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GEORGIA ATTORNEY WAVES CONFEDERATE FLAG AFTER RELEASE
... J.B. Stoner was arrested Wednesday afternoon in Marietta, Ga.

Stoner surrenders; released on bond

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Georgia attorney J.B. Stoner, a self-professed "white supremacist" who has become a suspect in at least one Birmingham bombing of the late 1950s and early 1960s, surrendered to a Superior Court Judge in Georgia Wednesday and was released on \$10,000 bond.

An arrest warrant charged Stoner with bombing the Bethel Baptist Church in Birmingham and with "setting off dynamite dangerously near an inhabited dwelling."

When the Bethel Baptist Church at 3233 29th Ave. North, was bombed, the church was empty, but the house next door was inhabited, authorities have said. The warrant served on Stoner was based on that fact, authorities have indicated.

IF STONER were convicted on the

charge of setting off dynamite near an inhabited dwelling, he could be facing a penalty of anything from 10 years imprisonment to a death sentence. However, sources indicate that Alabama's capital punishment statute then in effect was unconstitutional.

Stoner, 53, of Marietta, Ga., who is head of the National States Rights Party, was released on bond Wednesday after appearing before Judge James L. Bullard in Marietta, Ga.

Saying for the past several days that he was expecting to be arrested, Stoner has said in interviews that an undercover FBI agent offered him \$25,000 to kill Dr. Martin Luther King about 10 years before the civil rights leader was slain. Stoner also has said the same undercover agent tried to get him to bomb the Bethel Baptist Church.

Stoner has lambasted blacks, Jews,
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the FBI and Atty. Gen. Bill Baxley.

Stoner was indicted Monday by a Jefferson County Grand Jury which also indicted Robert E. Chambliss, 73, of 2505 32nd Ave. North on four counts of first degree murder in connection with the bombing of Sixteenth Street Baptist Church.

The death penalty, however, cannot be sought in connection with the case because the death penalty statute which existed at the time of Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing has been ruled unconstitutional.

CHAMBLISS IS being held without bond in the Jefferson County Jail—in isolation for his own protection—but a hearing to determine if he should be released on bond has been set by Jefferson County Circuit Judge Wallace Gibson for 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6.

Stoner has said he plans to fight extradition believing that if he is brought back to Birmingham he will be killed.

Stoner has said if he is arrested he will file a petition naming the FBI agent undercover agent he claims tried to put him up to killing King and bombing the Bethel Baptist Church.