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The case against Hassoun

500 pages of unsealed records against Broward man contain alleged link to sheik in 1993 World Trade Center bombing

by Julie Kay and Carl Jones

A federal judge in Miami has unsealed more than 500 pages of records that lay out the government's evidence against former Broward County resident Adham Hassoun, who was charged along with Jose Padilla and three other men of plotting terrorism.

The documents reveal that the government first became aware of Hassoun after he received phone calls from a number belonging to Sheik Abdel Rahman, the blind New Jersey Islamic cleric who is serving life in prison for his role in the 1993 World Trade Center bombing in Manhattan. In addition, the documents indicate how Hassoun came to know Padilla at a mosque in Broward County.

The documents, unsealed last Friday by U.S. District Judge K. Michael Moore, were part of a lawsuit filed by Hassoun against the government to stop his secret deportation in 2002. That immigration case became part of

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Kenneth Swartz represents a former computer programmer charged with conspiracy to murder, maim and kidnap.

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Jersey bank plans 150 S. Fla. offices

Commerce Bank's expansion strategy in South Florida may sound overly ambitious, but not to John Tolomer.



by Jaime O. Hernandez

The bank's new president of Florida operations is overseeing a \$550 million plan to open 150 3,800-square-foot branches from Miami-Dade to Martin County within the next five to seven years.

Cherry Hill, N.J.-based Commerce is pursuing the Holy Grail of banking real estate: standalone branches measuring about 3,800 square feet with drive-through lanes.

"We're very confident," he said. "We've always achieved

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Conservative activists pull attention back



BUSINESS OF LAW

Lawyer off hook for interest on legal fees of former partner

by Rebecca Riddick

Prominent West ... mer partner, Christopher Larmoyeaux Jr., had a falling out over