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Chapter: Terrorism Financing

Two Northern Africans, residing in a European country, repeatedly went to the same exchange office to transfer money to several beneficiaries in the Middle East and Northern Africa.

The exchange office thought it was suspicious that they mentioned a different address on the various transfer vouchers and used different signatures when performing the transactions.

The FIU's analysis showed that the transactions took place in the months preceding the attacks on 11 September 2001. Police sources revealed that the individuals were known under different names and that they, together with several other beneficiaries of the transfers, were the subject of an investigation on suspicion of being a member of a terrorist organisation involved in the attacks of 11 September 2001. They have both since been convicted.

Indicators

- Wire transfers
- Identity fraud - use of false identification