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SEATTLE, Wash. AP - The FBI has arrested seven men and accused them of plotting to blow up a police station and power plant and then rob four banks while the police were diverted.

The FBI said some were members of the Minutemen, described by the federal agency as an anti-Communist organization. However, in Norborne, Mo., Robert DJP... NI, T... OF THE Minutemen, said only one name was familiar to him.

FBI agents arrested four of the men Friday in a car in a parking lot in Lake City, just north of Seattle. Three others were seized in another car in a parking lot in Bellevue.

Agents said floor plans of the banks, 10 gasoline containers rigged as firebombs, nine sticks of dynamite, blasting caps, a pipe bomb, a .32-caliber pistol and two .38-caliber pistols were found in the cars.

The FBI said the seven planned to rob three banks in Redmond, a few miles south and east of Lake City and Bellevue, and another in Des Moines, just south of Seattle, after blowing up the police station in the Redmond City Hall and a power plant in Redmond.

Federal agents said the men were led by Duane Ivan Carlson, 35, of Seattle, described by the FBI as a fulltime Minutemen employe.

De Pugh said Carlson probably was a Minuteman at one time "although I do not have any records before me. I believe he was dropped about a year ago for nonpayment of dues. The other names are not familiar to me, and I don't know anything about them. Carlson was, I believe, state chairman for the Patriotic Party and helped arrange some meetings and lectures for me in Washington."

Besides Carlson, the others arrested were Joseph David Hourie, 20, of Seattle, an employe of a grocery chain; Ervin John White, 41, of Edmonds, a self-employed draftsman; Jerome Nicholas Henderson Sr., 57, of Bothell, a church sexton and part-time maintenance man; Kelly E. DeLano, 24, of Tacoma, a civilian driver at Ft. Lewis, near Tacoma; Milton James Dix, 34, of Seattle, a longshoreman, and Jerome Nicholas Diemert, 43, of Arlington, an unemployed ship's oiler.

They were arraigned before U.S. Commissioner Walter Reseburg on charges of conspiracy to rob a bank. Bail ranged from \$500 for Dix to \$30,000 for Carlson. By late Friday the only one to post bail was Dix.

Federal agents said the men designated themselves by numbers-001 through 007-in a conspiracy authorities said they had been aware of for several weeks.

Reseburg said a search warrant was issued Thursday with the consent of U.S. Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark to permit an informer to attend a meeting with an "electronic device." The complaint said that through the search warrant "evidence has been obtained of conversations of the defendants which indicate that they met Thursday to complete plans for the Redmond bank robberies."

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In requesting the high bail for Carlson, Assistant U.S. Atty. John Darrah told Reseburg, "His knowledge is the knowledge of the national organization (of Minutemen)."

DePugh said he knows of no Minutemen organization in Washington state, and added, referring to the alleged plot, "We frown upon this kind of thing because it was such an intrusion into private property."

Redmond police were informed of the plot for the first time Dec. 18.

"It was real hectic," said Redmond Police Chief Robert SAWW.

PH, WHOSE GRANDFATHERS, FATHER AND STEPFATHER WERE New York City policemen. "Trying to keep up the security and keep the city functioning and knowing the plot might come off any minute was real tough."

When the FBI notified the Redmond force that Friday was the target date, Sollitto sent two men and a patrol car to each of the banks—the Peoples National, the First National and the Redmond State Bank—before the arrests were made.

"I was very much concerned that if plans should go amiss, and the FBI was not able to complete its apprehension plan, that Redmond would be the next line of defense," Sollitto said Friday.

"It was a great relief when word flashed over the radio that all seven had been caught.

"I couldn't tell my wife or three children about the plot, and it made it difficult. Tonight I'm going to get some good sleep and enjoy my family."

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