

2 Arrested For Operating Numbers Ring

NEWARK (UPI) —Two men accused of operating a Cuban numbers ring in New Jersey and New York for nearly two years were arrested Friday by the FBI.

Jose M. Battle, 37, of Union City and Angel R. Mujica, 31, of North Bergen were arrested on federal warrants charging them with crossing state lines for purposes of gambling.

The FBI said the two had operated a Cuban numbers, or "Bolita," lottery in New York City and northern New Jersey from September, 1966 to the present.

Federal agents conducted searches of locations in Union City, North Bergen, West New York, Queens and Manhattan and reported confiscating records of the "Bolita" ring's operation.

Authorities described the lottery as extensive and said it operated in all boroughs of New York City except Staten Island while its North Jersey operation centered on Union City.