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FBI Agent Target for Grenade

NEW HARTFORD, N.Y.—

A man was shot and wounded by police during a gun battle in a parking lot late Saturday after he allegedly threw a hand grenade through the front window of an FBI agent's home, police said. The suspect, Louis King Jr., 43, of Utica, N.Y., was charged with assaulting a federal officer.

It was said the FBI had received a tip "that an unknown hoodlum from the Utica area had obtained some hand grenades and had planned to throw them into the home of an FBI agent."

Officials said the grenade was tossed through a front window of the home of J. Lewis Kelly, senior resident agent of the FBI Utica office. It landed on the living room floor, but did not go off. There was no one in the room at the time.

Kelly said state police and agents from his office had been watching several FBI officers' homes the tipoff, and that those at his home fired several shots at the suspect as he fled in a car.

King engaged police in a gunbattle at a nearby motel parking lot. He was later admitted to St. Luke's hospital.

Officials said King was a defendant in a U.S. district court trial at Utica involving extortion and an alleged loan sharking operation.