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WASHINGTON AP - The FBI said Sunday the acknowledged leader of the Minutemen, a secret, extremist organization, and an assistant were arrested in a pickup truck on U.S. Highway 85 Saturday night near Truth or Consequences, N.M.

The bureaus bare announcement said Robert Boliyar De Pugh and Walter Patrick Peyson had been at large since a federal grand jury in Seattle, Wash., returned conspiracy indictments against them 18 months ago.

Agents said the conspiracy involved another seven Seattle men and plans to rob four Washington banks. The loot, agents said, reportedly was to be used to finance minutemen preparations for what Minutemen see as "a violent revolution when the communists take over this country."

De Pugh, the organization leader, and Peyson were using aliases, supported by papers, of Ralph and Jim Cooper. The pair did not resist arrest though a rifle, two pistols and ammunition was found in the truck.

Both were arraigned early Sunday and lodged in the Albuquerque, N.M. city jail. De Pugh's bond was set at \$150,000. Peyson's at \$20,000. The conspiracy charge has a maximum sentence of five years and a fine of \$10,000.

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Sheriff Charles Cox of Truth or Consequences said he and a deputy, seven FBI agents and a New Mexico state policeman participated in the arrest of De Pugh and Peyson.

Cox said the two were arrested after they left a house they were renting south of Truth or Consequences.

He said he first observed their vehicle in the small town six weeks ago and learned three weeks ago who owned it. He said the house had been under FBI surveillance since then.

The men also rented a house at Pinos Altos in western New Mexico, and used it as an office, the sheriff said. He said they had mailed Minuteman literature from Las Cruces and Reserve, both in New Mexico.

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