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Marshall Hill Fields' sister Marsha, left, his brother, who asked not be identified, his mother, Florence, and attorney Charles Rosenbleet leave court.

Intruder at White House Ordered Back to St. Elizabeths for Tests

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Marshall H. Fields, the man who entered White House grounds on Christmas morning and then made threats to police about setting off explosives, was charged by federal prosecutors yesterday with destroying government property—the White House gate he crashed his car through.

After an hour-long court hearing yes-

terday he was sent back to St. Elizabeth's Hospital for further examination by psychiatrists.

Fields jumped up from his seat repeatedly during the hearing to argue with U.S. Magistrate Jean F. Dwyer.

He insisted that he be addressed by his Moslem name of Abdur Rahim, and tried unsuccessfully to have his attorney read a statement he had composed.

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At one point Fields even complained that the clock on the magistrate's wall wasn't telling the right time.

"I am an Orthodox Moslem," he declared, "and I am entitled to my prayers ...

I would like to have that timepiece corrected."

Magistrate Dwyer said she had been trying to get the clock fixed for several months.

Fields, 25, of Silver Spring, is the son of a deceased American State Department employee, and became an applicant to a local Moslem group in October.

He had been held at St. Elizabeths under a civil commitment since shortly after he surrendered quietly to authorities on the White House grounds.

During his four-hour siege just 20 feet from the White House door, Fields had kept guards away by threatening to set off what he claimed to be explosives. They later were found to be highway flares.

The charge filed yesterday specifies a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

Additional charges could be brought later by a grand jury.

Magistrate Dwyer set Jan. 27 for a hearing on whether Fields is competent to stand trial and to receive a report from psychiatrists on his mental condition at the time he crashed onto the White House grounds.

A half-hour after the magistrate's hearing, U.S. District Court Judge June L. Green signed an order changing Fields' status at St. Elizabeths to a criminal commitment.

Yesterday's hearing was delayed more than an hour when a private attorney hired by Fields' family failed to appear. The lawyer was not identified.

A public defender, Charles Rosenbleet, represented Fields before the magistrate and later conferred with his mother and sister, both of whom sat quietly in the small courtroom.

Fields, who came into the courtroom apparently in the same sunglasses and white shirt he wore outside the White House, did not speak to his relatives or look at them.

The formal charge against him estimated that the damage to the White House gate he crashed through was "in excess of \$4,000."

Shortly after the charge was read to him, Fields asked Magistrate Dwyer: "Am I to assume that if I was (charged) as Jesus Christ, I would be tried as Jesus Christ?"

The magistrate replied: "That's inconsistent with the Moslem religion."

Fields responded, "You are not Moslem and you know nothing about the Islamic faith."

Despite his dispute with Magistrate Dwyer, Fields raised his hand before each exchange with her, and left the room quietly after the hearing.