

Las Vegas explosion kills ex-legislator Coulthard

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP) — Federal bomb experts have been called in to investigate an explosion which killed G. William Coulthard, a Las Vegas attorney and former FBI agent and state legislator.

Coulthard, 56, was killed Tuesday as he attempted to move his car from the Bank of Nevada building parking garage, authorities said.

Las Vegas police Lt. Roy Carlisle said today that two to four sticks of dynamite were apparently placed beneath the vehicle. The blast was triggered by a clothespin attached to wiring, he said.

The blast destroyed nearby

cars and damaged 20 others on the third floor of the garage, police said.

Carlisle said investigators had no immediate leads and could determine no apparent motive for the slaying.

Coulthard was identified by dental records, Carlisle said.

The victim had his offices on the fifth floor of the downtown building and was seen entering his car moments before the blast, authorities said.

A former Democratic state assemblyman, Coulthard served as speaker pro-tem of the legislature in 1953 and was mentioned as a possible candidate for the Democratic nomi-

nation for the U.S. Senate in 1956.

Coulthard, a University of Iowa graduate, joined the FBI in 1939 and served with the agency until 1945. In 1940 he established the first resident agency here for the FBI.

He began practicing law in the state in 1946 and served as assistant city attorney from 1947 until May 1948.

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