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**Subject:** Terrorism-related arrest

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As I referenced in the Oval on Wednesday, there will be a terrorism-related arrest this evening by the FBI.

A young Somali-American will be arrested in Washington state for planning--and carrying out preparations for--an IED attack directed against attendees at a Christmas tree lighting ceremony.

The individual previously has attempted to engage in terrorism-related activities, including trying to travel abroad. For this operation, FBI undercovers have been involved from the outset, as it has been a controlled operation.

Media attention later this evening is likely. I will advise of further developments.