

Hialeah man held in U-M bombing; jury presses probe

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With the arrest on of Pablo Gustavo Castillo, a bearded Hialeah High School dropout, local and federal law enforcement made another move in their effort to solve the puzzle of Cuban terrorism in Miami.

Castillo was charged with the bombing last April 3 at the University of Miami student union just before radical Angela Davis was to speak.

Judging by the investigation in which Castillo was arrested, more pieces of the complicated puzzle, international in scope, may fall into place soon.

Castillo, 30, who was limping, was escorted by U.S. marshals into a federal grand jury room yesterday afternoon to answer questions about the attempted kidnaping of a Cuban consul in Merida, Mexico, July 23 and the murder of the consul's bodyguard.

Castillo, arrested in Puerto Rico Monday, was being held on a \$100,000 material witness bond to assure his presence before the grand jury.

It is not known what Castillo told the jury, but it did not take him long to say it. After leaving the jury, Castillo was arrested on an indictment which charged he lied in a passport application Aug. 30.

The indictment charged Castillo said on the passport application he had made only two trips abroad in the past 12 months when he had made more.

In a matter of minutes, the U.S. magistrate set bond at \$25,000, a decision that pleased neither the government, which wanted it doubled to assure Castillo would not meet it, nor Castillo's lawyer, who felt it far too high for the charge.

Castillo told Magistrate Peter Palermo he lived with his mother, sister and stepfather at 86 E 60th St., Hialeah, but he could not recall the last time he was in Miami before his arrest.

An unemployed carpet-layer, Castillo said he lives on his \$218-a-month Social Security disability checks, but he said he flies between Miami, Santo Domingo and Puerto Rico.

Asked how he paid for the flights, Castillo said, "I've got many friends and my mother, my father and my sister would be willing to give it (money) to me."

After the bond hearing, Castillo was fingerprinted and taken from the federal courthouse downtown to the Dade County Jail where Metro sheriff's deputies arrested him on state charges.

In a surprise move, Castillo was charged with the U-M bombing.

The small bomb exploded in a patio drain pipe outside the building just minutes before Angela Davis spoke to a large crowd. No one was injured in the blast which shattered a window and which police labeled a "scare tactic" against Miss Davis.

In another surprise development, Orestes Ruiz Hernandez, 29, of 771 E. 3rd Pl., Hialeah was charged as an accessory in the university bombing.

Both Castillo and Ruiz are charged with possession of explosives, discharging a destructive device and first-degree arson.

Ruiz is in jail in Mexico City, with Gaspar Jimenez of Miami, and both men are charged with the July 23 attempted kidnaping and murder in Merida.

While federal authorities are trying to link Castillo to the Mexican case through Jimenez and Ruiz, Metro police charged there is a connection between Ruiz and Castillo in the University of Miami bombing.

An FBI affidavit says a gun used in the Mexican case was bought in Miami in May and given to Castillo in June. The affidavit also says the passports of Jimenez and Castillo were recovered when Jimenez and Ruiz were arrested in Mexico.

The federal grand jury probe of the Mexican terrorist action, and other international terrorist incidents that may have originated here, continued full scale yesterday.

First to go before the jury was Mario Solano, 24, who is serving time in state prison now for breaking and entering with intent to commit a felony and attempted escape.

Manuel Artime, military commander of the Bay of Pigs Brigade

2506 during the 1961 invasion of Cuba and still a major force in brigade politics, followed Solano into the jury room.

After Artime spent 39 minutes in the jury room, stocky, dark-haired balding Duney Perez Alamo went in for 16 minutes.

He was a member of the Revolutionary Directorate in 1972 when that group allegedly directed the attempt to bomb the Cuban consulate in Paris.

Sixto Arce, 35, of 19815 NW 48th Ct., was before the jury 33 minutes.

Juan Felipe de la Cruz was killed in the terrorist scheme when the bomb he was arming in his hotel in France exploded.