Periodic Review Board: Subsequent Full Review Hearing, ISN 28 Moath Hamza Ahmed Al Alwi

Hearing Summary:

Three observers viewed the 26 October 2021 Periodic Review Board (PRB) subsequent full review hearing for ISN 28 Moath Hamza Ahmed Al Alwi, representing:

- Judicial Watch, Inc.
- Indiana University
- Madill News Service (publication of Northwestern University graduate school of journalism)

The government representative stated that ISN 28 was part of Osama Bin Laden's security detail, but he was not his bodyguard. The detainee initially traveled to Afghanistan in the early 2000s to engage in jihad and wound up running a guest house. He may not have engaged in combat, but he developed relationships and social networks with other extremists.

The detainee's personal representative stated that ISN 28 was there to answer questions for the Board. The detainee had spent his time at GTMO taking classes in cooking and English and had discovered a passion for art. He intended to attend any rehabilitation required, with an aim to make a career out of art.

The detainee's private counsel made no public statement.

Observations:

ISN 28 appeared very small, compared to his private counsel and personal representative, but seemed healthy and well-kept. He presented himself in a white, slope-shouldered shirt with a pocket logo, and a traditional round cap. Initially, he kept his hands folded in his lap and looked down without following along on the script provided to him. Later, he appeared to be joking with his private counsel throughout the personal representative's statement.

Neither the government nor the personal representative addressed how much of the detainee's former network of extremist contacts still survived, and ISN 28 did not show any concern when it was mentioned, despite this being the greatest public factor for determining his threat status. Given the detainee's demeanor, he may have already known the likely outcome, whether as a result of the network being dismantled or some form of predetermination.