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NASHVILLE, TENN., MARCH 18 (AP)-TWO WOMEN WERE CHARGED BY THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION TODAY WITH MAKING A THREATENING TELEPHONE CALL TO GOV. JOHN CONNALLY OF TEXAS ON THE DAY JACK RUBY WAS SENTENCED TO DEATH.

THE WOMEN WERE IDENTIFIED AS CHRISTINE BURKE, 34, AND NORMA JUNE MCGRIFF, 38, BOTH OF NASHVILLE. THEY WAIVED REMOVAL HEARINGS IN AN APPEARANCE BEFORE U.S. COMMISSIONER A. B. NEIL JR. AND WERE RELEASED UNDER \$2,500 BOND.

THE FBI HERE SAID THE CALLS, MADE MARCH 14, WERE A "THREAT TO INJURE THE PERSON OF GOV. JOHN CONNALLY."

ONLY ONE CALL WAS MADE, THE FBI SAID, "BUT TWO WOMEN TALKED TO THE GOVERNOR.

THE WOMEN ARE CHARGED WITH VIOLATING A FEDERAL EXTORTION STATUTE. IF CONVICTED THEY COULD RECEIVE AS MUCH AS FIVE YEARS IN PRISON AND \$1,000 FINE. THE PAIR ENTERED NO PLEA TODAY.

THE WOMEN LIKELY WILL BE TRIED IN SAN ANTONIO, TEX., THE FBI SAID.

THE ARRESTS WERE ANNOUNCED BY J. MYERS COLE, SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE OF THE SAN ANTONIO, TEX., OFFICE OF THE FBI, AND KARL J. DISSLY, SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE OF THE MEMPHIS OFFICE.

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AUSTIN--FIRST ADD GOVERNOR THREAT (A77DN) XXX A HEARING.

COLE SAID THE COMPLAINT FILED BY THE FBI IN THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS FEDERAL COURT AT SAN ANTONIO ACCUSES THE WOMEN "DID WILFULLY AND KNOWINGLY TRANSMIT IN INTERSTATE COMMERCE FROM NASHVILLE TO AUSTIN A TELEPHONE CALL CONTAINING A THREAT

AND KNOWINGLY TRANSMIT IN INTERSTATE COMMERCE FROM NASHVILLE TO AUSTIN A TELEPHONE CALL MARCH 14 CONTAINING A THREAT TO INJURE THE PERSON OF GOV. JOHN CONNALLY, IN VIOLATION OF THE FEDERAL EXTORTION STATUTE."

THE ANNOUNCEMENT GAVE NO OTHER DETAILS.

IN DALLAS TODAY CONNALLY SAID THAT SOME LETTERS HE HAD RECEIVED FROM OUTSIDE THE STATE HAVE BEEN EXTREMELY ROUGH, MEAN AND "VERY VILE" SINCE THE RUBY VERDICT AND SOME HAD THREATENED HIS LIFE. THE GOVERNOR DID NOT GIVE ANY SPECIFIC EXAMPLES.

THERE HAVE BEEN FREQUENT UNVERIFIED REPORTS AROUND THE STATE CAPITAL RECENTLY THAT EXTRA SECURITY PRECAUTIONS HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO PROTECT THE GOVERNOR.

AFTER CONNALLY WAS WOUNDED IN THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY HE AND HIS FAMILY WERE PROTECTED BY U.S. SECRET SERVICE AGENTS FOR SOME TIME. LATER, TO ALL OUTWARD APPEARANCES, THE SECRET SERVICE AGENTS WERE REPLACED BY STATE POLICE AND HIGHWAY PATROL AGENTS.

NEITHER THE FBI NOR CONNALLY'S OFFICE WOULD SAY WHAT TYPE "THREAT" WAS MADE.

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"JUST A THREAT ON HIS LIFE IS ALL WE CAN SAY," SAID A GOVERNOR'S AIDE. HE SAID CONNALLY, WHO PLANS TO RETURN TO AUSTIN LATER TODAY FROM DALLAS WOULD HAVE NO COMMENT.

THE FBI IN AUSTIN AND SAN ANTONIO WOULD NOT AMPLIFY THE WORDING USED IN THE ANNOUNCEMENT TELEPHONED TO NEWSMEN.

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