

# Investigation targets Houston executives

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HOUSTON—A massive federal investigation into alleged offshore laundering of billions

of dollars from illegal narcotics and oil reselling schemes has targeted more than 100 people, including international financiers, oil resellers and several Houston businessmen, a newspaper reported Saturday.

The Houston Chronicle reported the extensive investigation, code-named Operation Lone Star, began in Houston

almost two years ago during an investigation of the Houston-based Uni Oil Co.

It has since blossomed into an investigation of transactions through offshore banks and corporations of money made from narcotics trafficking, crude oil reselling, questionable coal tax shelters which was then re-invested in U.S. companies.

Officials said the first indictments in the case are expected to be issued by a federal grand jury in Atlanta within several months, but the investigation has been slowed because of reported leaks by a former prosecutor in the case, a reported assassination plot against another former prosecutor and the murder of a witness in the case.

The FBI is now investigating a 30-year-old former prosecutor suspected of trying to sell sensitive information to some of the targets of the probe. The former prosecutor has been suspended.

Meanwhile, the body of a woman scheduled to testify before federal grand juries in Houston and Atlanta earlier this year was found in the trunk of her Mercedes Benz parked at a Fort Lauderdale airport last December.



Accidents do happen

A car-bicycle accident behind Kyle Field Thursday brought the student volunteer ambulance service to the scene. The bicyclist, John Shumaker, a junior biology major from Dallas, is

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# Liver transplant successful

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MINNEAPOLIS — Eleven-month-old Jamie Fiske, suffering from a liver disease that could have killed her before Thanksgiving, got the new liver her father pleaded for and a chance to live a normal life.

A team of surgeons at the University of Minnesota Hospitals, headed by Dr. John Najarian, transplanted a liver from a brain-dead Utah baby to Jamie

in a six-hour operation Friday. Najarian said the procedure was a success.

Without the transplant, he said, it was doubtful the child would have lived until Thanksgiving Day.

Jamie's parents, Charles and Marilyn Fiske of Bridgewater, Mass., were "absolutely delighted," Najarian said.

Mrs. Fiske, in a tearful message to the parents of the donor

baby, said "I just want to send them love and thank them for everything they gave to us. I don't know how to say it in words."

Last month in New York City, Fiske had appealed to a convention of doctors for help in finding a donor and Najarian said the publicity led to finding one, a 10-month-old Utah boy who was hurt in a traffic accident and declared brain-dead.

Jamie was in intensive care in the pediatric ward after the operation, with her parents at her side. She still was on a respirator and on intravenous feeding.

Najarian said there will be a two-week "critical period" in which the baby will be closely monitored.

"I surely hope we can have her home before Christmas," he said, but she will have to be watched closely for at least three

months for any sign of rejection of the new liver.

First lady Nancy Reagan of the White House was kept up-to-date on the operation and press aide said her "prayers with the family." She had telephoned Mrs. Fiske last week at the hospital and an aide said they "cried their way" through five-minute conversations.

Najarian said the donor liver "about the size of cantaloupe" started to work while the girl was on the operating table.

Liver transplants are risky because four major blood vessels must be attached.

Najarian said he was helped in the primary connection by Nancy Ascher, who flew with a team of surgeons to Salt Lake City and removed the liver from the boy. The organ was flown to Minneapolis in a private jet.

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