his detention at Guantanamo, and in 2005 said, "All my problems are because I was in the house with Abu Zubaydah."

Since his arrival to Guantanamo Bay in June 2002—AG-694 has accrued a low number of disciplinary infractions compared to the rest of the detainee population—and is considered to be compliant with the Guantanamo detention staff, according to JTF-GTMO reporting. Most of AG-694's infractions have been minor instances of failing to follow instructions or camp rules, probably as a show of passive resistance or as a means to achieve individual concessions, rather than to make political or ideological statements according to JTF-GTMO reporting. AG-694 has answered questions regarding his travel to Afghanistan and the training he underwent; nevertheless, he has largely avoided implicating himself as an explosives expert or trainer. He has maintained in interviews throughout his detention that he only wanted to fight in Chechnya and was not a member of al-Qa'ida or any other extremist group.

AG-694 has stated that he would like to be reunited with his mother in Algeria following his release. We have not identified any associations between AG-694 and at-large terrorists, but given his skillset as an experienced RCIED expert and trainer, AG-694 could serve as a valuable asset to extremist groups should he seek to re-engage.

^a The Khaldan group consisted of group of trainers who trained at the Khalden Camp located near Khowst, Afghanistan. Run by Ibn-Sheik al-Libi, The Khaldan Camp was well known to provide advanced training to extremists including the usage and construction of explosives devices from approximately 1988-2000.