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MILWAUKEE, Wis. AP - Arthur H. Bremer, a 21-year-old onetime photography student accused of shooting George C. Wallace, was described Monday as a lonely, quiet person who was something of a puzzle even to his family.

"Nobody could talk to him," said Bremer's teen-age brother Roger. "We never knew much about him."

A former neighbor said Bremer kept a Wallace sticker across the door of his apartment. Officials said he was a below average student in high school.

In Bremer's apartment, newsmen, who arrived after it had been visited by FBI agents, found a Confederate flag, a gun catalog, a box of firearm cartridges, a comic book, hotel advertisements and several newspaper clippings, one of them relating the frustrations of newsmen trying to get past security guards to reach presidential candidates.

Bremer left the family's wood-frame South Side home last year and moved to an apartment, working as a custodian in public schools and at a private club.

Bremer's truck-driver father, William, 58, said the family "had no idea he was in Maryland. He never mentioned anything about Wallace, never mentioned anything political."

"God knows that we hope he isn't connected with this," the father said. "If he is accused of this, he must have got really sick. We can't believe it."

"He never had a gun to my knowledge," the father said.

“He never went hunting.”

Another brother, Theodore, related: “He was against the radical part of the system of American life. He just stayed away from it.”

The Bremer family includes four sons: Theodore, 34; William, 32; Arthur, 21, and Roger 18.

Government agents investigated Bremer's small apartment, and talked for several hours with a teen-age girl who dated Bremer last winter. The girl's mother said Bremer shaved his head of its blond, wavy locks when he and the girl broke up in January.

Students, neighbors and acquaintances of Bremer offered a portrait of a young man who kept his opinions to himself and developed few friendships.

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