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Son-in-law charged in Tenn. package bombing that killed 2

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USPA News - The son-in-law of a couple killed in a package bombing in Tennessee earlier this week has been charged with planting the deadly device, authorities announced late Thursday. Investigators with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) arrested Richard Parker, age 49, on Thursday at his home in Lebanon, a city east of Nashville, for the murders of Jon Setzer, age 74, and Marion Setzer, age 72. The case was presented to the Wilson County Grand Jury, which charged Parker with two counts of Felony First Degree Murder, two counts of Pre-Meditated First Degree Murder, and Unlawful Possession of a Prohibited Weapon.

Parker was being held at the Wilson County Jail on Friday with a bond of $1 million. No details have been released about the motive for the deadly package bombing, and investigators released few details about what led them to Parker. "The intelligence gathered and evidence collected provided enough probable cause to arrest Parker for this double homicide," TBI said in a statement on Friday. Parker allegedly left the package bomb outside of Marion and Jon Setzer`s home early Thursday, but it was not until late Monday afternoon that Jon Setzer retrieved the package from his mailbox, approximately 200 yards (182 meters) from his home. The package exploded as it was being opened. Officers from the Wilson`s County Sheriff"s Department discovered the body of Jon Setzer just after 5:00 p.m. local time after responding to a call about an explosion at their home. His wife was critically injured and airlifted to Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville, where she died of her injuries on Wednesday.

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