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LIMES FOR SALE: Orlando Bosch, center, is surrounded as he sells limes at the corner of West Flagler Street and 42nd Avenue.

Supporters make selling limes sweet for Bosch

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Orlando Bosch's venture into lime vending Thursday afternoon was sweet success.

The controversial anti-Castro activist, under house arrest in Miami since July, made a good chunk of cash from zealous supporters as he squeezed his street-vending maneuver for all the publicity it was worth.

More than 60 people, Miami police said, turned out for Bosch's first day of business at the corner of West Flagler Street and 42nd Avenue.

Supporters waved Cuban and

American flags and collected money from passers-by in Burger King takeout bags before Bosch even arrived with his limes. In 1½ hours, Bosch made \$717 between sales and donations.

Bosch, a pediatrician and artist who spent 11 years in Venezuelan prisons on suspicion of helping blow up a Cubana Airlines jet in 1976, killing 73 people, is waiting for authorization from the Immigration and Naturalization Service to take a 40-hour-a-week job as a consultant with a medical company.

He said he will hawk limes, which

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he buys from a grove in Homestead, while he waits for INS to respond because he needs the money.

Duke Austin, a spokesman for INS in Washington, said Bosch has permission to be a street vendor as long as he does it within the three hours of free time he has each day.

But supporters refused to let him do any of the work Thursday.

"Orlando Bosch is a patriot and a professional man who is being treated like a dog in this country.

We can't let a doctor sell limes to feed his family. We will sell them for him," said Juan Perez, who weaved through traffic with a paper bag stuffed with \$5, \$10 and \$20 bills.

The minute Bosch pulled into the Burger King at Flagler Street and Le Jeune Road in his white Chrysler station wagon, he was swarmed by the news media and well-wishers.

The 100 bags of limes he intended to sell for \$1 each were gone before he got a chance to hit the street.

"Maybe tomorrow I should bring 5,000 bags," he joked.

Bosch's daughter, Myriam, was pleased by the show of support, which snarled traffic on Flagler.

"I am so proud. I thought my father was going to come out here and sell limes," she said. "But they haven't let him. So many people are donating money without even taking the limes."

Bosch said he will take 200 bags of limes and his *Limones Bosch* sign today to the corner of Northwest Seventh Street and 57th Avenue.