

Time Line

16 Bombs, Three Deaths

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1978

May 25: Package found at University of Illinois at Chicago brought to Northwestern University in Evanston because of return address. A day later it explodes, injuring security guard Terry Marker.

1979

May 9: John Harris, a graduate student, injured in blast at Northwestern.

Nov. 15: Bomb explodes in cargo hold during American Airlines flight, injuring 12 and forcing emergency landing at Dulles International Airport.

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June 10: Package bomb injures United Airlines president Percy Wood at home near Chicago.

1981

Oct. 8: Bomb found in business classroom at University of Utah in Salt Lake City is safely defused.

1982

May 5: Janet Smith, secretary, injured at Vanderbilt University in Nashville by bomb addressed to a computer science professor.

July 2: Bomb injures Diogenes J. Angelakos, electrical engineering and computer science professor, at University of California at Berkeley.

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May 15: John Hauser, a graduate student in electrical engineering, injured by bomb found in Berkeley computer room.

June 13: Package bomb discovered and disarmed at Boeing Co. in Auburn, Wash.

Nov. 15: Psychology professor James McConnell and assistant Nicklaus Suino injured by bomb addressed to McConnell at University of Michigan at Ann Arbor.

Dec. 11: Bomb kills Hugh Scrutton near his Sacramento computer store.

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Feb. 20: Bomb injures Gary Wright near his Salt Lake City computer shop. Unabomber sighting leads to police sketch.

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June 22: Bomb injures Charles Epstein, University of California at San Francisco geneticist, at home.

June 24: David Gelernter, Yale University computer scientist, injured in office blast.

1994

Dec. 10: Advertising executive Thomas Mosser killed by bomb sent to his North Caldwell, N.J., home.

1995

April 24: California Forestry Association president Gilbert P. Murray killed by package bomb in Sacramento office.

June: Unabomber sends 35,000-word manifesto to The Washington Post and New York Times. Threatens to bomb unspecified location if it is not published.

June 28: In letter to San Francisco Chronicle, Unabomber threatens attack on a flight out of Los Angeles.

Sept. 19: Post, Times publish manifesto.

1996

April 3: Theodore J. Kaczynski detained after brother's tip leads FBI to stakeout of Montana shack and discovery of partially constructed bombs.

April 4: Kaczynski charged with a federal weapons violation.

June 9: Kaczynski charged in fatal Sacramento bombings.

1997

December 22: Jury of nine women and three men is seated.

December 30: Public learns that federal prosecutors and Justice Department officials rejected Kaczynski's offer to plead guilty to avoid the death penalty.

1998

January 5: Kaczynski halts the first day of his trial, asking to meet privately with the judge to protest his brother's presence in the courtroom and to make other demands concerning his defense.

January 7: A federal judge tells Theodore J. Kaczynski that he must keep his lawyers.

January 8: Suspected of trying to commit suicide in his jail cell, Kaczynski agrees to a psychiatric evaluation of his competence to stand trial and to conduct his own defense.

January 12: Defense attorneys and federal prosecutors renew discussions of a plea bargain that would spare Kaczynski the threat of the death penalty.

January 20: Prosecution and defense attorneys agree with a government psychiatrist that Kaczynski is competent to stand trial.

January 21: Attorneys for both sides agree that Kaczynski has the right to represent himself in court.

January 22: After Judge Burrell rejects Kaczynski's request to represent himself, Kaczynski pleads guilty to being the Unabomber.

May 4: An unrepentant Kaczynski is sentenced to four life terms in prison with no possibility of release.

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