



FBI Says Jewish Defense League Responsible for California Attack

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The **FBI** on Friday night attributed a California **bombing** that killed an official of an Arab-American group to the **Jewish** Defense League.

On Oct. 11, Alex **Odeh**, regional director of the Arab-American Anti-Discrimination Committee, was killed by a **bomb** when he opened the door to his office in Santa Ana, Calif. Seven others were injured.

The **bombing** occurred the morning after **Odeh** said on a Los Angeles television broadcast that Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yassir Arafat was a "man of peace" because of his role in securing the release of passengers from the hijacked Italian cruise ship Achille Lauro in Egypt.

Lane Bonner, the **FBI**'s spokesman, said in answering a question that the **bombing** "has been classified as a terrorist attack and attributed to the JDL." The **bombing** is still being investigated, he said, and he declined further comment.

Irv Rubin, who is national head of JDL, said: "We are not responsible, although we do not shed tears for the death of Mr. **Odeh**. He was 100 percent in back of the PLO."

After the **bombing**, Rubin also denied that his organization was responsible, but said it could not "cry about about the act that occurred this morning," because it was mourning the death of Leon Klinghoffer, the New York resident shot to death by the hijackers of the ship.

FBI officials have noted similarities between recent bombings in New York and New Jersey aimed at former members of the Nazi Party and the Santa Ana **bombing**.

In its annual report on **terrorism**, the **FBI** sometimes attributes incidents to organizations it believes responsible even if no arrests have been made, but it is rare for the bureau to do so in the face of a denial if no one has been arrested.

No arrests have been made in the Santa Ana case.

Odeh, 41, was a Palestinian who came to the United States in 1967.

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