

“Supermax” security for top terror convicts

The super-maximum security federal prison in the U.S. state of Colorado, dubbed the “*Alcatraz of the Rockies*” lays claim to being America’s most secure jail. Among its 400-or-so inmates, Supermax houses a batch of terror convicts serving their sentences in stark cells, virtually isolated from the world



MAXIMUM SECURITY CELL

3.5m long by 2m wide, almost completely soundproofed

Solid metal sliding outer door

Inner steel bars

Food hatch

Prisoner eats meals alone

Prisoner: Spends 23 hours a day in cell. Allowed one hour of exercise alone in walled courtyard

Sink, WC, mirror

Stainless-steel. Knobless wash basin and seatless toilet that shuts off if plugged

Cigarette lighter: Recessed in wall

Furniture: Made of poured concrete – stool, writing desk and bed with thin mattress

Shower cubicle: Knobless, stainless-steel unit runs on timer to prevent prisoner causing floods

Television: Small black and white set plays religious, educational and psychological help tapes

Video camera
24-hour surveillance

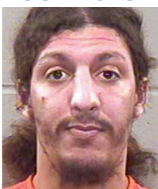
Window
10cm-wide slit looks out on sky

HIGH-PROFILE CONVICTS IN SUPERMAX



Zacarias Moussaoui

French-born “20th hijacker” sentenced to life for role in 9/11 attacks



Richard Reid

British “shoe bomber” tried to blow up airliner with explosives hidden in shoe



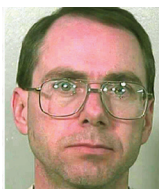
Ramzi Yousef

Mastermind of 1993 bombing of New York’s World Trade Center



Eric Robert Rudolph

Jailed for bomb attacks at 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games and U.S. abortion clinics



Terry Nichols

Conspirator in 1995 Oklahoma City bombing which killed 168 people