

# Alleged Islamic extremist in machete attack on NYPD cops asked family to 'repent to Allah' in disturbing manifesto



*Photograph from the [Daily Mail](#); Islamic hat, stern words for his soldier brother but he remains fond of the family dog.*

The 19-year-old alleged Islamic extremist suspected of attacking NYPD cops with a machete on New Year's Eve penned a

disturbing manifesto that urged his family to “please repent to Allah and accept Islam,” police sources told [The New York Post](#).

[Trevor Bickford](#) – a Maine resident who arrived in the Big Apple just days before the attack – carried the handwritten note in his backpack, along with a collection of religious material and \$200 while staying at the Bowery Mission in Manhattan, the sources said.

“I fear greatly that you will not repent to Allah,” it said. “And therefore I hold hope in my heart that a piece of you believes so that you may be taken out to the hellfire. “To [my brother] Travis. Of anyone I’ve known who I have felt is closest to faith – it’s you,” he allegedly wrote. “Of anyone I’ve ever wanted to accept Islam with me – it’s you. Please repent to Allah and accept Islam. I fear for you.

“To [my other brother] Devon, there was a time when we were close, but that time has passed,” the manifesto said. “You have joined the ranks of my enemy. And for that I can give you no kind words – return to Allah.”

Bickford, of Wells, Maine, is believed to have become a radicalized Muslim in recent years following the overdose death of his father, Tom, who died in 2018 at the age of 41.

It is unclear how long Bickford had been staying at the Bowery Mission, but police sources said investigators found a sheath for the machete, a variety of other knives, and a collection of religious material.