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1. (U) THE COLOMBIAN PRESS REPORTED AUGUST 21 THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES HAD FOILED A PLANNED ATTEMPT TO KILL ENVIGADO MAYOR JORGE MEZA RAMIREZ AUGUST 20.

2. (U) THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SECURITY (DAS; ROUGH FBI EQUIVALENT) REPORTED IT HAD DISCOVERED A PLOT TO KILL MEZA AS HE WAS LEAVING CITY HALL THAT EVENING. EARLIER AUGUST 20, DAS AGENTS IN ENVIGADO ARRESTED A SUSPECT NAMED FRANCISCO JAVIER PARRA PARRA IN A CAR STOLEN THAT MORNING IN MEDELLIN'S RITZY EL POBLADO NEIGHBORHOOD. FOUND INSIDE THE VEHICLE WERE A FRAGMENTATION GRENADE, FOUR FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION. THREE OTHER SUSPECTS REPORTEDLY WERE BEING SOUGHT. DAS DID NOT REPORT WHO WAS BEHIND THE PLOT OR THEIR MOTIVE.

3. (C) COMMENT: WHILE WE LACK SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON MAYOR MEZA, PABLO ESCOBAR TRADITIONALLY HAS CONTROLLED EVERYTHING IN HIS HOMETOWN, ENVIGADO, INCLUDING ITS MAYORS. AT THIS POINT, IT REMAINS UNCLEAR IF THE ALLEGED PLOT WAS SOMEHOW ESCOBAR RELATED. END COMMENT.

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