

TIMES SQUARE SCARE

Police Question SUV Owner

NEW YORK (AP) — The registered owner of an SUV that was parked in Times Square and rigged with a crude propane-and-gasoline bomb told investigators he sold the vehicle to a stranger for cash three weeks ago, a law enforcement official said Monday.

The owner, who lives in Connecticut, was questioned Sunday about his sale of the dark-colored 1993 Nissan Pathfinder to a man he did not know, the official told The Associated Press. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the investigation into the botched bombing is at a sensitive stage.

Officials say the owner, whose name has not been released, is not considered a suspect in the bomb scare. But the revelation of the sale leads authorities one step closer to whomever was aiming for mass carnage on a busy Saturday night in the heart of Times Square and achieved only streets emptied for hours of thou-

sands of tourists.

New York Police Department spokesman Paul Browne confirmed Monday that investigators had spoken to the registered owner.

The vehicle identification number had been removed from Pathfinder's dashboard, but it was stamped on the engine and axle, and investigators used it to find the owner of record.

Two law enforcement officials familiar with the probe said investigators considered the vehicle's history one of the best chances for cracking the case. The officials spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because the probe is at a sensitive stage.

Investigators tracked the license plates to a used auto parts shop in Stratford, Conn., where they discovered the plates were connected to a different vehicle.

They also spoke to the owner of an auto sales shop in nearby Bridgeport because a sticker on

the Pathfinder indicated the SUV had been sold by its dealership.

In New York, police and FBI were examining hundreds of hours of video from around the area and wanted to speak with a man in his 40s who was videotaped shedding his shirt near the Pathfinder.

The video shows the man slipping down Shubert Alley and taking off his shirt, revealing another underneath. In the same clip, looks back in the direction of the smoking vehicle and puts the first shirt in a bag.

In Washington, White House press secretary Robert Gibbs said Saturday's attempted bombing was a terrorist act.

Attorney General Eric Holder, who earlier in the day refused to classify the incident as terrorism, said the bomber intended to spread fear across New York and said investigators had some good leads in addition to the videotape that was released Sunday.

OBITUARIES

Dorcas Fischer

MENNO — Dorcas Fischer, age 88, of Menno passed away Saturday, May 1, 2010 at the Freeman Medical Center, Freeman, SD.

Funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 5, 2010 at the Olivet United Methodist in Olivet with Rev. Todd Jones officiating. Burial will be approximately at 1:15 p.m. in the Wittenberg Cemetery, Olivet, SD.

Visitations will be from 1-9 p.m. Tuesday, May 4, 2010 at the Aisenbrey-Opahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Menno with a prayer service 7:30 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Pallbearers will be Lee Fischer, Matthew Fischer, Caleb Hight, Alan Fischer, Levi Ketelsen, Nathan Fischer, and Nicholas Fischer. Honorary pallbearers will be Kim (Fischer) Jones and Nichole (Fischer) Lund.

Dorcas Earlene Barth was born February 26, 1922 to Albert and Tillie (Rapp) Barth on the home farm 6 miles north of

Olivet, SD. She attended country school for 8 years and then Olivet High School for 2 years and graduated from Menno. Dorcas' father died when she was 7 years old so she and her mother lived with her sister, Hazel, and her husband, Irvin Shelton, on the home place.

Dorcas completed 2 years at Westmar College in LeMars, Iowa then taught one year in Ute, Iowa where Lloyd E. Fischer proposed marriage to her. They were united in marriage at the Wittenberg EUB Church on October 10, 1943. Lloyd was deployed to Guadal Canal a few short days later while Dorcas taught 2nd grade in Scotland, SD for 3 years.

Dorcas attended the Wittenberg EUB Church until it closed and then was a lifelong member at the Olivet United Methodist Church. She took the Lord as her personal Savior when she was a young child and served Him faithfully all these years holding many different offices in



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the church; children's Sunday School and UMW. She and Lloyd were youth Fellowship counselors and enjoyed singing in the choir.

After Lloyd returned from the Army, they moved to the original Barth Homestead where they were dairy, grain, and livestock farmers. Three sons were added to their family, Don (Sandra), Ronald (Terrie) and Timothy (Marla). Dorcas was an avid gardener, excellent cook and loved canning. She was blessed with 9 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, sister, Hazel, and brother, Dr. Earl Barth. The family requests that memorials be directed to: Wittenberg Cemetery Fund, c/o Dale Hora, 42591 280th Street, Olivet, South Dakota 57052.

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Darlene Cimpl

Darlene Rae Cimpl, age 84, of Yankton, passed away Saturday, May 1, 2010 at Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton, SD.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 9:30 a.m. Friday, May 7, 2010 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Yankton, with Rev. Mark Lichter and Rev. Charles Cimpl concelebrating. Burial will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Yankton, SD.

Visitations will be 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, with a rosary at 7:00 p.m. followed by a video tribute and 7:30 p.m. Scripture service at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, SD.

Pallbearers will be John Bottini, Alexander Bottini, Colette Bottini, Eben Peck, Michael Chase, and Mark Chase.

Darlene R. Freidel was born in Yankton on June 12, 1925 to Raymond and Irene (Johnson) Freidel. Darlene attended schools in Yankton, Berkeley, California, and Iowa City, Iowa. After graduating from Yankton High School, she attended the University of South Dakota

where she was a member of Alpha Phi Sorority. She also attended Yankton College and obtained her teaching certificate. Darlene taught grades one through eight at the one room rural Kietzman School in Yankton County. She later worked as a secretary at the Masonic Lodge. On May 1, 1947 Darlene married John Cimpl at St. Wenceslaus Church in Tabor, SD. They lived for a brief time in Tabor and then resided in Yankton for the rest of their married life. Darlene died on their wedding, Darlene had served as a substitute teacher and was a member and past president of PEO, Chapter AS. She was an avid bridge player her entire life. Darlene was a devoted, daughter, wife, mother, grandmother, aunt and friend to many. She particularly enjoyed spending time with her three grandchil-



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dren and the companionship of her pets.

Darlene was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Charlotte Nash. She is survived by her husband, John Cimpl, of Yankton, SD; her daughter Cindy (Thomas) Bottini of St. Louis, MO; her three grandchildren, Colette (Eben Peck) Bottini of Washington, DC, John (Sarah) Bottini of Atlanta, GA, and Alexander Bottini of St. Louis, MO; one great grandchild; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorials are directed to the One Heart, One Mind, One Spirit in Christ Campaign, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 509 Capitol, Yankton, SD 57078 or Heartland Humane Society, PO Box 585, Yankton, SD 57078.

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Maria Kirkendall

Maria P. Kirkendall, 57, of Yankton died Saturday (May 1, 2010) at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton.

Funeral services are at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Yankton, with the Rev. Bob Lacey officiating.

Visitation is 3-8 p.m. Wednesday at Wintz & Ray

Funeral Home, Yankton, with a rosary at 7 p.m. and a Scripture service at 7:30 p.m. Visitation resumes one hour prior to the

funeral service at the church. To post an online sympathy message, visit wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

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Shirley Gorsett Family

Thank You
to all the American Legion and Auxiliary members who helped with our successful poppy drive on May 1st and May 2nd. Thank you to all the people who gave to this worthy cause, to the 5th grade students at Webster School for their wonderful posters and to the businesses who so generously allowed us to display them in their stores. Thank you also to the businesses who allowed us to use their store fronts for our drive.
Joyce List, Delores Guinn, Priscilla Mazourek
American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Co-Chairpersons

Woman Stabs 4 In Calif. Target Store

WEST HOLLYWOOD, Calif. (AP) — A woman who stabbed and wounded four people in a busy Target store Monday afternoon was arrested when an off-duty sheriff's deputy pulled his gun and ordered the woman to the ground as screaming shoppers ran from the building, authorities said.

Layla Trawick started randomly stabbing people with two blades — a butcher's knife and a carving knife, Los Angeles sheriff's Sgt. Josh Mankini said. The 35-year-old Antioch woman was arrested with the help of private security guards and booked on suspicion of attempted murder.

When off-duty sheriff's Deputy Clay Grant saw her and ordered her to drop the knives, she ran away and he chased her through the store, aisle after aisle, Whitmore said.

Several shoppers who saw Grant pull out his weapon feared he was a gunman and began running and screaming, adding to the sense of panic, Mankini said.

RSVP For 'Yankton 202' By May 7

The Yankton Convention & Visitors Bureau will be holding three sessions of Yankton 202 Hospitality Training on May 11, with sessions at 9 a.m., 11 a.m. or 1 p.m. at the Technical Education Center at 1200 W. 21st St.

Yankton 202 focuses on customer service, hospitality and most importantly Yankton info. Sessions are great for anyone who meets and greets visitors, customers and residents to Yankton. RSVP by 5 p.m. May 7 to visit@yankton202.com or by calling (605) 665-3636.

A literature swap will be held during this same time from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. The literature swap will consist of booths from businesses and attractions in the Yankton area where you will be able to pick up literature to hand out at your business and learn more info on specific places. Booths are still available, send us an e-mail at visit@yankton202.com or call (605) 665-3636 for more information.

NATION/WORLD DIGEST

Clinton, Ahmadinejad Clash Over Nukes

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton engaged in a verbal nuclear exchange Monday on the U.N. stage, where nations gathered for a monthlong debate over the world's ultimate weapons.

Speaking from the podium of the General Assembly Hall, Clinton accused Iran of "flouting the rules" of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty with its suspect uranium enrichment program, and said it is "time for a strong international response."

For his part, Ahmadinejad earlier rejected such allegations, saying Washington has offered not "a single credible proof."

They were the opening salvos in four weeks of deliberations over how to improve the NPT, formally reviewed every five years in a meeting of all 189 treaty members — all the world's nations except India, Pakistan, Israel and North Korea.

The review conference is meant to produce a final document pointing toward ways to better achieve the NPT's goals of checking the spread of nuclear weapons, while working toward reducing and eventually eliminating them.

Pakistan Taliban Leader Aims Threats To U.S.

KABUL (AP) — The leader of Pakistan's Taliban appeared in a video Monday threatening attacks against the U.S. three months after American and Pakistani officials believed he died in a U.S. missile strike.

Hakimullah Mehsud's emergence occurred as a suicide bomber attacked the gate to a CIA base where seven agency employees were killed last December. The Pakistan Taliban claimed responsibility for that bombing, and Monday's attack could have been aimed at showing that the group was back in business despite months of setbacks from relentless U.S. missile strikes and a Pakistani military offensive.

The Pakistan Taliban have also claimed responsibility for an attempted car bombing last weekend in New York City's Times Square — a claim that New York officials question.

U.S. and Pakistani officials had been confident until recently that the ruthless, 30-year-old Mehsud had been killed in a January missile strike along the boundary between South Waziristan and North Waziristan — tribal areas along Pakistan's border with Afghanistan where Islamist militant groups operate with near impunity.

BP Pledges To Pay For Oil Cleanup, Damages

VENICE, La. (AP) — BP PLC gave some assurance Monday to shrimpers, oil workers and scores of others that they will be paid for damage and injuries from the explosion of a drilling rig and the resulting massive oil spill in the Gulf.

A fact sheet on the company website says BP takes responsibility for cleaning up the spill and will pay compensation for "legitimate and objectively verifiable" claims for property damage, personal injury and commercial losses. President Barack Obama and several attorneys general have asked the company to explain what exactly that means.

BP spokesman David Nicholas said the company doesn't know how much the cleanup will cost and hasn't decided how to pay for it.

Nashville Braces For More Flooding, Deaths

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Nashville braced for more deaths Monday as the flooded Cumberland River continued to swell, sending muddy water rushing through neighborhoods and into parts of the historic heart of Music City after a destructive line of weekend storms killed 26 people in Tennessee, Mississippi and Kentucky.

The flash floods caught the city off-guard, and thousands of residents and tourists were forced to flee homes and hotels as the river rapidly spilled over its banks. Using motor boats, jet skis and canoes, authorities and volunteers rescued residents trapped in flooded homes on Monday, some which looked like islands surrounded by dark brown river water. Eleven of the 12 people killed in Tennessee drowned, including six in Nashville.

Country music's landmark, The Grand Ole Opry House, was flooded with several feet of water, forcing managers to seek alternate space for upcoming shows. It wasn't clear how much water was in the concert hall, which is part of the large Gaylord Opryland Hotel complex along the river northeast of downtown, but at least 10 feet of water flooded the nearby hotel.

The downtown — home of a historic warehouse district that dates back to the 1800s and is now occupied by bars and restaurants — was nearly deserted after authorities evacuated the area. Floodwater spilled into some streets near the riverfront, and restaurants and bars in the warehouse district were closed.

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SilverSneakers Available At Avera Sacred Heart

The Avera Sacred Heart Wellness Center located at 501 Summit Drive in Yankton is recognizing the unique needs of the older adults in the community.

By partnering with the nationally recognized Healthways SilverSneakers® Fitness Program, Avera Sacred Heart Wellness Center is able to offer

older adults a way to increase their levels of physical activity while motivating them to remain active.

SilverSneakers is the nation's leading exercise program designed exclusively for older adults and is available at no additional cost (beyond any monthly premium) to eligible

Medicare health plan and group retiree members.

Avera Sacred Heart Wellness Center will be hosting an Open House today (Tuesday) from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. with a free SilverSneakers class at 11 a.m.

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