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Witness in Chagra trial testifies to sale of weapon

United Press International JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — A Dallas sporting goods salesman testified in the murder trial of Jamiel "Jimmy" Chagra that he sold the high-powered rifle the government contends was used to assassinate a San Antonio federal judge in May 1979.

Brad M. Spencer, 23, whose father owns Hunter-Bradley Co. of Dallas, said he sold a Wetherby Mark V .240-caliber rifle, Leupold scope and two boxes of .240 ammunition on May 17, 1979, to a woman who identified herself as Fay L. King. Jo Ann Starr Harrelson, the

wife of convicted hit man Charles V. Harrelson, has been convicted of using the alias Fay L. King to buy the rifle. Chagra, 39, a high-stakes

gambler, under indictment in 1979 for smuggling narcotics, is accused of paying Harrelson \$250,000 to kill U.S. District Judge John H. Wood Jr.

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which include such activities as archery,

badminton, skiing, aerobic dancing, rac-

quetball and bowling.

Wood, who was scheduled to preside at Chagra's narcotics trial, was shot in the back with a He said the woman came into bullet from a high-powered rifle on May 29, 1979, as he left his San Antonio townhouse for work.

The trial of Chagra was moved to Jacksonville because of extensive pre-trial publicity in Texas

Under cross-examination Tuesday by Chagra's attorney, Oscar Goodman of Las Vegas, Nev., Spencer acknowledged he lied to the FBI agent who interviewed him Aug. 6, 1981, when said. he said he had seen federally re quired identification from the woman calling herself Fay L.

King. "There was one time when I sold a gun to a lady without a

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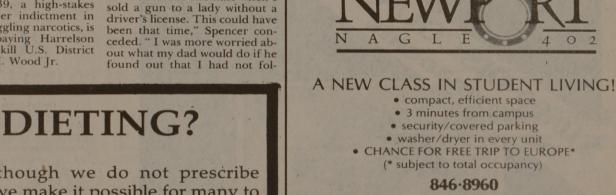
of government witnesses Tues-He said the woman came into day that included three FBI agents, four motel employees, a the Dallas store and said she was looking for a rifle for her hustelephone company recordkeeper, a former assistant U.S. band. When asked for a driver's attorney, a cartographer and a parking lot attendant. license at the time of purchase, she said she didn't have it with her. Since she lived in Greenvil-The witnesses identified such

government documentary evidence as motel registration cards, folios and charges, tele-phone bills, the Form 4473 and sales receipt for the gun, a park-ing lot "audit" at the Midland, airport and a 1979 map of Las

Spencer was one of a parade

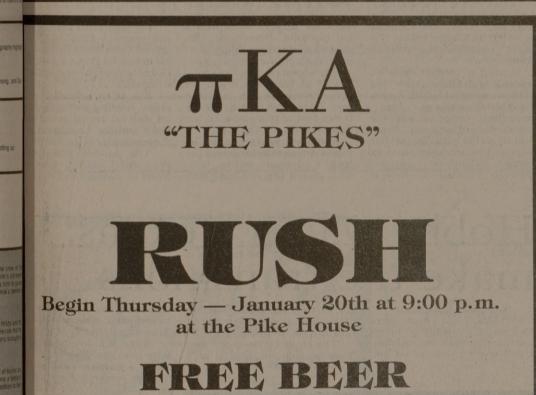


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