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ATLANTA, GA., NOV. 14 (AP)-SECRET SERVICE AGENTS ARRESTED A SUMMERVILLE, GA., MAN TODAY AND CHARGED HIM WITH THREATENING THE LIFE OF PRESIDENT JOHNSON WHILE PURCHASING A RIFLE AT CHARLOTTE, N.C. LAST THURSDAY.

A. G. VIAL OF THE ATLANTA SECRET SERVICE OFFICE SAID AGENTS ARRESTED BILLY RAY PURSLEY, 31, AT HIS HOME ON A WARRANT ISSUED BY A U.S. COMMISSIONER AT CONCORD, N.C. SATURDAY.

VIAL SAID PURSLEY PURCHASED A 6.5 MILLIMETER RIFLE AT A CHARLOTTE DISCOUNT HOUSE NOV. 11 AND WITNESSES REPORTED HE ALLEGEDLY SAID HE WOULD USE THE GUN AGAINST THE PRESIDENT.

AGENTS TRACED PURSLEY TO HIS HOME SATURDAY AND QUESTIONED HIM, VIAL SAID. HE SAID PURSLEY ADMITTED BUYING THE RIFLE, BUT DENIED MAKING ANY THREATS. VIAL SAID THE WARRANT FOR PURSLEY'S ARREST WAS ISSUED WHEN WITNESSES AT THE STORE IDENTIFIED HIM FROM PHOTOGRAPHS.

PURSLEY WILL BE ARRAIGNED MONDAY BEFORE U.S. COMMISSIONER FRANK HOLDEN IN ATLANTA.

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