

Mystery Shrouds Robbery Of Home Of Latin Beauty

MIAMI BEACH (UPI) — Two gunmen Tuesday robbed the secluded island home of a Latin beauty once called the Mata Hari of Cuba in a mystery-shrouded holdup.

Miami Beach police said the robbers took with them an unidentified man from the home. Police said he could be an abduction victim or an accomplice in the holdup.

Police believed the bandits raided the home in the belief the owners were holding large sums of Cuban currency. Exchange of Cuban currency has been frozen by the new Cuban government.

A maid admitted the gunmen to the palatial Di Lido Island home of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Vasquez. Vasquez told police they took \$3,500 worth of gems, \$300 in cash and two pistols. He told police they fired a burst of shots at him as they drove away.

Accused As Spy

Mrs. Vasquez, the former Marisol Alba, an actress, had been accused by Cuban revolutionary forces of spying for former Cuban President Fulgencio Batista.

Miami Beach detective Jack Webb said there was a possibility the robbery was connected with Cuban affairs but added, "We won't know until we find the robbers."

Both Mr. and Mrs. Vasquez had been involved in the affairs surrounding the recent Cuban revolution.

The spying charge came after two Cuban revolutionaries attacked the Batista Consul to Miami at the International Airport and snatched his briefcase.

Reports To Batista

Revolutionary sources said the briefcase contained some of her espionage reports to Batista. It was reported she was hailed before a Revolutionary kangaroo court and convicted of spying. Her punishment, it was said, was social ostracism.

Vasquez has a long record of gun-running for the Prio forces which took part in the Cuban revolution. He has been described as a playboy, soldier of fortune and revolutionary pilot.

He was charged along with Prio of violating American neutrality laws.

The Vasquez home is a large white house surrounded by a wall and lush tropical growth on one of the exclusive residential islands in Biscayne Bay.