

**SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
CRIMINAL DIVISION  
UNITED STATES  
VS  
GERI, LOUIS  
CCN#: 25151900  
Arrest Number: 022526628**

The event occurred on 10/05/2025 at approximately 06:26 at CATHEDRAL OF ST. MATTHEW THE APOSTLE, 1725 RHODE ISLAND AVENUE NW, WASHINGTON, DC 20036.

The offense occurred on September 25, 2025, at 1725 Rhode Island Ave NW, Washington D.C. 20036 in PSA 208.

I (Officer Kidane, R) was working the day work tour of duty (0500-1530 hrs.) in full uniform MPD departmental uniform utilizing marked MPD cruiser 1207 and call sign 2071D. Officer Ohara, K FB208D also responded to assist.

At approximately 0500 hours The Special Operations Division of MPD were assisting with clearing the block for a special religious event at 1725 Rhode Island Ave NW- Red Mass. At approximately 0510 hours 8654 Officer C. Cole made contact with a male inside a green tent that was posted on the top of the steps leading into the St. Matthew's Church. The male was later identified as Geri, Louis D. O.B. 1984-04-22. From hereinafter the male will be referred to as D-1. Ofc. Cole requested that the male needed to move his tent off the grounds of the church. D-1 refused and told Officer Cole "You might want to stay back and call the federales, I have explosives/bombs."

Officer Cole then notified Sgt Wishnick (EOD-3) of D-1's actions and they approached him together. When Sgt Wishnick approached the tent, she introduced herself and advised that she was with the Bomb Squad. D-1 spoke through the tent and sounded agitated. D-1 again referred back to the "Feds" and advised that he had bombs. When Sgt. Wishnick advised that there was an event and needed him to move, D-1 stated, "I'm aware of that (referring to the Red Mass). D-1 then stated, "Do you want me to throw one out, I'll test one out in the street? I have a hundred plus of them. If you just step back, I'll throw one in the street, no one will get hurt, there will be a hole in the street... if you just step back, I'll take out that tree. No one will get hurt, there will just be a hole where that tree used to be." When it was explained that D-1 would be removed against his will, he stated, "...several of your people are gonna to die from one of these."

In an attempt to de-escalate, Sgt. Wishnick agreed to look at what D-1 had written. D-1 opened the tent zipper/flap at which point Sgt. Wishnick observed clenched in D-1's right hand was the top of a butane lighter and an unknown white cap- shaped object. D-1 handed Sgt. Wishnick several sheets of paper that had writing on it. (It was later revealed to be 9 pages torn out from D-1's notebook.)

For officer safety, Sgt. Wishnick unzipped the rest of the flap and advised D-1 that it was for officer safety. D-1 became agitated and shifted the unknown white- capped shaped object to his left hand, which was free and stated, "...Alright, if you want to do it, we'll do it now." and began reaching into a dark bag. Sgt. Wishnick attempted to draw D-1's attention back to the paperwork which was titled, "Written Negotiations for the Avoidance of Destruction of Property via Detonation of Explosives." While speaking to Sgt. Wishnick, D-1 confirmed that he wrote it, was the only one who wrote it and

confirmed that he had explosive background. D-1 then reached into a dark bag and began pulling out multiple capped vials. Sgt. Wishnick observed that the vials contained an unknown yellow liquid, had white caps and had M-devices taped to them. D-1 then shifted his right thumb over top of the butane lighter to initiate the lighting action and stated, "...you better have these people step away or there's going to be deaths, I'm telling you now!" Sgt. Wishnick advised Ofc. Cole to step back and advised that D-1 was in possession of explosive devices.

Notifications were made to surrounding officers as well as command staff. While this was occurring, R-2 (business manager for St. Matthew's Church) responded outside and provided Sgt. Wishnick with a Barring Notice. Inspection of the notice revealed that D-1 had been at St. Matthews on September 26, 2025 and had set up a tent on the steps of the church. When D-1 refused to move, the church and MPD barred him from the location.

While the officers were on the perimeter, Sgt. Wishnick observed what appeared to be D-1 walking over to the trees at the corner of the church. Sgt. Wishnick voiced over the air and officers began to quickly approach D-1, who appeared to be urinating. Ofc. Cole, Ofc. Eckert and Sgt. Wishnick stopped D-1, who immediately began to resist and attempt to pull away. D-1 was eventually secured and placed him in handcuffs. When asked, D-1 confirmed that he had a device in his front right fleece pocket. Sgt. Wishnick advised the officers to step away and requested an additional EOD officer-Technician Thomas Higdon. Technician Higdon recovered from D-1's front right fleece pocket a vial with a white cap, which contained a yellow liquid inside, with an M- device taped to the exterior. Also recovered from D-1's same pocket was an orange butane lighter. D-1 was relocated to a safe area away and medical assistance was requested. AMR #75 responded to the location, at which point D-1 refused medical treatment. Upon refusal, D-1 was transported to the Second District for interview and processing.

EOD technicians continued to conduct searching measures; which revealed a large cache of handmade destructive devices recovered from D-1's tent. Further review of D-1's paperwork revealed his significant animosity towards the Catholic church, members of the Jewish faith, members of SCOTUS and ICE/ ICE facilities.

Also found in D-1's possession was his New Jersey driver's license confirming his identity as Geri, Louis D.O.B. 1984-04-22.

D-1 was charged with: Unlawful Entry, Manufacture, Transfer, Use, Possession or Transportation of Molotov Cocktails, or other Explosives for Unlawful purposes, Threats to Kidnap or Injure a person, Assault on Police Officer x 2, Possession of Destructive Device, Manufacture or Possession of Weapon of Mass Destruction (Hate Crime) and Resisting Arrest.

All of D-1's personal effects that were at the church, along with the destructive devices and materials were taken into FBI custody for processing.

The event and acts described above occurred primarily in the District of Columbia and were committed as described by defendant(s) listed in the case caption.

Subscribed and sworn before me this 10/05/2025

**KIDANE 11514, ROBYEL (10/05/2025) E-SIGNATURE**

Police Officer

Unit Witness / Deputy Clerk **BRIDGES 9124, RONALD / 9124 (10/05/2025) E-SIGNATURE**

**KIDANE 11514, ROBYEL / 5678 / 11514**

**BRIDGES 9124, RONALD / 9124**

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Printed Name of Member / Badge# / CAD#

Printed Name of Witness / Deputy Clerk

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