



## Anti-Terrorism Advisory Council U.S. Attorney's Office Eastern District of Wisconsin

### Suspect Arrested in "Bishop" Pipe Bomb Mailings

An Iowa machinist was arrested Wednesday and charged with sending dud pipe bombs and threatening letters to investment companies in Denver and Kansas City in an effort to drive up stock prices. Authorities said he signed the messages "The Bishop."

A criminal complaint unsealed in Chicago charged John P. Tomkins, 42, of Dubuque, Iowa, with one count of mailing a threatening communication with intent to extort and one count of possession of an unregistered explosive device. Investigators have said "The Bishop" mailed more than a dozen letters to financial institutions for 18 months. The letters included references to heaven and hell and threatened recipients if the prices of certain stocks did not move to certain levels, often \$6.66; the number '666' is associated with Satan.



#### Source:

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