

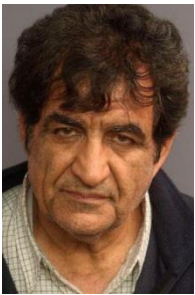


## Awareness in Action: Case Study

Who could become an insider threat? Anyone with authorized access to U.S. Government resources who uses that access - either wittingly or unwittingly - to harm national security. Insider threats can have far-reaching consequences and impacts on national security.

### Mozaffar Khazaei

- Former contractor, who had worked for three different cleared companies.
- Age at time of incident: 61
- Sentenced to 97 months in prison and ordered to pay a \$50,000 fine for violating the Arms Export Control Act.



### What Happened

- Around November 2013, Federal authorities intercepted a container packed with thousands of sensitive technical manuals, specification sheets, test results, technical data and other proprietary material relating to U.S. military jet engines, including the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter program and the F-22 Raptor he attempted to ship to Iran.
- On Jan. 9, 2014, Khazaei was arrested at the Newark Liberty International Airport while carrying hard copy documents and computer media containing sensitive, proprietary, trade secret and export controlled documents relating to U.S. military jet engines and nearly \$60,000 cash in his luggage.



### Insider Threat Indicators

- Dual citizen of Iran and the United States
- Expressed desire to move to Iran and was looking for work in Iran
- Offered proprietary and controlled information to Iran in an effort to obtain a position with a state-controlled technical university in Iran.
- Corresponded by email with an individual in Iran, sending documents related to the Joint Strike Fighter.
- Traveled to Iran five times during a period of seven years.
- Was laid off and filed for bankruptcy



### Impacts

- Technical data could have helped Iran “leap forward” ten years or more in academic and military turbine engine research and development, reducing their investment in such technology by billions of dollars and potentially enhancing the effectiveness of their weapon systems.
- Compromised highly sensitive information on the Joint Strike Fighter

### Learn More

This case study examined a real-life insider threat. Your awareness is key to protecting our national security from insider threats like this one. Visit the Center for Development of Security Excellence’s website (<http://www.cdse.edu>) for additional case studies, information, materials, and training or go directly to the Insider Threat Tool Kit at <http://www.cdse.edu/toolkits/insider/index.php>

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