

Innocent plea from JFK bombing suspect

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NEW YORK -- A man suspected of being the mastermind of a planned bombing at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport pleaded innocent to related charges Wednesday. Facing federal charges that he coordinated a terrorist attack on the airport's fuel facilities, Russell DeFreitas pleaded innocent Wednesday in U.S. district court in New York, *Newsday* reported. The 64-year-old U.S. citizen was labeled the likely ringleader among four suspects arrested for planning the attack last month, federal investigators said. DeFreitas' plea came after another suspect in the foiled attack, 62-year-old Abdul Kareem Ibrahim, made reference of terrorist contacts in Britain and Iran. Appearing in a Trinidadian appeals court on Monday, Ibrahim referred to "brothers" in both Britain and Iran who could have assisted in such terrorist attacks. WNBC reported that Ibrahim, who is being held in Trinidad along with terror suspects Abdul Kadir and Abdel Nur, was denied bail at that July 9 court appearance.

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