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I wonder now if GPS units will be banned like they are trying to do for guns?

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Bart Ross used a global positioning device to seek directions to the homes of federal Judge Joan Lefkow as well as a doctor and a Cook County judge, sources said Tuesday.

Ross, 57, shot to death Lefkow's husband, Michael Lefkow, 64, and her mother, Donna Humphrey, 89, in their North Side basement Feb. 28. Police recovered a GPS mapping system from Ross' van after he shot himself in the head last Wednesday.

The device contained the address of the Lefkows' home in the 5200 block of North Lakewood, the addresses of a Cook County judge living in Glencoe and a doctor living in Northbrook, sources said.

The van also contained a "hit list" with the names of Lefkow and other judges, lawyers and doctors Ross felt wronged him in his 10-year legal battle against a Chicago hospital for his treatment of cancer of the mouth. He said medical malpractice left his face disfigured.

Judge seeks more security

In September, Lefkow dismissed a federal lawsuit filed by Ross, whose note said she was "No. 1 to kill." Ross had represented himself in his case against the University of Illinois at Chicago Hospitals.

Federal investigators were continuing to search through computers seized from the van and Ross' Albany Park home to find out how he obtained the addresses of Lefkow, the doctor and the Cook County judge, sources said.

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Ross is suspected of walking around the federal courthouse in Milwaukee hours before he killed himself in a suburb of the city. Federal appeals judge Terence Evans, who ruled against Ross' appeal in November, has an office in the federal courthouse in Milwaukee. Evans was on Ross' hit list.

Evans agreed with a resolution passed Tuesday by the Judicial Conference of the United States asking the Justice Department and the U.S. Marshals Service to improve security, particularly at judges' homes.

"I think someone ought to take a look at that, particularly "pro se" filers, those most apt to go off the deep end," Evans said.

Body still not ID'd as Ross

Since Ross started his obsessive legal battle, he sent rambling letters to numerous state and federal authorities, and once called the state Court of Claims in Springfield threatening to kill himself and others after one of his lawsuits was dismissed, officials said.

Authorities said they were preparing to track down Ross for questioning when he killed himself March 9. DNA and ballistic evidence confirmed Ross was responsible for the Lefkow killings.

In his court filings, Ross claimed he had been on morphine and codeine "24/7," because of pain in his lower jaw that he said severely restricted his ability to open his mouth.

Amy Michalak, a forensic investigator in charge at the Milwaukee County Medical Examiner's office, said Tuesday despite Ross' note, his singularly deformed jaw and forensic evidence tying him to the Lefkow family crime scene, the office needs to look at dental records before positively identifying the body as Ross.

No one has come forward to claim Ross' body. Milwaukee officials are trying to communicate with Polish officials to determine if the man has any relatives there.