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**Texas bomb suspect blows self up as SWAT moves in**

ROUND ROCK, Texas March 21, (AP) - Texas bomb suspect Mark Anthony Conditt blew himself up as authorities moved in to arrest him, bringing a grisly end to a three-week manhunt in which more than 100 devices exploded in the Austin area.

Conditt, a 24-year-old man in the last 24 to 48 hours, was spotted by FBI agents Friday, who had been tracking him for the last several days, part of a larger operation involving law enforcement in 13 states.

FBI officials said he had been in the Austin area since the weekend and had been captured on surveillance video at an Austin-area mall.

**Budget**

WASHINGTON, March 21, (Agencies): Lawmakers have included nearly $380 million in a massive federal spending package that would provide record funding to protect elections from cyber attack, three sources familiar with negotiations said Wednesday.

The spending package, expected to be published Thursday, would include $380 million to provide states with grants that would help local election officials secure voting machines and improve election security technology.

In addition, the package would include $50 million for new grants to support first responders, $40 million for voter education campaigns and $100 million in emergency funding for state and local election offices to improve security protection.

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