

# Exile group says it set off NY bomb

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NEW YORK — An anti-Castro terrorist group says it set off a bomb that ripped through a sporting-goods store opposite Madison Square Garden as fans were leaving a New York Knicks basketball game last night.

The FBI is investigating the blast at the Gerry Cosby sporting goods store, which blew out windows and resounded for blocks.

A man identifying himself as a member of Omega Seven later called Associated Press and claimed his group detonated the bomb to protest tonight's scheduled boxing match between American and Cuban fighters at the Garden.

"We bombed Madison Square Garden . . . in retaliation for the sporting event they are bringing in from

Cuba," the caller said. "They are ignoring thousands of Cuban patriots who were murdered by this criminal Fidel Castro."

Police said they are seeking a white female in her 20s, about 5-foot-2 inches tall, with blonde hair tied in a pony-tail, who was reported running from the area just before the explosion occurred.

Police of the bomb section were unable to immediately identify what type of device was used.

The explosion, which apparently occurred outside the building housing the Cosby store, was heard at least eight blocks away.

Splinters of glass from the 11:30 p.m. explosion flew across the street, shattering windows in the Capuchin monastery of the Church of St. John and puncturing a stained-glass window.

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