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No New Leads In St. Michel Time Bomb

St. Michel police said yesterday they had no new leads in Sunday's dynamite time-bomb blast which caused heavy damage to four floors in a building housing the Cuban Trade Mission.

Police are working on the theory that the device, made up of three or more sticks of dynamite, was meant for another building a block from the bombed-out one at 2737 Metropolitan Blvd.

Det.-Lt. Yves Therault, who is charged with the investigation, pointed out that the two buildings were identical, having been built at the same time by the same contractor.

The time-bomb exploded with a roar early Sunday morning, in front of the eighth floor publicity offices of Cabana, Seguin and Associates, Ltd.

The only occupants of the building at the time, the caretaker and his wife, were not injured. They live on the second floor.

The blast smashed walls, ripped elevator doors off their moorings, burst water pipes, snared electric and telephone wires, and sent furniture and other office supplies flying.

Lt. Therault felt that the raider, or raiders, thought the Cabana—Spanish for Cuban—firm had something to do with Cuba.

“Otherwise they probably wouldn't have set the bomb to go off on that floor but would have gone up to the 12th where the trade mission was,” he said.

A spokesman for the firm said that in the past mail and parcels destined for the Cuban Mission was delivered to them.

The police officer said that the Cabana firm employees would be working for weeks to clear up the mess.

The building which police believe was originally the target for the bombers was at 3637 Metropolitan Blvd. where members of the Trade

Mission and employees of Cuba's Expo 67 Pavilion — some 300 persons—are housed on the eighth floor.

Lt. Therault said that fragments of the bomb device were sent to the Provincial Medico-Legal Institute on St. Vincent St. for extensive study.

Exiles from Cuba announced shortly before the April opening of Expo 67 that they would carry out acts of sabotage against the participation of their former homeland at the exhibition.

Felipe Rivero, of Miami, who described himself as co-ordinator of the Cuban nationalist movement in exile in North America, said following a bomb explosion outside a Montreal auction house in Montreal in March that the Canadian branch of the movement had carried it out.

In addition Rivero said his group was responsible for the

burning of the Cuban embassy in Ottawa in October 1966.

Rivero was ordered banished from the United States last July, after a special inquiry ruled he headed a terrorist organization.

However, Rivero has since launched an appeal against the ruling.