

3 get bond in caper at JFK torch

Three men accused of smashing a truck into the John F. Kennedy Torch of Friendship in Bayfront Park were free on bond today.

The driver of the truck, Conrado Rodriguez, posted \$2,500 bond last night, on charges of malicious destruction of public property, reckless driving and aggravated assault.

Rodriguez, 55, of 560 SW 2nd St., had been accused by Miami police of deliberately backing a U-Haul rental truck into the torch itself, about 10 a.m. yesterday.

Israel Pino, 38, of 134 NW 10th Ave., was also released along with Eduardo Macaya, 24, of 801 NW 47th Ave., on \$1,000 bond. Pino and Macaya, who were in the truck with Rodriguez, were charged with malicious destruction of public property.

Police hunted three others, who they said spray-painted red slogans attacking Fidel Castro on the concrete wall behind the torch.

Attorney Melvyn Greenspahn, representing the three, said he did not discuss the incident with them last night.

"They will be coming to my office today to talk about it," Greenspahn said.

Miami City Manager Paul Andrews said the city commission has not been able to assess the cost of the damages to the torch, "although the main cost will be in securing the keystone and putting it into place."