

FBI kept reason for arrest from suspect

BID TO GAIN TRUST

Documents released on bombing attempt at Spokane parade

The Associated Press

SPokane — FBI agents

did not initially tell a man

suspected of planting a

bomb along the route of a

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

parade why he was arrested

because they wanted to gain

his trust, newly released

documents state.

The court records released

Tuesday addressed concerns

voiced by U.S. District Judge

Justin Quackenbush about a

delay of several hours in tell-

ing suspect Kevin Harpham

the reason for his arrest and

to immediately provide his

Miranda rights.

Harpham made no confes-

sion during that time, The

Spokesman-Review report-

ed.

If he had, the documents

show, Quackenbush indicat-

ed he would not have al-

lowed federal prosecutors to

use those statements at the

trial to begin Aug. 22.

Harpham, 37, who has ex-

tensive ties to white-su-

premacist groups, has plead-

ed not guilty to attempted

use of a weapon of mass de-

struction, committing a hate

crime and other charges.

He could face life in prison



Kevin Harpham wasn't immediately told of his Miranda rights.

if he is convicted.

The bomb was found by

authorities and defused be-

fore it could explode.

At a hearing Thursday,

prosecutors revealed Har-

pham took photographs of

himself at the Jan. 17

march, as well as photos of

black children and a Jewish

man wearing a yarmulke.

Later in the hearing,

Quackenbush closed the

courtroom to media and

spectators, and attorneys

called two FBI agents to tes-

tify about the initial hours of

Harpham's detention after his arrest on March 9. Court testimony indicated that agents did not immediately give Harpham his Miranda warnings, including his right to remain silent, the FBI agent Joseph Cleary said agents were trying to win the trust of Harpham. "Agent Cleary acknowledged that with this procedure the agents hoped Harpham would give a statement and confess to an offense, which he did not," the documents said. After taking Harpham to the Stevens County Sheriff's Office, agents taped a 10-minute conversation with him without providing his Miranda warnings. "No incriminating or inculpatory statements were

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