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'FBI Informer' Jailed On Marijuana Charge

SEATTLE — (UPI) — Jeffrey Desmond, one of three persons discussed on a controversial TV show last night, has been jailed here on marijuana charges.

Desmond is one of three self-styled FBI informants who said federal authorities encouraged violence to have an "excuse" to act against New Left groups.

Found On Steps

Desmond, 23, said last July he was acting as an FBI informant when he helped three others bomb a Seattle post office March 3, 1970.

Police reported Desmond

was found lying on the steps in front of his Queen Anne Hill home Thursday evening. He was booked at city jail on suspicion of narcotics laws and charged yesterday with marijuana possession.

It was Desmond's second arrest since he declared his informer role. He was arrested Sept. 4 outside a Seattle apartment and charged with burglary. He was later released pending trial.

The Public Broadcasting Service last night aired the report that three FBI informants had encouraged violence. PBS had decided not to broadcast the report on

Wednesday. But then reversed that decision and put out two versions of the "Great American Dream Machine."

Before and After

One version, which included allegations of the FBI informants, was prepared before the FBI denied the allegations, and the other was prepared after the denials.

Paul Jacobs, who wrote the program, said the agents were told to encourage acts of violence so police would have an "excuse" to act against politically radical groups from the left. Besides the Seattle bombing, the incidents included the burning of buildings at the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa and a plot — which never materialized — to bomb a bridge in Seattle.