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Woman threatened bombing, assassination to frame ex-husband

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The letter, a computer generated document, was written in broken English and included phrases such as "I will become the worst terrorist in this country. I will place a suicidal bombing in this building and in the Immigration building and kill you and your Governor. If you think bin Laden was bad I will become the worst bomber in history" and "If the cabinet decides to make me leave Bermuda, all hell will break loose."

Grant hoped to frame her ex-husband, Victor Manuel Madieros, from which she was estranged at the time, and signed the letter using his name.

The letter was addressed to the Cabinet Office and was discovered by John Drinkwater, Cabinet secretary as he was executing his normal duties on December 13, 2002.

Mr. Drinkwater inspected the letter and then reported it to the Police that same day.

Mr. Madieros was arrested, interrogated and his place of residence was searched the following day, December 14.

Police seized a computer from the home but a search of the computer's hard drive produced no record of the document.

When questioned, Mr. Madieros denied any knowledge of the incident and accused Grant.

He claimed he could not write the letter because he did not speak much English and could not write the language. Grant turned herself in at the Hamilton Police station two days later.

She admitted sending the letter in order to hasten her husband's departure from the country.

Police conducted a search of Grant's mother's home, where it was known she had access to a computer. The computer was seized and a second search produced a record of the file on the hard drive.

This will be Grant's second charge in attempting to pervert the course of justice. In 1995, Grant filed a false report of rape which led to a conviction and two years probation.

Grant apologised to the court and tried to explain the reasons for her actions.

She claimed her ex-husband physically and mentally abused her. She wrote the letter to hinder his chances of receiving a favorable response to an appeal application he had made to Immigration. Mr. Madieros was ordered to leave the Island by October 30. He remained to await response on this appeal.

Grant was remanded in custody and Acting Senior Magistrate Carlisle Greaves required social inquiry report and a psychiatric report.