

FBI halts terrorism

DALLAS (AP) — At least four people plotted to bomb a natural gas plant to kill law enforcement officials and divert attention from armored-car robberies they had also planned, federal authorities said Wednesday.

The FBI refused to discuss the alleged conspirators' ultimate aims or comment on reports that the suspects had ties to white supremacy groups.

Three men and a woman were arrested by the FBI Tuesday in Fort Worth and 41 miles northwest in the rural Wise County town of Boyd. U.S. Attorney Paul Coggins declined to say whether other arrests were expected.

FBI agent Robert Garrity said the group had been under surveillance by the Dallas Joint Domestic Terrorism Task Force for about six weeks, since officials received a tip about the alleged plot.

According to an FBI affidavit, the group planned to blow up the Mitchell Energy & Development Corp. natural gas processing plant, which is about 15 miles from Boyd.

The suspects also planned "four or five" secondary explosions timed to kill law enforcement officials responding to the initial bombs, Garrity said.

"We know they believed that if their plan was successful, they anticipated they might wipe out half of Wise County," Garrity said.

The informant told the FBI that the suspects had exploded trial bombs at the 20,000-acre Lyndon B. Johnson National Grassland in Wise County. Garrity refused to say what type of bomb the group planned to use.

The group planned an armored-car robbery outside the First National Bank of Bridgeport to coincide with the explosions, the FBI said.

"The purpose of the armored-car robbery was to gain funds that

they could use to continue in their terrorist activities," Garrity said.

"The conspirators ... planned, cased, sketched and purchased explosives and weaponry in preparation for their armored car robbery and the detonation of these devices."

The plot was to unfold on May 1, when the suspects believed the armored car would be carrying the most money, Garrity said. Agents were forced to arrest the suspects, however, when the informant reported that the group was going to rob a drug dealer in order to fund the operations, he said.

The suspects were named as Shawn Dee Adams, 37, of Boyd; his 35-year-old wife, Catherine Dee Adams; 34-year-old Edward Taylor Jr. of Bridgeport; and Carl Jay Waskom Jr., 34, of Boyd.

They are charged with conspiracy to commit robbery affecting interstate commerce. Coggins said he would convene a grand jury next week to bring further charges related to the bombing plot.

A detention hearing for the four was set for Monday.

While making the arrests Tuesday, agents also searched three residences and seized dozens of items allegedly used in the plot.

According to the FBI, the items included SKS assault rifles, bomb fuses, fragmentation grenades, 55-gallon barrels and gas masks. Also seized were photographs and diagrams of the Mitchell gas storage tanks, a picture of a Loomis armored car and pictures of two banks.

Garrity said the group targeted tanks at Mitchell that contain hydrogen sulfide, a substance commonly referred to as sour gas. The gas is fatal in significant concentrations.

Wise County Sheriff Phil Ryan said he was alarmed by the alleged plot.



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Brandon Claborn, class of '94 graduate practices his roping technique outside the MSC Wednesday morning. The A&M Rodeo Club is trying to raise awareness for a competition that is taking place at the Tabor Road Arena over the next three days.

Round 'em up

Wreckage search continues in Rocky Mountains

EAGLE, Colo. (AP) — Two pieces of wreckage found on a snowy Rocky Mountain peak are from the Air Force warplane that vanished on a training mission over Arizona three weeks ago, the military confirmed Wednesday. The search for the plane's missing pilot continued.

"I can tell you now that through the efforts of maintenance personnel at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base ... we have made positive identification that these are pieces of the A-10 (Thunderbolt) aircraft," Air Force Maj. Gen. Nels Running told reporters Wednesday night.

But he said there was no sign of the plane's pilot, Capt. Craig Button, a former flight instructor at Laughlin Air Force Base in Del Rio, Texas.

"I don't know if Captain Button was with the aircraft or was not with the aircraft so I cannot tell about remains," Running said. "The search continues."

Col. Denver Pletcher said two Army National Guard helicopters made trips up to the mountain's 11,500-foot level on Wednesday and

dropped off four members of a search team.

"They plan to spend the night out there," Pletcher continued. "Their mission is to go up and see if they can find any remains."

The weather on the mountain is better than anticipated, Pletcher said, and the searchers should have no trouble staying there overnight. The plan was to fly them out Thursday, but if they had to they could walk to Interstate 70, he said.

The four have cellular phones and other communications gear and all are experienced high-altitude climbers.

Earlier Wednesday, Tech. Sgt. Ishmael Antonio, trained to rescue downed pilots behind enemy lines, was lowered by cable from a helicopter to retrieve the two pieces from near Gold Dust Peak in the Holy Cross Wilderness Area, 15

miles southwest of Vail, Running said.

One piece is plastic-insulated tubing and wires, described as part of a device used to control flaps, and the other is metal with the markings of turbine parts made by General Electric.

Antonio tried to pick up the largest piece of wreckage, but it was bigger than him and he couldn't free it from the snow, Running said. He retrieved the two smaller pieces instead.

The suspected crash site was discovered Sunday.

The helicopter couldn't get to search headquarters Monday because of a near-blizzard. It got to Eagle Tuesday but was driven back by snow when it tried to make a pass over the site.

After Antonio retrieved the two pieces, the pararescue team went back to the area Wednesday afternoon to try to recover more pieces before a spring storm dumps heavy snow.

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ACCT 229 3-5 PM				REV CH 13-17	PRAC FINAL
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FINC 341 7-9 PM	CH 20	CH 19	REV EXAM 1	REV EXAM 2	REV EXAM 3
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3-5PM CHEM 102	CH 27 ORGANIC CHEMISTRY	CH 28 ORGANIC CHEMISTRY	FINAL EXAM REVIEW TEST #1,#2	FINAL EXAM REVIEW TEST #3,#4	5-7 PM PRAC. FINAL A	7-9 PM PRAC. FINAL B
5-7PM CHEM 101	CH 13	CH 14	FINAL EXAM REVIEW TEST #1,#2	FINAL EXAM REVIEW TEST #3		5-7 PM PRAC. FINAL
7-9PM PHYS 202	REVIEW TEST #1 & NEW MATERIAL CH 41, 42	REVIEW TEST #2 & NEW MATERIAL CH 43, 44	REVIEW TEST #3	REVIEW TEST #4 PRAC. FINAL EXAM	7-9 PM PRAC. FINAL B	
9-11PM CHEM 102	CH 27 ORGANIC CHEMISTRY	CH 28 ORGANIC CHEMISTRY	FINAL EXAM REVIEW TEST #1,#2	FINAL EXAM REVIEW TEST #3,#4	5-7 PM PRAC. FINAL A	7-9 PM PRAC. FINAL B
11P-1A PHYS 218	REVIEW TEST #1 & NEW MATERIAL CH 15,14	REVIEW TEST #2 & NEW MATERIAL CH 19	REVIEW TEST #3	PRAC. FINAL EXAM A		11P-1A PRAC. FINAL B
	SAT Apr 26	SUN Apr 27	WED Apr 30	THUR May 1	SUN May 4	
CHEM 107	3-5 PM CH 14,15	3-5 PM CH 15,16	1-3 PM FINAL REVIEW TEST #1	1-3 PM FINAL REVIEW TEST #2, #3	3-5PM PRAC. FINAL B	
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