

Cuban exile files for release

Cuban exile Antonio de la Cova, 35, filed a writ of habeas corpus in federal court Friday asking for his release on the grounds that his arrest constituted a violation of freedom of the press.

De la Cova is in the Río Piedras State Penitentiary for allegedly having violated conditions of his parole which specified that he was prohibited to participate in any political activities. *San Juan Star*

De La Cova was sentenced to 15 years in prison in Florida in 1976 after conviction on charges of conspiracy and possession and transportation of explosives.

He served about four years and was paroled. Then he moved to Puerto Rico. He is married to the Gloria Gil, editor of the right-wing Cuban exile newspaper *Crónica*, and for a time was also an editor of the paper. He apparently resumed participation in the newspaper's content and was arrested here Tuesday on an order from the U.S. Parole Commission in New York.

The motion for his habeas corpus writ was filed by de la Cova's attorney Sergio Ramos Suárez, Blas Herrero and Virgilio Ramos González.

The motion is awaiting a decision by federal Judge Gilberto Gierbolini.