

Arrest Near Agnew Talk

Mansfield, Conn.

A former Green Beret captain allegedly en route to a speech by Vice President Spiro Agnew was arrested yesterday when police said they found a hand grenade in his car.

The suspect was identified as Jerome Jacobson Jr., 26, an English major at the University of Connecticut, who just completed his junior year. Police said he was a former member of the elite fighting unit which has fought extensively in Vietnam.

Police confiscated what they termed a "simulator" hand grenade, made of plastic and used in training sessions, but noted that it contained a full charge of powder. They were unable immediately to assess such a grenade's impact, but said in a closed area "it could be dangerous."

Acting on the basis of information supplied police Tuesday, two Connecticut state troopers stopped Jacobson's car yesterday morning in Mansfield, about 40 miles from where the Vice President was to deliver a commencement speech at the Coast Guard Academy in New London. Tight security was in effect for Agnew's appearance.

Jacobson was charged with possession of a dangerous weapon in a motor vehicle and was held in lieu of \$30,000 bond at the Brooklyn Correctional Center, pending a circuit court appearance tomorrow in Danielson.

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EX-GREEN BERET JEROME JACOBSON JR., 26
Police picture was taken at 1971 anti-war rally