

HANDOUT 10.2: WASHINGTON NAVY YARD SHOOTING CASE STUDY

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| Purpose: | To identify the threat involved in the case study |
| Duration: | 10 minutes (5-case study; 5-discussion) |
| Group composition: | Table groups |
| Debrief: | Large-group discussion |

Directions:

1. Read the case study involving the Navy Yard shooting with your assigned team.
2. Be prepared to discuss with the class your team's answer to the question following the case study.

Case Study

Aaron Alexis, age 34, was employed as a contractor for a private information technology company and assigned to a project at the Washington Navy Yard.

- On Monday, September 9, 2013, Alexis began working at the Washington Navy Yard.
- On Saturday, September 14, 2013, Alexis:
 - Purchased a Remington 870 shotgun and ammunition at a gun shop.
 - Purchased a hacksaw at a home improvement store.
 - Modified the shotgun by sawing off the barrel and the stock.
- On Monday, September 16, 2013:
 - Alexis entered a Washington Navy Yard garage at 0753.
 - Alexis legitimately accessed the Navy Yard complex and used a valid pass to gain entry to one of the buildings.
 - The backpack Alexis carried was not searched at the access point.
 - During approximately one hour, Alexis used an elevator and stairs to travel to the fourth, third, first, and back to the third floors.
 - Alexis used the Remington 870 shotgun and a Beretta handgun he obtained during the course of the shooting to kill twelve victims and wound four others.
 - Law enforcement officers shot and killed Alexis on the third floor at 0925.
- Investigation results:
 - Indications that Alexis was prepared to die during the attack — that he accepted death as the inevitable consequence of his actions.
 - No indications that Alexis was targeting specific individuals.
 - Multiple indications that Alexis held delusional beliefs that led to his actions on the day of the shooting.
 - Determination that Alexis acted alone.

