

# Matos' Son Wounded in Costa Rica

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica — (UPI) — Gunmen shot and wounded the son of one of Cuba's most prominent political prisoners, a man who has been leading a campaign for his father's release, police said Tuesday.

Huber Matos, Jr., 33, who escaped a burst of five bullets fired at him outside his home late Monday with only a shoulder wound, immediately blamed Cuban Communists for the attempt on his life.

"I have no enemies in Costa Rica. Only the Communists could have done this because of my efforts to secure my father's release," Matos told reporters from his hospital bed.

Security Minister Mario Charpentier ordered a "full-scale" investigation into the shooting in San José's expensive Curridabat district.

Huber Matos Sr. was one of Fidel Castro's top commanders, but Castro threw him in jail in 1959, calling him a traitor for opposing Cuba's shift to communism.

Matos has been campaigning to have his father swapped for jailed Chilean Communist Jorge Monte under a deal similar to that which freed Soviet dissident Vladimir Bukovsky and Chilean Communist leader Luis Corvalán Dec. 18.

In Washington, Matos' mother also blamed the shooting on "Communists" and said her husband is now half-blind and gravely ill.

Mrs. Luisa Matos, who lives in Elizabeth, N.J., was in Washington seeking U.S. help in securing the release of her husband.