

'PLOT' TO RELEASE BROWN REPORTED

Threat Is Over, Roberts Says
—Flight Abroad Was Hinted

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An apparent plot to free H. Rap Brown, the black militant, from police custody at Roosevelt Hospital and remove him to another country while a hostage was held to insure his unimpeded passage was reported yesterday by The Bronx District Attorney Burton B. Roberts.

Indications of the plot, which was said to have come to light last month with the arrest in the Bronx of a former city employe, prompted the police to increase their security at the hospital, where Brown was taken after he was shot after an alleged holdup on Oct. 16.

The Department of Correction said yesterday that Brown was transferred to its prison ward at Bellevue Hospital on Oct. 28, five days after the arrest of Chris Perez, 25 years old, who was identified by Mr. Roberts as a former employe of the Youth Service Agency of the Human Resources Administration.

Mr. Roberts disclosed the suspicions of a plot when he appeared before State Supreme court Justice William Kapelman at the arraignment of Mr. Perez on a charge of illegal possession of a gun. The prosecutor asked reduction of bail from \$50,000 to \$2,500.

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Mr. Roberts said his inves-

tigation showed that if a plot had existed, it had dissipated and no longer represented any danger to the community. He said of the defendant: "He is charged with possession of a gun. He is not charged with any plot."

The bail reduction was granted, and Mr. Perez, of 491 East 188th Street, the Bronx, pleaded not guilty. A hearing was set for Dec. 6.

Mr. Roberts undertook his investigation after, he said, the arresting policemen discovered a piece of paper on Mr. Perez that contained in his own writing an elaborate outline for kidnapping of hostage to force the release of "the man and three brothers."

The prosecutor said he understood the objective was to be the freedom of Brown and three men seized with him after the alleged holdup at the Red Carpet Bar, 173 West 85th Street.

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The three men—Sam Petty, Levi Valentine and Arthur Lee Young, all of St. Louis—are held at the Tombs. The Correction Department said the Tombs and the Bellevue prison ward were maximum-security institutions.

The paper found on Mr. Perez, according to Mr. Roberts, listed such items as obtaining dynamite, collection weapons and ammunition and putting "the man" on television to demonstrate to possible benefactors that he was able to move and to tell them what country he wanted to go to.

Mr. Roberts said of the alleged document yesterday: "We're not frightened by mere words. And all this represents now are mere words."

He said that when Mr. Perez was first arraigned, the paper was shown by an assistant district attorney, Paul Gentile, to Criminal Court Judge Murray Koenig and was a factor in the setting of the \$50,000 bail.