

New Orleans terrorist used rare explosive never seen in US or Europe

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The New Orleans attacker who killed 14 people by ramming a pickup truck into a crowd built two bombs with a “very rare explosive compound”, senior law enforcement officials have said.

The compound had never before been used in a US or European terror attack, with investigators now exploring how [attacker Shamsud-Din Jabbar](#) learnt how to produce the explosive.



FBI investigators are exploring whether Jabbar learned how to make the explosive alone

Jabbar used the compound in two homemade bombs, which were found in coolers on Bourbon Street, where he carried out his [deadly attack on New Year's Day](#). The bombs did not detonate and it remains unclear

whether this was due to a malfunction or lack of activation.

While the FBI has concluded Jabbar was likely not aided by anyone else in the attack, they will now seek to determine if he was taught how to make the explosive devices with the rare compound by an individual or organisation.

Jabbar also tried to burn down an Airbnb he had rented, where

other bomb-making materials were found by authorities.

Two guns and a transmitter intended to trigger the bombs were also found in Jabbar's truck and have been taken to an FBI laboratory for testing.

Meanwhile, federal authorities searching Jabbar's home in Houston found hazardous materials believed to have been used to make explosive devices.

Law enforcement officials also found that Jabbar had reserved the vehicle he used to ram his victims six weeks earlier, suggesting he was planning his attack far in advance. The FBI is also reportedly looking into Jabbar's travel, including a trip to Egypt, and trying to determine whether he became radicalised during his visit,