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Statement to the Media

During the more than six weeks since Ed and Elaine Brown were sentenced in federal court for their January 18, 2007, convictions on tax evasion charges, U.S. Marshals have continuously and patiently been attempting to carry out the Court's orders.

This morning, in this ongoing investigation, our personnel encountered a supporter of the Browns near their residence in Plainfield, NH, and he was detained. There were no injuries to the supporter, who is in custody, and now being questioned.

Today we are serving the new seizure warrants for the Browns' commercial property on Glen Road in West Lebanon, NH. We are here, in conjunction with authorities from the Department of Treasury, to serve that warrant. The process for court-ordered seizures is to take control of the property and secure the office.

As we have said from the beginning, we will continue to communicate with Ed and Elaine Brown to convince them to surrender peacefully. We also have said that anyone aiding and abetting in their obstruction of justice is subject to arrest.

The Marshals will continue our long-standing efforts to communicate with the Browns to facilitate their surrender.