

Bosch settles into life as a free man

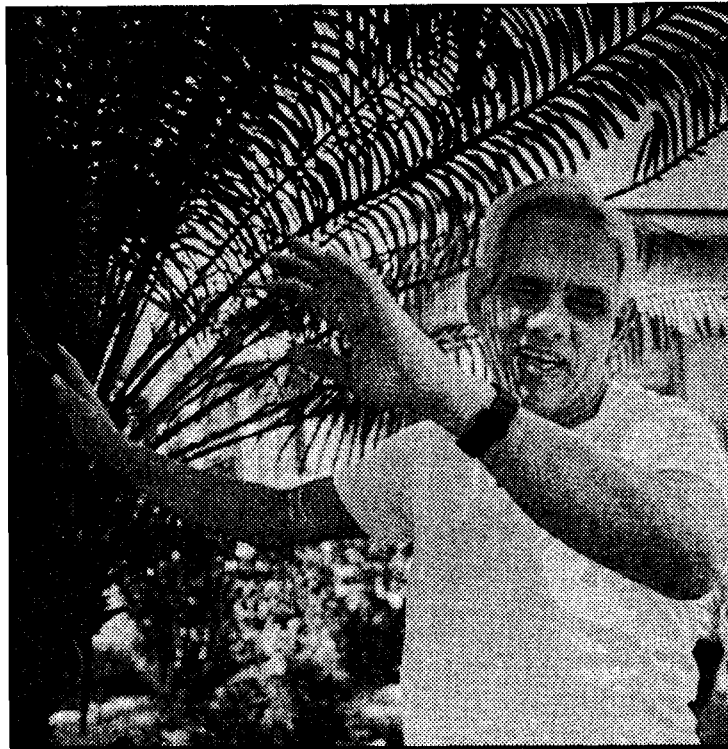
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As Orlando Bosch settled into his modest northwest Miami home and the domestic tranquillity he sought for so long, his neighbors quietly welcomed the anti-Castro militant and the departure of the media circus that greeted his release from federal detention five days ago.

Bosch spent Saturday receiving visits from relatives and a few of his new neighbors.

Gone was the crowd of reporters and television trucks that camped out in front of his Northwest Seventh Street house since he was released Tuesday. But some neighbors said they weren't bothered by the media attention.

"The only inconvenience we have



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OUT FOR A STROLL: Orlando Bosch examines a tree outside his home, 'the first time I've been out in the yard,' he said.

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had is that he wasn't released earlier," said next-door neighbor Francisco Gonzalez, who dropped by Bosch's home to say hello. "He's a great neighbor. None of this has interrupted the course of things in the neighborhood. It's the opposite. Everything is better now that he's here."

Several visitors' cars were parked on the lawn of the Bosch's pink corner-lot house near Pan American Hospital. A small U.S. flag was stuck in the mail box, flanked by two Cuban flags attached to the security bars over the living room windows.

Under terms of his parole, Bosch may leave the house between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. He said he would wait until Monday to take his first walk through Little Havana, where a warm welcome is expected.

He did emerge briefly around noon with his wife, Adriana, and Gonzalez to peer under the hood of

their car and examine a palm tree with a trunk growing out of its side. Bosch and his wife said visitors have been coming nonstop.

"It's the first time I've been out in the yard," Bosch said. "I'm resting and sharing with my family."

Bosch, 63, was jailed by the U.S. government as a deportable alien after he arrived in the country illegally two years ago. Bosch had spent 11 years in Venezuelan jails while he was tried twice in the bombing of a Cuban passenger jetliner. He was acquitted both times.

The U.S. government said he was a terrorist with a long record of participation in bomb attacks and kidnapping plots throughout the Americas. Federal officials had tried to find a country where they could deport him, but 31 nations refused to accept him.

None of this made any difference to Bosch's supporters among residents of his neighborhood.

"I know who he is, even if I haven't met him," said neighbor Humberto Camejo, who acknowledged Bosch is a "controversial" figure to many. "To me, he is a hero."