## Periodic Review Board: Subsequent Full Review Hearing, ISN 1461 Mohammed Ahmad Rabbani

## Hearing Summary:

The 17 September 2019 Periodic Review Board (PRB) Subsequent Full Review hearing for ISN 1461 Mohammed Ahmad Rabbani convened before four members of the public, who represented Human Rights First, Indiana University, Judicial Watch Inc., and *Al-Jazeera English*.

ISN 1461 elected not to attend his subsequent full review. His personal representative reported that he had refused to meet with her and his other personal representatives, and noted that he declines to participate citing politics in the U.S.

The government holds that ISN 1461 moved from Saudi Arabia to train as and ultimately become a terrorist in Afghanistan. The detainee largely acquired vehicles and performed logistical and facilitation tasks for ISN 10024 Khalid Sheikh Mohammad and ISN 10015 Nashiri. He was captured at the guesthouse that he operated.

## Observations:

A frequent theme in detainee interviews and interrogations accessible through PACER is the fact that detainees surrendered their passports to the operators of guesthouses where they stayed. Guesthouse operators and logistical facilitators could that way develop the institutional memory of groups such as Al Qa'eda, and keep track of which members with what roles were in particular regions. As such, while guesthouse operators and facilitators are not as immediate a threat to the U.S. as bomb-makers, they would be able to rebuild a shattered command structure and travel network for a terrorist organization. The detainee's refusal to participate in his PRB hearings leaves the Board only this impression about his capabilities and potential actions if transferred. ISN 1461 will not be approved for transfer.