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## Dallas police net most arrests in nationwide crack-house raid

DALLAS (AP) — Armed raids on "Jamaican crack houses" believed to be run by one of the nation's most violent gangs netted more arrests in Dallas than in 15 other cities, authorities said Tuesday.

Fifty-five people, including 38 Jamaicans and one juvenile, were arrested in Dallas by late Tuesday afternoon and more arrests were expected as search warrants were executed, said Richard Garner, agent in charge of the Dallas office of the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

In Houston, one Jamaican male was arrested in the sweep, said Phil Chojnacki, agent in charge of the bureau's Houston division.

More arrests are expected, but Chojnacki said his division's investigation has "not progressed to the point of the one in Dallas."

The raids were part of the bureau's nationwide crackdown on the Jamaican Poses, gangs that take their name from television Western shows and which have been connected to more than 600 drug-related murders, kidnapping, narcotics and gun trafficking, robberies, assaults and money laundering.

The Dallas raids were begun Monday at 14 locations by heavily armed local and federal law officers.

Officers seized \$133,858 in cash and drugs valued at \$13,445 during the busts, Garner said.

He said 240 arrests nationwide are expected by the time the 13-state crackdown concludes, and expects Dallas to continue leading the country in the number of arrests.

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"The Jamaicans are opportunists," Garner said. "They believe they can make money in Dallas, so they are here."

Dallas Police Chief Billy Prince said the Jamaican drug ring made nearly \$400,000 in profit from 75 Dallas crack houses each day.

He said authorities began investigating the Jamaican drug trade in November 1986 when they noted a sharp increase in murders attributed to Jamaican traffickers.

Prince said in 1984-85 police attributed three murders to the Jamaican trade in Dallas, but since 1986, that figure rose to 41 murders.

Charles Storey, an investigator in the city police's Intelligence Division, said, "It's new, it's moved fast into Dallas and it's multiplied fast."

About 27 Jamaican gangs are be-

lieved to operate in the city. Garner said the Jamaican gangs are characterized by drugs, greed, use of automatic weapons and a "total disrespect for human life."

"It doesn't matter if it's a uniformed officer, an agent or a citizen, they just simply do not have respect for human life," Garner said. "I think everyone would agree that these are some of the most vicious and violent criminals we've encountered."

At a Tuesday news conference,

officials displayed a cache of weapons and narcotics seized in the raids.

"We find that they not only have high-quality type of weapons, but they also have a lot of them," Garner said, adding that the posses make money by purchasing the weapons cheaply in the United States and selling them at three or four times the cost in Jamaica or Mexico.

Stephen E. Higgins, national director of the ATF, said the posses are probably this country's most violent organized crime gang.

Higgins said some of those in custody would be charged with offenses ranging from illegal entry into the United States to falsifying firearm records. Some of the members also face state and local charges, he said.

Despite the possession of automatic weapons by gang members, all the arrests so far have been made peacefully, police said.

The Jamaican organizations are active mainly in lower-income, minority neighborhoods, police said.

The drugs with which the Jamaicans are allegedly involved with include cocaine and "crack," an inexpensive cocaine derivative.

Garner said the organizations operate with small quantities of cash and drugs to avoid felony arrests and reduce their loss of profits.

## Sessions will try again to take oath of office for FBI director Nov. 2

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — U.S. District Judge Williams S. Sessions is doing as the doctor ordered and hopes his third try at being sworn in as FBI director will be the charm.

Sessions, sidelined because of a series of stomach ailments, said he is scheduled to be sworn in Nov. 2. Two ceremonies in the past month have been postponed because of his hospitalization for an ulcer's flare-up.

Sessions, 57, said Monday that retired Supreme Court Chief Justice Warren Burger will administer the oath of office to him in the FBI Building in Washington.

Sessions, meanwhile, has reduced his judicial workload at the federal courthouse in San Antonio as he prepares for his move.

"I'll be here, opening mail and reading it, signing orders and generally carrying on the business of the court," said Sessions, who is chief judge for the Western District of Texas.

"I leave at 2 p.m.," he said. "I'm just trying to do what the doctor ordered and that is take it easy."

Sessions won unanimous confirmation from the Senate last month after he was nominated by President Reagan to replace William Webster, who became CIA director.

Sessions first became ill on a flight from Texas to Washington last month as he prepared for his first swearing-in ceremony. He was hospitalized and then returned to San Antonio.

He entered Methodist Hospital in San Antonio after losing about two pints of blood after his release from the Washington hospital. He left the San Antonio hospital Oct. 12 and went on a vacation before returning to work.

Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, has said that sometime this week he will have a nominee to fill the federal bench vacancy created by Sessions' departure.

Gramm said he interviewed five state district judges in San Antonio — David Peoples, David Berchelmann, Susan Reed, Emilio Garza and Tom Rickhoff — and will pick a nominee from among them.

## Mock trial shows A&M students what drivers charged with DWI face

By Mary-Lynne Rice  
Staff Writer

The verdict is still out after Tuesday night's mock trial in which Director of University Police Bob Wiatt portrayed a bank teller faced with the charge of driving while intoxicated.

Attorneys, police officers and technical specialists presented a "jury" of about 100 with the evidence and witnesses common in a realistic DWI trial.

Alex Walter of the Texas A&M Office of Students' Attorney said the mock trial was an important learning experience for students.

"It gives people the opportunity to view the inner workings of the DWI trial, which I think most people are usually not party to," he said. "I hope by providing information about it, we'll be able to make people more aware of the situation."

In his opening statement, prosecuting attorney Walter, representing the state of Texas, explained the prosecution's "burden of proof" — to prove the defendant guilty beyond reasonable doubt. The prosecution must prove that the accused was driving a vehicle in a public place and that he was intoxicated.

Intoxication is the most difficult

to prove, Walter said, and is the key to the DWI conviction.

College Station police officer Nancy Lane described the initial procedure after police stop a suspected drunk driver.

Officers conduct three field sobriety tests, which indicate the driver's balance and coordination, she said. Demeanor and physical characteristics also are noted, including belligerence or an odor of alcohol on the breath.

After the tests, officers take the suspect to the Brazos County Courthouse for fingerprinting, photographing and videotaping of the sus-

pect performing the sobriety test a second time.

An intoxilyzer, or blood-breath alcohol, test then is required. If the suspect refuses to take the test, his driver's license will be suspended for 90 days.

Technical expert Dr. Tim Coppinger explained the intoxilyzer testing process. The machine is purged of all air to eliminate alcoholic residue from the last testing. It then tests itself, presumably registering a blood alcohol level of 0.0 grams of alcohol per 210 liters of air, he said.

The suspect then blows into a

mouthpiece and his breath-alcohol level is calculated compared to a reference sample. The machine checks itself again, verifies its reference sample, then checks itself again.

Bob Kelly, the suspect Wiatt represented, showed a blood-alcohol level of 0.16. The minimum level of intoxication is 0.10, Coppinger said.

At a 0.0 to 0.4 blood-alcohol level, Coppinger said, effects are slight, although vision is somewhat affected. From a 0.4 to 0.7 level, the drinker begins to feel euphoric, has greater self-confidence and starts to lose inhibitions.

"At that level," Coppinger said,

"they're feeling real good."

At 0.8 to 1.0, there is a dramatic increase in the alcohol's effect on the nervous system, markedly affecting motor skills, he said. At that point, the drinker who drives is six times more likely to cause an accident than a sober driver.

Above a level of 0.10, major motor functions are impaired, he said, and the drinker feels nauseated. At 0.15, a driver is 25 times more likely to cause an accident than a non-drinking driver.

Judge Michael Callahan will receive Kelly's verdict Friday. Meanwhile, Kelly and his attorney, Jim Locke, maintain his innocence.

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