

# Could the Suspect arrested in a Shelbyville, Tennessee Shooting Spree be a Jihadi?



h/t “Anonymous.” Shelby, Tennessee, has been a hotbed of controversy over the past decade. We have written repeatedly about the problems arising from influx of Somali refugee workers at the Tyson poultry plant in Bedford County community. See: [“Somalis, Shelbyville and Severe Cultural Shock,”](#) *New English Review*, February 2008. Then there was the Soros-backed PBS documentary premiered in the community in May 2011, [“Welcome to Shelbyville,”](#) that one reviewer we [interviewed](#) “disturbing and intellectually dishonest.”



**Wendell Buchanan**

Shelbyville has a new problem; a shooting spree by a suspect, Wendell Buchanan, apprehended by local whose social media discloses his possible Muslim conversion. The issue is why

local law enforcement hasn't reached out for assistance of the Joint Terrorism Task Force and the FBI to investigate this as a possible terrorist event. This report would appear to suggest that Buchanan was on a self motivated jihad mission against hated kuffar religious institutions in the community:

**September 27 – October 02, 2016: Shelbyville, TN:** Three churches were shot up in the [Facebook page](#) shows that he has been quoting the Quran and demonstrates he is a very vocal follower of Islam.



An October 4, 2016 Shelbyville *Times Gazette* [report](#) on the apprehension of Buchanan noted the seriousness of the charges, but without identifying the ideology behind it:

A suspect in last week's shootings of church buildings and utility boxes was arrested over the weekend.

Wendell Buchanan, 36, of Sevier Street was arrested

Saturday afternoon shortly after he was seen driving by Horse Mountain Church of Christ on Horse Mountain Road, which was hit on at least three separate occasions by gunfire.

“Several deputies were at the church talking with members,” Detective Sgt. Scott Jones of the Bedford County Sheriff’s Office said Saturday night. “We were given a good description of the suspect’s car.”

A man working nearby Saturday morning heard shots, ran toward the road and saw Buchanan’s car, lowered with sport wheels, drive by, investigators said.

### Spotted

“Wendell Buchanan drove by while they were there and Officer Tory Moore of the Shelbyville Police Department, who was patrolling in the area, stopped him on Highway 437 (the Shelbyville bypass).”

When asked if Buchanan had given a reason for his actions, Jones said Monday the investigation hadn’t yet reached that point.

“We’re still talking to him,” Jones said. “This is a joint investigation between the city and county. We’ve worked together from the start.”

Buchanan allegedly fired into two other churches – Philippi Methodist Church and Singleton United Methodist Church – the University of Tennessee Extension office and shot out several Charter Communications cable boxes during overnight hours Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

### Charges

County investigators are charging Buchanan with nine counts of vandalism, five counts of desecration of a venerated object and four counts of destruction of utility

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There are lots of questions that should prompt JTTF interests. How and where did Buchanan acquire the AK 47, the ammunition and a possible high capacity magazine? Was it at a gun show or via an on-line purchase? Given his self professed Muslim's profession of faith to his god Allah, where might Buchanan have attended Mosques in the central Tennessee vicinity for possible "instruction" in his new faith? Given a recent article we co-authored with retired FBI special agent, David J. Baldovin in the October 2016 New English Review, [False Prophets Disarmed at a Vanderbilt University Presentation](#) would the leadership of the American Muslim Advisory Council play a role in any JTTF investigation of the ideological jihad motivation behind this self actualized Jihad attack on his own community in Shelbyville? It would appear that Buchanan might have heeded the advice from the late ISIS spokesperson, [Abu Mohammed al - Adnani](#), killed in Aleppo, Syria late August 2016, that if an Islamic State aspirant couldn't join its Salafist terror cause in Syria, he should undertake jihad in his hometown. Could that be the motivation for suspect Buchanan's shooting spree in Shelbyville?