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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Urgent Investigation; Potential Act of Terror]

GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS: Potential act of terrorism in New York City. The urgent investigation after an improvised explosive device was thrown outside the mayor's mansion.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: New York City Terrorism Investigation]

MICHAEL STRAHAN: Now, to a potential act of terrorism under investigation here in New York after authorities say at least one explosive device was thrown into a protest outside the residence of Mayor Mamdani. Chief investigative correspondent Aaron Katersky is here with the latest on that. Good morning, Aaron.

[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Explosive Thrown Near NYC Mayor's Residence]

AARON KATERSKY: Good morning, Michael. What began as an anti-Muslim protest at the home of New York's first Muslim mayor ended with a counter-protest that's now being investigated as a possible act of terrorism. The NYPD said this device hurled outside Mayor Zohran Mamdani's residence on Saturday was no smoke bomb as first thought, but an improvised explosive filled with bolts and screws. The NYPD is testing a second device, also thrown during the chaotic, dueling protest that were started by far-right provocateur Jake Lang under the banner, "Stop the Islamic takeover of New York City." The mayor said that "protest" was "rooted in bigotry and racism," but what followed Mamdani called "criminal" and "reprehensible." And this morning, two men from Bucks County, Pennsylvania, who allegedly threw the devices are in custody and expected to face federal charges. Law enforcement sources told ABC News the FBI searched their homes for bomb-making materials. The sources also said the men told investigators they had watched ISIS propaganda videos and were there to defend Muslims, George.

GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS: Okay, Aaron, thanks very much.