

# Police sift phone tips on bombing

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Miami police said today they have received a number of phone calls from people purporting to have information about the bombing which seriously injured WQBA newscaster, Emilio Milián, last Friday night.

Police Sgt. Gene Téllez said detectives were sifting through information received to determine whether the calls will turn up any concrete leads into the bombing.

"We are getting more response than usually," said Téllez. They (those who call) say they are doing this for humanity. They say they just want to cut the terrorism out."

A \$25,000 reward has been offered by Milián's employer, Susquehanna Broadcasting Co., for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those who placed the bomb in Milián's car.

The newscaster was listed in serious condition today at the intensive care unit of Jackson Memorial Hospital. Milián's legs were blown off in the explosion, police said.

"Right now we're trying to see what's behind this, whether it is an individual or an organization," Téllez said.

Tellez said Metro's Organized Crime Bureau had volunteered what information it had on Cuban terrorist groups and individuals, but added that there were many persons in the Miami area with the know-how to plant the explosive in Milián's car.

"There are so many capable. Some of them had CIA training and others had training in Cuba." He said WQBA was pulling out tapes of recorded threats made against Milián in an effort to locate the bombers.

The station itself is calling for a federal investigation of terrorist activities in Miami, editorialist Jorge Luis Hernández said.

"The federal government should step in and initiate an investigation," Hernández said. "Every murder, every crime, every bombing is outrageous. This bombing was perpetrated against a man who represents a free press and freedom of expression. We Cubans had that experience and look what happened to our country."

Hernández said Milián told him yesterday that "if what happened to me is going to help put an end to this situation, then I am happy that it has happened to me because, after all, someone has to be the last victim. It has been better that it was a man who was not afraid and I am not afraid."

He said Milián was expected back to work at the radio station as soon as he was able. Besides the bomb planted in Milián's car, bombs exploded in the Federal building here in December, in an airport locker last October, in the state attorney's office and the Miami Police Department.

In addition, enough plastic explosive was found in a Bahamasair jet to blow it apart and a young Cuban was killed in an explosion in a car which he had borrowed from a neighbor. Last February, a bomb blew a hole in the Channel 51 television station in Dania, knocking the station off the air for several hours.

A Cuban terrorist group later claimed credit for the explosion. In April last year, a bomb was dismantled only two minutes before it was set to detonate in the doorway of Cuban boatbuilder Ramón Donéstevez in Perrine. Donéstevez was shot to death last month. Police suspect a Cuban terrorist organization was involved. And last October, Cuban exile publisher Rolando Masferrer was killed when he switched on the ignition of a car outside his Southwest section home, and detonated a bomb under the hood.

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