

# Suspects being held in extortion attempt

**United Press International**  
BAYTOWN — Federal agents in Arizona were holding two suspects Saturday pending filing of charges in a multimillion dollar extortion attempt on a Gulf Oil's chemical plant near Houston where five bomb-like devices were found and subsequently defused.

The suspects were arrested at a service station in Apache Junction, Ariz. late Friday night, following an intense investigation which began Tuesday when Gulf officials received a letter warning them of bombs at Cedar Bayor chemical plant in Baytown, Texas.

John J. Hinchcliffe, special agent in charge of the Phoenix, Ariz., FBI office, identified the suspects as Theodore McKinney, 45, and Michael Allan Worth, 34, both of Durango, Colo.

Information about specific charges against McKinney and Worth or details of their arrest was not available.

The FBI said they were suspects in the reported \$15 million

extortion attempt against the Gulf plant shut down Wednesday in response to the threatening letter which said the bombs would be detonated if the extortionist was not given \$15 million.

Gulf officials Saturday said they were pleased by the news of the suspects' arrest but could not say if they are former employees of the firm.

The plant remained closed Saturday.

"We will continue to take all possible precautions until we feel it is safe to resume normal operations," Dorothy Brown, a Gulf spokesman in Houston, said.

Homer R. Hauer, special agent in charge of the Houston office of the FBI, said Saturday the investigation into the extortion attempt was continuing and that federal agents in several Western states were following other leads.

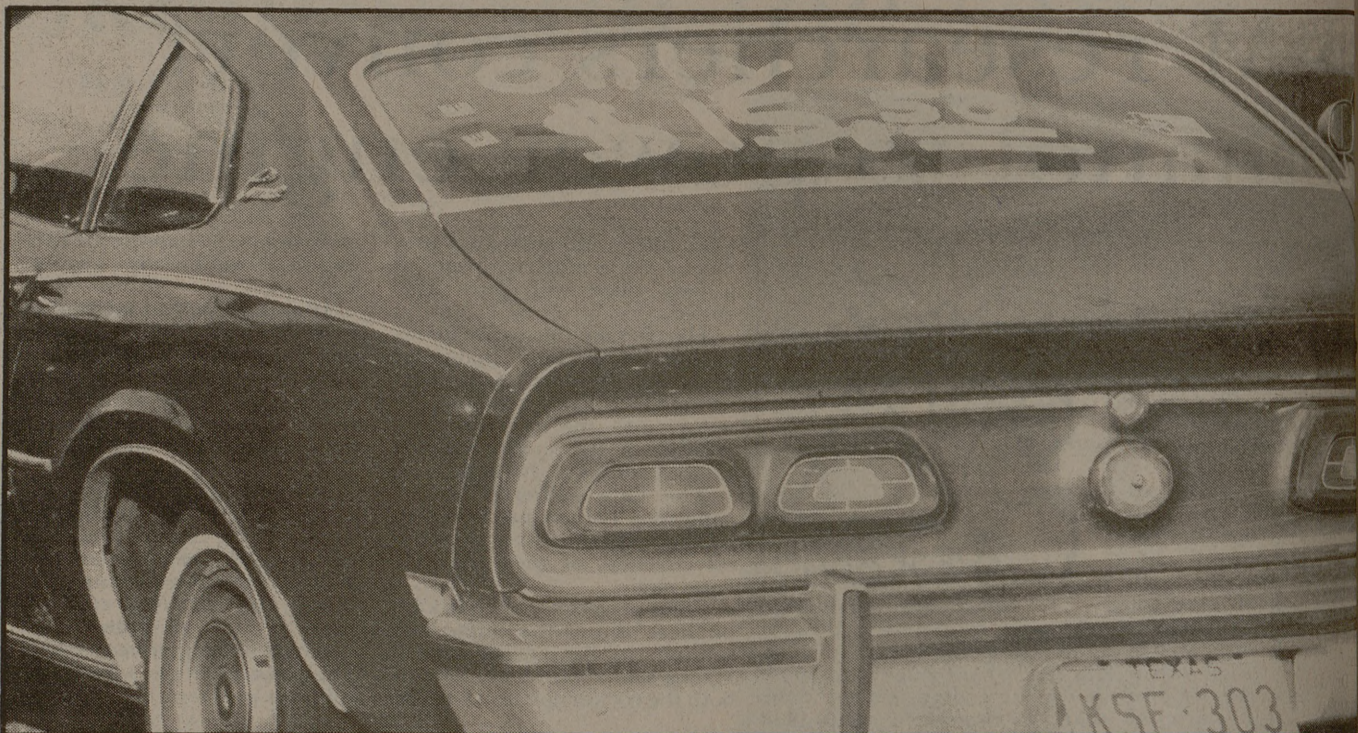
Thursday, FBI, Army and police bomb disposal crews

found only five "devices" in the plant. One of the bombs exploded during efforts to detonate it. The other four were "neutralized."

Authorities have refused to comment on a classified advertisement in a Houston newspaper which was an apparent means of communicating with the extortionist.

Ads published in The Houston Post personal columns Thursday and Friday read: "George Liedstrom, have received your packages but couldn't keep the secret. Still need the instructions to open them and willing to pay the bill. Mail to slow and insecure. Please contact Bob Quintana at the main office."

On June 13, 1974, a bomb exploded on the 29th floor of Gulf Oil Corp.'s headquarters building in Pittsburgh, Pa. Weather Underground took credit for the blast but, because a caller warned Gulf no one was hurt.



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## Son, dad to meet Sunday

**United Press International**  
GARLAND — An American company designer, Ronald Feighard, abandoned his Vietnamese wife and son when his military unit was ordered to leave Vietnam. Feighard said Saturday the reunion this Sunday means a chance to remedy the past.

"All these years and he's been somebody in a letter, so everybody we've been talking about," said Robert G. Feighard, Oct. 1 senior designer for Rockwell International, referring to his son and J. Trinh Quoc Nam, 10, who does not know his father.

"There's so much I want to say to him and teach him," Feighard said. "I know he's good at playing guitar, probably Vietnam songs. But there's just a big part of his life I know nothing about and now I can fix that."

Feighard said he has more than two hours to depart Vietnam once his orders came in 1973.

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