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Minnesota man accused of plotting local terror attack

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USPA News - A Minnesota man arrested during a raid on his mobile home last week was plotting a `terror attack` targeting local residents, federal officials said on Monday, but few details about the alleged plot were released. Several bombs have been found.

Buford "Bucky" Rogers, 24, was arrested on Friday when local, state and federal authorities executed a search warrant at his mobile home in Montevideo, a small city of around 5,400 in Chippewa County. Molotov cocktails, pipe bombs and several firearms were found during the search of the residence. "Mr. Rogers was taken into custody without incident," the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) said in a statement released on Monday. "The FBI believes that a terror attack was disrupted by law enforcement personnel and that the lives of several local residents were potentially saved." The agency said the plot was discovered and thwarted through "timely analysis of intelligence" and through cooperation and coordination between law enforcement personnel. "Cooperation between the FBI and its federal, state and local partners enabled law enforcement to prevent a potential tragedy in Montevideo," said J. Christopher Warren, Special Agent in Charge of the FBI's Minneapolis Division. Law enforcement provided few other details, adding that the investigation is ongoing. But the suspect's father, Jeff Rogers, told KMSP-TV that the firearms found during Friday's search are registered to him. "So what? I had guns. That's my given right to have my guns," Jeff Rogers said. The father told the local television station that his son is not a terrorist and that he does not know why the FBI believes a terror plot was thwarted. "Bucky is not a terrorist. He was not out to bomb nobody and I have no clue where the hell that came from," he was quoted as saying. Rogers has several homemade signs on his property, including one sign that bears the acronym "B.S.M." for "Black Snake Militia," according to Montevideo Police Chief Adam Christopher. "As opposed to a large national type militia group, I think it's something they've kind of formed," he told KMSP-TV. "They're the incepting or the founding people of that little group."

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