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Judges 6:12 ESV And the angel of the Lord appeared to him and said to him, “The Lord is with you, O mighty man of valor.”

NEUTRALIZED IED ATTACK ANALYSIS (FINAL)
CATHEDAL OF SAINT MATTHEW THE APOSTLE, 1725 RHIODE ISLAND AVE. NW,
WASHINGTON DC, 20036

REPORT: IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICES (IED)

SUBJECT: GERI, Louis D., 41 YOA, Vineland, NJ, (NFI)

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SYNOPSIS

While conducting pre-event security check outside of the cathedral the morning of Sunday 5 Oct 25, Metropolitan DC Police (MPDC) officers conducted a security check and assigned to secure the Annual Red Mass, a significant event open to the public. MPDC discovery of a tent on the front steps occupied by one male who made verbal threats and statements. Searches of the male and tent revealed numerous IED, precursors chemicals and related item, at which time the male was arrested.

TARGET

The Red Mass is celebrated annually at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle, traditionally on the Sunday before the first Monday in October, which marks the opening of the Supreme Court's annual term. Its purpose is to invoke God's blessings on those responsible for the administration of justice as well as on all public officials. Noted is the reporting that same week the National Catholic Reporter Supreme Court justices do not attend this event because of security threats.

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Doors opened at 0745, limited seating but open to the public. Music begins at 8:45 a.m. Mass begins at 9:00 a.m. Security will be screening all attendees, and no bags will be allowed inside the Cathedral.¹

PRE-ATTACK SCENARIO

GERI, hereinafter referred to as SUBJECT, was arrested about 0645 that morning, following an MPDC on scene investigation of suspicious activity and upon probable cause. HE made several threats admission and provocative statements concerning explosive devices. SUBJECT and tent were searched revealing numerous constructed IED, chemical precursors, other evidence, and a document HE demanded be read by police.

Detectives reported SUBJECT/GERI admitted during interview his intent to use items seized to create a "...destructive device..." Also identified are chemical compounds and other items. Metropolitan Police DC (MPDC) Press Release therein noted the potential direct threat to Cathedral of Saint Matthew the Apostle, 1725 Rhode Island Ave NW, Washington, DC 20036. Geri allegedly said he had intended to use grenades, explosives and bottle rockets he constructed using nitromethane, rubber bands and aluminum foil relying on a thermite solution. The officers surrounded the suspect, who went to nearby trees to relieve himself. At this point, the officers apprehended him, placing him in handcuffs. Police say the devices appeared to be "fully functional." Geri was charged with Unlawful Entry, Threats to Kidnap or Injure a Person, and Possession of a Molotov Cocktail. The judge held him without bond.

Also note that on 26 Sep 2025, MPDC responded to a call by the Cathedral regarding SUBJECT on property who was on property and issued a Barring Notice. Inspection of the notice revealed that SIBJECT had been at St. Matthews on September 26, 2025 and had set up a tent on the steps of the church. When SUBJECT refused to move, the church and MPD barred HIM from the location. (NFI).

- To de-escalate the situation, officers agreed to read a nine-page letter from Geri's notebook, titled "Written Negotiations for the Avoidance of Destruction of Property via Detonation of Explosives," which showed animosity towards the members of the

¹ Derived from cathedral website

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Supreme Court, the Catholic Church, members of the Jewish faith, and ICE/ICE facilities, according to police documents.

- “...Geri warned them several times that he had explosives and threatened to throw one to prove it. "Do you want me to throw one out? I'll test one out in the street. I have a hundred plus of them," Geri told a D.C. police officer and a bomb squad sergeant, records show "If you just step back, I'll throw one in the street, no one will get hurt, there will be a hole in the street... if you just step back, I'll take out that tree. No one will get hurt, there will just be a hole where that tree used to be." After police warned him they would be removed, Geri told them "...several of your people are going to die from one of these," police said.
- Geri, police said, got agitated shortly after the bomb squad sergeant unzipped the tent flap and clenched onto a butane lighter and an unknown "white-capped, shaped object." After acknowledging that he wrote the letter, he began pulling out multiple vials of unknown yellow liquid and issued another threat to light the devices if officers did not step away. Not long after (sic) they backed off, officers spotted Geri step towards a tree and arrested him. Some of the vials, police later learned, contained nitromethane, a highly dangerous fuel used in some race cars. Other chemicals were also found in some vials.
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KEY TAKEAWAYS

- While the Police Affidavit provides the probable cause statement and brief reporting of the arrest and evidence collection, there is no reporting or details on the contact with SUBJECT on church property during the end of September 2025. Thankfully, the only exposure to the cathedral’s security group was insulated in operational security blackout.

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- However, it would be valuable to know the full story of SUBJECT's motive, which is presumed at this point to be 'leftist, anti-SCOTUS. The pre-attack intelligence collection and targeting of this specific target and when HE became of interest to the security group. More of interest is who first discovered the tent installation on the steps and loading it with HIS belongings and weapons. What were SUBJECT'S police contacts from his apparent Last Known Address and during HIS time in DC. SUBJECT's actions to acquire the supplies and knowledge to build these devices is also vital.
- A particularly important reminder is the clergy, ushers and security staff, must be trained to detect and effectively manage discoveries of actual or suspected Improvised Explosive Devices. This can be an unattended item, such as the recorded warnings inside airports. On one recent case, the subject zip tied a backpack to a church toilet, as a "hoax bomb." This is a vital read for every church security team
<https://www.justice.gov/usao-edca/media/1340666/dl?inline>
- Like bomb threats and swatting calls allow the target surveillance of the church as first responders arrive, position and deploy thereby providing the success of a second attack if this is within their Priority Intelligence Requirements for a successful mission.
- Despite police presence on location, and prior police history and within a week prior SUBJECT was "trespassed" from church property, HE returned, with the tent partially blocking the front steps. It is not coincidental that subject picked that morning and his activity. In context, his possession of IED related materials is noted.
- Urban churches are accustomed to such community activity. There is no information about the role, if exists, that a security team had in this incident. However, this is one potentially dangerous encounter, which church security officers can expect. Note this previously reported extremely dangerous incident which started inside the church with an aggravated assault: **SF church assault suspect threw 2 bombs at officers during chase, police say**, By Lena Howland, Leslie Brinkley KGO TV Monday, October 30, 2023
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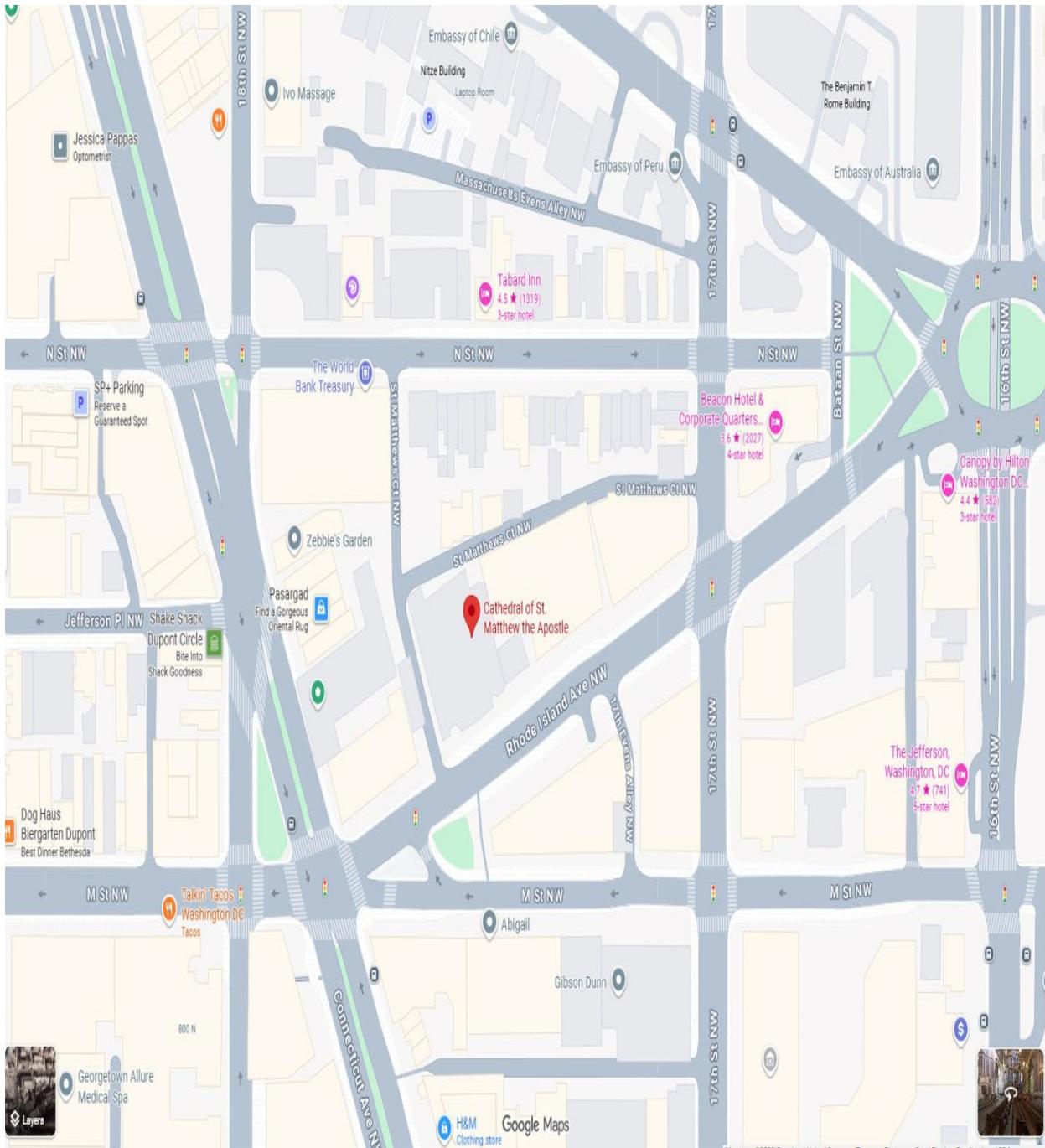
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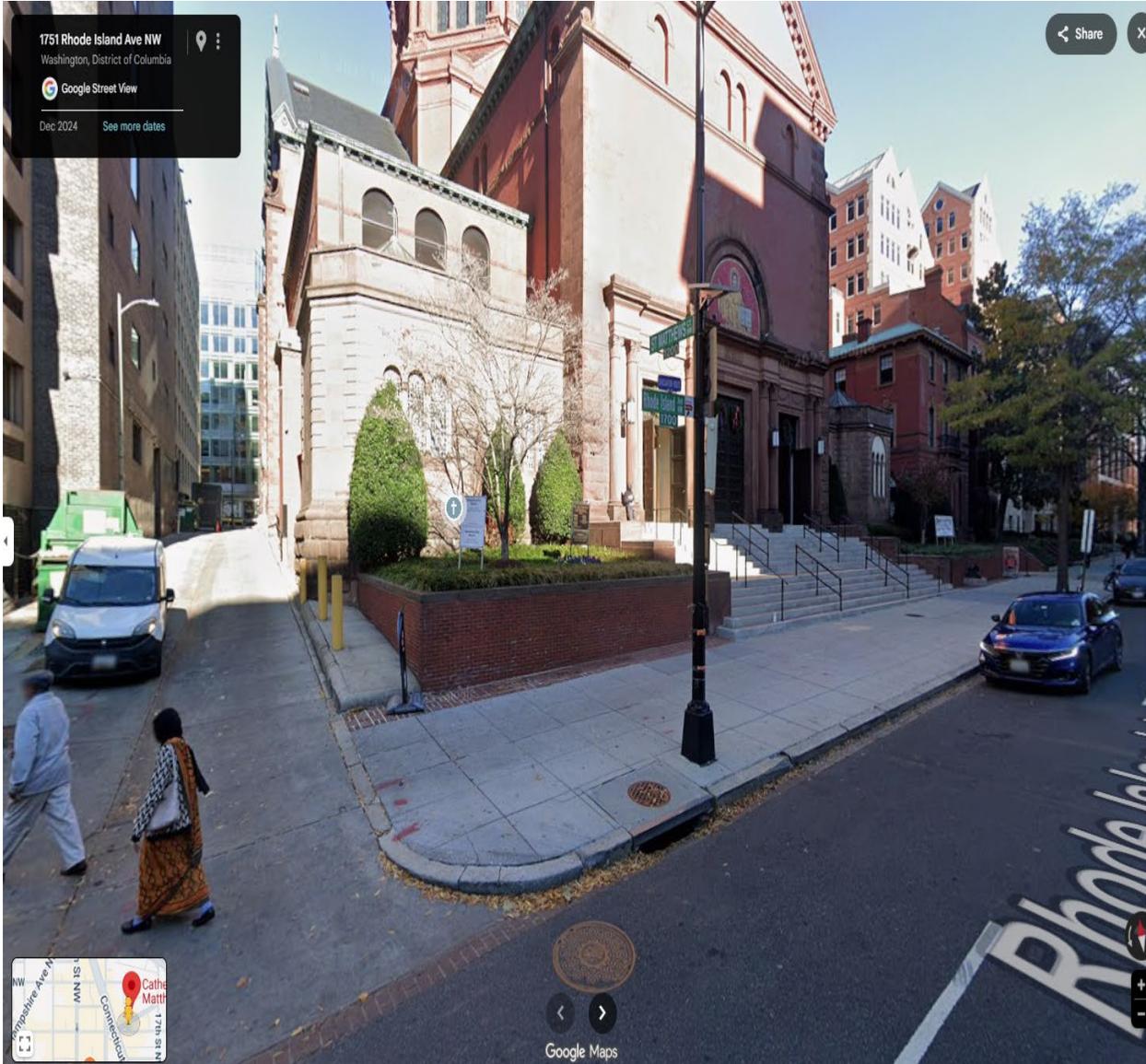
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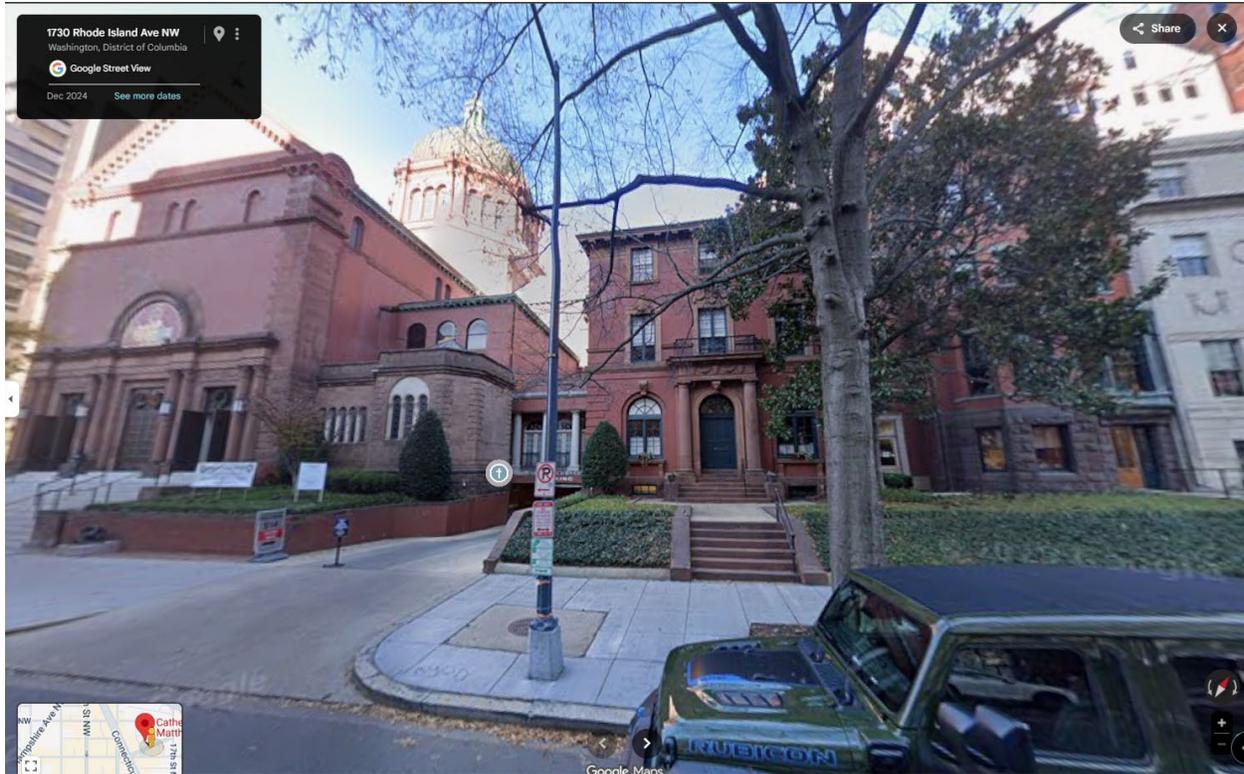
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