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White House Fence Climber Is Captured

A young man carrying a satchel climbed the north fence of the White House last night and got part of the way up the lawn before being arrested by Executive Protective Service officers, a Secret Service Spokesman reported.

The man, who officials said carried no identification and gave an apparently false name, has been charged with unlawful entry and assault on a police officer.

He was being held at the second district headquarters last night pending arraignment.

Secret Service spokesman William Hawthorne said the man climbed the fence about 8 feet high, at about 8 p.m. and was immediately observed by police officers. The satchel contained no weapons or incendiary devices, Hawthorne said, but declined to reveal what it did contain.