

Cases of Historical Interest In the Southern District of New York

United States v. Salameh (1993 WTC Bombing)
United States v. Yousef (1993 WTC Bombing and Bojinka Plot)
Judge Kevin Thomas Duffy

Two trials arose out of the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center, and a third trial involved a failed plot to blow up 11 commercial airliners (Boeing 747s) over the Pacific Ocean. The evidence showed that on February 26, 1993, the co-conspirators drove a bomb-laden van into the parking level of the World Trade Center Complex and, using a timer, set the bomb to detonate. The van exploded, killing six people and injuring more than a thousand others. In the first trial, four men were convicted of participating in the plot. The trial lasted six months and involved more than 1,000 exhibits and the testimony of more than 200 witnesses. The defendants were convicted on all counts and each was sentenced to 240 years' imprisonment. The second trial took place in 1997. Ramzi Yousef and another man were tried on charges related to the World Trade Center bombing. In a third trial, Yousef and others were accused of plotting to blow up airliners destined for the United States (the "Bojinka Plot"). The second WTC trial and the Bojinka Plot trial resulted in convictions of all defendants.

152 F.3d 88 (2d Cir. 1998) (affirming convictions of all four defendants in first trial)
327 F.3d 56 (2d Cir. 2003) (affirming convictions in 2nd WTC and Bojinka Plot trials)



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