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Celebrated attorney hired in federal bank fraud case

AUSTIN (AP) — Former Lamar Savings owner Stanley Adams has hired Houston attorney Richard "Racehorse" Haynes to defend him in his federal bank fraud case, one of Adams' attorneys said.

An Adams representative said Haynes, who has successfully defended many well-known clients, is a good choice because of the politicized nature of savings and loan fraud cases, it was reported Tuesday.

Adams was indicted Aug. 7 on federal charges that accuse him of concealing Lamar's financial condition from regulators through a series of sham loan transactions.

Fuel suppliers accused of fraud

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AUSTIN (AP) — A Travis County grand jury indicted three people who are accused of defrauding Texas of more than \$1.8 million in motor fuels taxes, the district attorney and state comptroller's office said Monday.

It was the latest announcement by the offices in their ongoing investigation of alleged fuels tax fraud in Texas. Travis County District Attorney Ronald Earle said the indictments were handed down last week but had been sealed.

Patricia Morris of Houston, Scott Davis of Terlingua and Joseph Henry of San Dimas, Calif., were accused of engaging in organized criminal activity and of Motor Fuels Tax Code violations.

Morris and Davis also were indicted on counts of aggravated perjury involving grand jury testimony.

"We have been assured by their lawyers that they are in the process of surrendering, but they have not done so at this time," Earle said.

Rip Collins, an Austin lawyer representing Morris and Henry, confirmed that arrangements were being made for them to turn themselves in. An attorney for Davis didn't immediately return a telephone call from the Associated Press.

"The allegations are ludicrous," Collins said. "I haven't seen any evidence so far it actually happened." He said the 15-cent-a-gallon state tax may not have

Convictions handed down in drug case

EL PASO (AP) — Five people accused of being part of a West Texas drug smuggling ring were convicted on several federal counts of conspiracy and possession of drugs charges.

The five were part of an El Paso-based network accused of running millions of dollars worth of Mexican marijuana into Canada.

Three members of the same family, Sydney Kirkland Dudley Sr. of Dona Ana County, N.M., Sydney Kirkland Dudley Jr. of El Paso and Kenneth Wayne Dudley of Lufkin, were all convicted on various federal drug charges Saturday after a three week trial.

The federal jury deliberated about three hours before returning a verdict.

"The jury did a very good job," said Guy Till, chief prosecutor in the trial. "They obviously considered the evidence very carefully, and I think it shows this system works."

Two other defendants, John R. Quito and John Bonner of Florida were convicted of three major conspiracy charges. According to evidence, the two planned to ship tons of marijuana regularly from the United States to a Canadian crime syndicate.

Clarence Moyers, one of the defense attorneys, said he planned to appeal.

Donald Dudley was arrested with Kenneth Dudley in Spokane, Wash. on Jan. 26 with 252 pounds of marijuana, culminating the year-long investigation involving the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force in El Paso.

Donald Dudley subsequently jumped bail and remains a fugitive.

Sydney Dudley Sr. and Bonner face minimum 20-year sentences. The five are expected to be sentenced next month.

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been paid on some fuel, but that there was no criminal conspiracy involving his clients.

Earle said the three are accused of running a bogus fuel supply corporation and not paying taxes to the state on motor fuel from their supplier. The fuel — primarily diesel — was sold around the state, according to the district attorney's office.

Henry, Davis and Morris were charged in one indictment with two counts of engaging in organized criminal activity, and in a second indictment with eight counts of failure to remit fuel taxes during 1987 and 1988.

Also, Henry and Davis were charged in one indictment with nine counts of filing false fuels tax returns.

In separate indictments, Morris was charged with nine counts of aggravated perjury, and Davis with three counts of aggravated perjury.

Bond was set at \$100,000 for each indictment per defendant.

If convicted of all the counts, according to prosecutors, the maximum punishment theoretically could be 269 years and a \$95,000 fine for Henry; 269 years and \$140,000 fine for Morris; and 299 years and a \$125,000 fine for Davis.

But assistant district attorneys Mike Lynch and Patricia Robertson said it would be unlikely in this type of case for sentences and fines to be stacked.

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