Bomb or Other Threat Response Fatality File

Police identify suspect who surrendered after claiming to have a bomb near US Capitol

(CNN)A man with a history of supporting former President Donald Trump and who has said “all Democrats need to step down” was arrested Thursday after an hours-long standoff near the US Capitol during which he claimed to have an explosive device.

Police have identified the suspect as 49-year-old Floyd Ray Roseberry of Grover, North Carolina. The incident prompted multiple buildings in the area to be evacuated Thursday as authorities responded to an “active bomb threat investigation,” the US Capitol Police wrote on Twitter.

USCP said in a news release later Thursday that no bomb was found in Roseberry’s truck but that he did possess suspected bomb-making material. DC Police said in a tweet that the vehicle he was driving had been “cleared,” and that road closures near the scene have now been lifted. USCP Chief Tom Manger, who told reporters on Thursday that authorities couldn’t yet identify a motive, said that so far there is “no indication” Roseberry was acting with others.

Roseberry had been live-streaming from the scene, Manger said. A roughly half-hour Facebook video showed him inside a truck, holding a cannister that he said was a bomb and speaking about a “revolution.” The video and Roseberry’s Facebook profile have since been removed.

On Roseberry’s now-removed Facebook page, he frequently made pro-Trump posts and posted videos from Trump’s “Million MAGA March” on November 14.

In video posted Thursday, Roseberry called himself a “patriot.” He said he doesn’t care if Trump ever becomes president again but also that he thinks “all Democrats need to step down.”

Roseberry’s son, Christopher Roseberry, told CNN on Thursday that he didn’t fully understand what motivated the actions of his father and that he didn’t know about his plans to go to Washington.

“He was home last night, and I guess my stepmom woke up this morning and he was gone,” Christopher Roseberry told CNN. “It was just a normal day, but it’s not.”

Christopher Roseberry said his father expressed political frustrations with him after the November election. “Since Biden got elected he’s just been like, man … he doesn’t like change, I reckon. … I tried to tell him … ‘Who cares what goes on up there in DC? Worry about what you’ve got down here.’ I tried to tell him that and he’s like, ‘No, I’m sticking up for my country. We need to get the country back to the way it was,'” he said.

He said his father did not mention violence though, adding, “He just said, ‘I want to make a change.'”