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Fox 5 has exclusive details on the Times Square bomber case suspect Faisal Shahzad plotted his potentially deadly mission as he assembled his four-wheel arsenal.

A source close to this investigation tells Fox 5 exclusively that Shahzad allegedly had bigger, more destructive plans -- other targets in our area. The source says that Shahzad has told interrogators that if the Times Square bombing was successful, that he had four other locations to possibly attack.

If the bomb inside the pathfinder in Times Square went off as planned, a source tells fox 5 that Faisal Shahzad says he was taking aim at four other high-profile targets: Rockefeller center, grand central terminal, the world financial center which is across from ground zero, and Connecticut-based defense contractor Sikorsky.

The company manufactures helicopters for the u.s. Military, including the black hawk. Headquartered in Stratford, Sikorsky also has facilities in Shelton and Bridgeport -- the same two cities where Shahzad has lived. A source tells fox 5 that Shahzad says he had familiarized himself with all of these notable targets.

Security expert Michael Balboni is a former homeland security adviser for New York State. He says casing out numerous locations is standard.

"They want to maximize the exposure of the attack," Balboni says. "So they want to pick things that are iconic that perhaps have a lot of people so they can increase the body count. Anything to make it as dramatic as possible."

A source also says Shahzad picked out two dates -- Saturday, May 1, the date of the attempted bombing, and an alternate Saturday, May 8. We're told he picked those dates and the time of 6:30 pm for the attack after checking out live streaming video of 'Times Square ' online and he determined that 6:30 pm on Saturdays is when Times Square is the most crowded.

A source also tells fox 5 that Shahzad slowly bought the fireworks, fertilizer and pathfinder over a period of time because his Pakistani connections at the bomb-making training camp told him to do this so it wouldn't raise any suspicions.

We already know the government complaint against Shahzad says he bought the green pathfinder on the Craigslist Web site. Now, Fox 5 has also learned from a source that Shahzad bought another vehicle through Craigslist -- a black Isuzu rodeo -- and he bought it from mechanic and race car driver Alain Chebeir. He owns a garage in Stratford, Connecticut. His garage services super luxury cars, like Porsches and Lamborghinis. Sources tell Fox 5 Chebeir was questioned by the FBI, and one of those sources says he was cleared and he is not a suspect.

But the source says he did sell Shahzad the black Isuzu rodeo.

We know Shahzad had access to three cars: the green Pathfinder that investigators say he rigged to blow up here in Times Square, the white Isuzu Trooper that was left at JFK Airport, and the black Isuzu Rodeo seen on surveillance footage at a Pennsylvania fireworks store.

Charles Leaf tracked down the man who sources say sold that SUV to Shahzad and gone to his Connecticut business.

His name is Alain Chebeir. And a source tells us he advertised the 1998 black Isuzu Rodeo on Craigslist and sold it to Faisal Shahzad, who paid \$2,800 cash.

"Any vehicle that he owned is of interest," says McCann. "And what he did with any vehicles he owned. What locations he visited and who was in the car."

Sources say Shahzad came to pick it the black Isuzu at Alain Chebeir's nondescript garage in Statford, Connecticut. It is a place filled with fancy expensive luxury sports cars, some worth more than \$300,000.

A source tells us Shahzad walked from his home in Bridgeport to get here. We drove the route -- it's about 2-1/2 miles.

A law enforcement source tells us Chebeir, who is not a suspect, customizes race cars and luxury vehicles. But at some point he acquired a beat-up 1998 black Isuzu, then swapped out the engine as a favor to a friend, replacing it with another engine before selling the SUV on Craigslist.

The buyer: Faisal Shahzad.

"Looking at Craigslist, I'm sure the investigators are going to look at look at his computer records and see what else he bought on Craigslist," McCann says.

Alan Chebeir, sources say, is in the clear. Our law enforcement source tells us Chebeir was questioned by the FBI and is not considered a suspect.

We reached out to Chebeir, and after repeated requests for an interview he responded with an email saying: "I have nothing to contribute to your story other than the facts that you already have; I am contacting my attorney to discuss my legal rights."

We know according to the federal complaint against Shahzad that he planned to use fireworks as explosives.

The owner of a Pennsylvania fireworks store released surveillance video showing a black Isuzu pulling up. Shahzad is seen entering the store on March 8 and purchasing fireworks.

The federal complaint says he also drove the black Isuzu on April 24 to buy the green pathfinder, which he bought on Craigslist and the FBI says he rigged with a car bomb.

So what happened to the black Isuzu?

A source tells us that in late April Shahzad sold it back to Alain Chebeir for \$2,000 after the SUV broke down while Shahzad was driving to Massachusetts, a place of interest to the FBI.

Just last week the feds executed raids in the Boston area, picking up two people for questioning in connection with financing Shahzad.

So far, neither man in the Massachusetts investigation has been charged with anything related to the attempted bombing.

A law enforcement source tells us it is unlikely Shahzad was originally planning on using the black Isuzu for the car bomb because Shahzad actually registered the Isuzu in his name and never registered the green Pathfinder rigged with a car bomb on May 1.

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