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FBI agents killed my son to keep him silent: Ibragim Todashev's father

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The father of the man killed by FBI during questioning about his relationship with one of the suspects of Boston Marathon bombings says agents interrogated his son for hours, and finally killed him to silence him.

Abdulgani Todashev said on Thursday that US officials have failed to provide him with any information about the death of his son, Ibragim, at a condominium in Orlando, Florida, on May 22.

“I want justice. I want an investigation,” he said at a news conference in Moscow. “They come to your house like bandits, and they shoot you.”

The father said FBI agents first asked him about the bombings at the finish line of the Boston Marathon, which killed three people and injured more than 260 on April 15.

The second time, they interrogated him about slayings in Waltham, Massachusetts, which police suspect Tamerlan Tsarnaev may have perpetrated.

The third interview, which occurred at Ibragim’s home, ended with his death, the father noted.

He said Ibragim had been planning to return to Chechnya, but apparently the FBI did not want the Chechen man to return home.

“Maybe my son knew some sort of information that the police didn’t want to get out,” he said. “They shut him up. That’s my opinion.”

On Wednesday, two unnamed law enforcement officials contradicted the account that Ibragim was killed after he turned violent and brandished a knife, and stabbed an FBI agent.

The sources stated that Ibragim had neither a gun nor a knife, and was unarmed at the time.

Ibragim was an acquaintance of Tamerlan Tsarnaev. The elder Tsarnaev, 26, and his 19-year-old brother Dzhokhar are alleged to have carried out the Boston Marathon bombings.

Tamerlan died in a shootout with police. His brother was captured later in an exhaustive manhunt, and is in custody.