

Complete Justice Department statement about the Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse (TRAC) distributed to reporters by Dean Boyd, Department of Justice Public Affairs Office, several days before TRAC posted its September 27 report examining the government's criminal enforcement efforts against terrorism suspected in the U.S.

The Justice Department stands by its record in prosecuting terrorism defendants in federal court.

We are unable to verify data or conclusions reached by TRAC as they routinely differ from other data and statistics reflected in Justice Department reports, U.S. Sentencing Commission data or U.S. Courts Data. Furthermore, TRAC has had a pattern of omitting certain statistics, resulting in misleading information regarding prosecutions.

In the eight years since the Sept. 11 attacks, the Justice Department has significantly improved its ability to identify, penetrate, and dismantle terrorist plots as a result of a series of structural reforms, the development of new intelligence and law enforcement tools, and a new mindset that values information sharing, communication and prevention. The Justice Department continues to utilize the full range of charges, tools and evidence available to it, both on the criminal side and in the intelligence arena, in its counter-terror efforts.