Evidence suggests fsociety linked to Iran

What we know about the terrorists behind the cyber bombings

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In the weeks since the leaders of fsociety were found dead by apparent suicide in an FBI raid, there has been much speculation about the terrorists' motives, connections, and past. With rumors spread across the web, we set out to collect all the facts. Here's what you need to know.

Who were they?

Sunil Markesh and Shama Biswas. Also known by their online hacker handles MOBLEY and TRENTON, respectively. Markesh, 31, worked in the IT Department of Bank of E. Biswas, only 18, was a student at NYU. Markesh was a US Citizen. Biswas, however, was born in Mashhad, Iran, and immigrated to the US with her family as a child. Both Markesh and Biswas were living in Brooklyn, New York, when fsociety enacted the infamous Five/Nine hack.

Where were they from?

Fun Society Arcade
The defunct Coney Island, NY, arcade where the fsociety enacted the Five/Nine hack. FBI Agents discovered it on June 22, 2015. Its signage is missing the letters ‘U’ and ‘N’, literally spelling out F__SOCIETY. Bit on the nose if you ask us. The arcade itself has a dark and checkered past, going all the way back to the 20s -- rumor has it that all its owners fell to a grisly demise, leading some to believe the space cursed.

Phoenix, Arizona
Having fled New York after Sunil Markesh was questioned by the FBI in early July (more on that below), he and Biswas holed up in a house belonging to Anand Achari, an associate of Markesh. It was this house that the FBI raided on September 29th, 2015, and where the fsociety terrorists were found dead by suicide, gunshot wounds to the head. It is believed this was where they masteredminded the Cyber Bombings -- and were discovered plotting another attack targeting air traffic control systems.

Red Wheelbarrow BBQ
The popular Manhattan fast-food ribbon joint that curiously popped up overnight in an economic climate that was forcing most restaurants to shut their doors. We now know that Red Wheelbarrow was an fsociety front. Presumably, Markesh and Biswas were working from here before they fled to Arizona. It was also the location where Tyrell Wellick was held hostage for months in the basement as, just above him, unsuspecting customers dined on ribs and unknowing employees served milkshakes. On the day of the Cyber Bombings, Tyrell managed to escape his captivity through the intricate tunnel system that connected to the Red Wheelbarrow basement.