

State ordered to hand over intelligence data on police

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A Dade Circuit judge Tuesday ordered prosecutors to hand over raw police intelligence data to defense attorneys who want to know whether authorities ever pursued corruption allegations against two Metro-Dade policemen and a high-ranking Miami officer.

The accusations were made recently in a sworn deposition by Ricardo (Monkey) Morales Navarette, which was given to attorneys representing 41 persons charged in the state's massive Tick-Talks narcotics probe.

The three policemen were named in open court Tuesday by defense attorney Kirk Munroe. They are Metro police Lt. Raul Diaz, Metro Capt. Charles Black and Miami police Capt. Guillermo Zamora.

Zamora could not be reached for comment Tuesday. Black denied any wrongdoing: "I don't know where people dream this up," he said.

"I do not know what the allegations are," said Diaz. "But if there are any allegations against me, they should be referred to the internal review section of the Metro-Dade Police Department. And there should be an investigation."

Metro police Chief Bobby Jones last week

said no specific allegations had been presented to the department for review.

In ordering the files turned over to defense attorneys, Circuit Judge Gerald Kogan said Tuesday: "I want to know what has been investigated, what has been substantiated or not substantiated.

"I want to know if they did investigate or if they didn't investigate. I want to know everybody he's talking about."

Still under court seal is a 1978 statement Morales gave to detectives after he was arrested on marijuana-smuggling charges. Defense attorneys say they want to compare the statement Morales made then with his latest allegations.

Kogan is now in the seventh week of a defense effort to suppress the more than 1,000 hours of wiretap evidence gathered against the 41 defendants arrested last August in the case. The state's key witness is Morales, an ex-spy and terrorist, admitted murderer and drug dealer.

It was Morales' information to police that was the basis for their wiretap requests. If his credibility is shown to be questionable, the wiretaps might not be allowed before a jury. The case is currently scheduled for trial in August.