



EX-COP EDWIN GAUDET AND WIFE JUDY
She said he wasn't in New Orleans when threat supposedly was made

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Nixon-Threat Suspect Surrenders in Manhunt

Arroyo Hondo, N.M.

Edwin M. Gaudet, who had been sought in the mountains of northern New Mexico for nearly three days for allegedly threatening the life of President Nixon, surrendered peacefully yesterday.

Gaudet, 29, a former New Orleans policeman, drove to a police base camp with his wife and cousin, to whom he had surrendered. He told reporters the "government is organized crime."

Gaudet was taken by a Secret Service agent to Albuquerque for arraignment.

A federal warrant issued

in New Orleans charged that Gaudet, a resident of the Morning Star commune near Taos, N.M., "knowingly, willfully, unlawfully, made a threat to take the life of the President" in New Orleans earlier this month. The charge carries a maximum penalty of a \$1000 fine or five years imprisonment or both.

The Secret Service said it had no evidence linking Gaudet to an alleged conspiracy to kill the President during his visit to New Orleans last Monday.

Before being taken to Albuquerque, Gaudet told

newsmen, "The government is organized crime. The Pope is the head of the Mafia. And I support Angela Davis for president."

Gaudet's wife, Judy, said she and her husband were not in New Orleans on August 15, when, according to the warrant, Gaudet said in a New Orleans establishment, "Somebody ought to kill President Nixon. If no one has the guts, I'll do it."

"I have to talk to my attorney before I discuss anything in the nature of the case," Gaudet said in response to reporters' questions.

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