

SMITH, Timothy Steven

USN Civilian serving on an ammunition supply vessel, the USNS Kilauea, with access to classified computer files. The ship was moored at the time at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Bremerton, WA

FBI-Naval Criminal Investigative Service joint investigation

On 1 April 2000, Smith was surprised by an officer when removing a computer disk from a desk drawer. After a scuffle, Smith was subdued and 17 disks were retrieved from his clothing. A search of his quarters found five stolen documents marked Confidential, including one describing the transfer of ammunition and handling of torpedoes on US Navy vessels. He told FBI agents that he "wanted to get back at the crew" for their mistreatment of him and that, in order to get revenge, he had tried to steal "valuable classified materials" because "if I got something valuable, then I could turn my life around." To sell his cache, he thought he might "go online and solicit buyers from terrorist groups"

Court: US District Court, Western District of Washington(Tacoma)

Status: 08 April 2000: Espionage charges were filed against Smith

August 2000: Pleaded guilty to one count of stealing government property and one count of assaulting an officer. Sentenced to 260 days confinement (to include time served) and was released on 22 December 2000

