

Undercover officers accost 4 drug traffickers in El Paso

EL PASO (AP) — Four men, including an uncle of reputed Mexican drug lord Gilberto Ontiveros Lucero, are in custody after delivering almost 20 pounds of cocaine to undercover police, federal officials said.

The men are believed to have been working for Ontiveros, who is under indictment on drug-trafficking charges in the United States and has a bounty on his head, said Phil Jordan, special agent in charge of the Drug Enforcement Administration's Dallas office.

Ontiveros' "organization is alive

and well, and intelligence sources tell us he is responsible for much of the cocaine distribution in the Southwest," Jordan said Monday. "These arrests are just another story in the never-ending saga of this man."

The arrests Friday in El Paso culminated a three-month investigation in which undercover agents negotiated to buy 50 kilograms, or 110 pounds, of cocaine for \$750,000 from people believed to be associated with Ontiveros.

The four men delivered 9 kilograms, or 19.8 pounds, "because they said an airplane shipment failed to arrive on time," Jordan said. "No money changed hands."

The arrests were made in two hotels in east El Paso, Jordan said.

Those arrested were identified as David Lopez Diaz, 24, of El Paso; Ismael Alfredo Terrazas Torres, 37, of Ciudad Juarez, Mexico; Juan Ariel Moran Michel, 29, of Juarez; and David Guillermo Sarti Tinoco, 54, of Juarez.

"All through the undercover operation, the man (Sarti Tinoco) kept claiming to be Ontiveros' uncle, Ray Sepulveda, El Paso's DEA resident agent in charge, said Monday.

All four were charged with conspiracy to possess more than 5 kilograms of cocaine and possession with intent to distribute cocaine, Jordan said. The suspects were being held in El Paso County's jail pending a bail hearing Wednesday before U.S. Magistrate Philip Cole.

Ontiveros was arrested on drug charges in Juarez in April 1986.

Panhandle finally gets public shows

AMARILLO (AP) — Texas Panhandle residents, the largest population in the country unserved by public television, now have access to it with the signing Monday of Public Broadcasting Service affiliate KACV-TV.

The station, located on the Amarillo College campus, kicked off its programming at 6:15 a.m. with a weather report, called "AM Weather," said Joyce Herring, director of broadcasting.

Sixteen to 18 hours of public television programming will be broadcast daily from the station, which serves the northern portion of the Texas Panhandle and is the 319th public television association member, program director Wendell Jones said.

KACV-TV will serve about 329,000 people within a 74-mile radius of Amarillo, he said.

"The activation is especially important since the Texas Panhandle is the largest unserved population area in the United States without public television," Jones said.

Programming will include performing arts shows, science and technology series and national and financial news programs.

Citizen: Sheriff asked for FBI witness murder

SHERMAN (AP) — Suspended Orange County Sheriff James Wade asked a former Vidor resident to kill a key witness in the FBI investigation of Wade's department, the resident has testified.

Bobby Lee Rogers, 31, said in testimony that began Monday that Wade in January "asked me if I would get Donnie (Flowers) out of jail and kill him."

Prosecutors have identified Rogers and Flowers, 27, as two of three unindicted co-conspirators with Wade.

The sheriff was indicted on May 2 on 10 federal charges including conspiracy to make and sell illegal drugs and embezzlement from Orange County's drug investigation fund.

Wade was removed from office as sheriff on July 11 under a judge's order.

Sheriff Newton Johnson, Wade's replacement, testified Monday he was present with Wade when he told the U.S. attorney he was going to pose as a crooked sheriff to catch drug dealers.

A defense attorney told the jury Wade was pretending to be a "dirty sheriff" to catch drug "kingpins."

The trial, in its third week, was moved on a change of venue from Beaumont to Grayson County because of publicity.

Rogers, who said he sold cocaine and marijuana, testified about how Flowers recruited him in 1986 to sell methamphetamine, a stimulant also known as "speed."

In a federal witness protection program, Flowers has testified he was involved with Wade in an operation to make and sell methamphetamine.

Rogers testified Flowers told him he didn't have to worry about legal penalties with selling drugs "because he had protection from the Boss."

Rogers claimed he learned later "the Boss" was Wade.

Rogers said Wade "showed me his badge and said with this he could do anything. He was God."

He told the jury Wade gave him several pounds of marijuana numerous times.

Amounts would vary from about 4 pounds to about 10 pounds at a time.

In return, he gave Wade money from drug sales, Rogers testified.

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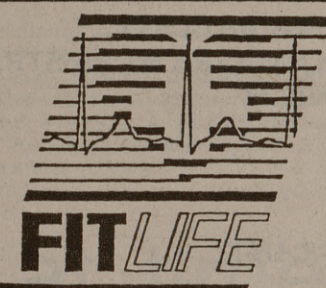
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