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Ramsey Boy, 18, Is Seized In Liquor-Store Bombing

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An 18-year-old Ramsey high school student was held in \$100,000 bail yesterday on Federal charge of having set off a nail-filled pipe bomb last Monday night, wrecking an Allendale liquor store and injuring two children sleeping in an apartment upstairs.

The bombing was described as an act of revenge on behalf of three acquaintances who had been arrested for allegedly burglarizing the liquor store.

The youth, Robert Glaner, of 425 Elizabeth Avenue in Ramsey, was described by investigators as a suspect in a series of pipe-bombings in Bergen County in the last few years. No other charges were filed against him, but authorities held this possibility open and said that other arrests might be made.

Forensic experts were said to have found similarities in the materials and construction of the bomb that went off last Monday at the Allendale Liquor Shoppe and those that exploded at various sites in Ramsey and Allendale in recent years.

A High School Senior

The Glaner youth, a senior this fall at Ramsey High School, was seized at his home shortly before midnight Thursday by Allendale and Ramsey police officers and investigators from the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office and the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

The Federal authorities have jurisdiction over bombings that occur at buildings involved in interstate commerce, in this case the liquor store. The youth was arraigned before United States Magistrate John C. Manna in Asbury Park on a complaint filed by United States Attorney Jonathan L. Goldstein.

The complaint alleged that young Glaner had set the bomb at the behest of three youths who had been arrested two weeks ago on charges of having broken into the liquor store and stolen some vodka. Charges against the three—Michael Anderson, John Blundo and James Kaminski—are pending in the break-in case, and young Anderson is being held as material witness in the bombing.,

A Federal affidavit said that the Blundo youth had suggested to Mr. Glaner that “someone should bomb the Allendale Liquor Shoppe.” The Glaner youth was said to have replied: “That could be arranged.”

Nails as Shrapnel

The pipe bomn, containing nails as shrapnel and “a double base smokeless powder,” according to the Federal complaint, exploded in the store's doorway, shattered 31 windows and damaged stores more than 200 feet away. In addition, it blew holes into an upstairs apartment and shrapnel narrowly missed two small children, who were hurled from their beds and bruised.

Federal, county and local authorities are also investigating pipe-bombings that shattered the press box at the Ramsey High School athletic field last May 6, causing \$13,000 damage; heavily damaged a \$218,000 home under construction in Ramsey in August, 1974; damaged two other homes in Ramsey and Allendale last summer; went off in a Ramsey barn in August, 1973, and exploded in a washroom at Ramsey High School in January, 1973.

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