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On September 14, 1997, the body of a French National is found in a parking garage in Firs Lane, London. The victim has been shot twice in the head at a short range with an automatic firearm. Witnesses saw the body dragged from a BMW and dropped in the garage. The vehicle was later found burning near an abandoned wharf in Middlesex, England. The suspect is Turkish National Anil Mumin.

Several thousand miles away in Washington, D.C., I sit behind my computer at the U.S. National Central Bureau headquarters of the International Criminal Police Organization (Interpol) and study the facts of the case. Working in the Alien/Fugitive division at the direction of Federal Agents from the U.S. Marshals Service, FBI and INS, I compile all known suspect information and learn that Mumin has family in the United States and may attempt to enter the country illegally. In an attempt to locate and arrest Mumin, I immediately send out a broadcast message to the 177 different Interpol Bureaus throughout the world using a highly secure international network of communications systems.

The thrill, excitement and gratification of coordinating the arrest of an elusive international criminal is like no other experience of which I have been a part. This inspiring feeling, combined with the necessary knowledge of state, federal and international regulations, gives concrete reality to a goal I have always had: a career in federal law enforcement. Yet it was not until my experiences at Interpol that I truly understood the purposeful motivations surrounding my interest in law.

Every day at 6 p.m. on my way home as I pass through security and leave Interpol's Washington, D.C. office, I experience a

international allpoints-bulletin requesting the temporary detainment of the suspect. Eight hours later, a tip was received from Interpol Madrid, and less than 24 hours after the original call had been placed from Interpol London to Interpol Washington, Anil Mumin was arrested in New York by INS officials as his plane arrived from Spain.

The world was safer as a result of the work I had done that day.