

# Losing Our Sons

**A movie review by Rebecca Bynum** (July 2012)

Tennessee Freedom Coalition. It tells its story through the eyes of two American fathers as they grapple with reality after the son of Melvin Bledsoe shot and killed the son of Daris Long at a Little Rock army recruiting station on June 1, 2009. Carlos Bledsoe, also known as Abdulhakim Mujahid Mohammad, shot Private Andrew Long on what was planned to be the first phase of a cross-country jihad killing spree. Fortunately, he took a wrong turn in a construction zone and was apprehended.

Iyman Faris who plotted to blow up the Brooklyn Bridge. While in prison, Mohammad stabbed a prison guard and another inmate. He also freely confesses to these acts, indeed brags about them, in his letters.

Anwar Al Awlaki, the former leader of al Qaeda in Yemen and calls him "our shaykh." Awlaki was born in New Mexico and was considered an important Salafist thinker whose work was promoted in mosques around country and by organizations such as Nashville's Olive Tree organization before he drew attention by being linked to terror attacks. [Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab](#) was sent by Awlaki to blow up an American airliner in the underwear bombing plot. Awlaki, an American citizen, was subsequently targeted and killed in a US drone attack in Yemen.