

**Fairfield County
Special Operations Team**

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TO: The Federal Bureau of Investigation
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RE: Assistance with Harris Situation

Responders

Bill Brobst	7 hrs.	\$140.00
Rick Hoffman	7 hrs.	\$140.00
Steve Sells	7 hrs.	\$140.00

Equipment

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Tyvek Suits	10 @ \$5.00	\$ 50.00
Overpack containers		\$ 7.75

Total **\$1002.75**

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Anthrax nonlethal; suspects stay in jail

By Michael Fleeman
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Las Vegas — The material that caused an anthrax scare was a nonlethal form used in vaccines and not a serious health threat, but the two suspects caught with the substance will remain in jail, the FBI said Saturday.

The two men — charged with conspiracy to possess and possession of a biological agent for use as a weapon — are being held at least until a preliminary hearing Monday, said Bobby Siller, special agent in charge of the FBI's Las Vegas office.

The material, tested at an Army laboratory at Fort Dietrick, Md., was found by FBI agents during the arrests Wednesday of William Leavitt Jr. of Nevada and Larry Wayne Harris of Lancaster, Ohio. The test results showed the material was the kind of anthrax used in animal vaccines.

"Legally, this means their case goes down the toilet," said Lamond Mills, attorney for Leavitt. "I would expect the U.S. attorney to drop the charges."

Siller declined to explain why charges would not be dropped immediately. He defended the FBI's investigation, which was based on an informant's tip and the suspects' statements.

"We had to act the way we did," said Siller, who claimed that it would have been "irresponsible" not to follow up on the allegation.

Mills said he asked prosecutors to drop charges against Leavitt and have him released.

"Let them now 'fess up and say it was a mistake," said Mills, who contended his client believed he was handling a safe vaccine and not military-grade anthrax, which is potent enough to kill thousands of people.

Agents also seized other biological material in Ohio from

houses owned by Harris, a former member of the white supremacist group Aryan Nations. That material was still being tested at Fort Dietrick, and those tests will not be completed before Monday.

An attorney for Harris was not immediately available for comment.

Harris and Leavitt were turned in by Ronald Rockwell, whom the FBI portrayed as a "citizen performing his civic duty." Mills called Rockwell a twice-convicted extortionist and scam artist who went to the FBI when a business deal turned sour.

Rockwell, a Las Vegas resident, said in media interviews he was scared when Leavitt and Harris, who were interested in what he portrayed as his disease-fighting machine, said they had the deadly bacteria.

Leavitt and Harris were arrested outside a medical office in Henderson, Nev. FBI agents working with Rockwell followed the men to the office and seized the materials.

The case frightened many around the country, especially near Las Vegas. People flooded talk-radio shows asking about evacuation plans, the symptoms of anthrax and the safety of the region's water supply. Surplus stores sold out of stocks of gas masks. The arrests came as the United States was considering military action against Iraq for harboring biological weapons.

Five days before the arrests, Rockwell and Leavitt appeared for two hours on a local radio show to talk about how they planned to test biological agents being brought to Las Vegas by Harris, according to a tape of the show reviewed Saturday.

They said during "The Lou Epton Show" on KXNT-AM on Feb. 13 that the testing was to be done on a device that could cure an anthrax infection.



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