

YORK POLICE SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

DR. ALEXANDER LAZARUS HAD AN IQ OF 161 AND WAS BY ALL ACCOUNTS A GENIUS. HE RECEIVED HIS PH.D IN MATHEMATICS FROM DETROIT CENTRAL UNIVERSITY AT AGE 24. HE PUBLISHED SEVERAL ARTICLES ON ADVANCED MATHEMATICS. DR. LAZARUS WAS THE ONLY KNOWN SURVIVOR OF THE INCIDENT ON TEV'MECK.¹

LAZURAS SETTLED INTO A TEACHING CAREER AT YORK STATE UNIVERSITY. HE MADE FREQUENT TRIPS TO SEE FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE NORTH AND SOUTH AMNESIA REGIONS. ALL WAS GOING RELATIVELY WELL UNTIL THE INCIDENT AT TEV'MECK. LAZURAS BLAMED THE INCIDENT ON THE YORKIAN GOVERNMENT AND BEGAN HIS FORAY INTO TERRORISM WITH SMALL ACTS OF DEFIANCE AGAINST THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OUTPOSTS. GIVEN HIS EXTREMELY HIGH INTELLIGENCE, HOWEVER, HE QUICKLY DELVED INTO THE MORE SERIOUS PHILOSOPHICAL AND POLITICAL PARTS OF THE SOUTH AMNESIAN SEPARATIST MOVEMENT. HE SOON CAME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THE ONLY WAY TO STOP THE FIGHTING AND ACHIEVE JUSTICE WAS VIOLENT REBELLION AGAINST THE SYSTEM. SIMPLE ACTIVISM WOULD NOT BE ENOUGH TO MAKE PEOPLE UNDERSTAND THE GRAVITY OF THE THREAT, HE ARGUED; THEY MUST BE FORCED OUT OF THEIR COMFORTABLE LIVES AND INTO ACTION.

LAZARUS DELIVERED HIS FIRST BOMB IN 1998. WITH THAT BOMB WAS A NOTE WITH THE BATTLE CRY (OR PROMISE) "*BY GRABTHAR'S HAMMER, BY THE SONS OF WARVAN, YOU SHALL BE AVENGED!*" IT WOULD BE HIS CALLING CARD AND THE MOTTO OF SOUTH AMNESIAN MILITANTS FOR THE NEXT 20 YEARS. HE TAUGHT HIMSELF HOW TO MAKE THE EXPLOSIVES OUT OF PIECES OF SCRAP MATERIAL AND WOOD THAT WAS UNTRACEABLE. CONSTRUCTION WAS ALL DONE BY HAND, WITHOUT THE ASSISTANCE OF POWER TOOLS AND EVEN MAKING THE SIMPLE TOOLS HE DID NEED BY HAND. HE CAST CERTAIN METAL PARTS (INCLUDING ALUMINUM) BY MELTING METAL SCRAPS ON THE

¹ Yorkian Army attacked Amnesian militant forces in the border town of Tev'Meck. Great Bear Federation regular armed forces crossed the border to assist militants leading to destruction of the town and the deaths of its population.

WOOD BURNING STOVE OF HIS APARTMENT, AND ANY STORE-BOUGHT PURCHASES WERE MADE FAR AWAY FROM HIS METROPOLIS APARTMENT, OFTEN WHILE IN DISGUISE.

THE FIRST BOMB WAS SENT TO A PROFESSOR AT YORK CENTRAL UNIVERSITY ON MAY 25, 1999 WHO REPORTED THE SUSPICIOUS PACKAGE TO AUTHORITIES. THE OFFICER OPENED THE PACKAGE AND DETONATED THE DEVICE, BUT THANKS TO ITS INEFFICIENT MATERIALS ONLY SUFFERED MINOR WOUNDS. LAZARUS CONTINUED TO USE THE MAIL SERVICE OR DELIVER HIS BOMBS DIRECTLY. HIS CASE REACHED THE YORKIAN POLICE SPECIAL OPERATIONS UNIT IN 2000, WHEN HE PLACED A BOMB IN THE CARGO HOLD OF A COMMERCIAL AIRPLANE. ALTHOUGH THE ATTACK ULTIMATELY FAILED, IT STILL FELL UNDER THE PSO'S JURISDICTION.

LAZARUS CONTINUED HIS CRUSADE AND CAUSED HIS FIRST FATALITY IN 2001, WHEN A WEALTHY SERENITY BUSINESSMAN NAMED ROBERTO HAUSE RECEIVED A BOMB CONTAINING MAKESHIFT SHRAPNEL AND DIED FROM HIS INJURIES. HAUSE HAD EARLIER PENNED AN OP-ED ARTICLE ON THE VIOLENCE OF THE SOUTH AMNESIAN SEPARATIST MOVEMENT. LAZARUS THEN TOOK AN UNEXPECTED BREAK FROM HIS ATTACKS, SENDING ONLY ONE DEVICE BETWEEN 2002 AND 2005. IT IS BELIEVED HE BEGAN TEACHING BOMB MAKING TACTICS TO MILITANTS DURING THIS TIME AND TOOK A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN SEPARATIST ACTIVITIES. HE IS KNOWN TO HAVE MADE SEVERAL TRIPS TO THE GREAT BEAR, CROSSING THE SOUTH AMNESIA BORDER TO THE NORTH AT LEAST FIVE TIMES AND PARTICIPATING IN ACADEMIC COLLOQUIUMS IN DETROIT THREE TIMES.

AFTER RESUMING HIS BOMBING CAMPAIGN IN 2006, HE ORCHESTRATED TWO MORE BOMBINGS BEFORE CLAIMING HIS SECOND VICTIM THE FOLLOWING YEAR. THAT RECIPIENT WAS THOMAS MOSS, AN EXECUTIVE AT A PUBLIC RELATIONS FIRM THAT REPRESENTED SEVERAL FORMER YORKIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. IN 2016 HIS FINAL BOMB CLAIMED THE LIFE OF HIS THIRD VICTIM, GILBERT BRENT, WHO WORKED FOR THE YORK FORESTRY ASSOCIATION TO LOBBY ON BEHALF OF THE SOUTH AMNESIA CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY. DURING HIS DESTRUCTIVE CAREER, LAZARUS PERSONALLY SENT 26 BOMBS, KILLING THIRTEEN, AND WOUNDING 23 MORE.

IN 2008, LAZARUS SENT HIS MANIFESTO, TITLED "YORK'S ILLEGAL OCCUPATION OF SOUTH AMNESIA," TO THE YORKIAN TIMES AND METROPOLIS

POST ALONG WITH A LETTER DEMANDING THAT IT BE PUBLISHED FOR THE MASSES OR ELSE HE WOULD CONTINUE HIS CRUSADE. IN IT, HE RAILED AGAINST THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION THAT HAVE DIVORCED HUMANS FROM THEIR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AND LAID OUT HIS SOLUTION, CALLING FOR THE INEVITABLE REVOLUTION OF THE PEOPLE AGAINST THE TECHNOLOGY TAKING OVER THEIR LIVES AND A RETURN TO PRIMITIVE LIFE. AT THIS POINT, THE YORKIAN POLICE SPECIAL OPERATIONS UNIT HAD TO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT TO APPEASE THEIR OPPONENT. THE PSO DID NOT WANT TO RISK BOOSTING HIS EGO BY GIVING HIM A NATIONAL STAGE FOR HIS CAUSE, BUT WERE ALSO IN DESPERATE NEED OF NEW LEADS IN THE CASE. THANKS TO LAZARUS'S ABILITY TO METICULOUSLY COVER HIS TRACKS, INCLUDING PLANTING FALSE EVIDENCE IN THE BOMBS TO FURTHER MISLEAD THE AUTHORITIES, THE INVESTIGATION HAD BEEN GOING FOR 19 YEARS AND HAD BECOME ONE OF THE MOST EXPENSIVE CASES IN YORKIAN POLICE INVESTIGATIONS HISTORY. SO THE MANIFESTO WAS PUBLISHED ON SEPTEMBER 19 WITH AN APPEAL FOR TIPS.

FORTUNATELY, THIS PLAN PAID OFF WHEN THE MANIFESTO WAS SEEN BY LAZARUS'S BROTHER AND SISTER-IN-LAW, ZOHAN AND DELIA. ZOHAN COMPARED THE TREATISE TO PREVIOUS LETTERS AND WORKS BY HIS BROTHER AND FELT THAT THE AUTHORS WERE ONE IN THE SAME. KNOWING THAT THE YORKIAN POLICE WAS INUNDATED WITH HUNDREDS OF OTHER TIPS, ZOHAN HIRED A PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR TO GATHER EVIDENCE AND COMPILE A DOSSIER THAT WAS TURNED OVER TO THE AUTHORITIES IN FEBRUARY OF 2017. ALTHOUGH SOME INVESTIGATORS WERE NOT CONVINCED THAT LAZARUS MATCHED THE PROFILE OF THE SUSPECT, COMPLETION OF THE LINGUISTIC ANALYSIS ON THE WRITING SAMPLES LED A SMALL GROUP OF OTHER TEAM MEMBERS TO BELIEVE THAT HE WAS THEIR MAN. THE DEBATE CONTINUED FOR TWO MONTHS UNTIL THE SUSPECT'S IDENTITY WAS LEAKED TO THE PRESS, AFTER WHICH THE TEAM RUSHED TO EXECUTE A SEARCH WARRANT BEFORE THE STORY BROKE IN PUBLIC AND ALERTED LAZARUS. WHEN AGENTS ARRIVED AT LAZARUS'S APARTMENT ON APRIL 3, 2017, THEY FOUND STACKS OF BOMB-MAKING MATERIALS, HUNDREDS OF JOURNAL PAGES RELATING TO THE CRIMES, AND A BOMB THAT WAS FULLY ASSEMBLED. LAZARUS HAD FLED LESS THAN SIX HOURS EARLIER LEADING TO THE CONCLUSION THERE MAY BE SYMPATHIZERS WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT'S INTELLIGENCE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

AGENCIES. THIS INCIDENT IS STILL BEING INVESTIGATED BY INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

DR. LAZARUS WAS DISCOVERED BY ACCIDENT IN A CONCURRENT RAID AT A GRABTHAR HAMMER SAFE HOUSE ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF METROPOLIS CITY. HE WAS KILLED DURING A GUN BATTLE IN THAT RAID. HE HAD BEEN INDICTED ON 10 COUNTS OF BOMB-RELATED ACTIVITY, 14 COUNTS OF SUBVERSION AND CONSPIRACY TO CONDUCT MILITANT ACTIVITIES, AND 13 COUNTS OF MURDER.