

# Man Held In Probe Of Omega 7

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A former Miami man was arrested in Hialeah in connection with a New York City grand jury probe of Omega 7, a clandestine anti-Castro group that the FBI has pegged as one of the most dangerous terrorist organizations in the nation.

Jose Tenreiro Napoles, 52, of Elizabeth, N.J., was arrested Wednesday night on the street at 1199 W. 35th St., just outside the home of his son, Jose Jr.

Tenreiro, head of circulation for World News, a Spanish-language newspaper in New Jersey, is accused of lying to the federal grand jury in May 1980.

"The grand jury [investigation] is the beginning of a long-range, far-reaching investigation by the FBI into activities of Omega 7," an FBI spokesman said.

**THE PROBE BEGAN** in April, said Arthur Nehrass, head of the Miami FBI office. The grand jury has not yet issued any indictments. Tenreiro was arrested for perjuring himself before the grand jury — an uncommon charge sometimes filed to pressure a reluctant witness.

It was initially unclear what Tenreiro's connection, if any, is with Omega 7. Tenreiro, who came to the United States from Cuba in 1959, lived in Miami between 1964 and 1969. In New Jersey, he is press secretary for the Cuban Nationalist Movement (CNM), another anti-Castro group that blasted its way to prominence when three of its members took part in the assass-

sination of Orlando Letelier, once-prominent official in Chile's Marxist Allende regime.

Tenreiro's son, who confirmed Thursday that his father is press secretary for the CNM, denied that his father is involved in the Omega 7 group.

"The only thing he knows about Omega 7 is what he reads in the newspapers," said Jose Jr.

"The grand jury is investigating activities of the Cuban Nationalist Movement as well as specific acts of terrorism claimed by Omega 7. That kind of links the two together," Nehrass said.

**"TENREIRO HAS POPPED** up in our investigations for some time," said Tom Lock, supervisor of FBI probes of Cuban terrorism in New York City.

"We have been investigating for some time a group that has claimed responsibility for 20 acts of violence and bombings and one assassination since 1975 in the New York City area," Lock said. "All our leads point to Cubans living in the North New Jersey area."

It is estimated that 60 per cent of the residents of Union City and the adjoining Elizabeth area where Tenreiro lives are Cuban, forming a nucleus for some 200,000 Cubans spread out among the New Jersey suburbs. It is also the headquarters for Omega 7.

Another FBI source said that "somebody has to be giving Omega 7 support. It's possible that several anti-Castro organizations are giving it support — and the Cuban Nationalist Movement could be one of them."

Tenreiro went before U.S. Magistrate Herbert Shapiro for a first appearance hearing Thursday. Bond was set at \$50,000.

Both Nehrass and Atlee Wampler, Miami's U.S. Attorney-designate, said no grand jury probe similar to the New York investigation is under way in Miami.

Tenreiro is scheduled to appear for an extradition hearing next Friday.

**THE GRAND JURY** subpoenaed Tenreiro to answer questions about his possible connection to the attempted bombing of Cuban United Nations ambassador Raul Rao in March.

Herald Staff Writer Fabiola Santiago also contributed to this report.