

Judge orders lawmen to leave Morales alone

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Ricardo (The Monkey) Morales, held in Dade County Jail in lieu of \$350,000 bond, doesn't like visitors with badges.

His attorneys have won an order from Circuit Court Judge Wilkie Ferguson Jr. "protecting" him from visits by "all local law enforcement agencies" and also "all federal law enforcement agencies including but not limited to" the FBI, CIA, Internal Revenue Service, Drug Enforcement Administration, U.S. Customs, Immigration service and the Treasury Department."

Morales, 38-year-old former Cuban secret police agent and CIA operative, was arrested at dawn April 6 as Miami detectives and State Attorney's investigators raid-

ed a truck loading \$1.5 million in marijuana at 7400 SW 123rd Ave.

But Ferguson today refused a request to allow Morales to leave jail under guard and visit his ailing mother here on her birthday Friday. In an affidavit, the attorneys said Ines Morales has terminal cancer.

Dade jail officials objected, saying they could not adequately guard Morales during such a visit.

Prosecutors have objected to lowering the bond on Morales on grounds he would flee the country. They pointed out Morales was carrying a badge and identification card as a high official of the Venezuelan secret police at the time of his arrest.



Morales: Please, no visitors