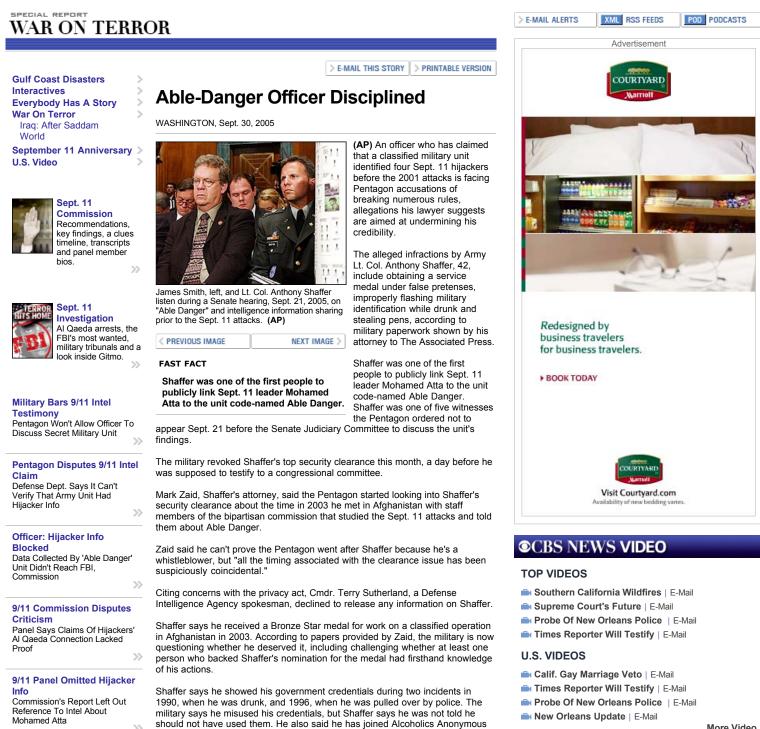
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and has been sober for 13 years.

indiscretions" more than 20 years ago.

As for the pens and other office supplies taken, he blamed that on "youthful

According to the paperwork, Shaffer also faces other infractions including falsely

Shaffer, now a member of the Army Reserves, has been on administrative leave

claiming mileage reimbursement, obtaining personal mobile phone charges,

going over the chain of command to brief superiors and having a credit card

since March 2004. During the same time, he was promoted to lieutenant colonel on Oct. 1, 2004.

Shaffer has said he tried three times to meet with the FBI to convey the Able Danger unit's findings before Sept. 11, but was ordered not to by military attorneys.

Shaffer's assertions on Able Danger have been supported by Rep. Curt Weldon, a Republican. If correct, they would change the timeline as to when authorities first learned of some of the Sept. 11 hijackers.

The Sept. 11 commission has dismissed the claims. The Pentagon has acknowledged some employees recall seeing an intelligence chart identifying Atta as a terrorist before the attacks, but said none have been able to find a copy of it.

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