

## **Dallas Bomber Pleads Guilty**

Hosam Maher Husein Smadi pleaded guilty on Wednesday to trying to bomb an office building in Dallas, Texas.

In September 2009, Smadi drove a truck to the building. The truck contained a homemade bomb. He left it in the parking garage and turned on its timer.

Smadi then met with another person who drove him away. From a distance, he tried to set off the bomb with his cell phone.

There were two things he didn't know. First, though the bomb was real, it was inert (not working). Second, the person "helping" him was really a government agent.

The court says Smadi acted alone, not as a member of a terrorist group.

Smadi, who is 19, could be sent to prison for life. Since he agreed to plead guilty, he may get 30 years instead.

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